



# Blessed Sacrament Newsletter

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*"Peace I leave you, my peace I give to you."  
John 14:27*

November invites us to honour the bravery and sacrifices of those who served in our armed forces to protect our dear freedoms. This month also highlights the value of peacemaking—a virtue we strive to instill in our students as part of their growth.

Peacemaking is more than avoiding conflict; it requires an intentional choice to encourage harmony, empathy, and cooperation. It begins with each student learning to respect and value the unique gifts of others. Rooted in our Catholic faith, we are reminded that we are all children of God, inspiring us to build a peaceful and welcoming school community.

As we move forward, let's continue to foster unity at Blessed Sacrament Catholic School. Together, students, parents, teachers, and staff create a warm and supportive environment. Our school is more than just a place of learning—we interact like a family where each person plays a vital role in its success.

Thank you for your commitment and partnership. Our collective efforts nurture an inclusive and positive space where our children grow in academics, character, and faith.

Yours in Catholic education,

R. Agostino                      R. Rego  
School Administrative Team



## A LOOK AHEAD ...

- Nov. 6:        Take Our Kids to Work Day
- Nov. 11:     Remembrance Day
- Nov. 12:     School Mass
- Nov. 12:     Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 14:     Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 14:     Retake and Sibling Photo Day
- Nov. 15:     PA Day
- Nov. 18-22: Bullying Prevention & Awareness Week
- Nov. 20:     CSPC Meeting at 6:45pm
- Nov. 21:     Santa Photos
- Nov. 27:     Swim to Survive- Grade 4
- Nov. 28:     Dress Down Day
- Nov. 29:     PA Day
- Dec. 1:        Advent Begins
- Dec. 3:        School Mass
- Dec. 9-13:   Christmas Spirit Week
- Dec. 10:      Children's Christmas Concert Primary (Grades 1-3)

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# Gratitude

## October Virtue Award Recipients



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

<p><b>ELP</b> Declan C. Mason M. Konstantinos K. Luke P. Ghadi H. James M.</p>	<p><b>Grade 1</b> Leo C. Matias L.</p>	<p><b>Grade 1/2</b> Julia A. Leo S.</p>
<p><b>Grade 2</b> Caroline B. Jacob B. Ashton A. Emma R</p>	<p><b>Grade 3</b> Elizabeth S. Lucas M. Jayden K. Gia C.</p>	<p><b>Grade 3/4</b> Thomas K. Olivia M.</p>
<p><b>Grade 4</b> Connor C. Olivia M. Vida O. Dimitrios G.</p>	<p><b>Grade 4/5</b> Milena R. Mia T.</p>	<p><b>Grade 5</b> Abby G. Victoria C. Matthew B.</p>
<p><b>Grade 6</b> Logan L. Alessia D. Kieran C. Emma P. Emily K. Nicky K.</p>		
<p><b>Grade 7</b> Agustin G. Ian J. Sofia P. Carmen R.</p>		
<p><b>Grade 8</b> Cooper P. Grace W. Jack H. Matteo D.</p>		

## NOVEMBER VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: PEACE-MAKING



# PEACE

### Criteria for the Virtue of Peace Making Award

- students who demonstrate calm and instill peace in others
- students who stay level-headed under pressure
- students who generously forgive others
- students who promote and practice conflict resolution
- students who engage in inner peace practices like meditation
- students who are actively involved in school activities related to promoting peace



**BULLYING PREVENTION & AWARENESS WEEK**



**Monday November 18**

**Spread Kindness Like Confetti**

Share a pleasant thought or smile with someone to spread kindness like confetti!



**Tuesday November 19**

**Day of Pink**

Wear something **PINK!**



**Wednesday November 20**

**Celebrating Differences**

Wear **TWO (2) DIFFERENT SOCKS** to show what walking in someone else's shoes means!



**Thursday November 21**

**We're all on the Same Team**

Wear your favourite sports teams' colours or shirts/jerseys to show that we are all on the same team!



**Friday November 22**

**Put Bullying to Rest**

Wear your comfy clothes or pyjamas to put bullying to rest!





## CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM 2024

BSCS had another action-packed Cross-Country season. With over 90 students participating, runners trained for several weeks in anticipation of our Divisional Meet, which took place on October 9, Regional Meet on October 18 and City Meet on October 23.

Our Cross Country season ended with an incredible finish at the City Meet! Twenty-eight of our BSCS athletes took on some of the fastest races the event has ever seen, and among 139 schools, Blessed Sacrament proudly claimed 5th place overall!

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our amazing parent volunteers who supported our training sessions and park setup, including the fantastic "Blessed Sacrament" team tent provided by our Parent Council.

Thank you to the amazing coaches who dedicated their time and effort to helping the team achieve success with a champion's attitude!

And most importantly, congratulations to all team members for your hard work, commitment, and enthusiasm this season.

We are so proud of each and every one of you!

### Our Outstanding Results

#### Team Placements

- Grade 8 Girls: 1st Place
- Grade 4 Boys: 4th Place
- Grade 6 Girls: 5th Place
- Grade 3 Boys: 5th Place
- Grade 5 Girls: 6th Place
- Grade 4 Girls: 8th Place

#### Top 10 Individual Finishes

- Ava S.M. - 2nd Place
- Hannah B. - 7th Place
- Pippa C. - 8th Place
- Philippe N. - 9th Place

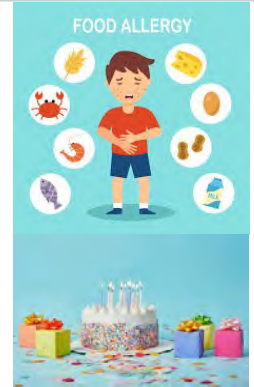




## FOOD ALLERGIES- BIRTHDAYS & CELEBRATIONS

To maintain a safe environment, please do not bring any food items containing nuts, peanuts, peanut by-products, or peanut oil into the school.

For birthdays or other celebrations throughout the year non-food alternatives are encouraged instead of food treats, such as small toys, pencils, stickers, crayons, a small loot bag (1-2 items), or party hats.



## COLD WEATHER & APPROPRIATE ATTIRE



To ensure that students can fully participate in all activities, including outdoor recess, it's crucial that they come prepared for colder weather.

Please make sure your child is appropriately dressed, including wearing hats, boots, and mittens/gloves.



## INDOOR FOOTWEAR



We ask that each child have a pair of indoor shoes to help keep classrooms clean.

For safety, students must wear closed shoes indoors; socks, sandals, or crocs with no ankle support should not be worn. A child wearing improper supporting shoes risks greater injury at any time in the school building or yard. Consider packing extra socks and pants for your child during the snowy months.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS BY



### Retake and Sibling Photo Day:

November 14, 2024

### Santa Photos:

November 21, 2024

## Pizza lunch Update



Pizza lunch continues every Monday (except for holidays when it moves to Tuesday)!

### **Volunteer Call out!**

Pizza Lunch Volunteers are needed EVERY WEEK!  
As a reminder, volunteers are needed for ALL classes JK through to Grade 8.

More volunteer slots are available.  
It only takes 20 minutes.

To help, please see Sign Up Genius, [Pizza Lunch](#).

Many thanks! The Pizza Lunch Team

For queries etc., contact us at [bscspizzalunch@gmail.com](mailto:bscspizzalunch@gmail.com)



## PROGRESS REPORT CARD AND PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

The Progress Report reflects your child's advancement toward meeting both overall and specific curriculum expectations. Summative achievement assessments will be provided in the first and second-term report cards issued in February and June. Additionally, the development of Learning Skills will be reported for each term.

The Progress Report Card will be sent home with students on Tuesday, November 12. We value ongoing communication about student achievement, which extends beyond the three formal reporting periods in November, February, and June. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher anytime to arrange a meeting to discuss your child's progress and accomplishments.



### STUDENT/SCHOOL-RELATED CONCERNS POLICY

Families are encouraged to review the [Board's revised policy](#) for raising student/school-related concerns. These changes have been implemented to comply with new Ministry of Education requirements. [Click here to learn about the process](#)

### CSPC MEETINGS FOR 2024-2025

Meetings will take place on Wednesdays this year beginning at 6:45 in-person (school staffroom) or via Zoom

**Meeting Dates:**

November 20th	January 22nd
February 19th	April 2nd
May 14th	June 11th

### CSPC CHAIRS MESSAGE

We are thrilled to kick start this school year with exciting new council members. After many dedicated years of commitment to BSCS, we with full gratitude, thank our long-standing outgoing members, Danielle Riposati, Nadina Jamison, Teresa Trudel and Tiffani Steer. Your support of so many incredible initiatives, events and over-all success of school projects is simply outstanding! Thank you!

We sincerely welcome our new and returning council member: Nadia Bucciarelli Mari, Evelyn Di Donato, Rebecca Gladdy, Emily O'Halloran, Ada Maxwell-Alleyne, Sara Santos Tran, Alexandra Snell, Adam Zukowski, and yours truly Wendy Abbott-Serroul.

This year we will remain committed to supporting the many ongoing initiatives at the school as well as some new ones! We will be looking at planning for a new upper playground which we will be happy to share more in the coming weeks.

We are looking forward to an exciting year at Blessed Sacrament!

Wendy Abbott-Serroul  
CSPC Chair





# THE WALKATHON WAS A SUCCESS!

BSCS Annual  
**WALKATHON**  
Fundraiser

The Walkathon committee expresses gratitude to the BSCS families for exceeding the \$25,000 goal and raising \$27,415!

The day wouldn't have been possible without the dedication of our volunteers who took time out of their busy schedules to help. A big thank you to the over 50 volunteers who made it all happen!







## We asked; You responded.

Thank you to all the amazing volunteers so far this year!

**Communications:** Thank you to our fabulous team for helping to keep us informed about the various initiatives and opportunities at the school. Thank you to Wendy Abbott Serroul for her leadership with the Buzz; Celia Figel for her work on the monthly newsletters; and Tarra Miller for keeping our website up to date.

**Kiss N Ride:** Thank you to Deb Hutton for her terrific work serving as program coordinator. Rain or shine, Deb and her wonderful team of volunteers are helping to keep kids and traffic moving every morning.

**Pizza Lunch:** Kudos to Estelle Gorby who serves as the program coordinator. Assisting Estelle is the Pizza Committee that includes: Enza Giordano, Kate McKenna, Tarra Miller and Cynthia Zeemel. Thank you to this wonderful group for making Monday lunches a little easier for all of us! Additionally we thank the 27 pizza distributors so far this year- so grateful!

**Class Parents:** A huge thank you to our amazing class parents who play a key liaison role between the teachers and the parents. We are grateful to: Barbara Bokodi, Angela Di Padova, Joanna Develiadis, Elizabeth Duncan, Deirdre Durieu, Michelle Gaudon, Malina Giorgio, Christine Grabowski, Joanne Hung, Joanna Kimont, Helen MacDonald, Holly McGinn, Shannon Doyle Raffoul, Bianca Pamela Sánchez, Kate Schultz, Sara Sharifpoor, Alexandra Snell, and Cui Zukowski.

**Cross Country:** Grateful to the dedicated volunteers who helped monitor the running route to ensure the safety of our students during training. Congrats to all the participants! Thanks to the following volunteers: Wendy Abbott-Serroul, Tristin Carter, Barb Chester, Hugh Devlin, Theresa Devlin, Peter Dixon, Lia Dolente Severino, Shannon Doyle Raffoul, Kaitlyn Leeb, Laura McElwain, Carolina Marulandar, Nancy Nikolakakos, Maud Pillet, Elena Pugliese, So Youn Strube, Kristina Teixeira, and Nadina Vanden Hoven.

**Walkathon:** A big thank you to this year's co-chairs Evelyne Di Donato and Daniela Saldias-Rocha as well as committee members Tarra Miller, Carla Nichols and Cynthia Zeemel for the countless hours they dedicated to making the 25th Annual Walkathon a huge success! Through their leadership over \$27,000 was raised for the students at the school. Additionally - we had close to 45 volunteers to help ensure the event was safe and fun - thank you: Debbie Abreu, Nancy Ahmad, Pamela Bebee, Barbara Bokodi, Nadia Bucciarelli Mari, Tristin Carter, Katie Cheevers, Lorraine Chiarotto, Theresa Devlin, Shannon Doyle Raffoul, Celia Figel, Michelle Gaudon, Rebecca Gladdy, Christine Grabowski, Beibei Guo, Nardeen Haddad, Deb Hutton, Eunice Kidd, Pamela L, Kaitlyn Leeb, Ted Leeb, Kenneth Lim, Helen MacDonald, Michelle Martel, Ada Maxwell, Daniela Metyas, Adriana Morrison, Michal Nalepka, Marisela Navarro, Nancy Nikolakakos, Allison O'Connell, Teodora Opris, Karen Pefanis, Tiziana Piccinni, Frances Salvaggio, Bianca Pamela Sánchez, Kelly Schultz, Alexandra Snell, Tiffani Steer, Alexandra Stevenson, Laura Tsang, Nadina Vanden Hoven, and Tiffane Wang.

*Did we miss anybody? If you know of someone who is volunteering in the initiatives above but wasn't mentioned, please let [Heather](#) know!*

**We will have lots more opportunities to be involved!**





### Volunteers Needed for the Following

- Communications** Volunteers are needed to support the communications team.  
**Support:** The role is active throughout the year. If you are interested in learning more, please email [Heather](#).
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- Kiss 'N Ride:** Volunteers are needed to walk kids from their car to the school yard.  
 20 minutes from 8:10 – 8:30 am. Program runs daily. Sign-up for a shift or two at [Kiss N Ride](#).
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- Pizza Lunch:** Volunteers are needed to hand out pizza to a class, usually on Mondays from 11:10 – 11:30 am.  
 Volunteers needed for all grades: JK – Grade 8. Sign-up at Pizza Lunch. Sign-up on [SignUpGenius](#).

If you are having difficulty signing up or have questions, please email [Heather Lannigan](#), Volunteer Coordinator.

### Thanks in advance for your participation!



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