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***Living and Learning Together in Christ***

 **January 2020 NEWSLETTER**

**WELCOME BACK AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Best wishes for 2020 from the entire staff of St. Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic Elementary School. We welcome everyone back from the Christmas break. We hope you had a joyous and peaceful holiday and may God’s blessings be with your families throughout this New Year. I am very excited to be joining our Catholic Learning Community in providing faith formation and academic excellence for our children. As we move into 2020 we welcome your ongoing involvement in the many school events that are planned for our school community.

**EPIPHANY**

Loving God, we celebrate this new year of your love

with joyful hearts and promises

that we will always follow in your ways.

Be with us, and keep us safe and happy.

Help us to learn from Jesus how to be loving and kind.

Like the wise men, may we see the goodness of God, your Son,

in unexpected places,

especially in those at home and at school.

 AMEN

**IMPORTANT MASS DATES**

 We will celebrate our St. Bernard New Beginning Mass at St. Bernard Church on January 17th at 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and we welcome parents to join us.

**Catholic School Advisory Council**

We continue to be blessed by the efforts and generosity of our hard working parent council. Come on out to our next **Jan. 30, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.** in the staff room

**PLAYGROUND INITIATIVE**

Your Parent Council is actively seeking Corporate Donations for raising funds for new playground equipment. Your contacts can help. Please use the form letter that was sent home to help us reach out to any businesses that you may have contacts with to help this cause. Tax receipts are available upon request.

**HELP**

Your assistance is required to ensure that your child arrives on time for school each day. The bell rings at 8:40 a.m. and each class has specific bell work to begin the day. To ensure a proper start to their day we need all students to be ready and able. Your assistance in meeting this expectation is most appreciated

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**INCLEMENT WEATHER**

In the event of inclement weather the decision to cancel buses before the start of the school day will be made by 6:30am and will be broadcast over local radio stations. **We are ZONE ONE.** On the radio you will hear “Zone One Transportation Cancelled.” If transportation is cancelled, the school is closed. All school related activities, class trips, etc., are also cancelled.

Parents can access the Board's website (under the Parents tab) click on the "cancellations- closures morning fog delays" icon on the left side of the page to see what routes have been cancelled/ delayed on any given day. The key pieces of information for our parents to have available is the route(s) that their child(ren) ride on as well as the zone that they live and go to school in.

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**COLD WEATHER REMINDER**

The winter chills are here. Only a few more months to go!! Just a gentle reminder to ensure all students have boots and indoor shoes, mitts, hats and scarves to keep them warm. It is also a good idea for students to have more than one pair of mitts should the first pair get wet. Factors such as wind conditions/directions affect the decision to remain indoors. We often find that students need at least a few minutes of outdoor play, especially if they have been indoors all day or days at a time during cold spells.

**EARLY PICK-UPS & HOME TIME ARRANGEMENTS**

If you know in advance that your child must leave school early, we ask that you send a written note with the dismissal time to your child's teacher. In the interest of safety for all students we ask that if your child(ren) is being picked up during recess time that you come into the office and the student will be called down to leave from there. Kindly understand that buzzing into the room at the last minute causes interruption during a busy time and increases the chances for mistakes. We also ask that the same apply if your child is regularly a bus student, but will be picked up by a parent/guardian at the end of the day.

**PARENT PICKUP AT DISMISSAL:**

We are experiencing increased congestion in the Church parking lot during dismissal. Please ensure slow speeds and safe parking as there are many little people eager to run out to their parent’s vehicle. Your cooperation is most appreciated and will ensure a smooth and safe dismissal for our most cherished wee ones. Thank you.

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

New Junior and Senior Kindergarten registrations for the 2020-2021 school year will be held during the month of January and February. This on-line registration begins the planning and school organization for the 2020-2021 school year. If you know of any parents with Kindergarten age children, please let them know to go to:

CatholicEducation.ca to enroll their child.



**Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Championship**

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship Council Level will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2020 at Holy Trinity High School, Evergreen Hill Road, Simcoe at 12:30 p.m. Registration is 12 – 12:30 p.m.

Our school will be running a championship prior to January 24th and will have the winners by that date, in each age group. Applications must be made on the official entry form and will be picked up at the school prior to the Council Competition.

**FIRST TERM REPORT CARDS**

 HOME – Feb. 7th, 2020

**KEY DATES FOR JANUARY**

* **Jan. 16 -** Grade 8 Student and Parent INFO NIGHT At Holy Trinity Catholic High School at 6:30 p.m.
* **Jan. 20 -** P.A. Day…no school
* **Jan. 21 –** Vision and Oral Health screening
* **Jan. 22 –** Community Builders Workshop for Grade 8’s (St. Bernard Church Basement) from 9:00 a.m.– 3:00p.m.
* **Jan. 24 –** Techxploration for Grade8’s from 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Hight School

**HOLY TRINITY INFORMATION NIGHT**

We are excited to announce the Grade 8 Student and Parent Info Night at Holy Trinity

Catholic High School in Simcoe on Thursday, January 17 at 6:30 p.m.

\*All families are welcome to the event \*where you can take a tour of the school and

classrooms, talk to staff about programs and check out new and exciting opportunities that the state-of-the-art school has to offer. See you then!



**Jan. 27 –** Techxploration for Grade8’s from

* 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity High School
* **Jan. 28 –** NET Confirmation Retreat @ OLQM Delhi
* **Jan. 30 –** Catholic Parent Council meeting

at 6:30 pm in library…all welcomed.

* **Jan. 31 –** Award Assembly at 1:45 p.m.

***May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing. ROMANS 15:13***

