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February 2022 – Newsletter



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School Start: 8:45am
First Break: 10:25-11:05am
Second Break: 12:45-1:25pm
School Dismissal: 3:05pm

School Council meeting
Thurs Feb. 17th at 7:00pm

Family Day Holiday
Mon. Feb. 21st

Dear Families,

Welcome to February and all the beauty of the mid-winter season! Incredibly, Lent begins in four short weeks. This is an opportunity for us to reflect on the sacrifice that Jesus made for us and how we can, in turn, repay that sacrifice in service to one another. On this Lenten journey, we ask that God give us the courage to make a positive change in the world as we strive to rebuild, restore, and renew together, so that we may know the joy of Easter.

February marks the midway point in the school year and we wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to our parents/guardians for your patience, support, and involvement as we continue on our learning journey throughout this Pandemic. As partners in your child's education, we continue to work together in building and nurturing positive attitudes around learning. We believe all children can learn and seek to know our learners so we can design instruction and assessment to meet their precise needs. Our students benefit greatly from the use of the essential practices in numeracy, literacy and assessment that truly contribute to student success. We know that this has been another incredibly challenging time for many of our families and as a community we pray for your health, safety, and wellness as you continue to support your child(ren) here at St. Leo School.

First Term Report Cards go home this Friday February 4, 2022. Please keep in mind that the disruptions in learning that have played out over the last two years are being addressed and that it is our ongoing commitment to meet our students where they are in their learning. We encourage you to continue to take an active role in your child's education. Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions regarding your child's progress.

~Mrs. Szoke

SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL

A list of the symptoms you should monitor for can be found here: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/> . Please do not forget to complete your daily Covid screening before sending your children to school, and to sign the Covid screening form.

DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

Parents, please ensure that your child(ren) are coming to school dressed for the weather. If the temperature drops below -20°C the children will remain indoors at the break. We monitor the temperature throughout the day as the temperature fluctuates greatly. Students should always come prepared to go outside. An extra pair of socks may also 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 keep our children warm and dry this winter.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next School Council meeting will be held virtually on Thursday February 17th, at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

ARRIVAL TIME AT SCHOOL

Frequent absences, and late arrivals, even when justified, make effective instruction and assessment difficult for teachers and compromise learning for students. We ask that all families do their part to ensure our students are arriving promptly and ready to begin their instructional day on time. We thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

If your child must be away or late, for any reason, please notify the school BEFORE 8:30 am. If your child's absence is not reported, you will receive an automated call to your home/cell as well as an email, please follow the instructions on the message and then call the school to report the absence.

OUR PARISH



Lenten Season

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday celebrations on Wednesday, March 2nd. This year our school board will not be providing Ashes for students at school, however, we are planning an online liturgy with Father Andrew during the day.

Online Live Stream Masses

Be sure to check out weekday and weekend Masses that are streamed online.

<https://stpiusbrantford.ca/>

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The Board is utilizing an online Kindergarten Registration tool that makes the process more convenient for parents. Please visit <https://bhncdsb.ca/>.