Our Lady of Providence Press

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Dear Families,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope that everyone had an enjoyable Christmas with family and friends. As we begin 2020, we look forward with hope and excitement to the upcoming year and what it might bring. We are filled with joy at the arrival of the Christ child and we look for ways to keep His love alive in our hearts and in our lives.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Advent Collection of Caring and book drive to support the St. Vincent de Paul Society and our neighbours in need! Your generous donations will surely make a difference in the lives of others!

After the holidays, it is nice to get back to routine and structure to ensure continued success for our children. Just a reminder that report cards will be going home February 7th. This is a great time to set new goals and communicate with your child(ren) and their teacher(s) to set out strategies to meet those goals.

May God continue to bless you all with good health, happiness, and peace throughout this year.

Peter Marchand
Principal

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Thank you Lord for giving me the brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should for each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom that I may help a friend.
Give me strength and courage so a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty, help me fill it with good things,
So that each new day is filled with joy and the happiness it brings.
Amen.

Important January Dates

First Day Back to School.....6
Pizza Day.....9
Parent Council Meeting 6—7 PM.....14
Gr 8 Student & Parent Info Night @ SJC 6:00 PM.....15
Hot Dog Day.....16
PA Day.....20
Boston Pizza Lunch.....23
Line Dancing Fundraiser 6:30—8:30 PM.23
La Bottega Lunch.....30
'AAAA' Basketball @ Holy Trinity.....30

Important February Dates

Pizza Day.....6
Term 1 Report Card.....7
Hot Dog Day.....13
Family Day—No School.....17
Swiss Chalet Lunch.....20
Shrove Tuesday.....25
Ash Wednesday.....26
Pita Pit Lunch.....27
Lunch Box Day—Swiss Chalet.....28

School Bell Times

Yard Supervision Begins	**8:30 AM**
Instructional Block	**8:45 AM — 10:25 AM**
First Nutrition Break	**10:25 AM — 11:05 AM**
Instructional Block	**11:05 AM — 12:45 PM**
Second Nutrition Break	**12:45 PM — 1:25 PM**
Instructional Block	**1:25 PM — 3:05 PM**
Dismissal	**3:05 PM**

Outdoor Supervision

A reminder that there is no supervision outside before 8:30 AM or after 3:05 PM, with the exception of bus supervision.

Kindergarten will go directly into their play area in the morning, under the supervision of staff.

All visitors are also reminded to please sign in at the office upon entering the school. Thank you.

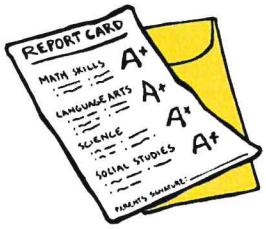
INCLEMENT WEATHER

Our Lady of Providence is designated **ZONE 4.** This means if bus transportation is cancelled in Zone 4, then the school is closed for **ALL** students. There is one exception – when transportation is cancelled due to extreme cold weather which makes the operation of busses difficult and the wait times for students for the bus problematic. In this situation, schools and school facilities would remain open to staff and students.

Decisions to cancel or delay transportation will be made prior to 6:30 AM. Please check the Board website (www.bhncdsb.ca), Twitter (**@bhncdsb** or **@olopcatholic**) or listen to Jewel 92 (92.1 FM).

You can also visit the transportation website at www.stsbhn.ca and sign up for direct e-mail notifications of any bus delays or cancellations!

REPORT CARDS



First term report cards will be sent home with your child(ren) on **Friday, February 7, 2020.** Please take some time to review the report card with your child(ren) and comment on the third page of the report. This is a great opportunity for your child to set some goals for the remainder of the school year! Please note that interviews were held with the progress reports in November, however, you may request a meeting with your child(ren)'s teacher(s) at any time.

COLD-WEATHER INFORMATION

Recesses will be outdoors unless outdoor temperatures fall below -20°C (including windchill) then, in accordance with Board policy & guidelines, OLOP students will have indoor recess. Please ensure that your child(ren) have appropriate clothing to enjoy our Canadian winter! Students should come to school with boots, hats, mittens/gloves and proper outerwear, such as snowpants and a winter jacket. We also encourage parents to send an extra pair of socks, pants and mittens/gloves, which can be kept in your child(ren)'s backpack or cubby, in case they get wet during outdoor recess. **Please remember to label your child(ren)'s belongings** so if they are misplaced, they can be returned to their rightful owner! Also, a reminder that students who are not well enough to play outdoors during nutritional breaks should remain at home until they feel well enough to participate in a full school day.

ALLERGY ALERT

Just a reminder that we are a **peanut/tree nut safe** school. We have students and staff with severe, life-threatening allergies to **peanuts and tree nuts**. Also, please note that the use of peanut butter substitutes (e.g., Wow Butter) is **not permitted** as it is difficult for staff to monitor and may cause anxiety for those with a life-threatening allergy. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping to keep ALL of our kids safe!

SMOKE-FREE ONTARIO ACT

Please note that the Smoke-Free Ontario Act prohibits smoking and vaping on school grounds and in public areas within 20 metres of any point on the perimeter of school property.

LOTTERY CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all who supported our lottery calendar fundraiser! Through your participation, we have raised over $5000 to support student learning at OLOP! These funds will be used to purchase additional laptops for student use. Names of winners are posted daily on our school website and Twitter.

CHRISTMAS TOYS

With Christmas having passed, many students received some very special gifts from Santa and are excited to play with them! Please be reminded that students are discouraged from bringing personal items (i.e., toys, "stuffies", electronics, etc.) to school, unless directed by a teacher to do so (i.e., for "show and share"). These items can be a distraction to student learning as well as end up lost or damaged. If your child(ren) chooses to bring toys to school, we can assume no responsibility for these items.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

New Kindergarten registrations for the 2020 – 2021 school year begin this month!. If you know of any other families with Kindergarten-aged children who will be attending Our Lady of Providence next year, please let them know to register! For Junior Kindergarten, children must be 4 years old by December 31, 2020 and for students registering in Senior Kindergarten, they must be 5 years old by December 31, 2020.

WHEN CAN I REGISTER MY CHILD?

Registration for Kindergarten takes place during the months of January and February at all BHNCDSB elementary schools. Families do have the opportunity to register up to September for Kindergarten, however it greatly assists the school with planning and organizing for the coming year when students are registered early.

HOW DO WE REGISTER?

The Board's Kindergarten registration process is online. In order to complete the online registration there are some documents that you will need to have ready to upload. We recommend either scanning or taking an image of the documents in advance of beginning the registration process. If you are unable to create electronic copies of the documents, you can still complete the online registration process and then provide the original documents to the school to be photocopied at a later date.

What documents do I need?

- Birth certificate or proof of Canadian citizenship or permanent residence status (citizenship documentation, permanent resident card or record of landing).
- Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate or, if your child is not baptized, the Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate of the parent(s) or guardian(s).
- Proof of home address (e.g., a rental/lease agreement, utility bill, proof of purchase, etc.).

Where do I go to register?

- Prepare electronic copies of the required documents and visit www.catholiceducation.ca to register.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office at 519-758-5056.

LINE DANCING FUNDRAISER EVENING

A reminder to save the date and dust off your dancing shoes! OLOP students and families are invited to join us on **Thursday, January 23, 2020** for an evening of line dancing! This fun-filled event will be hosted by the energetic Joan Minnery to support the Grade 8 Ottawa trip. There will be two sessions for students and families: Session 1 is 6:30—7:30 PM and session two will run 7:30—8:30 PM. Admission is $5 per person per session and there will be water and popcorn for sale. Due to the pace of instruction, this event is recommended for students in Grades 4 and up. Students in attendance must be accompanied by an adult. A reminder that proper footwear is required to participate. We hope to see you out for this fun-filled evening—yee-haw!

COMING SOON...

LAURA SECORD
CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

WHEN
January 31 — February 14

KICK-OFF ASSEMBLY January 31
CHOCOLATES GO HOME: January 31
MONEY AND UNSOLD CHOCOLATE RETURN BY February 14

More details to come.....

NEW THIS YEAR- LARGER BARS!

NEW FLAVOURS!

GET STOCKED UP FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

DONATION OPTION

BENEFITING OLOP STUDENTS

PRIZES

OUR LADY OF PROVIDENCE SCHOOL