



# FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER



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Principal: Mr. J. VanLeuvenhage

Secretary: Mrs. I. Bowden

## Principal's Message



Dear Parents,

Time is moving quickly with the first month of 2024 completed. Report cards go home Monday, February 5th. Please take the time to review the report with your child, looking for the achievement of skills and next steps to move learning forward. Please remember to sign and return the 'cut off' portion of the grades 1 through 8 report cards. Page 3 of the JK/SK report also needs to be returned. A friendly reminder to return the white envelope as well so it can be used in June. There are no scheduled interviews associated with these reports; however, please feel free to contact your child's teacher to arrange a time to discuss the report if necessary.

Shrove Tuesday is on February 13th. We are blessed to have pancakes being served to all students as a form of symbolism of using up our rich foods like eggs and milk before the 40 days of fasting during the Lenten season. Thank you to the parent council and volunteers who are giving of their time to make this event happen. We will post online for anyone wishing to donate towards the cost of the pancakes but please note that this is optional and all students will receive pancakes. Please do send your child with a fork as we would like to cut down on the use of plastics. Following Shrove Tuesday will be Ash Wednesday, the beginning of our Lenten season. We will come together as a community and gather in the Liturgy of the Word on Feb. 14th. Please note that since Valentine's Day is on Ash Wednesday, all Valentine's Day celebrations will be taking place on February 13th.

We are currently registering kindergarten students for the 2024-2025 school year. If you know of any families within our boundaries and are looking for a Catholic Education for their child, please let them know that our school is now accepting registrations online. More information can be found on the board website: [www.bhncdsb.ca](http://www.bhncdsb.ca).

God bless,

Jeff VanLeuvenhage,  
Principal





### **INCLEMENT WEATHER— SCHOOL CLOSING OR BUS DELAYS**

[www.stsbhn.ca](http://www.stsbhn.ca)

**St. Stephen's School is Zone 2**

Student Transportation Services of Brant Haldimand and Norfolk has developed a website which contains information on bus cancellations and delays. This site can be accessed either through the Board's website [www.bhncdsb.ca](http://www.bhncdsb.ca) (under the Parents tab) or directly through your browser to [www.stsbhn.ca](http://www.stsbhn.ca). Once you have entered into the Transportation's website, click on the "**Cancellations— Closures Morning Fog Delays**" icon, which is on the top left corner of the page. This will tell you:

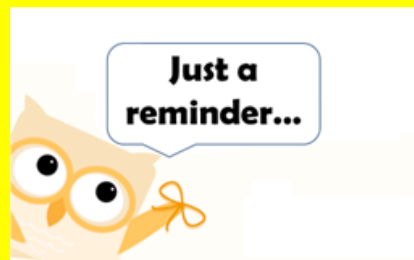
- A) What routes have been cancelled/delayed on any given day;
- B) When a zone is cancelled or delayed, it will flash and read "**Cancelled**" or "**Fog Delay**".

**Please note when transportation is cancelled in a zone, the schools in that zone are closed.**

St. Stephen's is a Zone 2 school. If bus transportation is cancelled in Zone 2 please check the **board web-site** for cancellations and/or **listen to local radio stations**. St. Stephen's will **be closed** for students and staff. Decisions to cancel or delay transportation will be made prior to 6:30 a.m. and be announced prior to 6:45 a.m. Please check the board website for delays or cancellations or listen to the local radio station. Thank you for your attention to this very important safety concern.

## **Important Upcoming Dates:**

Feb. 2nd - Groundhog Day  
Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> - Report Cards go home  
Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>—Red & White Day Valentine Celebration—Shrove Tuesday  
Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> -Liturgy of the Word—Ash Wednesday  
Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>—Family Day  
Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>- Carnivale





# ONLINE KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

**JAN 8 - FEB 23**

[catholiceducation.ca](http://catholiceducation.ca)




BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK  
Catholic District School Board

## Keeping Warm and Indoor Shoes

Please remember to send indoor shoes and a labelled change of clothes with your child(ren) during these winter months. Our hallways can be wet, and children in stocking feet is not safe and they will be cold and uncomfortable.




An old pair of running shoes will suit this purpose well.



## LATE FOOD ORDERS

Please be cognizant of all due dates for food orders. **LATE ORDERS CAN NOT BE ACCEPTED.** Please be sure that you are registered for **SCHOOL CASH ONLINE**, which is a fast and efficient way to complete these orders for your children. Thank you for your co-operation with this ask.



## COLD WEATHER GUIDELINES

Parents are to ensure children are adequately dressed for winter conditions.

Principals are to ensure children remain indoors when temperatures drop below -20°C (with or without windchill) and do not spend more than 20 minutes at a time outdoors when the temperature is between -10°C and -20°C.

Time outdoors is an integral part of each school day. Children need fresh air and exercise, and time spent outside offers students an opportunity to break free from the structure of the classroom. With our Canadian winter climate, time spent outside means donning winter coats, gloves or mittens, hats and snow pants. In the winter, it is important for our students to come to school prepared for the cold. Thank you for your cooperation with ensuring your child is dressed for our Canadian weather.