



ST LEO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

233 MEMORIAL DRIVE, BRANTFORD ON, N3R 5T2

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Dear St. Leo School Families,

As Advent begins; we joyfully prepare, wait in hopeful anticipation, and celebrate the story of the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. As a Catholic school community, we are excited to share our faith stories through our daily instruction and preparatory activities. We encourage our students and their families to volunteer, spend some extra time in prayer, speak kindly to strangers, go to Church and share hope with those who need it most.

For the month of December, our students will live out the Catholic Social teaching of preferential option for the poor and vulnerable. We are encouraging our students to think more about what they will give than what they will get during this Christmas season. Our Social Justice efforts will include the collection of food, gift cards and new hats/mitts for our Tree of Warmth. We will also be collecting donations of clean, gently used outerwear for sharing within the community, Society of St. Vincent DePaul and Nova Vita. This is an opportunity for all our students to action our call to love, serve and care for one another in our faith journey.

We know it can be hard to send your little ones with these items so want you to know that we will have collection boxes ready for your donations at our Christmas Open House on December 13th from 5:30 – 7:30. Our staff, students and Parent Council have been busy preparing for this wonderful opportunity to celebrate, come together and enjoy in the fellowship of our community during the Christmas season. We hope to see all our families on this special occasion, let's fill our school with fellowship and love.

God Bless you and your family at this most special time of year!

Principal

Mrs. Szoke

BELL TIMES

Morning Bell 8:45am

First Nutrition Break 10:25am-11:05am

Second Nutrition Break 12:45pm-1:25pm

Dismissal 3:05pm

If your child will be absent from school
please [Email](#) or Phone: 519-759-3314.

QUICK LINKS

- [COVID Screening Tool](#)
- [Bussing Updates](#)
- [School Calendar](#)
- Inclement Weather Announcements

Twitter: [@stleocatholic](#)

Board Website: www.bhncdsb.ca

School Website: www.stleobrantford.ca



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ST LEO EVENTS CALENDAR

DEC 4 | Advent Liturgies Week #1
DEC 5 | Parent Council MTG
DEC 7 | Advent Mass 1:40 @ St. Leo
DEC 7 | Chocolate Bar Fundraiser Closes
DEC 11 | Advent Liturgies Week #2
DEC 13 | 5:30-7:30 Christmas Open House
DEC 18 | Advent Liturgies Week #3
DEC 18 | Christmas Hat Day
DEC 19 | Christmas Socks Day
DEC 20 | Christmas Lunch (SCO)
DEC 20 | Scarf Day
DEC 21 | Sweater Day
DEC 22 | PJ's Day
DEC 22 | Last Day of School for '23
DEC 25—JAN 5 Christmas Break
JAN 5 First Day of School for 2024

*"for to you is born this day in the city of
David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."*

Luke 2:11 (RSVCE)



LATE ARRIVALS, EARLY PICK UP TIMES AND SPECIAL DISMISSAL INFORMATION

- We are seeing a large increase in regular late arrivals.
Please do your best to arrive on time before the bell rings at 8:45.
- Special Dismissal Information:
EMAIL your child's teacher and include the secretary in the email.



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A Christmas Message from our Parish Staff

In the season of Advent, we prepare our hearts to welcome the Lord at Christmas. In the weeks ahead, many of us will similarly prepare our homes to welcome loved ones over the holidays. Our special holiday touches and traditions provide a warm welcome to the family and friends who will grace our homes throughout this season.

Please accept our warm and heartfelt invitation to join us for Mass this Christmas. If you have been away from the parish community, whether for a short time or a long time, we warmly welcome you home with open arms.

Below you will find a Christmas Mass schedule and a wonderful opportunity to engage with the community this Advent. We truly hope that you will be with us this Advent and Christmas - that together we may celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and share in the joy that Christmas gives to each generation. Please know of our deep desire to have you join us for the celebration of Mass, and know that we are praying that every member of our community may accept our invitation to join us this Christmas.

Children's Christmas Play & Party

We are pleased to offer an exciting opportunity this Christmas season for all youth. We are looking for any young people interested in joining our Christmas Play and Youth Choir to help us with our Christmas Celebration. For those interested, they can email Danielle at ddrules@rogers.com. We would also like to extend an invitation to all community members to come and watch the performance. The Christmas play will be on Sunday, December 17th, at 2:00pm. There will be a Christmas party afterwards in the downstairs hall. We look forward to a wonderful production by our youth.

Mass Schedule @ St. Pius

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23rd: 5:00pm

Sunday, December 24th: 10:30am

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24th: 5:00pm and 9:00pm

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25th: 9:00am and 11:00am

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 30th: 5:00pm

Sunday, December 31st: 10:30am

New Year's (Feast of Mary, Mother of God)

Sunday, December 31st: 5:00pm

Monday, January 1st: 10:30am

Registration for First Eucharist & First Reconciliation (Spring 2024) is now available.

Registration Deadline is December 11th.

St Pius Brantford Church Website [HERE](#)



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St. John's College FUTURE GRADE 9 STUDENT & PARENT OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

Join one of our student-led tours, discover our departments and programs, and attend the information presentation!

6:00 - 7:00 pm Student-Led Tours and Department Displays
7:00 pm Information Assembly Presentation in the Cafeteria

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JAN 8 - FEB 23

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