



Resurrection

Catholic Elementary School

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Principal: Shelley Callender • Secretary: Mrs. Andrea Murphy



OCTOBER 2023

Principal's Message



We are officially underway for our 2023-2024 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 Called to Love" which rests on the Bible verse of "If we love one another, God lives in us." (1 John 4:12) 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

School Council 2023-2024

Our first council meeting was held on Wednesday, September 20th. Thank you to all who attended. As a result of the meeting, we now have the following parents in elected positions for 2023—2024 school year:

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



Co-ed Soccer Tournament

On Monday, September 25th, 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 and the senior team who made it to the semi-finals. Both teams showed great teamwork and sportsmanship on and off the field and represented our school well. A huge thank you to coaches Miss Citino and Mrs. Doucette.

Junior team members: Titus, Dante, Mason, Lincoln, Corwyn, Hudson, Yiorgo, Ethan, Aurora, Catherine, Natalina, Makenna, Emmy, and Isla.

Senior team members: Nathaniel, Adrianna, Abbie, Eva-Lyn, Anthony, Ryan, Josiah, Kian, Jonah, Juliet, Layla, Liam, Juliana, Lucas

No School—October 3 & 10th

There will be no school on Tuesday, October 3rd due to a P. A. Day and Monday, October 10th, school will be closed for Thanksgiving Day.



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

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 17



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

Fall Frenzy—October 26

Our School Council is hosting the Fall Frenzy Family Fun Night on Thursday, October 26th 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.

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.



We Scare Hunger: Donations Needed

This year we will be supporting The Friendship House, which is a Christian, non-denomination charity organization.

They rely on donations (monetary, food, clothing, etc.) and volunteers to run their organization. They provide breakfast and brunch to individuals or families who need some assistance or to the homeless. Other services include food bank days, free clothing for adults and children, housewares, hair cutting, take out meals as well as providing over 250 school lunches each week for hungry students who go to school without a lunch. They do provide Resurrection school with a few sandwiches, fruit and snacks each Monday to help top up lunches for our students.

We have reached out to the Friendship House to find out their greatest need at this time and they have responded with canned food items. This includes soup, fruit, vegetables, proteins, etc. Please send in your donations to make a difference and give back to our community. Thank you!



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.



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 itmes 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

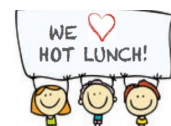
Our children sometimes forget things at home or in the car on their way to school. Items dropped off for students (forgotten lunch etc.) must be done so through our contactless drop-off bin. It is located within the front door of the school. Please buzz the office and Mrs. Murphy will give you further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

Hot Lunch Orders

[SchoolCashOnline.com: Welcome](https://www.schoolcashonline.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.



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.



St. Pius X Parish News

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Children Not Yet Baptized

If you have a child you would like to have Baptized, you can register right through our website at stpiusbrantford.ca/sacraments/baptism-registration. You can also fill out the forms at our Welcome Desk before or after Mass on the weekends, or drop by or 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 your child is interested in this program, please contact Andrew Beach at the Church Office as soon as possible at 519-753-8439 or pastoralassociation@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 9th and can be completed directly through our website at stpiusbrantford.ca/confirmation-registration/.

The preparation process begins with an enrollment at Mass and an initial meeting on October 15th, and Confirmation will take place on November 28th. The full schedule is available at the above link.

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 16th at 6:30pm for you and your child. Registrations for both sacraments open on October 3rd, and more details are available on our website at stpiusbrantford.ca/sacraments/first-communion/.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Annual Fall and Christmas Bazaar

The Catholic Women's League will be holding their annual Bazaar on Saturday, November 18th from 9:00am to 2:00pm in the Church Hall. Come find great deals, or enjoy some delicious foods from the deli or the baked 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.

VOLUNTEER

Parking on Ravenwood Road

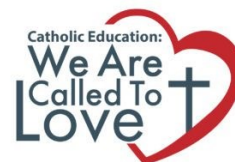
In order to ensure the safety of our children, parents/guardians are asked to **please obey traffic signs and to park on the street only where permitted.**

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.



God who is love,
Love is our calling, and the goal for which you have made us.
As we celebrate Catholic Education Week, may our love in action reveal to our world that we are people of justice and mercy.
May our daily words and example show clearly that we are people of faith and hope.
In the ways we reflect you daily, may everyone recognize us as people of joy.
Help us to never forget how much you love us, and to cherish your life within us, which gives energy and direction to our loving.
May we hear your call to love generously and inclusively, and may we call our world to be more loving also.
All of this we ask in the name of Jesus, our Friend and our Lord.

Amen.



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 | 2 Day 4 | 3 P. A. Day | 4 Day 5 | 5 Day 1 Teacher Appreciation Day  Subway lunch  | 6 Day 2 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 Thanksgiving Day  | 10 Day 3 Grade 7 & 8 Immunization Clinic Pizza lunch  | 11 Day 4 | 12 Day 5 Pace's Pasta  | 13 Day 1 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 Day 2 | 17 Day 3 ECE Appreciation Day Pizza Day  | 18 Day 4 | 19 Day 5 La Bottega lunch  | 20 Day 1 Spirit Wear Day—Wear red/black/spirit wear | 21 |
| 22 | 23 Day 2 | 24 Day 3 Pizza lunch  | 25 Day 4 Brant County Cross & Country Meet  | 26 Day 5 Subway lunch Fall Frenzy 5:30—7:30 pm  | 27 Day 1 Wear Purple Day  | 28 |
| 29 | 30 Day 2 Picture Re-take & Class Photos  | 31 Day 3 Halloween—Wear your costume Pizza Day  | | | | |
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