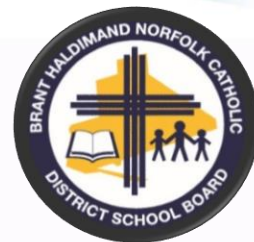




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PILGRIMS OF HOPE: ON THE PATH TO HOLINESS

for all



October 2025 School Newsletter

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

As the vibrant colors of fall begin to surround us, October brings a sense of reflection, gratitude, and excitement to our school community. The first month of school has flown by, and it's been a joy to see students settling into routines, building friendships, and embracing learning with enthusiasm. This month, as a school family, we are focusing on Gratitude and Giving. We are looking for our Knights to display positivity and generosity whether through sharing knowledge or helping peers.

A big thank you to all those families who were able to attend our "Meet the Teacher" last month. It was so great to meet new families and connect with our greater school community. The energy throughout the event was amazing. I appreciate the support you have displayed as we start the 2025-26 school year. Hopefully you have had a chance to log on to your child's teacher's Brightspace page. This is where you will find daily agenda/homework items, announcements, newsletters etc. If you are experiencing difficulty with Brightspace, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher via email for assistance. 

We appreciate your continued co-operation and flexibility with **not parking in the parking lot during the hours of 8:45 to 9:05am and 2:45-3:30pm**. Keeping our students safe is our top priority. As well, if you drive your child to school or pick them up, please do not block any of our neighbours' driveways.

May your Thanksgiving tables be filled with the bounty of God's h surrounded with the love of your families and friends.

God bless,

H. Graham, Principal

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Principal: H. Graham

Secretary: C. Woods, L. Frenza

BELL TIMES

8:55am: School Begins

10:35-11:15am:

1st Nutrition Break

12:55-1:35pm:

2nd Nutrition Break

3:15pm: School Dismissal



SCHOOL HOURS FOR BALANCED DAY

8:55 am School begins

10:35 – 11:15 am

First Nutrition Break

12:55 – 1:35 pm

Second Nutrition Break

3:15 pm School Dismissal

Please note staff are **NOT** on duty until **8:40 am**.

*Staff will be on duty to receive students off the bus. *Upon dismissal at the end of the day **ALL walkers must leave school premises promptly.**

Calls from the School

If you've missed a call from the school, please ensure you listen to your voicemail, so you know who called and what it was about before calling the school back. Those details are important as staff could be making calls from anywhere in the school, and the front office won't necessarily be aware of it.

Late Arrivals & Early Departures

Promptness & regularity are necessary attendance traits that contribute to a child's overall success at school. When students arrive late or leave early, they are disrupting school and classroom routines, missing out on receiving classroom instruction & important information.

Children will not be called from class for early dismissal prior to a parent/guardian's arrival as there is no one to supervise them outside of their classrooms. Please build this into your timeline.

SAFEARRIVAL

You are asked to report your child's absence, late arrival or early departure in advance whenever possible using one of these convenient methods:

1.SchoolMessenger Home App (free)

2.Web and Mobile Web:

home.schoolmessenger.ca

3.Interactive Toll-free Phone

1-855-209-6155

**Subscribe to the
School Website:**
notredamecaledonia.ca

**Subscribe to the
Transportation
Website to Receive
the Latest Bus
Updates:**
www.transinfobhn.ca
www.stsbhn.ca

Visitors/Volunteers:
Parents/Guardians
must sign in at the
office.
Thank you.

Are you SUBSCRIBED to Receive the Latest Updates for your Child's Bus Route?

Visit transinfobhn.ca and click on the **Parent Portal** Link. If you are a first-time user, click on **Create Account** beside the **Log In** button. You can create a new account by providing the portal with an email address and password. The system will email you a verification notice (check your junk email folder in case the message was flagged by your email provider).

Once you have verified your email address, go back to the Parent Portal and use both credentials to log in. Once logged in, you can add your child(ren) to your account by clicking on **Add Student** (you will need to have your child(ren)'s OEN* available, Street Number (just the number), the school's name and your child's grade. *Contact the office if you need any information.

We appreciate your patience as Student Transportation continues to experience delays with many routes due to bus driver shortages, etc. The school does not have the information about your child's bus route. By subscribing to the website, you will always have up-to-date information.

A valuable bus tracking app which is now available to parents is the **Chipmunk app**, accessible in both the **Apple App Store** as well as the **Google Play Store**. Available on systems which run in iOS and Android platforms and entirely free of charge. Detailed information on how to access, login and use the app are available by visiting www.stsbhn.ca/faqs

If the bus is delayed either in the morning or afternoon, please call the bus company directly:

First Student Ancaster (905) 522-3232

Bus 450 Bus 792
Bus 453 Bus 796
Bus 790 Bus 797
Bus 791 Bus 799

Voyageur Transportation Services (519) 787-2202

Bus 830



In the Spotlight

Congratulations to our Knights & the Coaches who worked hard and made us proud at this year's BHNCD SB Co-ed Soccer Tournament on September 16th.

JR Boys/Girls team:

Joshua	Jackson B	Sebastien
Kyla	Bryce H	Shasha
Shiloh	Mason L	Cali
Leo M	Ivan	Keira
Samuel	Zara	Isra'el
Jacob P	Aiden S	Kaleb S
Brayden W	Lyla Z	

SR Boys/Girls team:

Mason A	Asher B	Riel
Nicholas	Madison F	Jake
Nolan	Reed	Spencer
Alexandria	Ruby	Lorelei
Chloe N	Robert G	Alieda
Chloe V	Nevaeh W	



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FUNDRAISING

SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER!

Buy Mabel's Labels waterproof, durable labels to help reduce classroom mix-ups and keep your items coming home!



→ Go to campaigns.mabelslabels.com and search for

Notre Dame (Caledonia)



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Mabel's Labels are perfect for labelling all your child's belongings.

Thanks to our school community for your continued support with this fundraiser. It truly makes a difference!



Pizza slices can be purchased on School Cash Online for the month of November starting October 1st.

Deadline to order is October 22nd



Subway lunch is available to students twice a month.

School Cash Online is accepting orders for November 11th & 25th starting October 1st.

Deadline to order is October 22nd



The School's First Fundraiser of the Year

We thank you for your continued support throughout the years. **Fresh from the Farm** has been a popular fundraiser supporting our school initiatives as well as the local farmers!

You have a choice of purchasing two fresh bundles:

- 14lb Vegetable Bundle: \$22.00
- 8lb Apple Bundle: \$24.00

Below you will find the information sheet which provides you with a link (in [blue](#)) to place your order.

[Fresh From the Farm Poster 2025.docx](#)

Order payments to be submitted by Oct. 15th.

Produce delivery will be early November OR early December. Families will be notified of the confirmed delivery date.



Popcorn bags can be purchased on School Cash Online for December 2025 & January 2026 distribution starting November 1st

Thank you for your continued support!





Communication With Your Child's Teacher

Parents/Guardians will be encouraged to communicate with school staff through email or phone calls.

Any concerns should be communicated to the teacher first, then the Principal if additional attention is needed.

Notre Dame Parent Council

Please join us in congratulating the following Notre Dame parents/guardians as they step into the following Council roles:

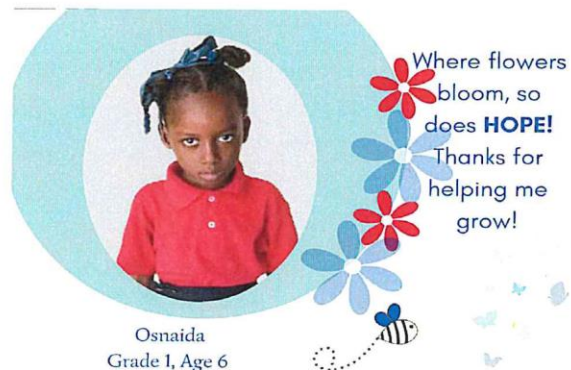
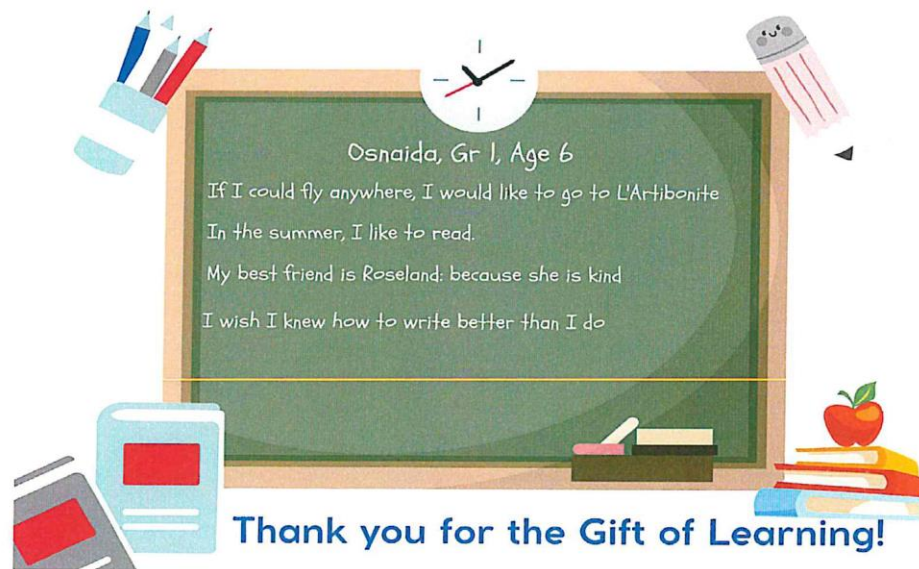
Co-Chairs:	Jeanine S. and Brianna D.
Secretary:	Amanda P.
Treasurer:	Brianna D.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 29th at 7:00pm

All are welcome!



Thank you for your donations last year! As Pilgrims of Hope we chose to support someone in need. The donations from 'Hats for Haiti' paid for schooling fees for one year for our new sponsor child, Osnaida.





Stay home when you are sick

When children are sick, it is difficult for them to learn and participate in school and activities.

Home is the best place for your child if they have any new symptoms of illness.

They can return to school and activities when they feel better for at least 24 hours (48 hours for nausea, vomiting or diarrhea) and they do not have a fever.

Thank you for taking care of your community!

*Adapted with permission from
Middlesex-London Health Unit*

GRAND ERIE
PUBLIC HEALTH

Notre Dame 2025-26 School Year Schedule

Immunization Clinic (Hep B/HPV/Meningitis) – November 24th/25 and May 26th/26

Oral Health and Vision Screening for (Kindergarten) – December 9, 2025

Report Your Child's Vaccinations

All children attending school in Ontario are **required by law** to report their vaccination status to the local health unit

Contact your child's **health-care provider** to obtain records, or to get missing vaccinations



You can **report your child's immunizations by phone, email or online**. You will require your child's Ontario Health Card Number when reporting their vaccines online

The local health unit offers **routine vaccination clinics** to catch up, visit our website for upcoming dates



Report by PHONE 519-426-6170 ext. 3214 or FAX 519-426-9246 or EMAIL vpd@hnhss.ca or WEBSITE hnhu.org/immunization-reporting/

Health and
Social Services
Haldimand and Norfolk

Eye Health

Did you know that all children and youth, 17 years and younger are eligible for free eye exams in Ontario?

- 👁 Vision problems are common among school-aged children but are not always easy for parents to detect.
- 👁 Vision problems can lead to challenges in school, play and every day activities
- 👁 The Health Unit offers school-based vision screening to senior kindergarten students each year.
- 👁 Vision screening does not replace the need for a full exam by an eye doctor.



Some optometrists in Ontario participate in the Eye See, Eye Learn program which provides free glasses to children in junior and senior kindergarten. Visit <https://optom.on.ca/esel/> for details

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Welcome to
ST. PATRICK'S
 ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
 107 ORKNEY ST W, CALEDONIA
 (905) 765-2729 | stpatrickscaledonia.com

Dear Families,

We at St. Patrick's Parish are delighted to welcome the students and families of Notre Dame Elementary School. School is more than a place of learning; it is a doorway to a joyful Catholic life, rooted in Jesus. We would be honoured to walk that path of faith with you.

Mass Times

Daily Mass (M-F)	Saturday Vigil Mass	Sunday Morning Masses
9:00 am	5:00 pm	8:30 am & 10:30 am

WHY CONNECT? 

For your children: Faith helps them grow in wisdom, kindness, and joy.

For your family: Mass offers peace, purpose, and togetherness.

For you: Experience Jesus in the Divine worship and the sacrifice of the Eucharist.

To grow in Faith, Hope, and Love - the virtues that shape a life well-lived.

UPCOMING EVENTS 

Welcome Mass for School Families - Date TBD

Parish BBQ - Sunday, Sept. 21, 2025 (After 10:30 am mass)

Youth Group Kickoff - Friday, Oct. 3, 2025 (6 pm - 8 pm)

JOIN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY 

At St. Patrick's, we celebrate faith through community. Whether you're a regular churchgoer or haven't been in a while, know this: **You are always welcome.** No pressure. No judgment. Just open arms and open hearts. We're part of something bigger - a Church founded by Jesus Christ over 2,000 years ago. When we gather for Mass, we're not just attending a service... We're entering into the perfect worship of Jesus Himself, offered through the sacrifice of the Eucharist. It's heaven touching earth—and you're invited to be part of it. We can't wait to meet you.

With blessings,
Father Jerome & your St. Patrick's Parish Family

FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES 

Children's Liturgy & Youth Group - Fun, faith-filled activities for young people

Family Faith Nights - Crafts, snacks, and prayer

Music Ministry & Choir - Lift your voice in Praise to Jesus

Mother's Group - Moms supporting each other in Faith and family

Virtual Rosary - Fridays at 7pm on Zoom

Alpha Program - Explore life's big questions in a welcoming space

Knights of Columbus
Catholic Women's League

JOIN US FOR FAITH, FOOD, FRIENDSHIP, AND FUN!

St. Patrick's Church

107 Orkney Street W
 Caledonia ON N3W 1C4

Tel: 905-765-2729

Email:

youthministry@stpatrickscaledonia.com

Time: 7-8:30 pm

Dates:

- October 3
- October 17
- November 14
- November 28
- December 12
- January 9
- January 23
- February 6
- February 20
- March 6
- March 27
- April 10
- April 24
- May 8
- May 22
- June 5



SO YOU WANT TO BE A HERO...

JOIN FORCES AT

EDGE

YOUR MISSION:
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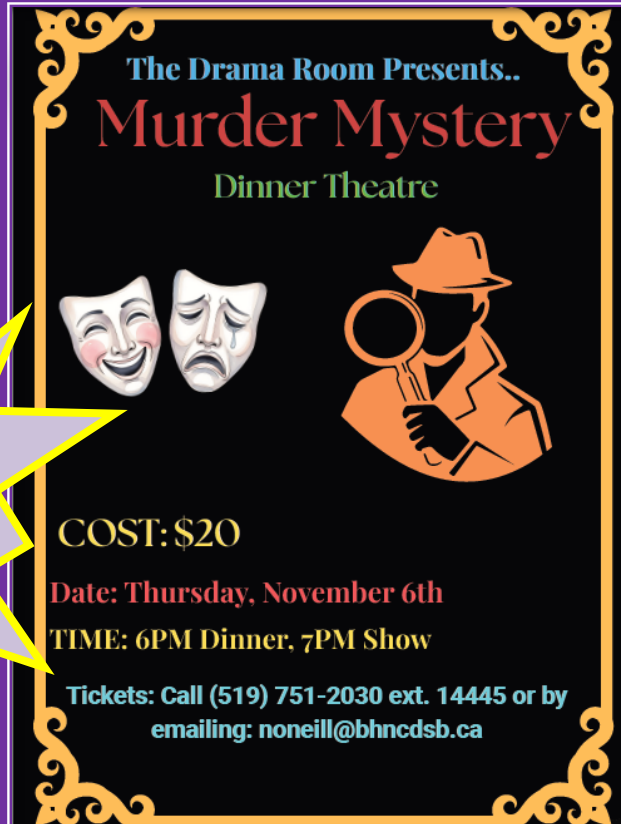


Assumption

College School

257 Shellard Lane
 Brantford, ON
 N3T 0M7

Deadline to purchase tickets is October 31st (to ensure accurate orders for dinner meals)



The Drama Room Presents..

Murder Mystery

Dinner Theatre

COST: \$20

Date: Thursday, November 6th

TIME: 6PM Dinner, 7PM Show

Tickets: Call (519) 751-2030 ext. 14445 or by emailing: noneill@bhncdsb.ca

October 2025

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

			1 Popcorn Taquanyah	2 Taquanyah	3 Pizza Taquanyah	4
5	6	7 PA DAY Faith Day	8 Popcorn	9	10 Pizza	11
12 Thanksgiving Holiday	13	14	15 Popcorn Subway School Mass	16 ORDER DEADLINE Fresh from the Farm	17 Pizza	18
19	20	21	22 Popcorn	23	24 Pizza	25 Gr 2 Communion Enrolment Ceremony ~ 5pm St. Patrick's Church
26	27 Subway SR Flag Football John Wright Field	28	29 Parent Council Mtg 7pm Popcorn	30 Pizza Halloween Fun! (Black/Orange or Costume Day)	31	

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

- November 3 Progress Reports Go Home
- November 3 Photo Re-Takes/Class Photos
- November 13 & 14 Parent Teacher Interviews
- November 14 PA Day
- November 19 JR Basketball Tourney
- November 23 Confirmation Enrolment Ceremony
- November 24 Grade 7 Immunizations
- December 9 Oral Health/Vision Screening
- December 22 to Jan 4 Christmas Break
- March 16 to 20 March Break

Halloween Fun



Thursday, October 31st is **Halloween Fun** Day!

Your child is encouraged to wear their school, culturally appropriate costume to school to celebrate Halloween. *(Please do not send your child to school wearing a costume mask or with costume accessories that may get misplaced.)* Students are able to hand out & enjoy some **STORE BOUGHT, NUT-FREE** treats with their friends.

**This day will be recognized as one of our 10 exempt days.*