



Madonna Della Libera News

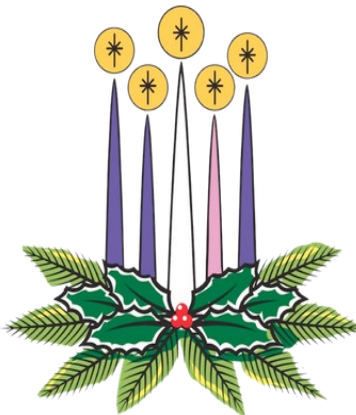
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Dear Families,

Advent is a season of joyful, expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. The word Advent means coming and during this time we prepare our homes, our hearts and ourselves for the birth, or coming, of Christ. It is my sincere hope that during this Advent season you experience the true meaning of Christmas and what it means to prepare ourselves for Christ to be born in our hearts. At school we will be encouraging students to share how they are preparing themselves and how they are recognizing Gods' presence in their lives each day. On behalf of the staff of Madonna Della Libera, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a blessed and very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. May you and your families take the time to celebrate the real gifts of love, peace, and family this holiday season.



Wishing you all Christmas Blessings and warm regards.

Peter Marchand & Giovanna Oviedo-Kinrade
Principal Vice-Principal

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Jaguar families, please save the date! Our classes have been hard and work preparing and we are excited to be hosting our Christmas concert in-person and at the school on **Thursday, December 14th** from **6-7 PM** in the school gym. If you are unable to

make the evening performance, we will be holding a recital at 11:00 AM that morning, which families are invited to attend! We look forward to seeing you there!

ADVENT COLLECTION OF CARING

Our Junior A.C.E. (Advocacy, Community & Empowerment) Committee is organizing a collection of caring to help support the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Brant. They are in need of the following items: shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, body wash, toilet paper, Kleenex, and manual can openers. Donations will be collected until **Wednesday, December 20th**. Please consider bringing an item the evening of the Christmas Concert!

Important December Dates

Advent Mass at Our Lady of Assumption Parish 9:30 AM.....	6
Poinsettia Pick-Up 3-6 PM.....	6
Breakfast with Santa 9-11 AM.....	9
Scholastic Book Fair.....	13-15
Christmas Concert 6-7 PM.....	14
Junior Basketball Tournament.....	15
Last Day of School Before Christmas Break.....	22

Important January Dates

First Day Back to School.....	8
Grade 8 Student and Parent Open House at ACS and SJC 6 PM.....	18
Intermediate Basketball Tournament.....	27

School Bell Times

Yard Supervision Begins	8:25 AM
Instructional Block	8:40 AM — 10:20 AM
First Nutrition Break	10:20 AM — 11:00 AM
Instructional Block	11:00 AM — 12:40 PM
Second Nutrition Break	12:40 PM — 1:20 PM
Instructional Block	1:20 PM — 3:00 PM
Dismissal	2:50 PM bus students
	3:00 PM all other students

Vibrant Palette Student Exhibit at Glenhyrst Art Gallery

The Brantford Lights commences with the official "switch on" Friday December 1st, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

This evening will also be the official opening of the Vibrant Palette Student Exhibit. Over 400 pieces of art from local students will be on display and will continue until Friday December 22nd. Madonna Della Libera has approximately 25 pieces of artwork that have been submitted for this Exhibit! Please check out our school's artists!

The gallery will be open to visitors on Thursday and Friday evenings before Christmas from 6:00 to 8:30 PM.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES at MDL

Our Student Parliament has been hard at work organizing and preparing a variety of school-wide activities to celebrate the season. Here's what our Jaguars can look forward to this holiday season:

- Candy Grams will be on sale from December 4th to 15th. Students can purchase a candy cane for 25 cents each to send to a friend and they will be delivered by Student Parliament on December 21st.
- We will celebrate Winter Wonderland with a variety of fun activities for all students in Kindergarten to Grade 8 on Wednesday, December 20th
- We will wrap-up the last week before the break with a theme each day as well as a game each morning during announcements that students can participate in:



Monday, Dec. 18	Tuesday, Dec. 19	Wednesday, Dec. 20	Thursday, Dec. 21	Friday, Dec. 22
Christmas Socks & Accessories Day	Christmas Sweater Day	Christmas Hats	Wear Christmas Colours / Red / White Day	Pajama Day

A big thank you to Student Parliament and staff for helping spread some Christmas cheer!

COLD-WEATHER INFORMATION



Recesses will be outdoors unless outdoor temperatures fall below -20°C (including windchill) then, in accordance with Board policy & guidelines, MDL students will have indoor recess. Please ensure that your child(ren) have appropriate clothing to enjoy our Canadian winter! Students should come to school with outdoor footwear/boots, hats, mittens/gloves and proper outerwear, such as a winter jacket.

We also encourage students to bring an extra pair of socks, pants and mittens/gloves, which can be kept in their or cubby, in case they get wet during outdoor recess. **Please remember to label your child(ren)'s belongings** so if they are misplaced, they can be returned to their rightful owner! Also, a reminder that students who are not well enough to play outdoors during nutritional breaks should remain at home

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Madonna Della Libera is designated **ZONE 4**. This means if bus transportation is cancelled in Zone 4, then the school is closed for **ALL** students. Decisions to cancel or delay transportation will be made prior to 6:30 AM. Please check the Board website (www.bhncdsb.ca), Board Twitter/X [@bhncdsb](https://twitter.com/bhncdsb), and/or school Twitter/X [@madonnaroar](https://twitter.com/madonnaroar). You can also visit the transportation website at www.stsbhn.ca and sign up for direct e-mail notifications of any bus delays or cancellations!

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Looking for a convenient, safe and secure way to pay for field trips, hot lunches, etc.? If you haven't done so already, please register at School Cash Online for this easy to use service. Here's how to register:

Step 1: Please go our school's website or to: [https://](https://bhncdsb.schoolcashionline.com)

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Step 2: Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" and follow the steps.

Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, please select the 'click here' option, sign in and add each of your children to your household account.

ALLERGY ALERT

Just a reminder that we are a **peanut/tree nut safe** school.

We have students and staff with severe, life-threatening allergies to **peanuts and tree nuts**. Also, please note that the use of peanut butter substitutes (e.g., Wow Butter) is not permitted as it is difficult for staff to monitor and may cause anxiety for those with a life-threatening allergy. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping to keep ALL of our kids safe!



VOLUNTEERING

If you are wishing to volunteer in the school, for a class trip, etc., please ensure that you have an up-to-date police check and/or declaration. If you are unsure, please contact the office. We also kindly ask that, police checks are submitted to the office **at least 3 days prior** to an event (i.e., class trip) taking place. This ensures adequate time for it to be processed.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

New Junior and Senior Kindergarten registrations for the 2024 – 2025 school year will start during the month of January. If you know of any families with Kindergarten-aged children who will be attending Madonna Della Libera next year, please let them know to register! For Junior Kindergarten, children must be 4 years old by December 31, 2024 and for students registering in Senior Kindergarten, they must be 5 years old by December 31, 2024.

WHEN CAN I REGISTER MY CHILD?

Registration for Kindergarten will open on January 8th, 2024 for BHNCDNB elementary schools. Early registration greatly assists the school with planning and organizing for the coming school year. **For our French Immersion program, registration MUST take place before February 23, 2024** due to limits on class sizes. Any French Immersion registrations that occur **after** February 23 will be placed on a waitlist and acceptance is not guaranteed after this date.

HOW DO WE REGISTER?

The Board's Kindergarten registration process is online via www.catholiceducation.ca. In order to complete the online registration there are some documents that you will need to have ready to upload. We recommend either scanning or taking an image/photo of the documents in advance of beginning the registration process.

What documents do I need?

- Birth certificate or proof of Canadian citizenship or permanent residence status (citizenship documentation, permanent resident card or record of landing).
- Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate or, if your child is not baptized, the Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate of the parent(s) or guardian(s) must be provided.
- Proof of home address (a rental/lease agreement, utility bill, proof of purchase, etc.).

Where do I go to register?

- Prepare electronic copies of the required documents and visit www.catholiceducation.ca to register.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office at 519-753-5283.



ONLINE
KINDERGARTEN
REGISTRATION
JAN 8 - FEB 23
catholiceducation.ca

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Catholic District School Board

A Message Provide by the Brant County Health Unit (www.bchu.org)

In Ontario, as per the [Immunization of School Pupils Act, 1990 \(ISPA\)](#), all students between the age of 4-17 must provide proof of routine childhood immunization with Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Meningitis, and Varicella (for children born in 2010 and after), or have a valid exemption, in order to attend school. This information is used to help protect students and the public in case there is a vaccine preventable disease outbreak in our community. The Health Unit is mandated to enforce ISPA and assess the immunization status of children in accordance with the [Immunization for Children in Schools and Licensed Child Care Settings Protocol, 2018](#).

Each year, the Brant County Health Unit assesses the immunization records of students around the age of 7 and the age of 17 to ensure students are compliant with immunization requirements. Students who fail to provide proof of immunization, or a valid exemption, may be suspended from school for up to 20 school days.

This year (2023-2024 school year) the focused cohorts are the following birth years: 2006, 2007, 2014, 2015, and 2016. The suspension period for elementary students will begin in March 2024.

You can report immunizations in the following ways:



Online:

www.bchu.org/emunization

Note: use the Ontario Immunization Identification Number on the front page.



In Person:

194 Terrace Hill St., Brantford
Mon to Fri, 8:30am - 4:30pm

*Afterhours drop box outside main entrance



Email:

immunizationintake@bchu.org

Note: privacy of personal health information submitted by email cannot be guaranteed and should be done at your own risk



Phone:

519-753-4937 ext. 451



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519-753-2140

ATTENTION GRADE 8 FAMILIES...SAVE THE DATE



Assumption College School
FUTURE GRADE 9
STUDENT & PARENT
OPEN HOUSE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17
Join one of our guided information tours and find out everything you need to know about becoming an Assumption Lion!
Tours are available at 6:00, 6:15, 6:30, 6:45, 7:00pm only.
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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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