

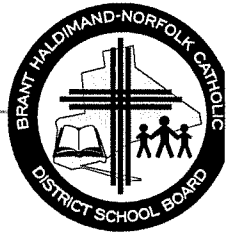


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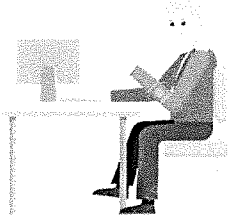
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October 2020 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Dear Families,



What a start to the year! I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of our new "normal". Our students have shown incredible resilience during our start up and I would like to thank our parents and guardians for their hard work in making this happen. Students have been doing an excellent job of social distancing and wearing masks and have been tremendous models for the younger students.

Fall has arrived and we have been blessed with beautiful weather. During our first month back at school, students and staff settled into routines and are working hard. We are continuing our Dynamic Classroom Management principles with the collaborative development of rules and expectations in each classroom. This has helped each classroom to get off to a productive start. If your child has not yet told you about their classroom expectations, please ask them about it.

We continue to focus on our board theme of "Transform". Staff is encouraging students to think about how they transform, or feel God's transformations, in their daily lives.

In Canada and at St. Peter School, we have so much to be thankful for. I hope that you all have a relaxing Thanksgiving weekend with time spent with friends and family.

God Bless,

Lucas



BOARD THEME—2020-2021, (Luke 24:32) - TRANSFORM



We are entering more deeply into the third year of our Board Spiritual Theme of "Hearts on Fire (Luke 24:32) - Journey, Encounter, Transform", specifically focusing our attention on what it means to "Transform" as found in the teachings of Jesus. Pop Francis encourages people to look beyond themselves to the needs of others. This year, we will continue to emphasize the importance of building an interior prayer life, using Scripture to deepen our understanding of transforming as found in the Gospel narratives, providing a preferential option for the poor and supporting the faith formation of staff and students. We invite everyone to deepen their understanding of God's love.

We Scare Hunger: Food Drive



Due to BCHU regulations, we are not allowed to collect food items at the school for our annual food drive. As an alternative, we are setting up School Cash online to enable families to make a cash donation, which we will give to St. Vincent De Paul at the end of the October. Donations, while tremendously appreciated, are *optional* and families who choose to donate, may select an amount from a list of suggested amounts. Thank you in advance for supporting our community in these tough times.

"Happy is the generous person, the one who feeds the poor. (Prov.22:9)

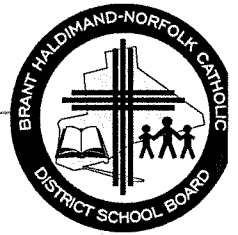


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SAFETY CONCERNS: PLEASE ASSESS YOUR CHILD DAILY FOR SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19

On Oct 1st, the Ministry of Health changed the screening tool for students. At the end of this newsletter, you will find the new symptom screening questionnaire in its entirety. Please familiarize yourself with this new document, **COVID-19 Screening Tool for Children in School and Child Care – Version 1 – October 1, 2020**. All publicly funded schools and childcare centres in Ontario will reference this new screening tool.



The link to the online screening tool is:

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

Hallowe'en Parade Walk—Friday, October 3, 2020



We will, once again, be having our annual Hallowe'en Parade, starting at approximately 9 am on October 30th. The students and staff will be walking from St. Peter School, along Glenwood Drive, up Locks Road, down Colborne Street and back to the school. All students in Grades JK - 8 participate. Students will be walking only with their classroom cohorts and will be social distancing while outside. If it is a rainy day, we will have a virtual parade.

The permission form you signed at the start of the year, through SchoolCash Online, for local walking trips, covers this activity.

Children are to wear their costumes to school. Costumes must not conflict with our Catholic values. Costumes are to be modest and school appropriate. No blood or gore are to be worn at school. Violent accessories such as knives, guns, spears, and swords are not permitted at school. Masks may be worn *during the parade* if they do not obstruct a student's ability to see, however, they must be put away for the remainder of the day. Following the parade, students will return to their rooms for class activities.

Please do NOT bring treats from home to share with the class. BCHU has advised us to **NOT share treats this year, even if the treats are individually packaged.** This will,

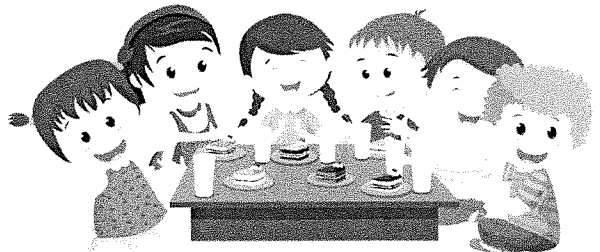
undoubtedly, be disappointing for our students, however, their health and safety is our biggest concern and priority.

LUNCH DAYS AT ST. PETER SCHOOL

We will continue to offer lunches to purchase (only through SchoolCash Online) every Wednesday and Friday. Our first Lunch Day will be **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14**. For the month of October, you may purchase lunches from October 5th through to October 9th, for all lunch days in October. After this month, the dates for purchasing online will occur during the last FULL week of each month and cover all dates in the coming month.

The list of dates for purchasing follows:

- For October** – October 5 through 9
- For November** – October 26 through 30
- For December** – November 23 through 27
- For January** – December 21 through 25
- For February** – January 25 through 29
- For March** – February 22 through 26
- For April** – March 22 through 26
- For May** – April 26 through 30
- For June** – May 24 through June 28









Please be sure to sign up for SchoolCash Online as this is the **ONLY** method of payment for Lunch Days. Also, *there are NO refunds issues for days missed due to student absence.* Missed lunches may be sent home with another designated student, be picked up by the parent, or remain in the school refrigerator until the following day. In the event of inclement weather that closes the school, lunch will be provided on the **NEXT** school day.



St. Peter School Catholic Elementary School

OCTOBER 2020 CALENDAR



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Day 3	2 Day 4	3 St. Mary's Church Holy Mass 5 pm
4 St. Mary's Church Sunday Holy Mass 9 and 11 am	5 Day 5  <i>School Cash Online OPENS for Lunch days in October</i> World Teacher Day	6 Day 1	7 Day 2	8 Day 3	9 Day 4 <i>School Cash Online CLOSES for Lunch days in October</i> 	10 St. Mary's Church Holy Mass 5 pm
11 St. Mary's Church Sunday Holy Mass 9 and 11 am	12  THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY	13 Day 5	14 Day 1 Lunch day	15 Day 2	16 Day 3 Lunch day	17 St. Mary's Church Holy Mass 5 pm
18 St. Mary's Church Sunday Holy Mass 9 and 11 am	19 Day 4	20 Day 5	21 Day 1 Lunch day	22 Day 2 Early Childhood Educator Day (ECE)	23 Day 3 Lunch day	24 St. Mary's Church Holy Mass 5 pm
25 St. Mary's Church Sunday Holy Mass 9 and 11 am	26 Day 4 <i>SchoolCash Online OPENS for Lunch days in November</i> 	27 Day 5 Purple shirt day – support for Children's Aid	28 Day 1 Lunch day	29 Day 2	30 Day 3 Hallowe'en Parade, 9 am.  <i>SchoolCash Online CLOSES for Lunch days in November</i> Lunch day	31 HAPPY HALLOWE'EN  St. Mary's Church Holy Mass 5 pm

REFERENCE ITEMS

<p><u>School Bell Times</u> First Bell 8:35 am First Break 10:15 am - 10:55 am Lunch Break 12:35 pm - 1:15 pm Dismissal Bell 2:55 pm</p> <p><u>Absent/Late Students</u> If your child will be absent or late for school, please call the office BEFORE 8:35 am at: 519-752-1611 <small>(24-hour voicemail)</small></p>	<p><u>Outdoor Supervision</u> Please note that there is no supervision outside before 8:20 or after 2:55. At the end of the day, children need to go directly home and are not permitted to play on school grounds since there is no supervision.</p> <p><u>Transportation Info</u> Parents can register and track their child's bus information, as well as get late bus notifications sent to their smart phone/e-mail account. Parents can register for this free service at: <p style="text-align: center;">www.stsbhn.ca</p> </p>	<p><u>Parking on Glenwood Drive</u> </p> <p>In order to ensure the safety of our children, parents/guardians are asked to please obey traffic signs and to park on the street only where permitted. Please do not park in no parking zones. Parking in these zones causes visibility issues for the student patrollers as well as navigation issues for incoming school buses. Please ensure that you do not block the driveways of our neighbours. We strive to be good neighbours. The parking lot is reserved for staff only.</p>	
<p><u>SchoolCashOnline</u> This is the preferred payment method for all school related expenses with our Board, including Lunch days. SchoolCash Online is also used to allow families to safely complete and submit a variety of required forms such as permission forms, confidentiality forms, etc. Register at: https://bhncdsb.schoolcashionline.com NOW WITH CREDIT CARD OPTION!</p>	<p><u>Scent Safe School</u> Due to student and staff allergies, please do not wear perfume, cologne, or other strongly scented products. Avoiding strong scents will also be beneficial for students and staff with asthma.</p> <p><u>Peanut & Tree Nut Aware & Educated Zone</u> Please do not bring food items to school which contain, or may contain, traces of peanuts/tree nuts.</p>	<p><u>Police Clearance Checks</u> In accordance with Board Policy, if parents wish to accompany their children on an out-of-school excursion or volunteer in the school they must have a current clear Police Clearance Certificate. Certificates are valid for 3 years providing Declarations provided. Online AODA training also required. Contact the school office for details.</p>	
<p><u>St. Peter's Mission Statement</u> As a Catholic Learning Community, we provide faith formation and academic excellence, which enables our graduates to live a life of love and service in Christ.</p> <p><u>St. Peter's Motto</u> Excellence in Learning—Living in Christ</p>	<p><u>St. Peter Website</u> www.stpeterbrantford.ca There are many items you can find on the St. Peter website including: school newsletters and calendars, COVID updates, school activities</p> <p><u>Join Us On Twitter</u> See what is happening at St. Peter School! Follow us on twitter at @stpcatholic</p>	<p><u>Parish Information</u> St. Mary's Church Our Lady of Assumption Parish Pastor: Father Luke Kopaniak 133 Murray Street Brantford, ON N3S 5P8 519-753-7316 www.marybrantford.com</p>	
<p><u>DATES TO ORDER SCHOOL LUNCHES</u></p> <p><i>For October – October 5 through 9</i> <i>For November – October 26 through 30</i> <i>For December – November 23 through 27</i> <i>For January – December 21 through 25</i> <i>For February – January 25 through 29</i> <i>For March – February 22 through 26</i> <i>For April – March 22 through 26</i> <i>For May – April 26 through 30</i> <i>For June – May 24 through June 28</i></p> <p><i>Note: NO refunds for days missed by students. Lunch can be sent home with designated alternate. Refunds issued ONLY if school closure due to BCHU ruling. Inclement weather school closures will result in food deliver on the NEXT school day.</i></p>		<p><u>LUNCH DAYS* – for the year</u></p> <p>Every Wednesday → Papa John's Pizza Every Third Friday → Pita Pit Two Fridays a Month → Pace's Penne One Friday a month → Subway subs</p> <p><i>*Please note, there may be some changes, throughout the year, as needed. This will be noted during each order period.</i></p>	<p><u>Coming Up Next Month</u></p> <p>November 6Progress Report</p> <p>November 12 (after school) AND November 13 (PA Day – no school) Phone and virtual interviews</p>

Ministry of Health

COVID-19 Screening Tool for Children in School and Child Care

Version 1 – October 1, 2020

This tool provides basic information only and contains recommendations for children to support decision making by parents about whether their child should attend school/childcare and/or needs to be tested for COVID-19. This can be used to assess symptoms of any child who attends child care or school (junior, intermediate, high school). It is not to be used as a clinical assessment tool or intended to take the place of medical advice, diagnosis or treatment. Screening must occur daily and at home before a child enters school or child care.

When assessing for the symptoms below, you should focus on evaluating if they are **new, worsening, or different from your child's baseline health status or usual state** (check off "Yes"). Symptoms associated with known chronic health conditions or related to other known causes/conditions should not be considered unless new, different or worsening (check off "No"). (see examples below).

After developing symptoms, in general, children should no longer have a fever and their symptoms improving to be able to return to school/child care. Mild symptoms known to persist in young children (e.g. runny nose or mild cough that may persist following infections) may be ongoing at time of return to school/child care if other symptoms have resolved.

Required Screening Questions

1. Does your child have any of the following **new or worsening** symptoms? *Symptoms should not be chronic or related to other known causes or conditions.*

<p>Fever and/or chills</p> <p>(temperature of 37.8°C/100.0°F or greater)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Cough (more than usual if chronic cough) including croup (barking cough, making a whistling noise when breathing)</p> <p><i>Not related to other known causes or conditions (e.g., asthma, reactive airway)</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

<p>Shortness of breath (dyspnea, out of breath, unable to breathe deeply, wheeze, that is worse than usual if chronically short of breath)</p> <p><i>Not related to other known causes or conditions (e.g., asthma)</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Decrease or loss of smell or taste (new olfactory or taste disorder)</p> <p><i>Not related to other known causes or conditions (e.g., nasal polyps, allergies, neurological disorders)</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

2. Does your child have any of the following **new or worsening** symptoms? *Symptoms should not be chronic or related to other known causes or conditions.*

<p>Sore throat (painful swallowing or difficulty swallowing)</p> <p><i>Not related to other known causes or conditions (e.g., post nasal drip, gastroesophageal reflux)</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Stuffy nose and/or runny nose (nasal congestion and/or rhinorrhea)</p> <p><i>Not related to other known causes or conditions (e.g., seasonal allergies, returning inside from the cold, chronic sinusitis unchanged from baseline, reactive airways)</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Headache that is new and persistent, unusual, unexplained, or long-lasting</p> <p><i>Not related to other known causes or conditions (e.g., tension-type headaches, chronic migraines)</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea</p> <p><i>Not related to other known causes or conditions (e.g. transient vomiting due to anxiety in children, chronic vestibular dysfunction, irritable bowel syndrome, inflammatory bowel disease, side effect of medication)</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

<p>Fatigue, lethargy, muscle aches or malaise (general feeling of being unwell, lack of energy, extreme tiredness, poor feeding in infants) that is unusual or unexplained</p> <p><i>Not related to other known causes or conditions (e.g., depression, insomnia, thyroid dysfunction, anemia)</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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3. Has your child travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days?

Yes

No

4. Has your child been identified as a close contact of someone who is confirmed as having COVID-19 by your local public health unit (or from the COVID Alert app if they have their own phone)?

Yes

No

5. Has your child been directed by a health care provider including public health official to isolate?

Yes

No

Results of Screening Questions:

If you answered "YES" to any of the symptoms included under question 1:

- Your child should stay home to isolate immediately.
- Contact your child's health care provider for further advice or assessment, including if your child needs a COVID-19 test or other treatment.

If you answered "YES" to only one of the symptoms included under question 2:

- Your child should stay home for 24 hours from when the symptom started.
- If the symptom is improving, your child may return to school/child care when they feel well enough to do so. A negative COVID-19 test is not required to return.
- If the symptom persists or worsens, contact your child's health care provider for further advice or assessment, including if your child needs a COVID-19 test or other treatment.

If you answered "YES" to two or more of the symptoms included under question 2:

- Your child should stay home to isolate immediately.
- Contact your child's health care provider for further advice or assessment, including if your child needs a COVID-19 test or other treatment.

If the individual answers “YES” to question 3, 4 or 5

- Your child should stay home to isolate immediately and follow the advice of public health.
- If your child develops symptoms, you should contact your local public health unit or the health care provider for further advice.

Frequently Asked Questions**1. My child has woken up not feeling well, what do I do?**

If you notice that your child has new or worsening symptoms, what you do depends on the symptom and how usual they are for your child.

If your child has new or worsening:

- Fever/chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Decreased or loss of smell or taste

Your child should isolate immediately and you should contact your child's health provider for further advice or assessment. The health care provider can help you determine whether the symptoms are related to another non-COVID-19 condition, or if they should get tested for COVID-19.

*If your child has **ONE** new or worsening symptom (that is not related to a known cause or condition) that include:*

- Sore throat
- Stuffy nose/runny nose
- Headache
- Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea
- Fatigue/lethargy/muscle aches/malaise

Your child should stay home for 24 hours to be monitored to see whether the symptoms get better or worse. If they start to feel better and symptoms are improving, they can return to school/child care when well enough to do so and no COVID-19 testing is needed.

If the symptoms get worse, you should contact their health care provider for further advice or assessment. The health care provider can help you determine whether the symptoms are related to another non-COVID-19 condition, or if they should get tested for COVID-19.

*If your child has **TWO or MORE** new or worsening symptoms (that are not related to a known cause or condition) that include:*

- Sore throat
- Stuffy nose/runny nose
- Headache

- Nausea and/or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Fatigue/lethargy/muscle aches or malaise

Your child should isolate immediately and you should contact your child's health provider for further advice or assessment. The health care provider can help you determine whether the symptoms are related to another non-COVID-19 condition, or if they should get tested for COVID-19.

2. My child has a runny nose, what should I do?

If your child's only symptom is a runny nose, you should keep your child home and monitor their symptoms as you would in any other year. When they feel better, they are ready to go back to school/child care and no COVID-19 testing is needed. If they get worse or develop other symptoms, you should contact their health care provider for more advice. Mild symptoms known to persist in young children (e.g., runny nose) may be ongoing at time of return to school/child care if other symptoms have been resolved.

3. Who in my family needs to be tested along with my child?

If your child has been identified as needing a test and everyone else in the family is well, no testing of other family members is needed. If your child tests positive for COVID-19, the local public health unit will contact you/your child and make a plan for additional testing of all close contacts.

4. Do I need a note from a doctor before my child goes back to school/child care or a copy of a negative test result?

No, you do not need a note from your doctor or proof of a negative test before your child returns to school/ childcare.

5. I need more information to feel confident in my assessment, what do I do?

If you need additional information about COVID-19 or have a question specific to your child and their health, please contact your health care provider.