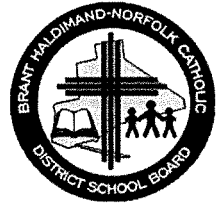


November 2025 Newsletter



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Remembrance Prayer for Children

We remember those who stood for love and truth, And thank you for the sacrifice they made for me and you.

Thank you that we can now enjoy peace and learn to love not fight,
Thank you that we can now sing and play, and not be scared or hide.
We pray for other countries where children live in fear, And there is war
and fighting and many are in tears.

Please help to make things better, and bring some peace to them.
Protect all those who try and help to make friends again.

Amen.

Remembrance Day

In honour of Remembrance Day, students and staff will be having a Remembrance Day service on Tuesday, November 11th. We also ask students and staff to dress in Red / White.

We will be accepting donations for the purchase of poppies through the Royal Canadian Legion.

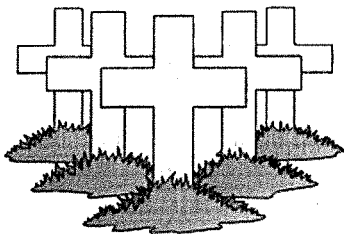
A special thank you to Liv C. and her family who will be laying the wreath for our school at the Port Rowan Legion Remembrance Day service on November 9th

Royal Canadian Legion Poster and Essay Contest

For those students who are entering posters and/or essays for the Legion Contest please have your entries back to the school on Wednesday, November 5th.

Reminder

Please note that Friday, November 14th is a PA Day for students. There will be no school or transportation that day.



Progress Reports and Interviews

Parish Information
St. Michael's Catholic Church

Parish Pastor: Father Seejo John

Masses:

Sacred Heart Langton
 Sat. 5:00 pm Sun. 10:30 am
 St. Michael's Sun. 8:30

Progress reports will be sent home electronically on Monday, November 3rd. Please make sure you have given us your correct email address as this is where the reports will be sent to you.

Interviews will be held Thursday, November 13th from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and on Friday, November 14th from 8:40 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. A note has been sent home to book your interview time with the teacher. **Times for the interviews will be sent home on November 3rd.**

Tips to Support Learning at Home

Being a good learner goes beyond learning in the classroom. There is so much learning that can happen at home and outside the classroom. By providing positive and daily learning experiences at school AND at home, we can help our students to become even better and more effective learners. Here are some tips that you can use at home:

1. Show an interest in their learning. Ask questions like, "What did you learn about today? What was your favourite thing about today? Tell me about a story you read in class today." Avoid asking questions that will just get a "yes" or "no" answer.
2. Make every day an opportunity to learn, even around your own home. Talk about new words, new things, what they see outside, and what you hear in the news that is relatable to them.
3. Encourage your child to investigate, discover and imagine.
4. Work and play together. Many family games and card games are very educational and fun!
5. Read with your child. Ask them to predict, explain new words, and to connect to their own experiences. Your child is never too young to do this with you!
6. Help them find math everywhere—in the kitchen, in the workshop, doing a home reno, driving time to visit family—numbers are everywhere!

Flag Football Tournament

Our School Flag Football Team participated in the Board Tournament on Wednesday, October 29th in Brantford. The team went undefeated and won the Norfolk A Division Championship. A very special thank you goes out to Mr. Loncke for spending many hours training and coaching the students for this event.

Team members included: Aubree A., Riley B., Mason B., Casey C., Olivia D., Cruz H., Brienna H., Kaiden K., Ford K., Loukas L., Matthew O., Levi O., Cylis P., Jordyn R., Liliana S, and Sebastian C.

Great job Warriors!

Spirit Day's at St. Michael's

Thank you to Madame Worden and students for organizing our monthly Sprit Days.

The following are the Spirit Day's for the month of November:

Tuesday, November 4th—Hat Day

Friday, November 7th—Gum Day

Tuesday, November 11th—Please wear red / white in honour of Remembrance Day

Wednesday, November 12th—Warrior Day Red / Black

Wednesday, November 19th—Teacher / Student Swap Day

Friday, November 21st—Gum Day

Thursday, November 27th—Jersey Day



Get creative and show your school spirit!!

Krispy Kreme Donut Fundraiser

Once again we will be having a Krispy Kreme Donut Fundraiser beginning on Monday, November 3rd. Profits from this will be put towards offsetting school trips/transportation, classroom/school enhancements, student activities/presentations and student and family needs.

There will be a limited of supply of donuts that can be ordered, so please get your orders in promptly.

All orders are due along with payment by Monday, November 19th. Donut pick up is scheduled for Thursday, November 27th from 2:00 to 4:30 and all day on Friday, November 28th. If these times change a notification will go home through school messenger.



Oral Health & Vision Screening

The Grand Erie Health Department will be coming to the school on Wednesday, November 19th to do Oral Health (JK, SK, Grade 2 and 7) and Vision Screening. (Senior Kindergarten) If you do not want your child to be screened, please contact the health unit at 519-900-9600 ext. 3293.

Check Your Child's Hair

You know the routine—it's that time of the year again. Check your children's hair at least twice a week, remind them not to share combs, hair bands, hats, scarves, and call the school if you notice a problem. Remember too, that if head lice is detected, you also need to treat your entire house— bedding, upholstery, any clothing that is pulled over the head, and anything that comes in contact with the hair. It's a big job, but it's necessary!

What you need to know about head lice!

Head lice is common in school aged children.

Head lice are tiny insects that live on the scalp.

They lay tiny eggs (nits) that turn into insects (lice) which are the size of a sesame seed.

Signs of lice: your child may have an itchy scalp and scratch their head.

How are lice spread: spread easily, especially with close play or sharing of objects like hats, helmets, and hairbrushes.

- If you discover that your child has head lice, tell the school and anyone who has had close contact with your child. Children with head lice should be treated and can attend school.
- Lice shampoo products have been shown to be the most effective method for getting rid of head lice.

There is no medical reason for excluding a child with head lice from school or child care.

For more information on identification or treatment of head lice visit www.caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/head_lice

Health and Social Services
Jederman and Norton



Lost and Found Items

We have some items in our Lost and Found bin in the school office. These items will be on display in the hallway during the Parent / Teacher Interviews on November 13th and 14th. Please stop by and claim any items that may belong to your child.

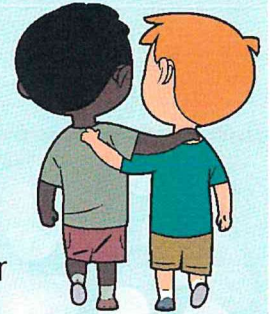


Reminder

Just a reminder to please let the office know if you have any changes to your email or phone numbers so we can keep our records up to date!! Thanks



How to Teach Your Child About Diversity and Inclusion



- 1. Lead by example:** Children learn by observing the behavior of the adults around them. Show your child how to be respectful, open-minded, and inclusive towards people who are different from them.
- 2. Discuss differences:** Encourage your child to ask questions about differences they observe in others, and help them understand that everyone is unique and special in their own way.
- 3. Read diverse books:** Read books that showcase a variety of cultures, families, and experiences. This can help your child understand and appreciate diversity.
- 4. Teach empathy:** Encourage your child to put themselves in someone else's shoes, and to understand and respect others' feelings and perspectives.
- 5. Encourage respect for all:** Teach your child to respect all individuals, regardless of their race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or abilities.
- 6. Encourage self-reflection:** Encourage your child to reflect on their own experiences and biases, and to continue learning and growing in their understanding of diversity and inclusion.
- 7. Model inclusive language:** Use inclusive language and avoid language that may be offensive or hurtful to others.
- 8. Address biases and prejudices:** If your child expresses biases or prejudices, address them openly and respectfully, and help them understand the harm these attitudes can cause.

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about healthy schools,
visit hnhu.org/schoolhealth

T is for... Tooth Brushing

Oral health is a key part of your child's overall health and well-being.

To help you ensure your child has healthy, strong teeth to last a lifetime, make regular tooth brushing a part of their daily routine.

Children should brush their teeth using fluoride toothpaste every morning before school and every night before bed. Remember that most children need help brushing their teeth until they can tie their own shoes.

For more information on your child's oral health, or how to access free dental programs, contact the Health Unit at 519-426-6170 or 905-318-6623 and enter extension 3293 or visit hnhu.org/dentalhealth.





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In Flander's Fields by John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

