



NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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JANUARY 2016

Dear God,

In winter time when nature seems to
 sleep and the world awaits the
 new life of spring,

I am reminded of Your patient love
 which always waits for my response.

Help me to learn the lessons of winter;
 to be patient with people who bother me,
 and wait my turn without complaining,
 accepting that Your timing may be
 different than mine.

Teach me to live in the Spirit of Jesus,
 Your Son, who with patient acceptance,
 carried out Your mission in the world.

Amen

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
 Wishing you and your family
 all the best in 2016!
 May God continue to bless our
 school community in the year ahead.

VIRTUE FOR JANUARY PATIENCE

Patience is quiet hope and trust that everything will turn out well, even when it is now difficult. To be patient is to be like God who never gives up calling us to love Him, and walk in His way. Patience is not just the ability to wait, rather, it is how we wait when we are asked to wait.

- ♥ We believe that God's timing may be different than ours.
- ♥ We wait our turn without complaining.
- ♥ We accept that everyone makes mistakes.
- ♥ We believe that it takes time for all things to reach their potential.



Please join us for our next
 Notre Dame Catholic School
 Parent Council meeting on
 Monday, January 18th
 7:00 p.m. in the Library

Everyone Welcome!

BUS CANCELLATIONS - SNOW DAYS

The Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board is committed to ensuring that all schools and worksites are open every instructional/operation day. On inclement weather days, schools will remain open when buses are canceled unless a school closure is announced. The Director of Education or designate is authorized to close schools should the inclement weather prevent students and staff from arriving to school safely. **It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to decide if they want their child(ren) to travel to school on inclement weather days when transportation is canceled.** Parents should continue to listen to local radio stations (CFOS 560 AM, MIX 106.5 FM & Country 93 FM) for bus cancellations and school closures.

Effective for the 2015/2016 school year on-line bus cancellations for Bruce & Grey Counties will be moving to: <https://www.mybrucegreyschoolbus.ca/Cancellations.aspx>. **Anyone can subscribe for email notifications for general notices, school closures and route cancellations & delays.** You must first confirm that you have a valid email address. To subscribe go to the above site, click on the "Subscriptions" icon, then click on "Subscribe". Enter your email address and press the "Subscribe" button. You will receive an email confirmation containing a link that you will need to click to complete the subscription process. Once you have confirmed your email address you will be able to login and select what you want to subscribe to and update your information (if necessary).

BUS SAFETY..... As we experience winter driving conditions the bus drivers need to ensure that they are able to focus on the traffic and road conditions. Students are reminded that they must be seated facing the front of the bus and not causing any commotion that may distract the driver.

SNOW SAFETY.....Please remind your child/ren of the dangers of high snow banks in regard to poor visibility and playing on them. The snowplow operators are concerned with children tunneling into snow banks, sliding down them onto the roadway or walking onto the roadway without looking for traffic. Please remind your children of these dangers.

WEATHER REMINDERS.....Students are reminded again of the potential hazards associated with the throwing of snowballs; we ask that parents/guardians take a few minutes to reinforce this lesson at home. A moment of "fun" can result in an injury which may last a lifetime. Our school supports a "**no snow throwing policy**" with disciplinary action taken if necessary.

GRADE 9 REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

Grade 8 Parent and Student Information Nights will be held at St. Mary's High School on **Thursday, January 14th and Tuesday, January 19th beginning at 7:00 PM.** (Inclement weather date—January 21st) All parents of grade 8 students are encouraged to attend one of these evening sessions to learn more about St. Mary's High School, programs, diploma requirements and course options. If you know of a current grade 8 student interested in coming to St. Mary's in September please pass this information along to them.

GRADE 8 ORIENTATION DAY

All grade 8 students will attend an Orientation Day at St. Mary's High School on **Wednesday, February 3rd, 2016** Students will have the opportunity to participate in several mini-classes. This will help them as they select their courses for the fall. Lunch will be provided.

**Alternate Weather date:
Friday, February 5th**



BUSSING DESIGNATIONS

Please note that the following buses are designated **IN TOWN BUSES** for the purposes of bus cancellations.

#823 #871 #875

#876 #878 #881 #899



All other buses are considered Rural Buses

When only In-Town buses are running, only the above noted routes will pick up students. Parents of students on rural buses deciding to bring their children to school will be responsible to pick those students up at the end of the day 3:20pm.

When in-town buses are running and your child will be absent from school or if your child normally walks to school and will be absent a phone call from a parent is expected in accordance with our Safe Arrival procedure.

519-371-0161

HOUR OF CODE

Students from Notre Dame Catholic School participated in the "Hour of Code" computer science program on December 7th. Many of our students joined millions of other students across the globe for an hour of coding!

On Friday, December 11th Holden Aguirre, Antonio Durward Valiente, Emily Fenton, Joey Gibbons, Dante Lambert, Noah Lundgren, Seth Montero, Jacob Roe, Pearson Roe, Anthony Rovers, Kaleigh Rovers, Corey Vaz, Rachel Wertheim and Justin White represented Notre Dame at St. Mary's HS where they participated in a variety of activities to celebrate the hour of code. Students were divided into small groups & were able to choose from a variety of coding activities. Our students enjoyed creating a robotic arm, making a retro-video game, writing electronic songs, and designing a code to be used in a Christmas card. One of the biggest highlights was watching a 3-D printer in action and video-calling other schools to compare coding creations. A big thank you to St. Mary's coding team for the pizza lunch.



Ski/Snowboard Program

Our skiing/snowboarding dates are:



Thursday, January 21st
Thursday, January 28th
Thursday, February 11th



Buses will leave Notre Dame at 3:30 pm
and will return at approximately 9:30 pm

Information packages were sent home this week
with grade 7 & 8 students.

PUBLIC SPEAKING INFORMATION

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 6
Public Speaking Competition
Sunday, February 21st, 2016

For more information and times
please contact
Sharon McGregor, Youth Education Chairman
519-376-3870



CONSIDER REMIND 101 TO KEEP INFORMED

Get immediate updates on your phone or computer regarding events and/or cancellations at Notre Dame Catholic School.

- * To receive messages via text on your phone, send a text to 587-316-5621 and type in the message **@notredame1**
- * To receive messages via email, send an email to **notredame1@mail.remind.com**

You can leave the subject blank.

Get reminders about Spirit Days, Class Trips, School Activities & Snow Days right to your phone!

PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE)

Parents should pay particular attention to the detection of head lice at this time of year. Parents are asked to check their child's hair regularly, treat infestations as required and notify the school immediately upon detection. For more information on detection, treatment, and a video, please go to:

www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca

...under quick links, click on "Child & Family Health"
...click on Preschool & School Aged Children on left side of screen.
...under 'Parenting Information' click on head lice

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Children thrive on routine because it gives them a sense of control and security in their lives. As parents we can offer great benefits to our children by providing routines, setting limits and ensuring there is structure to our family commitments and obligations. When we model these actions to our children they learn organizational skills that will help them as they move into adulthood and take control of their own lives

(Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988, x 2250)

New Year. New Goals. New Possibilities!

Our Homework Help Tutors are back online and eager to help students through their math dilemmas!

Whether it's reviewing for a test or challenging their minds, **Homework Help** is here to support all of their learning goals.

Registering students for FREE math tutoring:

- * Provide your students with their OEN nos. and the weblink www.tvo.org/homeworkhelp
- * Watch the step-by-step registration video
- * Book a FREE virtual walk-through of the Ask A Tutor Chat with a Homework Help team member!

Email homeworkhelp@tvo.org for more details.

REMINDER

Grade 7 & 8 Muskoka Woods trip
March 2nd, 3rd & 4th
Cost \$300.00

First payment \$100 now due (non refundable)
Balance \$200 due February 5th

While on this trip, students will have the opportunity to develop their leadership, problem solving and teamwork skills. The philosophy of the camp is to promote a healthy active lifestyle and to encourage full participation in a safe, caring environment.

New Orleans' pizza card fundraiser was sent home with students this week. Cards sell for \$10. For each card sold, \$10 goes directly to your child's portion of this trip.... 100% profit.

Grey Bruce Youth Film Festival 2016 Call for Submissions!

Enter for a chance to see your film on the big screen at the Owen Sound Galaxy Cinema, and a chance to win \$150.

Short animated or live action films of a maximum of 10 minutes in length from students in grades 7 through 12 are eligible. Applications are available from the Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library or download from the library's website:

www.owensound.library.on.ca

Deadline for submissions is April 1, 2016. Selected films will be shown at a festival screening at the Galaxy Cinema on April 27th, 2016. Winners will be selected by a panel of judges and announced after the screening.

For more information , please contact Youth Services Librarian, Nadia Danyluk at 519-376-6623 ext 4 or ndanyluk@owensound.library.on.ca

Visit
our
website!



<http://ndm.bgcdsb.org>

Grey NCB Recreation Funding And Good Food Box

Help with recreation program fees and equipment cost for activities such as swim lessons, soccer, music lessons, hockey, camp, school electives, fitness memberships, baseball, etc.

and

The Good Food Box Program

available for families in Grey County and The City of Owen Sound with a family income below \$40,000.

Maximum subsidy \$200 per child per year.
For more information call 519-371-8627.
Administered by the Owen Sound Family Y
Funded by The County of Grey

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Feb 1st - BGCDSB Int Boys' Volleyball @ SHHS Feb 3rd - Grade 8 Orientation @ SMHS Feb 4th - PD Day - No School Feb 11th - Ski/Snowboard trip 3:30 - 9:30 pm Feb 12th - Gr 8 Course Option Forms due Feb 15th - Family Day Feb 18th - BGCDSB Chess @ Mother Theresa					1	2
3	4	5	6 PIZZA DAY	7	8	9
10	11 SUB DAY	12	13 PIZZA DAY	14 GR 8 PARENTS' INFO NIGHT @ SMHS 7pm	15	16
17	18 PARENT COUNCIL MTG @ 7pm	19 GR 8 PARENTS' INFO NIGHT @ SMHS 7pm	20 PIZZA DAY	21 Gr 7/8 SKI & SNOWBOARD TRIP 3:30 - 9:30 PM	22	23
24 31	25 SUB DAY	26	27 PIZZA DAY	28 BGCDSB JR VOLLEYBALL SHHS Gr 7/8 SKI & SNOWBOARD TRIP 3:30 - 9:30 PM	29 BGCDSB INT GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL SHHS	30