



Blessed Sacrament Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we enter May, a month dedicated to honouring the Blessed Virgin Mary, let us reflect on her embodiment of compassion. She displays deep care and empathy for both loved ones and strangers. We encourage our students to emulate her compassion daily through their words and actions.

Compassion, the virtue focus of this month, is a vital virtue that requires ongoing cultivation. It involves kindness, empathy, and a profound understanding of others' experiences. We can alleviate suffering through compassion and create positive change in others' lives in our everyday interactions.

In a world filled with adversity, teaching our children the value of compassion towards those facing challenges is increasingly important. Whether supporting a distressed friend or helping a family member through a difficult time, we can make a meaningful difference through acts of compassion and understanding.

May we all be blessed with the determination and strength to extend compassion to those around us, enriching lives and fostering a more compassionate world.

Thank you for your continued support.

R. Agostino & R. Balik

BSCS School Administration Team



A LOOK AHEAD ...

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| May 1 | First Reconciliation at Blessed Sacrament Parish at 9:45 am |
| May 2 | Read & Write Workshop for Grade 6 student |
| May 3 | Dress down - May the 4th be with you (Star Wars theme). |
| May 5 | First Communion at Blessed Sacrament Parish at 2:30 pm |
| May 7 | Grade 3 Dance Workshop |
| May 8 - 12 | Respect for Life Week |
| May 6 - 12 | Mental Health Awareness Week |
| May 8 | Track and Field Divisional Meet at York University |
| May 9 | Grade 4 Medieval Times Trip |
| May 12 | Mother's Day |
| May 13 | Track and Field 400m only Divisional/Regional Meet at John Paul II High School |
| May 14 | CSPC Meeting at 6:45 pm |
| May 15 | School Mass for Mother Mary |
| May 15 - 17 | Grade 7 Trip to Brock |
| May 17 | Track and Field Regional Meet at York University |
| May 20 | Victoria Day (no school) |
| May 22 - 23 | Haudenosaunee Games |
| May 24 | Confirmation Retreat |
| May 25 | Fun Fair |
| May 27 - June 10 | EQAO Testing Period for Grades 3 & 6 |
| May 29 | Track and Field City Meet at Centennial Park |
| May 30 | Grade 7 Confirmation |
| Jun 5 | Skills Ontario Presentation for Grades 7 & 8 |
| June 7 | PA Day (no school) |
| Jun. 11 - 14 | Grade 8 Overnight Trip |

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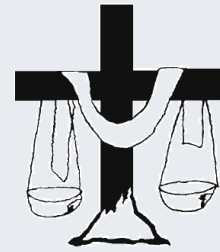
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Justice

April Virtue Award Recipients



The virtue award recipients will be acknowledged at the next monthly school mass.

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| <u>ELP</u> Aiden M. Briar H. Matias B. Aidan A. Alexandre M. | <u>Grade 1</u> Leila A. Oliver I. Nicholas E. Armina P. | <u>Grade 1/2</u> Ethan K. |
| <u>Grade 2</u> Eli C. Natalia P. | <u>Grade 3</u> Charlotte G. Jack H. Phillipe N. Sebastian D | <u>Grade 3/4</u> Aydin C. Dina D. Beatrice S. |
| <u>Grade 4</u> Rory M. Graham M. Alyssa R. Lino W. | <u>Grade 4/5</u> Teddy S. Jack B. | <u>Grade 5</u> Gwen F. Noa J. |
| <u>Grade 6</u> Alessandro M. Evan V. Addie F. David R. Jovian M. Leia M. | | |
| <u>Grade 7</u> Hannah B. Juliana C. Landon M. Simon T. Matteo D. | | |
| <u>Grade 8</u> Nicola B. Maeve M. Sarah K. Christopher G. Marques G. | | |

April Virtues of the Month Recipients

MAY VIRTUE OF THE MONTH:

Compassion

Criteria for the Virtue of Justice Award

- Students who think before speaking and about how their words make people feel
- Students who reflect on how their actions make people feel. They follow the golden rule- "do to others as you would have them do to you (Matthew 7:12)
- Students who do not react to other people's moods and instead make an effort to try and understand
- Students who are considerate to others, helping others to feel better





YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE AN IMPACT

At the end of this school year, several current CSPC members will be stepping down. Some members have served on parent council for many years, and it's time to create opportunities for others to contribute their ideas, their energy, and their leadership. It's also important that parents of kids in younger grades have the opportunity to join CSPC, as their perspective is unique and important, and they can contribute over the long term. There will likely be 4 or 5 spots available. If you've ever thought about joining CSPC, this upcoming year will be a great time to get on board and make an impact.



Joining parent council is easy. You can nominate yourself, or someone else can nominate you. Either way, all you need to do is complete a half-page nomination form. No prior experience necessary! Elections for the 2024/2025 school year will be held in October. There will be more info in the coming months about how to get involved. In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like to chat about what being on parent council is all about, please feel free to reach out to any CSPC member personally or email us at blessedsacramentcspc@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK MAY 5-10, 2024 "WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE"

During Catholic Education Week (May 5 - 10, 2024), we give thanks for the gift of publicly funded Catholic Education in our province. Catholic schools foster supportive communities where children can experience the joy of God's love and understand the Christian mission in the world. Together, our parishes, educators and families sow and nurture the seeds of faith with the next generation of Catholics, encouraging them to live lives of holiness and Christian witness as one body in Christ. To indicate your support of Catholic education and sign-up for email updates, visit: www.togetherinfaith.ca.





CLASS PLACEMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

The process for staff allocation and class lists will soon be underway. The first step in this process is determining staffing allocation and the number of homeroom classrooms for Kindergarten to Grade 8, consistent with Ministry and contractual guidelines.

The school board will generate a tentative September model for our school based on the projected enrollment for the 2024-2025 academic year. Within the Ministry's parameters, classes may be reorganized in September 2024 with a change to enrolment.

We aim to establish balanced classes to provide effective working groups that benefit all children in each classroom. Teachers will meet to consider the following criteria carefully.

- Learning Styles
- Social Grouping
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Balance of males/females
- Academic Abilities
- Special Education Needs
- Behavioural Needs
- Siblings in the same class
- Previous placement in combined classes



NAVY BLUE AND WHITE DRESS CODE

A reminder that students are to wear the navy blue and white dress code. The dress code is expected for excursions and during gym classes. Inappropriate dress may not be worn, including spaghetti straps, racer-back tops, midriff revealing tops, short shorts, and biking shorts. Logos, sayings and pictures that address or display sexual content, substance abuse, violence, profanity, inappropriate references to nationality, race or gender, or articles of clothing in serious disrepair are not permitted.

For the remaining months of the school year, we will engage classes in a friendly competition on the compliance of the navy blue and white dress code for grades K-8. Mr. Agostino and Mr. Balik will visit classrooms to award 1 point to those classes that are in dress code compliance (every student in the classroom needs to be in dress code when visited) The class with the most points for Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, and Grades 7-8, at the end of each month will receive a pizza lunch courtesy of our CSPC.





APPLICATION TO REGISTER FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Applications for registration to schools in the Toronto Catholic District School Board can be made online on the Student Online Application for Registration (SOAR) at <http://soar.tcdsb.org>.

Online Application

Please complete the [form](#) if you expect your child to transfer to another school before the next school year commences in September 2024. Also, if you are planning an extended summer vacation, whereby your children will not return until after the first week of September 2024, please let us know as soon as possible.

Staffing and classroom organization are directly related to student enrolment. Therefore, we must have the most accurate information possible for next year.

SCHOOL SAFETY REMINDERS FOR VISITORS

To ensure the safety and efficiency of our school environment, we kindly ask for your support in adhering to the following procedures:

Main Entrance Protocol: For entry to the school premises, we request all visitors to use the main front doors and proceed directly to the office for assistance. Please note that teachers may be occupied with important tasks such as preparing materials, finalizing plans, participating in meetings, or working directly with students, and thus may not be available for unscheduled meetings without prior notice.

Recess Visitation Policy: To maintain a secure atmosphere during recess, we urge visitors to refrain from attempting to communicate with students or others at the school yard fence, or entering the school grounds during instructional hours. Activities along the fence can distract our staff members responsible for supervising students and may cause discomfort or unease among students. Furthermore, such behaviour could inadvertently signal potential threats that similar actions are permissible.

Authorized Entry Times to the School Yard: Parents and guardians are permitted to enter the schoolyard solely for the end-of-day dismissal time, starting at 3:00 p.m. During the hours of 8:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., only school staff members, including lunch supervisors and volunteers, are authorized to be present in the school yard.

Student Pickup Guidelines: If you need to pick up your child during school hours, we kindly request that you avoid doing so during recess periods (10:12 am to 10:27 am, 11:35 am to 12:15 pm, and 1:40 pm to 1:55 pm), as it may be challenging to locate and retrieve your child during these times. In such instances, parents will be asked to exercise patience and wait until the end of the recess period to collect their child.

Your cooperation in adhering to these guidelines is greatly appreciated as we work together to maintain a safe and supportive learning environment for all students. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office for further assistance.





May 2024

BSCS FUN FAIR 2024



May 25, 2024 | 12 PM to 3:30 PM

The Fun Fair needs you!

We are looking for sponsors to help support the Fun Fair!

Sponsors are key to ensuring an exciting and fun day! Promote your company and get exposure to over 400 people! We are looking for:

- Dentists
- Home Renovation
- Medical Practices
- Real Estate Agencies
- Landscaping Company
- Florist
- Financial services
- Catering
- Other!



For your sponsorship of \$500-\$1,000 you receive logo placement in all marketing outreach including community poster and social media posts. Option to put your banner up at the Fun Fair for all to see plus signage if you sponsor a specific area of the Fun Fair!

Please reach out by May 6th to confirm:

Wendy Abbott-Serroul - abbottserroul@yahoo.com





NASHVILLE NORTH



It was a room full of cowboy hats and high spirits as parents gathered at the Cricket Club on Friday, April 12th for the Blessed Sacrament Nashville North Spring Social. And what a night it was!

180 tickets sold, 180 auction items, spontaneous line dancing, and the best looking cowgirls and cowboys this side of the border!

We're delighted to share that we raised **over \$42,000!** That's money that will be invested in classroom technology, STEAM resources, athletics, extra curricular activities and outdoor recreational equipment.

The numbers matter, but what's most gratifying is how the school came together as a community. It's a reminder of just how special Blessed Sacrament truly is.

Thank you to our generous event sponsors, whose financial support helped offset most of the event costs.



Thank you to all the local businesses who donated so many wonderful auction items.

Thank you to Mr. Agostino for his support, and to all the teachers who worked with their students to create one-of-a-kind art pieces.

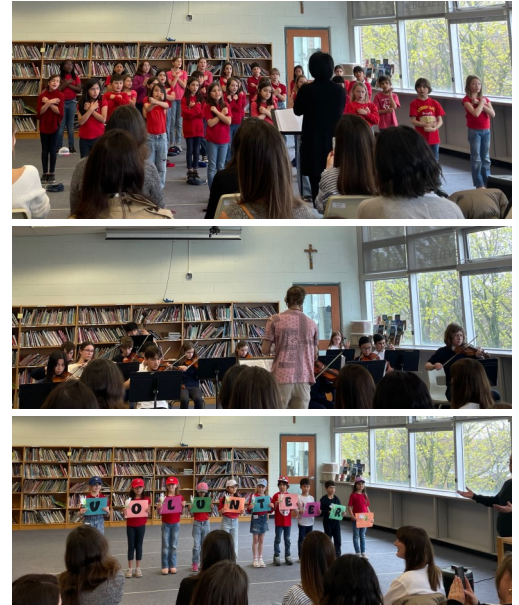
Thank you BSCS parents. Whether you donated or purchased an auction item, came out to the event, or all of the above, the generosity of this parent community never ceases to amaze.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to the Nashville North volunteer committee for their creative ideas, hard work and commitment to making this a successful event.

Danielle Riposati & Teresa Trudel
Nashville North Co-Chairs



On April 30, Blessed Sacrament administrators, teachers, staff and students honoured and celebrated the wonderful parent volunteers who contributed their time and energy to enrich the student experience at Blessed Sacrament! Parent volunteers and parent council were invited to the Volunteer Appreciation Event in the library whereby they were treated to coffee and cookies and delightful performances by the students. This year over 140 individuals volunteered in activities such as - Carnaval, Class Parents, Cross Country, Exec, Food Bank Drivers, Fun Fair, Gingerbread House, Grade 8 Graduation, Holiday Helpers, Kiss N Ride, Pizza Lunch, Pass It On, Project Library, School News – The Buzz, School News – the monthly newsletter + website, Softball/Tball, Spring Social, Walkathon, Winter Warmth Tree and so much more. With tremendous thanks for all your many contributions.



THANK YOU – We Couldn't Do It Without You!!



Volunteers Needed for the Following

Fun Fair: Sat May 25 12 – 3:30 p.

Super exciting community day featuring inflatables, games and so much more.

Mark your calendar for any of the three volunteer time slots that will be available: 12 – 1:15 p.m.; 1:15 – 2:30 p.m.; 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Sign-up for a shift or two at [Fun Fair](#).

Kiss 'N Ride:

The morning drop-off program that keeps our kids safe.

Volunteers are need from 8:10 – 8:30 AM. Sign-up for a shift or two at [Kiss N Ride](#).

Pizza Lunch:

Volunteers distribute pizza to their child's class on Mondays 11:10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed for all grades: JK – Grade 8. Sign-up on [SignUpGenius](#).

Project Library:

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

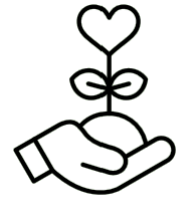
For questions or to participate email: [Nadina Jamison Vanden Hoven](#), BSCS Volunteer Coordinator

thank you in advance for your participation!



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK MAY 6TH -12TH, 2024

We encourage parents and guardians to review the tips and resources in our [TCDSB Mental Health Newsletter](#) as you continue to support your child's mental health and well-being at home. Don't hesitate to reach out to your child's school with any questions about resources or to access support for your child.



TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2022 - 2023



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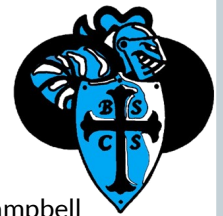
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Please send submissions for the **May 2024** Newsletter to bscs.newsletter@gmail.com by **May 25, 2024**