

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to our new school year of 2012-2013 at Bishop Belleau Catholic School. I also welcome all of our new students and parents who have joined our educational family this year; we look forward to a wonderful year together!

Next, it is my pleasure to share some wonderful news with everyone! After a busy year last year of fundraising at school, at our other board schools, and generous donations from many local companies, I am happy to say we have raised over \$ 20,000.00 for our new playground structure! We have contacted a local Canadian company who is going to provide us a complete play structure, delivered, constructed, inspected, and certified. We expect the unit to be complete and ready to play on by mid October of this year. A **BIG** thanks to everyone who helped out!!

Speaking of fund raising, I would like to let everyone know that on Tuesday, September 18, we will begin our year's first **BOOKFAIR**. Each class will have several opportunities to visit the fair held in the library to purchase

books, posters, and other class supplies. We also invite all parents and relatives to visit the fair after school from 3:30 to 5:00 & Fridays 3:30 to 6:00 from Sept. 17th to Sept. 28th. All proceeds will go toward parent involvement events and activities, as well as books and prizes for our students. We ask you to come on out, be generous, and support our students. ☺

Another important date coming in September is our **OPEN HOUSE BBQ** and **"Tour of my class"** given by students on September 20th. At this event we invite all Parents and Guardians to join us for a hot dog or hamburger meal and drink while you are given a personal tour of your classroom by your child! Students and parents are invited from 5:30 to 7:00 pm, Sept. 20th to drop in, have some food, and a tour of the school and your child's class. We will also have some **draw prizes for students**, such as books, posters, and other prizes! Come one, come all !!! ☺

In line with our schools virtue program, the virtue of the month is Faith. As we prepare for the

upcoming school year, we are focusing this month on the virtue of Faith.

The quote from John's gospel reminds us, *"Happy are those who have not seen, yet still believe."* John 20:29. We will encourage our students to continue to put their faith into action by bringing the Gospel spirit into every aspect of their lives. This is how we become true witnesses to Christ, extend the kingdom of God and build a more humane world. This month Bishop Belleau School will practice the virtue of faithfulness with a variety of class discussions and activities. Finally, another important date coming up is this year's **HUNT BREAK**. This year the last day of school before the break is Friday, October 5th. School will resume on Tuesday, October 16th. We wish everyone safe, happy, and of course successful Hunt/Vacation.

"With God we Make a Difference"

Sincerely,

Heath Hough

Heath Hough, Principal

POWER Failure

When the power fails without notice, our school may need to close down as we have no heat, lights, or fire alarms. During a power outage, we have only one working

phone line so we ask your patience in hearing from us. 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 Stefanic 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 school board is:

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



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



BISHOP BELLEAU SCHOOL

Belleau Beacon

Theme for September
Faith

Student of the Month—August 2012

Principal's Award:

Kyle Nakogee-Naveau, Gr. 4

For having a great start to the year in and out of class.

Kyson Sutherland, SK

I chose Kyson for his attendance and his positive attitude towards school.

Justine Goodwin, Gr. 2

Justine always completes her work with care. She treats her classmates with respect and follows all of the classroom rules. Keep up the great work, Justine!

Savannah Goodwin, Gr. 3

Savannah has really improved in her writing in such a short period of time. Great job!



Skyla Sutherland, Gr. 6

She has a positive attitude. She is always willing to help and she works hard to complete her work on time.

Richard Carpenter, Gr. 8

For his confidence in being truthful and valuing others' efforts in contributing to the class.

Mason Fireman, Gr. 2, French-as-a-Second Language

For being a hard worker and remembering his French words from last year.

Ethan Koostachin, Gr. 7, Native-as-a-Second Language

Ethan is doing good in Cree class. He completes all assignments (his work). Keep it up, Ethan!

Reminder to 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 cooperation in this matter.

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, Principal

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.