



# Blessed Sacrament Newsletter

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me." Matthew 10*

I hope this message finds you all well and filled with anticipation for the upcoming school year. Vice-Principal Balik and I look forward to welcoming families back for another exciting school year at Blessed Sacrament!

At the heart of our mission as a Catholic school lies a commitment to equity and inclusion—a commitment deeply rooted in our faith. At Blessed Sacrament, we embrace the board's [Catholic Equity and Inclusive Education Policy](#) to foster an engaging Catholic learning environment where each student is empowered, supported, and welcomed.



In the spirit of the TCDSB pastoral plan, 'Walking with Christ,' our daily experiences are guided by Jesus' teachings. We view our school community through the lens of faith and hope. As we embark on this new academic year, our focus remains steadfast- to nurture the hearts and minds of our students and foster a sense of community where everyone is valued, respected, and loved.

A big thank you goes out to our dedicated office staff, Ms. Blair and Ms. Liotino, for their tireless efforts in preparation for the upcoming school year. A heartfelt appreciation also goes to our exceptional teachers, DECEs, and educational assistants for their efforts in setting up the classrooms, and a special acknowledgment to our head caretaker, Mr. Gape and Ms. Montablan for their meticulous work in cleaning and organizing the school in preparation for the new academic year.

With the teachings of Christ as our compass, we embark on a journey of learning, growth, and compassion. May God bless each of you throughout this school year.

R. Agostino  
Principal



### A LOOK AHEAD ...

- Sept. 4: Labour Day
- Sept. 5: First Day of School for Students
- Sept. 7: Ukrainian Heritage Day
- Sept. 8: UN Literacy Day
- Sept. 10: Grandparents' Day
- Sept. 27: School Mass at Blessed Sacrament Parish: 9:45 AM  
Rowan's Law Day
- Sept. 30: National Day for Truth & Reconciliation/Orange Shirt Day
- Oct. 3: CSPC AGM
- Oct. 4: Curriculum Nigh
- Oct. 6: PA Day - No school for students
- Oct. 9: Thanksgiving - No school
- Oct. 19: Walk-a-Thon

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# LEARNING, EQUITY AND WELL-BEING AT BLESSED SACRAMENT



The main priorities outlined in the TCDSB's Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP): learning, equity, and well-being continue to be our focus at Blessed Sacrament Catholic School (BSCS). BSCS is a Christ-centered learning environment that strives to shape educational paths to each learner's identity, passions, and strengths, fostering their lifelong learning and spiritual journey. We are committed to promoting an inclusive school community dedicated to equity, diversity, anti-racism, and anti-oppression. We aim to create an adaptable school environment that supports marginalized students, developing mentally healthy classrooms for students and staff centred on the growth of the whole person.

## THE MONTHLY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AWARD

The Monthly Catholic Community Award is a monthly award given to students who may be the "unsung heroes" of our community. They are the students whose daily efforts contribute to nurturing our Catholic school communities.

The Catholic Community Award is based on the monthly virtues.

The image is a composite of two parts. On the left is a red-themed graphic titled 'CONNECTING THE VIRTUES OF THE MONTH' with 'VIRTUES AT A GLANCE'. It features a central white box with the title and a list of twelve virtues: COURAGE, GRATITUDE, COMPASSION, CHARITY, PEACE, LOVE, FORGIVENESS, FAITHFULNESS, and HOSPITALITY. On the right is a white page titled 'September Virtue: Hospitality'. It lists the criteria for the award: students who welcome others, focus on the positive, accept and celebrate diversity, and are inclusive and accepting of everyone. Below the criteria is an illustration of a man in a white robe serving a kneeling man, with a cross and a heart symbol. A quote from Joshua 24:15(b) is at the bottom: '...As for me and my household we will serve the Lord. (Joshua 24:15(b))'.

MONTH & VIRTUE:
SEPTEMBER: HOSPITALITY
OCTOBER: GRATITUDE
NOVEMBER: PEACE
DECEMBER: CHARITY
JANUARY: COURAGE
FEBRUARY: LOVE
MARCH: FORGIVENESS
APRIL: JUSTICE
MAY: COMPASSION
JUNE: FAITHFULNESS

### September Virtue: Hospitality

The Catholic Community Award Criteria for the Virtue of Hospitality

- ◆ students who welcome others
- ◆ students who focus on the positive, and believe the universe is a friendly place
- ◆ students who accept and celebrate diversity and pluralism
- ◆ students who are inclusive and accepting of everyone with an open heart

...As for me and my household we will serve the Lord. (Joshua 24:15(b))



## SIGN IN AT THE OFFICE

To ensure student safety, **all volunteers, parents and visitors** must report to the office upon entering the school. Please sign in / out at the office if you are picking up or dropping off items for your child. **Please avoid visiting the school or picking up your child during recesses.**

## SCHOOL SCHEDULE: RECESS & LUNCH

8:30 am	School Day Begins
10:12 am – 10:27 am	Recess
11:15 am – 12:15 pm	Lunch Hour
1:40 pm – 1:55 pm	Recess
3:00 pm	School Dismissal

## STUDENT SAFETY - ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

The safety and well-being of our students are of paramount importance. Please review basic safety and security rules with your child to reinforce the lessons taught during the school year. It is crucial to frequently remind students to be aware of their surroundings and to cross the street at designated areas (lights, crossing guards, pedestrian crossings).

During entrance and dismissal times, classes will be lined up in designated yard areas.

1. Kindergarten students line up in the kindergarten yard.
2. Students in grades 1-2 enter and exit the school at the main entrance.
3. Students in grades 3-8 enter and exit the school from main field.

A few reminders:

- Students in kindergarten to grade 3 **MUST** be picked up by a parent or designated adult at 3pm.
- School begins at 8:30 am, and we encourage students to be on time so they may line up with their class. Students who arrive after 8:30 am need to report to the main office to receive a late slip.
- Students taking the bus will exit from the front doors.

## SCHOOL MESSENGER APPLICATION: SAFE ARRIVAL

The Safe Arrival system is used to report a student's absence or to schedule a student's late arrival or early departure from school. **As per the TCDSB's protocol for signing out students, a parent must visit the school office prior to a student leaving the school.** Thank you for your cooperation and understanding, and kindly contact the school office if you have any questions. For more information on how to report your child's absence, visit the school website.

[www.blessedsacramentcs.com/contact-us](http://www.blessedsacramentcs.com/contact-us)

## EMERGENCY AND CRISIS RESPONSE PLAN

We will hold six fire drills and four Lock-down/Hold and Secure procedure drills during the school year. Teachers will review and practice the protocol for each drill. Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns. Visit the school board website for more details.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/page/emergency-and-crisis-response-plan>



## BUS TRANSPORTATION



Transportation is provided for students who meet the following criteria:

- \* Distance: JK- 8 more than 1.5KM from the school and within the catchment area
- \* Special Needs: Home pick up for any student not attending their local school
- \* Hazards/Board Approved Areas: Students that reside in specific geographical areas will be provided with neighbourhood bus stops

### Phased-in Start

As the school year begins, the Toronto Students Transportation Group (TSTG) will once again implement a phased-in start for student transportation to provide a more consistent service for families and ensure that students with special education needs are prioritized to receive bus service beginning the first week of school .

- ⇒ Starting **September 5, 2023** student transportation services will be provided for the following students: Students with special education needs (excluding those in the gifted program) who travel to school on minibuses, minivans, taxis, and wheelchair-accessible vehicles.
- ⇒ Both the TDSB and TCDSB will be following this phased-in start. Should there be a significant impact on driver availability affecting the TSTG's ability to deliver safe and timely service, this may delay the onset of transportation for all other eligible students beyond **September 11, 2023**. Should this be required, families will be informed as soon as possible to arrange alternate transportation

### Transportation Portal

All families with children using the transportation service must create an account on the transportation portal. This lets you confirm your child's transportation details, including bus stop location, school bus operator, contact information, and school bus route number. You can also subscribe to the late bus portal, which will send you an email about the bus.

- To access your child's transportation information, please visit the Transportation Portal, email [transportation@torontoschoolbus.org](mailto:transportation@torontoschoolbus.org) or call 647-790-3829.
- General transportation information is located on the TSTG's website at [www.torontoschoolbus.org](http://www.torontoschoolbus.org); answers to many questions can be found on the FAQ page.
- Call Centre - 647-790-3829 General Inquiries - [transportation@torontoschoolbus.org](mailto:transportation@torontoschoolbus.org) Safety Concerns - [safety@torontoschoolbus.org](mailto:safety@torontoschoolbus.org) Technology Issue with the Portal - [support@torontoschoolbus.org](mailto:support@torontoschoolbus.org) .

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## CONFLICT RESOLUTION POLICY

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is a Catholic educational community committed to the creation of an environment that fosters mutual respect for the dignity and well-being of all stakeholders, including but not limited to students, staff, parents and volunteers and focuses on working towards mutually acceptable solutions that are consistent with relevant Board policies.

At the TCDSB, staff work diligently to ensure concerns are addressed respectfully and professionally, consistent with the Education Act and all other relevant legislation and Board policies. Visit the board website for details:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Pages/Conflict-Resolution-Resources.aspx>



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PARENT COUNCIL (CSPC)

Welcome Blessed Sacrament families to the 2023/2024 school year! We hope you enjoyed your summer and are ready for a fresh start to the school year.

A special welcome to the many new families who have joined our school this year. We hope you are feeling welcomed and excited to be part of such a wonderful community.

We also extend a warm welcome to our new part-time Vice Principal, Mr. Rafal Balik.

The purpose of the Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC) is, through the active participation of parents, to improve student achievement and enhance the accountability of the education system to parents. All parents are invited to attend monthly CSPC meetings, either virtually or in person. These meetings are a forum for parents to receive important school updates, share their views, and play an active role in their child's education. A key responsibility of the CSPC is to coordinate fundraising initiatives and ensure that each fundraising dollar is invested in a broad range of resources and programs for the benefit of all students at Blessed Sacrament.

Your Parent Council is pleased to share the CSPC 2022-23 Impact Report, which summarizes total funds raised last year, key investments in the school, total funds given back to those in need, and volunteer opportunities created to facilitate parent involvement.

Through fantastic fundraising events like Walkathon and Fun Fair, we were able to raise more than \$48,000 last year. The generosity and support of the parent community is what made this possible.

Last year, we used these funds to invest heavily in classroom technology, STEM programs and resources, classroom art and music programs, athletic activities, and mental health and well-being initiatives.

We also supported many fun events for students and parents alike such as the Halloween dance, Carnaval, and the Curriculum Night BBQ. Finally, we provided a bursary program for BSCS families who may need assistance with school-related expenses.

We are fortunate enough to be able to support other communities in need. Last year, we





## CSPC MESSAGE CONTINUED

donated \$7,400 in grocery gift cards, 6,000 pounds of food items, 12 bags of uniform items, and 300 winter warmth items.

Finally, we always strive to create great opportunities for parents to get involved in school activities. Thank you to the more than 150 parent volunteers who gave their time and energy to Kiss n' Ride, pizza lunch, Project Library, Walkathon, Fun Fair and so many other important initiatives last year! Your involvement is an important part of what makes this school community so special.

On Tuesday, **October 3, 2023** at 6:45pm, Blessed Sacrament will hold its Annual General Meeting, at which time elections will take place for the CSPC. The first monthly CSPC meeting of the school year will follow immediately after the AGM. All parents/guardians of students currently enrolled in the school are invited to attend the AGM, and can vote in the election and/or run as a CSPC parent representative. More information will follow.

There are a variety of ways you can engage with the Blessed Sacrament CSPC. You can reach us anytime with questions, comments or concerns at [blessedsacramentcspc@gmail.com](mailto:blessedsacramentcspc@gmail.com). We send out weekly emails called "The Buzz" that keep you up to date on all the latest school news. We manage the school website ([blessedsacramentcs.com](http://blessedsacramentcs.com)), which has a wealth of information on all things Blessed Sacrament. We put together the monthly newsletters, which highlight important dates and events. And we encourage everyone to attend monthly CSPC meetings to get important school updates, voice your opinions and be involved in discussions that impact the school.

Wishing everyone a fun and productive year!

Danielle Riposati

CSPC Chair

## PLASP BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

For parents and caregivers using the PLASP before and after school daycare program, please review the following:

- If your child will not attend PLASP on a particular day, please advise PLASP directly by leaving a message at 905-890-1711, extension 7033. Please also advise your teacher in writing.
- Use the west doors (facing the turf) when entering or exiting the school to pick up your child. There is a doorbell at this entrance directly connected to PLASP rooms.
- Please note that students/parents/caregivers cannot access their classroom after school hours.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation with the above as this will ensure the safety and privacy of all our students and staff.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS BY CLEAR IMAGES

**Fall Photo Day: Tuesday, October 17, 2023**

**Retake and Sibling Photo Day: Wednesday, November 15, 2023**

**Santa Photos: Tuesday, November 28, 2023**





## KISS 'N RIDE PROGRAM



Our school is blessed to have a morning drop-off program that allows for the safe and convenient arrival of all students who are driven to school. It is run and staffed entirely by parent volunteers. There is ONE drop-off location for all students. It is located between the kindergarten yard and the school bus zone on the north side of Bedford Park Avenue.

Volunteers will be easily identifiable as they will be wearing yellow safety vests.

Kids should NOT be dropped off in the school bus zone, at the crosswalk or by the turf. Please do not park on the south side of Bedford Park Avenue.

For their safety and your peace of mind, students in JK and SK will be walked to the Kindergarten playground and delivered to a teacher. (They will be escorted directly to the JK/SK door in inclement weather). Children in Grade 1 will be accompanied to the main steps and directed to the west playground. All other students will enter the school area on their own.

Parents and caregivers are always asked to use your signal to indicate that you are queuing for the program. A volunteer will assist your child(ren) out of the vehicle on the street's curbside and escort them directly into the school as outlined above. Please DO NOT exit your vehicle. We ask that all backpacks and other belongings are already with your child, not in the trunk.

Drop-off begins at 8:15 am and ends at 8:30 am. Please do not arrive before 8:15 as there is no supervision. Students will need to enter the front door after 8:30 and report to the school office for an admit slip.

To keep this important service running, we need 3 volunteers each morning starting **Thursday September 7**. Please sign up through SignUp Genius on the Blessed Sacrament school website: [www.blessedsacraments.com](http://www.blessedsacraments.com) and click "Volunteer to Help." If you have questions about the program, please get in touch with Deb Hutton, the parent volunteer coordinator for this program, at [debhutton22@gmail.com](mailto:debhutton22@gmail.com) or 416-662-4758.

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## CLASS PLACEMENTS

At Blessed Sacrament, our dedicated staff engages in the annual process of forming class groupings for the upcoming academic year. When determining the most suitable placement for each student, we take into account various factors, such as learning preferences, academic capabilities, proficiency in English as a Second Language (ESL), special educational needs, social and emotional considerations, behavioural requirements, equitable distribution of genders, as well as a student's prior class assignment.

In alignment with the Ministry of Education Guidelines, we adhere to the following class size limits:

- Kindergarten: A maximum of 29 students
- Grades 1-3: A maximum of 20 students
- Grade 3/4: A maximum of 23 students
- Grades 4-8 for single-grade classes: A maximum of 31 students
- Grades 4-8 for combined-grade classes: A maximum of 29 students

It's important to note that there might be adjustments made during September. We sincerely appreciate your understanding and patience during this period of transition. Parents of students affected by any changes will receive timely notifications.



## 2023–2024 Staff List

The following staffing model is tentative.

### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Principal: R. Agostino  
 Vice Principal: R. Balik  
 Secretary: L. Blair  
 Clerk Typist (W & TH): M. Liotino  
 Library Office: H. Huang  
 Head Custodian: J. Gape  
 Night Custodian: TBA

### HOMEROOM CLASSES:

Kindergarten: M. Murphy, L. Andonov  
 Kindergarten: A. Adam, C. Gameiro  
 Grade 1: V. Grober  
 Grade 1: M. Sinclair  
 Grade 2: M. Montevalto  
 Grade 2-3: C. Coulter  
 Grade 3: V. Mazzei (Amato)  
 Grade 3: S. Cunneen  
 Grade 3-4: A. Zambri  
 Grade 4: S. Fisher  
 Grade 4-5: C. Moro  
 Grade 5-6: TBA  
 Grade 6/7: Ms. Guarino  
 Grade 7/8: C. Parvu

### EXTENDED FRENCH/RESOURCE

Grade 5 French (AM): A. Kudlik  
 Grade 5 English (PM): A. Kowalik  
 Grade 6 English (AM): C. Andreacchi  
 Grade 6 French (PM): A. Kudlik  
 Grade 7 French (AM): TBD  
 Grade 7 English (PM): S. Iannelli  
 Grade 8 English (AM): S. Iannelli  
 Grade 8 French (PM): TBD  
 ESL (AM): A. Kowalik  
 French Specialty: TBA  
 Core French: M. Crolla  
 Core French (.50): M. Bichay

### HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION/MUSIC

Health and Physical Education (T-F): TBA  
 Health and Physical Education (M): C. Camp  
 Vocal Music (T & W–AM): Y.H. Keem  
 Vocal Music (F, PM only): M. Raposo  
 Instrumental Music (M, T, F): S. Artmowycz

### EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS:

C. Allain  
 A. DiLauro

### LIBRARY TECHNICIAN

H. Huang

### LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORS:

Michelle Martel  
 Michelle Augusto  
 Patricia Vera-Vassallo  
 Mary Loschiavo  
 Laura Capriles







## SCHOOL DRESS CODE

The school dress code is solid white and navy blue. We encourage students to wear collared shirts during special events (school masses, assemblies, etc.). Please review the school dress code on the website:

[www.blessedsacramentcs.com/dress-code](http://www.blessedsacramentcs.com/dress-code)

In addition, throughout the year, several spirit and dress-down days will be communicated to the community. The navy blue and white dress code is optional for students when they celebrate their birthday on the last Friday of every month.



### Friday Dress-Down Days and Other Celebrations:

- **September 29:** Celebrate Orange Shirt Day
- **October 27**
- **October 31:** Halloween
- **November 24**
- **December 18-22:** Christmas Spirit Week
- **January 26**
- **February 14:** Red and White Day/Ash Wednesday
- **February 23**
- **March 22**
- **April 26**
- **May 31**
- **June 24-28:** Spirit Week

## TCDSB ACCEPTABLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY

Students must have their electronic devices turned off and kept out of sight everywhere on school property, including washrooms, classrooms (the only exception is with direct teacher supervision to complete assigned tasks), hallways, and the schoolyard. If your child needs to contact you, it is through the office only.

## ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

We can only give prescription medication to students during the school day if we have both written and signed authorization from you, the parent, and the prescribing physician. Please keep the necessary medical forms up-to-date. Our staff cannot provide non-prescription medications to students .

## ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL

Some students at Blessed Sacrament have severe and life-threatening food allergies (anaphylaxis) to nut products and other food items. Keeping the students safe is everyone's responsibility, and we kindly remind the community that student lunches and snacks are to be nut-free. For more information, please visit the school website to view the detailed Anaphylaxis policy .



[www.blessedsacramentcs.com/resources](http://www.blessedsacramentcs.com/resources)

## FOOD ALLERGIES—BIRTHDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS

Food Products that contain nuts, peanuts, peanut by-products, and peanut oil may not be brought into the school (they will not be distributed and will be returned home). Furthermore, please do not send in any food treats throughout the year on birthdays and/or for other celebrations. Alternatives to food items include a small toy item, pencil, stickers, crayons, a small loot bag (1 or 2 items) or party hats .



## SCHOOL MASSES, EVENTS AND SACRAMENT DATES AT BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH



We are excited to share the tentative upcoming Mass and Sacrament dates that will play a significant role in nurturing the spiritual development of our students. At Blessed Sacrament School, we believe these moments are opportunities for our students to deepen their faith and strengthen the sense of community that makes our school unique.

The school Mass is a cherished tradition that brings our students, parents, teachers, and staff together in prayer and reflection. It is a time for us to unite as a community, offer our intentions, and give thanks for the blessings we receive. Through the Mass, students learn about the rich traditions of our faith but also experience the joy of sharing in the Eucharist, the heart of our Catholic beliefs.

The Sacraments are gifts from God that guide us on our spiritual journey. They mark pivotal moments in our lives, uniquely allowing us to experience God's grace and presence. First Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion are all milestones that offer our students a chance to deepen their relationship with Christ and understand their place within the Church. **There will be a parent information night on Tuesday, November 7 at 7:00 PM. for students receiving a sacrament this coming year. This is a reminder that your child needs to be Baptized to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Communion.**

We invite our Blessed Sacrament families to discuss these Mass and Sacrament dates with their children. Discussing the significance of these events at home will strengthen your child's understanding and foster a sense of excitement and anticipation. Your involvement plays a crucial role in their spiritual growth.

### School Mass and Event Dates:

- **September 27, 2023** at 9:45 AM: Opening School Mass- Virtue of Hospitality
- **October 18, 2023** at 1:00 PM: Thanksgiving Mass
- **November 14, 2023** at 9:45 AM
- **December 6, 2023** at 1:00 PM: Advent Mass
- **December 13, 2023** at 7:00 PM: Children's Christmas Concert Mass
- **January 17, 2024** at 9:45 AM
- **February 14, 2024** at 1:00 PM: Ash Wednesday Mass
- **March 26, 2024** at 9:00 AM: Lenten Confessions (at school)
- **March 27, 2024** at 9:45 AM
- **April 17, 2024** at 1:00 PM
- **May 15, 2024** at 9:45 AM
- **June 12, 2024** at 1:00 PM: End of the School Year Mass
- **June 20, 2024** at 6:00 PM: Grade 8 Graduation Mass

### Sacramental and Retreats Dates:

- **May 1, 2024** at 9:45 AM: First Reconciliation
- **May 5, 2024** at 2:30 PM: First Communion-Sunday
- **May 1, 2024** at 9:45 AM: Confirmation Retreat (Blessed Sacrament Church Hall)
- **May 30, 2024** at 7:00 PM: Confirmation Mass



### TCDSB 2023-2024 School Year Calendar

The following chart lists school holidays, Professional Activity (PA) days, and other key dates for the 2023 - 2024 school calendar year of the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB).

Number of School Days	194
Number of Professional Activity Days	7
Labour Day	September 4, 2023
First Day of School for Students	September 5, 2023
PA Day: Provincial Education Priorities	October 6, 2023
Thanksgiving Day	October 9, 2023
PA Day: Parent-Teacher Conferences	November 17, 2023,
PA Day: Provincial Education Priorities	December 8, 2023
Christmas Break	December 25, 2023 - January 5, 2024
PA Day: Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting	January 19, 2024
PA Day: Parent-Teacher Conferences	February 16, 2024
Family Day	February 19, 2024
Mid-Winter Break	March 11-15, 2024
Good Friday	March 29, 2024
Easter Monday	April 1, 2024
PA Day: Provincial Education Priorities	April 19, 2024
Victoria Day	May 20, 2024
PA Day: Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting	June 7, 2024
Last Day of School Year	June 28, 2024

Note : There are 7 PA Days:  
 3 devoted to Provincial Education Priorities and supporting Article 19 of the Collective Agreement.  
 3 dedicated to system priorities, annual learning plans and local goals articulated in the School Improvement and Equity Plans.  
 1 PA day will be dedicated to Faith Development.

## CURRICULUM NIGHT-OCTOBER 4th, 2023 at 6:30 pm

Wednesday, October 4, 2023, beginning at 6:30 PM. with a presentation by School Administration and CSPC in the gym. Three 15-minute classroom sessions will occur at 7:00 PM, 7:15 PM, and 7:30 PM.





# BSCS Annual WALKATHON Fundraiser

## October 19th, 2023!

### A note from the Walkathon Team:

Hello Parents and Teachers!  
We, the Walkathon Team, is super excited to kick off this year with our 24th Annual Walkathon happening in Thursday October 19th! There will be lots of information coming and for now, just put it in your calendars as it is going to be an exciting day! There are lots of prizes to be won and fun to be had, so keep a look out for all things Walkathon related! 😊

### Look Out For:

- Information Letter sent home to parents
- Weekly Communications
- - in your inbox via The Buzz Newsletter
- - the BSCS Facebook Group
- Early Prize Draw

### Looking ahead:

We are in Need of some Parent Helpers!

DECOR CO-ORDINATOR

PRIZES HELPERS

COMMUNICATION CO-ORDINATOR

PLEASE JOIN THE TEAM AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE!

### Stay in touch :

Teresa Trudel  
Evelyn DiDonato



BSCSWalkathon@gmail.com





September 2023

## VOLUNTEER



Blessed Sacrament benefits from volunteers generously providing their time and energy. A variety of programs and events can only occur given the contributions of all the many volunteers. Last year we had **over 150 individuals who volunteered** in a dozen or so events!

At this stage – the full extent of programming is still to be determined. Stay tuned to weekly updates, monthly newsletters, the BSCS website as well as the CPSC meetings for updates on volunteer activities!

### How do I Volunteer?

**Check out the Volunteer link on the BSCS home page for opportunities and information**

For questions or to signal your willingness to participate email:

Nadina Jamison Vanden Hoven, BSCS Volunteer Coordinator ([nadina.jamison@utoronto.ca](mailto:nadina.jamison@utoronto.ca)).

#### **Current Opportunities: available immediately**

- Class Parents:** Serve as the liaison between the teacher and the parents. For roles & responsibilities, see: [www.blessedsacramentcs.com/class-parents](http://www.blessedsacramentcs.com/class-parents). A call out for volunteers will be sent to each class. For questions or to signal you willingness to participate email the program coordinator.
- 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](#).
- CSPC** Catholic School Parent Council—information can be found at: [www.blessedsacramentcs.com/cspc](http://www.blessedsacramentcs.com/cspc). Nominations are held each fall and new executive council is elected at the AGM. **October 3, 2023**. More info [here](#).
- Walkathon:** This year's event occurs on **Thursday October 19, 2023**. Volunteers are needed now for the organizing committee including: prize committee, communication support as well as event day volunteer coordination. Volunteers will also be needed the morning of Oct. 19 to help run the program. Contact co-chairs Teresa Trudel & Evelyne Di Donato at [bscswalkathon@gmail.com](mailto:bscswalkathon@gmail.com).

#### **Future Opportunities**

- Pizza Lunch:** Volunteers distribute pizza to their child's class on Mondays (JK/SK to grade 4). Approx. 20 minutes during the lunch hour. Program starts in October. Details to follow.  
Coordinator: Estelle Gorby
- Fun Fair:** A Co-Chair is needed for this community event held in May featuring inflatables, carnival games, face painting and more. Individual needed to help organize and execute the event.  
Contact co-chair Wendy Abbott-Serroul at [abbottserroul@yahoo.com](mailto:abbottserroul@yahoo.com).

*thank you*

in advance for your participation!



### Pizza lunch will be back in October!

We are happy to let you know that Pizza Lunch will be available for Blessed Sacrament students, commencing sometime in October - date to be confirmed. Pizza will be served every Monday (with the exception of holidays when it is served on Tuesday). Once again, we will be using Pizza Nova, with either cheese or pepperoni slices offered.



**How do I order and pay?** Parents will be asked to pay a one-time fee for pizza lunch for the entire year. Ordering will be available through school cash online in the coming weeks. Stay tuned!

**Can I volunteer to help?** Yes! Parents will have an opportunity to volunteer to distribute pizza in class rooms. Volunteers will be needed every week for all grades - ELP-Gr. 8. Volunteer spots will be available on Signup Genius in a few weeks.

More information will be available in the coming weeks. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to email [bscpizzalunch@gmail.com](mailto:bscpizzalunch@gmail.com)



Lunchbox will be offered again this year.  
More details to come soon.

### International Languages Elementary (ILE) Program

Register for the ILE after-hours program for the 2023-24 school year. Classes will run from **September 30, 2023 to June 22, 2024.**

### NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION



SEPTEMBER 30

### National Day for Truth and Reconciliation- September 30, 2023

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is observed on **September 30** and is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in the spring of 2013. It grew out of Phyllis' story of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually.

**TCDSB National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Commemoration:**  
<https://youtu.be/EhuDmCUutik>



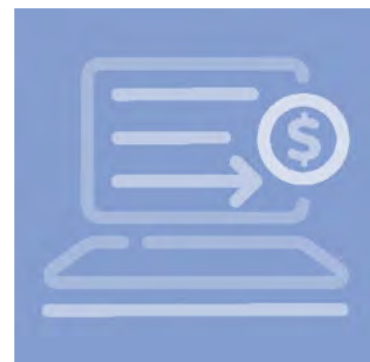
## SCHOOLCASH ONLINE

SchoolCash Online is a convenient and safe way for parents and guardians to pay for school materials and activities, including class trips, pizza lunches, agendas, year-books, and more.

Any parent and guardian with a child currently enrolled in a Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) school can create an account on SchoolCash Online and pay for school materials and activities offered by the school.

To register, go to <https://tcdsb.schoolcashionline.com> and follow the instructions.

Once you have registered, you can then add your child to your account and receive emails and updates on available materials and activities.



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