

SCHOOL NEWS



ST. BERNADETTE CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL September 2018

SCHOOL YEAR THEME

This year our board theme is Called to Be Our Story. We ask you to help us tell our story, live our story and create our story throughout the school year.



BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God, Our creator, our saviour, our companion, bless this journey of a new school year that we undertake today.

Refresh our souls and renew our spirits as we embrace the beautiful ministry you have called us to.

We welcome those who are new to this community and ask that you strengthen them to share the wonderful gifts you have given them.

Lord, make our hearts pure as we prepare for the new school year, may you guide us to have open hearts and minds eager to learn. We ask this in Your name,

Amen

PRINCIPAL AND STAFF MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

Welcome to the 2018 - 2019 school year. The staff at St. Bernadette Catholic School extends a warm welcome to every student and family as we begin this school year.

The startup is always an exciting time for everyone and it is our hope we can make the transition into this new school year as smooth as possible.

We have had many staff changes over the last six months. We wish all former St. Bernadette Staff members the best of luck in their new schools and we welcome all new members to St. Bernadette.

As we work through the first several days and review student numbers we ask that you remain patient while we at the school level and board level make sure we are meeting ministry requirements in regards to class sizes. With this in mind, know that we may have to reorganize classes to meet these requirements. I ask for your patience and understanding as we go through difficult process.

Our school motto is: "Like Jesus We Care" and so we begin our journey in learning and faith with great hope and excitement! We encourage all families to engage as much as possible in all facets of your child's learning and faith development. When we work together we help to provide students with the best opportunity for success in learning.

Welcome back everyone!

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NEW BALANCED SCHOOL DAY

A reminder that St. Bernadette is now a **Balanced School Day**, which means we will be having two 40 minute breaks in the day. (Please note there will not be an end of day recess.)

8:40	Supervision starts in the yard
8:55	Bell rings for learning block one
10:55	Nutrition & Exercise Break
11:35	Learning Block Two
1:15	Nutrition & Exercise Break
1:55	Learning Block Three
3:15	School is Dismissed

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2018 - 2019

- September 4 -- School Starts
- September 18 - Parent Council/Elections
- September 26 - Terry Fox Run
- September 27 -- Open House 5 pm - 7 pm
- September 28 -- PA DAY
- October 8 -- Thanksgiving
- November 15 -- 3 Way Conferencing (evening)
- November 16 -- PA Day 3 Way Conferencing
- Grade 3 and 6 students write the weeks of May 20 - June 4
- For more information visit the EQAO website:
<http://www.eqao.com/en/assessments/junior-division/parents/Pages/parents.aspx>

GOODBYE

Over the summer St. Bernadette Staff learned that Mr. Goodeill received his transfer to The

Good Shepherd. We wish Mr. Goodeill all the best at his new school.

WE SAID GOODBYE IN JUNE, BUT ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME THEM BACK

Although we thought Ms. Claveau and Ms. Elia would be leaving us, we welcome them both back to the St. Bernadette Staff.

PARENT COUNCIL

Parent Council Elections will be on September 18, please check the website for nomination forms.

OFFICE NEWS

We had a new telephone system installed over the summer. Please be patient while we learn to use it efficiently.

- Please remember to sign in your child if they are coming to school late..
- Remember all students who have a change in pick up routines must have a note
- If you are bringing a lunch for your child please leave them on the table in the front hall
- Please notify the office if your child is going to be absent
- Please use the safe arrival form on our website to let us know if your child is going to be absent

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ST. BERNADETTE STAFF

Ms. Cheryle Keddy - Principal
Ms. Bonnee Shanks - Office Administrator
Ms. S. Gagic - Lunch Hour Office Assistant
Mr. Harvey Chappel - Chief Custodian
Ms. Joanne Wright - Custodian

FDK DEPARTMENT

Ms. Roberts - FDK Teacher
Miss. Edgecombe - DECE
Ms. Morrison Patrick - FDK Teacher
Ms. Dyson - DECE

PRIMARY TEACHERS

Ms. Beekman
Ms. Ton
Ms. Graves
Ms. Macdonald
Ms. Dunbrook

JUNIOR TEACHERS

Ms. Ley-Glass
Ms. Szczurek
Mr. Hodgins
Ms. Claveau

INTERMEDIATE TEACHERS

Ms. Melanson
Ms. Lemay
Ms. Stilla

FRENCH TEACHERS

Mr. N. Pierre Antoine
Mr. T. Heale

ARTS TEACHERS/LIBRARIAN

Mr. C. Potje
Ms. L. Malone

SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS

Ms. J. Flitton
Ms. A. Kelly

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS

Ms. J. Keogh
Ms. E. Boyd
Ms. S. Tofflemiere
Ms. A. Elia
Ms. L. Soukup
Ms. A. McNabb
Ms. D. Pritchard

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Brian Beal - Director of Education

Mr. Lonnee Bolton - Superintendent of Education

Ms. Maria Hardie - Catholic Trustee

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