



Blessed Sacrament Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."
- Matthew 5:9*

As we transition into the crisp and colourful days of November, we want to take a moment to reflect on the importance of this month and share some insights with our school community.

November is a time when we come together as a community to remember and honour the sacrifices of those who have served in our armed forces, and we express our gratitude for the peace and freedom they have helped preserve. This month is a time to acknowledge the virtue of peacemaking, which is at the heart of what we aim to instill in our students.

Peacemaking is more than just the absence of conflict; it is the active pursuit of harmony, understanding, and cooperation. It begins in the hearts of our students, as they learn to respect the uniqueness and diversity of others. Our Catholic faith teaches us that we are all children of God, and this fundamental belief guides our efforts to create a peaceful and inclusive school environment.

As we move forward, let's continue to foster a sense of community within our school, where students, parents, teachers, and staff all work together to create a warm and nurturing environment. Blessed Sacrament Catholic School is not just a place of learning; it's a family, and you are a vital part of it.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to our school. Together, we can create a positive and inclusive environment where our children can thrive academically and morally.

Wishing you a peaceful and fulfilling November.

Yours in Catholic education,

R. Agostino

R. Balik

Principal

Vice-Principal



A LOOK AHEAD ...

- Nov. 1: All Saints Day
- Nov. 1: Take Our Kids to Work Day
- Nov. 1: Swim to Survive Grade 4
- Nov. 2: All Soul's Day
- Nov. 3: Secondary School Application Deadline
- Nov. 2-9: Holocaust Education Week
- Nov. 5-11: Treaties Recognition Week
- Nov. 6-10: English as a Second Language Week
- Nov. 7: Sacrament Information Night at Church
- Nov. 11: Remembrance Day
- Nov. 14: School Mass
- Nov. 15: Retake and Sibling Photo Day
- Nov. 17: PA Day
- Nov. 19-25: Bullying Prevention & Awareness Week
- Nov. 21: CSPC Meeting at 6:45pm
- Nov. 24: Dress Down Day
- Nov. 28: Santa Photos
- Dec 3: Advent Begins
- Dec. 8: PA Day
- Dec. 14: Christmas Concert

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Gratitude

October Virtue Award Recipients



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

ELP Kian A. Juliet P. Ethan E. Mia S.	Grade 1 Ryan K. Mia B. Theo T. Henry J.	Grade 1/2 Jacob B. Avery L.
Grade 2 Cooper J. Victoria J.	Grade 3 Charlotte D. Claire I. Adam K. Lauren R.	Grade 3/4 Thomas K. Olivia M.
Grade 4 Abby G. Serena G.	Grade 4/5 Gabriele G.	Grade 5 Mia B. Ava C. Melinda D.
Grade 6 Dylan B. Kohei S. Abigail K. Cecilia T. Finn O.		
Grade 7 Grace E. Hugo G. Sabrina L.		
Grade 8 Costa C. Emma S. Nia T.		



PEACE

NOVEMBER VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: PEACE-MAKING

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



The following articles are contributions from BSCS students

JUNIOR FLAG FOOTBALL

On October 12th, 2023, the junior boys' flag football team travelled to St. Michael's College School to compete in the Dan Grossi Invitational Tournament. Six teams including ours were in attendance from across the city. The competition was very good, but our team won every game and were crowned champions at the end of the tournament. Special congratulations to Conor M. who was named tournament MVP.

A big shout out to Mr. Kowalik and Mr. Cunneen for coaching us every morning and traveling to the tournament as well as our parent volunteers: Mr. Roustas, Mr. Lodge, Mrs. Tenaglia, and Mr. and Mrs. McDonough. Thank you to all the team members for being committed and working hard to achieve our goal. Well done boys!



INTERMEDIATE FLAG FOOTBALL

On Thursday October 26th, 2023, the intermediate boys' flag football team travelled to St. Michael's College School to compete in a tournament. The other schools present were J.R. Wilcox, OLPH and St. Michael's and it was a very competitive tournament all day long. The team had a rough start losing our first two games but we came back in our third game with a convincing win which propelled us into the final. It was a very close game and we finished 2nd.

We would like to thank our coaches, Mr. Kowalik and Mr. Cunneen as well as our parent volunteers: Mr. Flynn, Mr. Hansen and Mr. and Mrs. Trudel. We would also like to thank St. Mike's for organizing the tournament as it was a great day.



ST. ANGELA'S INTERMEDIATE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL INVITATIONAL

Our Intermediate Girls Volleyball team has been working hard in practices since September. We were invited to St. Angela's to participate in an invitational tournament before divisionals. Our girls won three out of their four games in the round robin, advancing to the finals against St. Clement's!

The final was intense. We lost the first set, but came back to win the second. We moved on to play a tiebreaker set to 15 and lost 15-5. It may not be the result we hoped for, but we're so proud of the commitment and determination of the girls. They never gave up and left it all on the court. This was a great opportunity for our students to play against teams outside their own division. Now our sights are set on the divisional tournament- we can't wait to crush it on November 16th!





CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM 2023

BSCS had another action-packed Cross-Country season. With over 85 students participating, runners trained for several weeks in anticipation of our Divisional Meet, which took place on October 11th, Regional Meet on October 20th and City Meet on October 27th.

Some team highlights include capturing the Divisional title, placing 2nd overall at the Regional meet and having 28 students run at the Cities, where we placed 2nd overall!

Honourable mentions go to the following runners who placed in the top 10 at the Cities: Hannah B.(1st), Camille R. (4th), Ava S.M. (4th), Mila M. (7th), Phillipe N. (8th) and Cristian B. (9th).

Thank you to all of the coaches and parent volunteers!

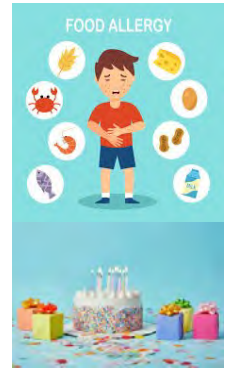
Finally, thank you to all of the team members whose dedication and work ethic produced amazing results and many personal bests!

Team members are: Julia C., Rosalyn H., Ella P., Avia A., Claire I., Chloe M., Kiera D., Katie F., Audriana P., Phillipe N., William M., Oliver M., Hunter T., Nicolas B., Matias R., Christopher C., Aulden A., Luca I., Alyssa R., Camille R., Jessica L., Leah M., Mila M., Victoria C., Seren K., Serena G., Abigail T., Christian C., Graham M., Xaiden B., Lino W., Austin K., Max M., Sam P., Teddy S., Thatcher S., Ava S.M., Reese A., Gwenyth F., Marlowe T., Giulia S., Mia B., Mia M., Ava J., Violette T., Cristian B., Ethan K., Logan L., Jamison V.H., Kieran C., Lincoln L., Aidan M., Nicholas K., Stefan P., Amalia S., Abigail K., Cecelia T., Lila G., Matilde N., Leia M., Stella B., Alixe L., Benjamin D., Conner M., Conor M., David R., Jake R., Jasper G., Jovian M., Ryan P., Samuel T., Emmeline M., Erica W., Grace W., Genevieve H., Hannah B., Scarlet A., Kaitlyn O., Isla C., Cooper P., Stefano G., Arianna M., Aurora K., Andrew M., Cole K., Christopher G., Henry C.





FOOD ALLERGIES- BIRTHDAYS & CELEBRATIONS



Food items that contain nuts, peanuts, peanut by-products, and peanut oil may not be brought to school. Please refrain from bringing such products into the school.

Additionally, we kindly request that you do not send food treats for birthdays or other celebrations throughout the year. Instead, consider alternatives like small toys, pencils, stickers, crayons, a modest loot bag (containing 1 or 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 all students have a designated pair of indoor shoes to help minimize the amount of dirt and mud brought inside. Students cannot go barefoot, wear only socks, or use sandals/crocs within the school premises for safety reasons. Closed shoes are required.

During the snowy months ahead, you might also want to consider packing an extra pair of socks and pants in case your child gets wet.

SCHOOL PHOTOS BY



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

Santa Photos:
Tuesday, November 28, 2023

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



PROGRESS REPORT CARD AND PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

The Progress Report will show how your child is progressing toward achieving overall and specific expectations. The first and second-term report cards (in February and June) will provide a summative assessment of achievement. Students' development of Learning Skills during each term will also be reported.

Communication with parents and students about achievement occurs throughout the school year and is not limited to the three formal reporting months (November, February and June). Please feel free to contact your child's teacher at any time to request a meeting to discuss your child's progress and achievement. Information will be sent home soon about Parent-Teacher Conferences.



PROTOCOL FOR ADDRESSING ISSUES AND THE TCDSB CONFLICT RESOLUTION POLICY



In the event of an issue or concern related to your child, we kindly request that you initially reach out to your child's teacher. If the matter remains unresolved to your satisfaction, please direct your communication to the principal: Riccardo.Agostino@tcdsb.org.

The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) upholds a commitment to fostering an environment that nurtures mutual respect for the dignity and well-being of all individuals involved, which includes students, staff, parents, and volunteers. Our primary focus is on collaboratively seeking solutions that align with the applicable Board policies.



At TCDSB, our dedicated staff diligently address concerns in a respectful and professional manner, in accordance with the Education Act and all relevant legislation and Board policies.

Various options are available for members of the TCDSB community to ensure their concerns are handled appropriately. You can find more information on: <https://www.tcdsb.org/page/conflict-resolution>.

Your cooperation with these guidelines is appreciated. Feel free to contact the school if you have any questions.



THE WALKATHON WAS A SUCCESS!

The Walkathon committee expresses gratitude to the BSCS families and friends for exceeding the \$25,000 goal and raising \$30,245 with a participation rate of 70%.

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



We were fortunate enough to receive donations from several local businesses for the raffle, always a student favourite. Thank you for the support from: A&W, Power Soccer Camp, Alex Convenience, Teachers on Call, The Bubble, Scholars Choice, Nitros Soccer Camp, Kidnasium, Snider's School of Music, Liliput, Rexall, Freehand School of Art, Pet Valu, Metro, Little Party Shoppe, The Paper Moon, Ontario College of Teachers, Ambrosia, Blade & Razor, Baskin Robbins, La Diperie, Party Rock, Paradise Comics, Belly Buster, Sixth Sense, Jack of Sports, Loblaw City Market, TAC Sports Camp, Wintergreen, Classic Nail Salon, True North Sports Camp, and Ridley Orchard Preschool.

A special **Thank You** goes to the 24th Annual Walkathon Committee:

Teresa Trudel, Evelynne Di Donato, Michelle Augusto, Tarra Miller, Carla Nichols, Daniela Saldia-Rocha, & Cynthia Zeemel



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VOLUNTEER



Volunteers Needed for the Following

Communications Support:

Do you have a way with words, websites or databases? We need effective communicators to help augment capacity of our communication team. Sign-up at [Communication Support](#).

Bookkeeping / Accounting Support:

Calling all accountants / financial wizard\$! We need treasury support, ideally someone well versed in QuickBooks (or equivalent.) Active – 1-2 hours/week throughout the school year. Sign-up at [Financial Support](#).

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 (JK/SK to grade 4). Approx. 20 minutes during the lunch hour. Sign-up on [SignUpGenius](#).

Project Library Returns: *volunteer slots forthcoming shortly!*

Are you passionate about books and organization? Looking for dedicated volunteers to help us put away and organize the library. Your assistance will play a vital role in ensuring that the library remains a welcoming and organized space for students, where a love of reading is born.

Time Commitment: Flexible & tailored to availability. Library is open: Wednesday (PM) & all-day Thursday & Friday.

Volunteer Roles:

Book Cataloguer: Responsibilities will include:

- Cataloguing: cataloging new books, media, and other library materials using the library's cataloging system
- Data Entry: enter book information, including titles, authors, publication dates, etc. into the library's database.
- Labeling: apply library labels, barcodes, and spine labels to books to ensure proper identification and tracking
- Repair & Maintenance: identify books in need of repair or maintenance and report them to for further action.

Book Shelver and Organizer: Responsibilities will include:

- Shelving Books: sort & shelve books in their designated sections according to the library's cataloging system
- Ensuring Order: Maintain the order and cleanliness of the library by ensuring books are displayed neatly
- Reshelving Returns: assist in reshelving returned books promptly and accurately

Training will be provided. If you are interested in participating in **Project Library** – Sign-up at [Project Library](#).

For questions or to signal your willingness to participate email:

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

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!

Communications: grateful for the team of individuals who help us keep informed about all the various initiatives and opportunities at the school. Thanks to Wendy Abbott Serroul for her leadership with the Buzz. Gratitude is extended to Celia Figel for her fabulous work on the website and monthly newsletters. Support is also provided from the communications teams Ruth Baryliuk.

Kiss N Ride: gratitude is extended to Deb Hutton for her terrific work serving as program coordinator. Wonderful to see the dozen or so frequent group of morning volunteers!

Pizza Lunch: fabulous news that Pizza Lunch is back! Kudos to Estelle Gorby who serves as the program coordinator. Assisting Estelle is the Pizza Committee that includes: Michelle Augusto, Enza Giordano, Tarra Miller and Cynthia Zeemel. Also, thank you to the class pizza distributors – so grateful!

Class Parents: appreciation is extended to the reps who ensure a key liaison role between teachers and parents. Thank you: Wendy Abbott Serroul, Sandra Abreu, Barbara Bokodi, Deirdre Brady, Kristin Ciotola, Joanna Devliadis, Angela DiPadova, Shannon Doyle Raffoul, Liz Duncan, Christina Grabowski, Nancy Marconi, Christine Marino, Kate McKenna, Michelle Murti, Laurie Petrunaro, Elena Pugliese, Bianca Pamela Sánchez, Alexandra Snell.

Cross Country – grateful to the volunteers who helped monitor the running route to ensure the safety of the competitors while they continued training. Congrats to all of this year's competitors. Thanks to the following volunteers: Wendy Abbott Serroul, Barb Chester, Geordie Chester, Joanna Develiadis, Malina Giorgio, Stephen Ilkiw, Heather Lannigan, Jennifer Lam, Ron Lam, Ida Li Preti, Helen MacDonald, Paul Mariani, Tarra Miller, Nancy Nikolakakos, Han Tacoma, Nadina Vanden Hoven, Cynthia Zeemel.

Walkathon – special shout out to this year's co-chairs Teresa Trudel and Evelyne Di Donato. Key committee members included Michelle Augusto, Tarra Miller, Carla Nichols, Daniela Saldia-Rocha & Cynthia Zeemel. Additionally - there were approximately 50 volunteers to help ensure the event was safe and fun. Thank you: Nancy Ahmad, Susan Baker, Ruth Baryliuk, Gillian Bayko, Pamela Bebee, Lydia Chan, Katie Cheevers, Marissa Cunningham, Joanna Develiadis, Shannon Doyle Raffoul, Celia Figel, Michelle Gaudon, Enza Giordano, Malina Giorgio, Christine Grabowski, Deb Hutton, Andria Joseph, Eunice Kidd, Heather Lannigan, Thomas Lepelletier, Lucy Li Forma, Ida Li Preti, Angela Lui, Scott Lutz, Helen MacDonald, Ada Maxwell, Ulrike McKernan, Daniela Metyas, Marina Mihaljevic, Marisela Navarro, Carla Nichols, Nancy Nikolakakos, Allison O'Connell, Tiziana Piccinni, Laurie Petrunaro, Elena Pugliese, Danielle Riposati, Frances Salvaggio, Bianca Pamela Sánchez, Kelly Schultz, Erin Smith, Alexandra Snell, Tiffani Steer, So Youn Strube, Alejandra Toledano, Rachelle Tsotos, Mariel Villar, Teanne von der Porten, Joanna Zurawska.

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



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BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH NEWS

We would like to invite you and your family to a “Mass of Remembrance” to celebrate all those who have died this past year, and all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

The Mass will be celebrated on Saturday November 4th at 11:00am.

We will announce their name and light a candle in their memory.

All are welcome.

A reception will follow in the parish hall. If you would like further information please email the church at blessedsacrament@archtoronto.org or call the parish office at 416-481-2256.



Parents of Grade 2 and Grade 7 Students

There will be a meeting at the parish on Tuesday November 7th about the upcoming sacraments .

Grade 2- 7:00pm

Grade 7- 7:30pm

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Please send submissions for the **December 2023** Newsletter to Celia Figel: celia.figel@gmail.com by **November 24, 2023**