



Blessed Sacrament Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back, and a Happy New Year to all! We hope that you and your families enjoyed a peaceful Christmas and a restful holiday and that our students are ready to embrace the remaining part of the school year with energy and enthusiasm. January marks a time of new beginnings. With the new year comes an opportunity for self-renewal, making promises, and developing a plan for success.

The virtue of courage is our focus in January. We all experience moments of fear, especially when beginning something new or when there is a change in our lives. As with all virtues, the virtue of courage is developed with practice. As our children grow, we encourage them to face challenges head-on, reminding them that mistakes are learning opportunities. Life's setbacks and failures provide chances for self-reflection and growth. They need reminders from time to time that the caring adults in their lives, parents and educators, will be there for them to help them up when they fall.

It is difficult for students to face peer pressure. Children may find it challenging always to do the right thing, fearing rejection and exclusion from their friends. We need to work together to foster a school culture where students understand the difference between tattling and reporting to staff when they are or when others are mistreated or bullied.

We will continue to place a strong emphasis on academics while supporting student well-being. The BSCS staff is committed to ensuring that every child reaches their potential. We wish you a wonderful new year ahead!

R. Agostino & C. Grossi
BSCS School Administration Team



A LOOK AHEAD ...

- Jan 9 Classes Resume
- Jan 13 PA Day for Students
- Jan 14 Easter Rite New Year
- Jan 16 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan 24 International Day of Education
- Jan 24 CSPC Meeting at 6:45pm
- Jan 25 Kindergarten Registration Opens
- Jan 25 Bell Let's Talk Day
- Jan 27 Family Literacy Day
- Jan 27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day

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Criteria for the Virtue of *Courage* Award

- students who confront fear
- students who persevere despite difficulties
- students who stand up against bullying and mistreatment of others
- students who embark on new projects/ are willing to try and learn new things

FIRST-TERM REPORT CARDS & PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

The First Term Provincial Report Cards will be distributed on **Monday February 13th**, with scheduled parent-teacher conferences on **Tuesday February 14th** and **Thursday February 16th**, between 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm. There is a PD Day on **Friday February 17th**, with no interviews scheduled.

Please discuss your child's achievement this term and discuss appropriate goals for the second term. There are sections in the Provincial Report Cards for you and your child to complete and return to school.



LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORS Needed

If you are interested in working as a lunchtime supervisor, please pick up an application form from the office.

The position runs for one hour, from 11:15 am – 12:15 pm.

All applicants will have a criminal reference check completed by the school board after the application is submitted.

Contact Vice-Principal, Ms. Grossi at Carla.Grossi@tcdsb.org if you have any questions regarding the lunchtime supervisor position.

CELL PHONE POLICY

Students may bring their cell phones to school, but they must be powered off and put away as soon as they arrive on school property (schoolyard and school building). These and other Smart devices may only be used under the classroom teacher's direct supervision for learning.





WINTER DRESS & SCHOOL PRACTICE FOR OUTDOOR RECESS



We encourage all students to arrive at school each day dressed in a manner which will allow them to be outdoors for the regularly scheduled recess periods. Winter coats, appropriate footwear, and head and hand protection are all required by all students. Our school policy is to maintain regular outdoor recesses during the winter except when rain or severe cold would require alternative decisions (e.g., shortened/indoor recess).

Students are to have outdoor footwear, which is to be worn outdoors during recess and indoor footwear, which is to be worn during classroom time. need to come prepared to participate in all activities, including outdoor recess. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the forthcoming colder weather, including having hats, boots, and mittens/gloves.

IT IS FLU SEASON!!

Toronto Public Health Tips for Avoiding the Spread of Flu and Other Viruses:

- Get your flu shot
- Wash your hands often
- Cover your cough/sneeze
- Do the knuckle bump instead of shaking hands
- Stay home if you are sick



INCLEMENT WEATHER PROTOCOL

If Environment Canada forecasts poor weather conditions (including ice, significant snowfall, poor visibility, or extreme cold temperatures), the Toronto Student Transportation Group (TSTG), the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB), and the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) teams will assess and monitor the situation overnight and into the early morning to determine any necessary bus cancellations.

This decision will be made by 6:00 AM.

Stay Informed:

[TCDSB Homepage](#) • [TCDSB Twitter](#) • [Toronto Student Transportation Group \(TSTG\)](#)



EXTENDED FRENCH EVENING INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF GRADE 4 STUDENTS

Blessed Sacrament offers the Extended French program from Grades 5 to 8. Students learn French as a subject, and French serves as the language of instruction in social studies, history, geography, physical education, health and visual arts. Instruction is provided in French for approximately 50% of the total instructional time until Grade 8 graduation.

An in-person information presentation will be provided to interested parents and students currently in Grade 4 on **Wednesday January 25th**, at 6:30 pm at the school.

SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Students must comply with the TCDSB navy blue and white dress code- any combination of solid navy blue and/or solid white garments (i.e., white top and navy-blue bottom, or navy-blue top and bottom, etc.; no stripes, plaid, etc. permitted) with no logos of any size (except BSCS logoed attire). Denim and jeggings are not permitted. The dress code is expected for excursions and during gym classes.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

PROJECT LIBRARY

Help is needed to revitalize this space by organizing & sorting on Thursday's or Friday's.
Sign-up at [Project Library](#).

KISS 'N RIDE PROGRAM

The morning drop-off program that keeps our kids safe. Volunteers are need from 8:10 – 8:30 a.m.
Sign-up for a shift or two at [Kiss N Ride](#) .

PIZZA LUNCH

Pizza Lunch Volunteers are needed EVERY WEEK!
20 minutes, typically on Monday's 11:10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Volunteers needed for all grades – JK – Grade 8. Sign-up at [Pizza Lunch](#).
For queries etc., contact us at bscspizzalunch@gmail.com

thank you in advance for your participation!



WE ASKED; YOU RESPONDED.

So much appreciation for the amazing volunteerism at the school.

Kudos to some of the incredible individuals helping thus far!

Kiss N Ride - gratitude is extended to Deb Hutton for her terrific work serving as program coordinator. Wonderful to see these early morning KnR volunteers - thank you: Gillian Bayko, Theresa Devlin, Adriana Gabriel, Enza Giordano, Estelle Gorby, Tim Hudak, Ida Li Preti, Jaime Lui, Nancy Marconi, Kate McKenna, Nadia Medalla, Katy Miller, Carla Nichols, Danielle Riposati, Sara Santos-Tran, Erin Smith, Nadina Jamison Vanden Hoven & Andrew Young.

Pizza Lunch - kudos to Estelle Gorby who serves as the program coordinator. Assisting Estelle is the Pizza Committee that includes: Michelle Augusto, Enza Giordano, Cynthia Zeemel and Adriana Gabriel. Additionally thus far there have been loads of class pizza distributors - so grateful!

Project Library - thanks to teacher leads: Ms. Amato, Mrs. Coulter & Mrs. Grober along with program coordinator Wendy Abbott-Serroul. Gratitude is extended to volunteers: Nancy Ahmad, Michelle Augusto, Nayara Correia, Adriana Gabriel, Enza Giordano, Heather Lannigan, Monica Lee, Jennie Lopes, Jaime Liu, Danielle Riposati, Bianca Pamela Sanchez, Sara Santos-Tran, Kristina Teixeira & Nadina Jamison Vanden Hoven.

Christmas Initiatives

Christmas Wish Gift Card Drive - tremendous generosity displayed by the BSCS community surpassing our goal of \$6,000. Kudos to program coordinator Wendy Abbott-Serroul.

Daily Bread Food Bank Drivers - fabulous leadership shown by our grades 7 & 8 students organizing a holiday food drive. What an amazing community donating over 6,000 lbs of non-perishable food. Thanks to the admin organizer Ms. Grossi and the volunteer drivers including: Wendy Abbott-Serroul, Angela Di Padova, Adriana Gabriel, Mirna Hansen, Barbara Leone, Danielle Riposati, Tiffani Steer & Cynthia Zeemel.

Gingerbread House Initiative - kudos to Michelle Martel who served as the program coordinator. Additionally there were several parent / elf participants in the festive holiday activity.

Winter Warmth Tree - thanks to the Marconi and Foss Families who generously purchased the Christmas Tree. Hearty applause to the BSCS community who donated 300+ items (mittens, hats, scarves & socks). Three cheers to the program coordinator Tiffani Steer along with Sara Santos-Tran and Mr. Agostino who delivered donated items.

Did we miss anybody? If you know of someone who is volunteering in the initiatives above but wasn't mentioned, please let Nadina know!



2023-2024 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year opens on **Wednesday January 25th** at 10:00 am EST.

Children born in 2019 are eligible to attend Junior Kindergarten in **September 2023**. Registration will begin in **January 2023**. All required documents can be uploaded to the application electronically before meeting with the school. Pre-registration begins in **March**. The school will confirm your appointment to complete the registration. Final placement is subject to a meeting with the school.

Eligibility for Admission

The following original documents for your child are required upon registration:

- Birth certificate.
- Proof of Catholicity (one of the following documents):
 - * Your child's Catholic baptismal certificate.
 - * The parent's Catholic baptismal certificate (the Catholic parent must provide proof of residency in the City of Toronto).
 - * A letter of enrolment to the R.C.I.A./R.C.I.C. program.
- Passport/immigration documents (if the child was not born in Canada).
- Proof of address (two pieces required - a rental/lease agreement, utility bills, and proof of purchase).

Parents of Toronto school-aged children must provide their child's vaccination information directly to Toronto Public Health. Visit [City of Toronto](#) for more details.

Online Registration Support

Upon entering the online application, you will be issued a File Number and an Application Date and Time for reference. Write this information down if you experience problems completing your application online. If you have difficulties with the online application system, email soar.support@tcdsb.org or contact the Admissions and Placement Department:

Email: admissions.registration@tcdsb.org

Phone: 416-222-8282 ext. 5320

For more registration information, please visit <https://www.tcdsb.org/page/kindergarten-registration>





Project Library

The BSCS library is in need of some TLC!

Your help is needed to revitalize this space by helping with organizing, cleaning & sorting in order that the library can, once again, be its best self!



Volunteer through [Sign Up Genius](#)



BLESSSED SACRAMENT PARISH NEWS

We are thrilled to announce that we are launching our Youth Program: EDGE at the parish once again.

This program of faith formation is for Youth Grades 5-8, and all are WELCOME!

EDGE Nights allow youth to learn about their faith through talks, music, games, videos, small group discussions, activities and sharing with friends.

Our first EDGE Night will be taking place **Friday February 3rd** at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Edge will take place every 1st & 3rd Friday of the month.

CONTACT & INFORMATION

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Please send submissions for the February 2023 Newsletter to Celia Figel: celia.figel@gmail.com by January 25th, 2023.