

Message from the Administrator



Have a **FAITH** filled year in our school



BISHOP BELLEAU SCHOOL

Belleau Beacon

Theme for September
Faith

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I would like to welcome everyone back to another wonderful year at Bishop Belleau School. First off let me extend a warm welcome to our two new staff members, **Ms. Vickery** in JK/SK, and **Ms. Gaudreau** in grade 2/3, we give them a big welcome. Also as many of you already know, while the school board continues the search for a full time principal after Mrs. Pilgrim's retirement, I (Mr. Hough) will be serving as the acting administrator. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns during this time.

Some important dates and events I would like to share with you this month are our **OPEN HOUSE and WELCOME BBQ**. Both of these events are happening on Thursday Sept. 22nd from 5 to 7pm. We invite

you to stop by and meet your child's teacher, visit their classroom, and have a BBQ'd snack with them.

On Sept. 29th our school will be celebrating **this year's first Mass**, with the virtue of **Faith** at 10:00 am at Christ the King Church, and we invite you to join us.

On Sept. 19th we will begin our first Scholastic **BOOK FAIR** with a wide variety of books, resources, posters, and school supplies. Our fair will run the entire week in our library and we invite you in to browse and purchase items to further your child's education and to support our library resources.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that due to School Board bus policy we are only able to pick up and drop off

students at one location and cannot make changes without written notice 3 days in advance. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

Also, I would like to remind everyone of the dates for **Hunt Break** this year, the last day of school will be Friday, October 7th and we start school again on Tuesday, October 18th.

In all, September will be a very busy month and we wish everyone a happy and successful start to the new school year!

"With God we make a difference"

Sincerely,

Heath Hough, Acting Administrator

POWER Failure

When the power fails without notice, our school needs to close down as we have no heat, lights, water or bathrooms. However, we cannot contact you by phone as our phones will not work either

so the school bus will drive our bus students home and ensure that an adult is present at the home before the child is left off.

Hydro One informs everyone

when the power is to be off for a long period of time. Please do not send your child to school if the power is to be off for the day.
Thank you.

Important Reminder

Students should not arrive before 8:30 in the morning and 12:35 in the afternoon as there is no scheduled supervision before these times.

Communication Protocol

Whom to Contact - Knowing whom to contact at Bishop Belleau School (or the Board Office) is important in order to deal effectively with a concern.

First - Contact your child's teacher. Most situations are resolved at this level. Throughout the school year, take advantage of opportunities to talk with your child's teacher (s).

Next - Contact the principal if a solution is not reached with the

teacher or if you have questions or concerns of a more general nature related to school operations, then contact the Superintendent of Education, Tricia Stefanik Weltz, if the situation is still not resolved.

Leave a message with the Superintendent's secretary, Judy Piche, at 1-877-422-9322 ext. 3210 (toll free) and the Superintendent will get back to you as quickly as possible.

Finally - If it is a serious issue that cannot be resolved by talking to the above people, please put your concerns in writing to the Superintendent of Education at the Board Office so the matter can be investigated in the appropriate way. The address of the new school board is:

Northeastern Catholic District School Board
101 Spruce St. N.
Timmins, ON P4N 6M9



School News...

Welcome Back/Open House BBQ:

There will be a welcome back and open house BBQ for all students and parents on Thursday, Sept. 22 at 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Scholastic Book Fair: The book fair will be held from Sept. 12 to Sept. 16.

School Mass: The opening school Mass will be held on Thursday, Sept. 29 at 10:00 a.m. at Christ the King Church. Everyone is welcome!

JK/SK Class: The JK/SK students are beginning to learn the routines of the classroom. The children look forward to centre time each day (sand table and house centre are favourites!) The class is learning a new letter of the alphabet and the sound it makes each week. We are also examining the natural world around us in science. We will learn about some of the seasonal changes happening in our

environment. Our cooking skills will also be put to the test when we make apple sauce later this month!

Gr. 2/3 Class: The students in the grade 2/3 class are currently learning about growth and changes in animals in science. The students are encouraged to bring in any pictures or crafts created from animal products to share with the class. The students have also been working hard creating and learning about patterns in their math class. The students are looking forward to learning about healthy eating habits and the treats they will be making in class in the coming weeks.

Gr. 7/8 Fundraising: Stay tuned for other fundraising activities in the near future.

Snack Shack: The Snack Shack started Tuesday, September 6 run by Miss Mueller's Gr. 7/8 class selling healthy snacks.

Cree Language Class-JK/SK: The students will be given the opportunity to greet and respond in Cree; be able to use the personal pronouns "me & you" op jp ; their name, teacher's name and animate nouns

Bell Schedule

8:45 a.m. Students enter school; school begins

10:05 a.m. Recess

10:20 a.m. Recess ends

11:40 a.m. Lunch

12:55 p.m. Students enter school; classes resume for the afternoon

2:15 p.m. Recess

2:30 p.m. Recess ends

3:30 p.m. End of the school day

Allergy Alert



Dear Parents:

Once again we would like to bring to your attention that some children in our school have severe allergies to certain products such as peanuts, nuts, peanut oil or flour, peanut butter, eggs, latex and shellfish, could trigger life threatening reactions also known as "Anaphylactic" reactions. The most common allergens are often hidden in food where you would least expect it. Food manufacturers sometimes use these products as fillers or substitute for taste.

Prevention, of course, is the best approach when dealing with ANAPHYLACTIC reactions to food. We ask for your cooperation in this effort by ensuring your child/children do not bring food containing any allergens mentioned above at school. Please speak with your child/children about the seriousness of this condition as well as the dangers of sharing food with other students.

If your pupil has a health problem of any kind, please inform the school staff immediately so the necessary precautions may be taken.

Let's continue to strive towards a contaminant free school by participating in this effort. Your commitment is very important to us.

Sincerely,

Heath Hough, Acting Administrator

Foods that Can Cause Allergic Reactions

Any food can cause a reaction in someone. But certain foods do cause problems more frequently than others:

- Milk
- Nuts
- Fish
- Wheat
- Eggs
- Berries



Allergy Alert

Seeds

Sesame
Cottonseed
Caraway
Mustard
Flaxseed
Poppyseed
Psyllium
Sunflower

Legumes

Peanuts

Nuts

Brazil
Black walnuts
Pecans
Hazelnuts
Hickory
Pistachios
Chestnuts
English walnuts
Almonds
All Fish
Shellfish
Lobster

Chickpeas
Pinto Beans
Soybeans
Kidney Beans

Crab
Other

Source: [Living with Your Allergies and Asthma](#), Theodore Berland, Lucia Fischer, PAP, M.D.

Students have already been identified as having these allergies: Amoxicillin, Kiwi, Mango, Penicillin, Septra, Pecan Nuts, Wasp, Dust, Pollen, Mould, Cats, Dogs, Peanuts, Peanut Butter, Eggs, Lactose Intolerant, Sensitivity to perfumes or air fresheners.