

# January 2025 Newsletter



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## Greetings St. Michael's families.

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I want to take this opportunity once again to thank you for welcoming me into the St. Michael's School community. The home-school partnership is so positive, and it is because of this that we have such a nurturing and supportive environment for student learning. It truly is a great place to learn. I wish you and your children continued success and happiness on your journey in education here at St. Michael's School. May your homes be filled with love and grace during this Christmas season, and wishing you all the best for the upcoming new year.

Respectfully yours,  
John McDermid,  
Principal

## Zone 1 Inclement Weather

In the event of weather that may affect school transportation, parents are asked to keep in mind the following information. St. Michael's School is a **Zone 1** school with Norfolk County schools. If bus transportation is cancelled in Zone 1 (as announced by local radio stations) St. Michael's School will be closed for students and staff. Decisions to cancel or delay transportation will be made prior to 6:30 a.m. and be announced prior to 6:45 a.m. Parents can access this information through the Board's website (under the Parents tab) or use the website [www.stsbhn.ca](http://www.stsbhn.ca). Parents can click on the "cancellations – closures or morning fog delays" icon. The website page also contains information on other sources of cancellation/delay information such as radio stations and television channels.



## Kindergarten Registration

From January 6th to February 21st please visit the School Board website at [www.bhncdsb.ca](http://www.bhncdsb.ca) to register your child online. Please call the School Board office at 519-756-6369, if you have further questions. Please spread the news of the registration to other families!!

- **Parish Information**
- **St. Michael's Catholic Church**
- **Parish Pastor:** Father Seejo John
- **Associate Pastor:** Father Steve Marsh
- **Masses:**
- Sat 5:00 and Sun 10:30 at Sacred Heart Langton
- Sun. 8:30 at St. Michael's

### Dressing For The Weather

Parents, please ensure that your child(ren) are coming to school dressed for the weather. Students are expected to wear a hat, mittens/gloves, and snow pants outside for recess, regardless of the grade they are in. The students will be going outside for at least part of the recess whenever the weather permits. An extra pair of socks may be beneficial to have at school on days when your child's feet get very wet. Thank you very much for your cooperation in helping to keep our children warm and dry this winter.



### Gr. 9 Open House at Holy Trinity

A Grade 9 Open House will be held on Thursday, January 16th at Holy Trinity from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All Grade 8 students and their parents are invited to attend and see what it is like to be a Holy Trinity Titan!!

### Report Cards

Report Cards will be sent home electronically on Monday, February 10th. Just a reminder to let the office know if there have been any changes to your email address.

### Book Fair News

Our first Beach Reads book fair was a great success!!! Thanks to the support from our community, I will be able to purchase some new books for our library for the students to enjoy. I would like to thank my parent volunteer Mrs. Adams for helping me run the book fair.

Mrs. Francis



### Legion Remembrance Day Contest

Congratulations to Riley B. who won third prize in the Intermediate Poem Contest for the Legion Contest. Thank you to everyone that participated.

## School Council

Thank you goes out to the Parent Council who generously supplied the Christmas Turkey Dinner from Kaley's Restaurant on December 19th for all of the staff and students to enjoy.

## Christmas Family Donations

Thank you to our school community who generously donated to our Family that we sponsored with the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We are very grateful knowing that we have helped a family in need have a nicer Christmas



## Senior Board Basketball Tournament

Good Luck to the Girl's and Boy's Basketball Teams who will have the chance to participate in the Board Tournament on Wednesday, January 29th at Holy Trinity. Thanks to Mr. Loncke for coaching the teams.



## Junior Board Basketball Tournament

Congratulations to the Junior Boy's Basketball Teams who participated in the Board Tournament on Friday, December 6th at Holy Trinity. Team members were: Tom W., Lincoln W., Matthew V., Harwin B., Dylan V., Jaxon F., Beau H., Bruno L., Sebastian C., and Axton P. Thanks to Mr. Loncke for coaching the team.

## Student of the Month

Congratulations to the following students who received the Student of the Month awards for November :

Catholic Leadership Award: Blake B., Leo P., Maci P., Alina R., and Bruce P.

Student of the Month Award: Andie F., Kayleigh V., Charlotte-Rose M., Etta W., Matthew O., and Matthew V.



## Health Unit News

If a child/student is having any of the following symptoms, they should automatically be excluded from attending:

Fever 38.0°C or higher – stay home until the fever is gone and feeling better for at least 24 hours

Respiratory symptoms that are new or unusual – stay home for 24 hours minimum (this includes cough, runny nose, nasal congestion, sore throat, and shortness of breath)

Gastro symptoms (e.g. nausea, vomiting, diarrhea) that are new or unusual – stay home for 48 hours after symptoms have stopped.

Pink Eye stay home for 24 hours after an antibiotic treatment.

## Dental and Vision Screening

The Haldimand and Norfolk Health and Social Services Team will be doing vision screening for the SK students on Wednesday, January 15th. The team will also be at the school on Thursday, January 16th doing dental screening for JK/SK, Grade 2 and 7 and some selected students in other grades. Just a reminder that if you do not want your child/ren to participate you must notify the Health Unit at 519-426-6170 extension 3293.

## Spirit Days

Spirit days for the month of January are:

January 8th—Warrior Wednesday

January 14th—Hawaiian Day

January 17th —Gum Day .25¢

January 22nd—Colour House Day

January 30th—Jersey Day



**JERSEY DAY**



## **A Prayer for the New Year**

Faithful Companion,  
In this new year I pray:  
To live deeply, with purpose,  
To live freely, with detachment,  
To live wisely, with humility,  
To live justly, with compassion,  
To live lovingly, with fidelity,  
To live mindfully, with awareness,  
To live gratefully, with generosity,  
To live fully, with enthusiasm.

~ J. Rupp

