



Resurrection Catholic Elementary School



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Principal's Message



We are officially underway for our 2022-2023 school year! While the last few weeks have been busy as we ensured everyone was organized, we are now confident that we have effective systems in place at Resurrection School to support our families and our students. There are bound to be hiccups and learning points along the way, but we have a good foundation in place. Thank you for your support as we have worked out the kinks! This year, our Board spiritual theme is "We are many, we are one" which rests on the Bible verse of Romans 12:5. In our unity, we celebrate our uniqueness, our true colours, our diversity—that we are all created by God. At Resurrection this message aligns with our messaging from past years which is founded on the idea of School Family. As a staff, we will continue to help our students understand this message and find ways to engage them in experiences that help this theme come alive for them. To further help our students adopt the values of our Catholic faith, we will continue to promote Resurrection's BIG 3—Is it Safe? Is it Kind? Is it Respectful?

A positive partnership between school and home is essential in helping our students to reach their full potential. We appreciate your assistance at home in helping us instill these values and for supporting us and collaborating with us when our children venture off of the intended path. It is important to keep the lines of communication open at all times.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself should you have any questions or concerns at any point in the school year. Please sign up to receive informational updates on our school website: www.resurrectionbrantford.ca and follow us on Twitter@rescatholic where we will celebrate all the wonderful things that are certain to happen this year at Resurrection.

Wishing you all a wonderful Thanksgiving!
Mrs. Shelley Callender
Principal

Co-ed Soccer Tournament

On Monday, September 26th, our junior and senior co-ed soccer teams participated in the Brantford A Division soccer tournament at John Wright field. Congratulations to our junior team who finished in second place. The senior team showed great teamwork on and off the field and represented our school well. A huge thank you to coaches Miss Citino and Mr. Codispodi.

Junior team members: Evelyn, Makenna, Emmy, Layla, Adrianna, Natalina, Isla, Corwyn, Hudson, Ryan, Tyler, Lucas, Lincoln, Yiorgo and Anthony.

Senior team members: Cameron, Nicolas, Liam, Juliana, Brooklynn, Jocelyn, Connor, Josiah, Brooklyn, Abbie, Nathaniel, Emory, Alianna, Juliet, Rachel, Katelyn

School Council 2022-2023

Our first council meeting was held on Wednesday, September 28th. Thank you to all who attended. As a result of the meeting, we now have the following parents in elected positions for 2022—2023 school year:

Chair—Laura Dickson
Secretary—Kari Slade
Treasurer—Rebecca Johnson



We Scare Hunger: Donations Needed

St. Vincent DePaul Society has an immediate need for all manner of personal care items and food for our neighbours in need. Donations will be accepted starting Monday, October 4th.

Personal Care Items: Toilet Paper, Shampoo, Deodorant, Kleenex, Razors, Body Wash, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Hand Soap

Food Items: Canned food containing protein (peanut butter, canned meat & fish, beans, lentils)



Parish Information



St. Pius X Parish Community
9 Waverly Street, Brantford
Pastor: Fr. Stephen Murrin
Youth Minister: Andrew Beach
519.753.8439
www.stpius.ca



School Bell Times

First Bell.....8:45 am
First Break 10:25 am to 10:45 am
Lunch Break 12:45 pm to 1:05 pm
Dismissal Bell3:05 pm

Absent/Late Students



If your child will be absent or late for school please call the office at **519.752.5900**
(24 hour voicemail)

Resurrection Website

www.resurrectionbrantford.ca

There are many items you can find on the Resurrection website including:



School Newsletters & Calendars
Information on Events
School Bell Times

Board Website

www.bhncdsb.ca



Please view the Board's website for important information. The website includes calendars, Board policies and much other useful information.

Join Us on Twitter

See what is happening at Resurrection School!
Follow us on twitter at
[@rescatholic](https://twitter.com/rescatholic)

World Teacher's Day—October 5

Thank you to all of our teacher's who put in countless hours for our students.



Early Childhood Educator Day—October 18



Thank you to Mrs. Cottrill for your dedication and compassion toward our children's development.

Fall Frenzy—October 20

Our School Council is hosting the Fall Frenzy Family Fun Night on Thursday, October 20th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Come dressed in your costumes and get ready to play games, bid on items in the silent auction, visit the Haunted House and enjoy visiting with other families from the community. We will have food available for purchase. We hope you can make it!



Wear Purple Day—October 27

On October 27th we invite students to wear purple to school to promote child abuse prevention awareness.



Hallowe'en —October 31

We will be having a Hallowe'en Parade at approximately 9 am on October 31st. The students and staff will be walking around the neighbourhood. All students in grades JK—8 participate. If it is a rainy day, the parade takes place in the gym. Parents are welcome. Children are to wear their costumes to school. Costumes must not conflict with our Catholic values. No blood, weapons or gore are to be worn at school. Violent accessories such as knives, guns, spears and swords are not permitted at school. Masks can be worn during the parade as long as they don't obstruct a student's ability to see but they must be set aside for the remainder of the day. Costumes are to be modest and school appropriate. Following the parade, students will return to their rooms for Halloween themed learning activities and a party. This is an official treat day but please remember we are a nut safe school.



Pumpkin Carving Contest

On the morning of October 31st, families are invited to bring their carved pumpkin to the front of the school. Three tables will be set up and pumpkins will be separated into three categories: Scary, Funny and Creative. During the day, children will come to view the pumpkins and will choose their favourite in each category. The family that wins each category will get a \$25 Food Basics/Metro Gift Certificate. (Please make sure the scary ones aren't too scary and are in alignment with our Catholic values. Please keep in mind our young audience—some being only 3 and 4 years old). Thank you.



Krispy Kreme

Back by popular demand. It's that time of year again, we are getting back to regular fundraising activities! Money raised from the Krispy Kreme fundraiser will go directly to bussing costs for any field trip your child goes on. More information in the coming weeks. Thank you for your anticipated support.



Rainy Day Procedures



On rainy or inclement weather mornings, please continue with the morning routine of entering the school through your designated doors. Kindergarten students will continue to enter through the side Kindergarten door and all other students will enter through their designated playground doors. Parents and students should refrain from entering through the main front doors. If you need your child, or a teacher, Mrs. Murphy or Mrs. Callender will be glad to assist. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Peanut & Tree Nut Aware and Educated Zone



A reminder to all families that lunches may not contain any of the following ingredients: peanuts, peanut butter, tree nuts, other nuts (or any items made with these items or their oils). We have students and staff with anaphylaxis (a life-threatening allergic condition) who cannot be exposed to these food products. Please continue to vigilant in checking the ingredients list for processed foods (e.g. cereals, granolas). Many contain trace amounts of these ingredients—which could be fatal to our students. **A special thank you to all our families for working together in this endeavor.**

Contacting a Staff Member/Leaving a Message

If you would like to speak with a staff member, please choose one of the following methods:

Write an e-mail asking the staff member to contact you.

Call the school phone number and if the teacher is not available, you may leave a message or your phone number to receive a return phone call.

Dropping Off Items for Students

Our children sometimes forget things at home or in the car on their way to school. Items dropped off for students (forgotten lunch etc.) must be done so through our contactless drop-off bin. It is located within the front door of the school. Please buzz the office and Mrs. Murphy will give you further instructions. Once you leave your items, that student will be called down to retrieve it at the next scheduled nutritional-break.

Hot Lunch Orders

<https://bhncdsb.schoolcashionline.com>

Hot lunch orders (pizza, pasta, subs, etc.) are only available for purchase online through School Cash Online. This way we are helping the environment by using less paper and we are creating a safer school by having less money in the school.

Please visit our website for hot lunch dates.



COVID Screening—When to keep your child home?

Not sure when to keep your child home if they have cold/covid symptoms? The best answer to this question is to continue to take the COVID screening. Based on your answers to the questions you may still receive the red X warning of 'Do not go to school', however, if you read below the warning it will give you next steps:

Next steps:

- Contact the school or child care to let them know that you will not be coming in today.
- *You should stay home (self-isolate) until your symptom(s) have been improving for at least 24 hours (48 hours if you had nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea) and you do not have a fever.*
- Retake this screening every day before you go to school or child care.

Returning to school or child care

You can return to school or child care if your symptoms started improving for at least 24 hours (48 hours if you had nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea), you do not have a fever and as long as you do not develop any additional symptoms.

[COVID-19 school screening \(ontario.ca\)](#)

Self-Regulation

A big focus for our staff learning over the last couple of years has been on the process of Self-Regulation. Self-Regulation helps us reframe behaviour and see children differently as they experience various stressors in their lives.

[infosheet_SelfRegParents.pdf \(self-reg.ca\)](#)



St. Pius X Parish News

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Children Not Yet Baptized—If you have a child you would like to have Baptized, please call the Church Office. Baptisms take place monthly, except during Lent. If your child is over the Age of Reason (around age 7, or they've already completed grade 2), they will need to go through a special preparation process and will celebrate all three Sacraments of Initiation at once. If you or your child are interested in this program, please contact Andrew Beach at the Church Office as soon as possible at 519-753-8439 or pastoralassociate@stpiusbrantford.ca. This preparation journey typically begins in late November.



Confirmation

Our Confirmation program is open to students in grades 7 and above. Registrations are due by October 5th and can be completed directly through our website at

stpiusbrantford.ca/confirmation-registration/

The preparation process begins on October 11th and Confirmation will take place on December 9th.

First Communion/First Reconciliation

First Communion and First Reconciliation preparation will begin in January for all students grades 2 and above who have not yet received these sacraments. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, January 17th at 6:30 pm for you and your child. Registrations for both sacraments open on October 11th and more details will be sent home later this month.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Our Youth Ministry program is currently on hiatus after a pause during the course of the pandemic. We are hopeful it will be able to return in the months to come.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Annual Fall and Christmas Bazaar—after a 2 year pause, the Catholic Women's League will be holding their annual Bazaar on Saturday, November 12th from 9:00 am—2:00 pm in the Church Hall. Come find great deals, or enjoy some delicious foods from the deli or the backed goods table.

Police Clearance Checks

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 as long as Declarations are provided. **Online AODA training also required.** Visit the school office for details.

Unfortunately, volunteers are not needed at this time.



Parking on Ravenwood Road

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. Also, please do not park in the townhouse parking lot across the street.

Please ensure that you do not block the driveways of our neighbours as we have received some complaints in this regard in the past.



The parking lot is reserved for staff only.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION:

**WE ARE
MANY,
WE ARE
ONE**



"We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members, one of another."
(Romans 12:5)

We are Many, We are One Prayer

We are many, we are one; we all form one body in Christ.

Lord, when we see the one before us, let us reverence your presence within; when we listen to one another, let us hear with our hearts; When we reflect on each encounter, may we discern to understand; when we learn from those around us, let us respect our differences with joy; and when we act, may we be kind and generous to all, for each person is a member of your body, with all that they are. We are many, we are one.

Amen

Resurrection School



October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 	3 Day 5 St. Vincent de Paul collection starts	4 Day 1 Grade 7 & 8 Immunization Clinic Pizza lunch 	5 Day 2  World Teacher Appreciation Day	6 Day 3 Subway lunch 	7 P.A. Day	8
9	10 Thanksgiving Day 	11 Day 4 Pizza lunch 	12 Day 5	13 Day 1 Lasagna/Pasta lunch 	14 Day 2	15
16	17 Day 3	18 Day 4 ECE Appreciation Day Pizza lunch 	19 Day 5 Mass at St. Pius X Parish (grades 1—8)	20 Day 1 Pace's Pasta lunch Fall Frenzy 5:30—7:30 pm 	21 Day 2 Wear Black & Orange Day	22
23	24 Day 3	25 Day 4 Cross Country Meet Pizza lunch 	26 Day 5	27 Day 1 Wear Purple Day Subway lunch 	28 Day 2 	29
30	31 Day 3 Wear your costume 					