



# Madonna Della Libera News

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Dear Families;

February marks the half-way point of our school year and provides us with much to look forward to! Each day this month, we will take time to recognize Black History Month by celebrating the rich history and learning about the many contributions of Black Canadians who have done, and continue to do, so much to make Canada a great country! Term 1 reports go home this month and it is a great opportunity for students to celebrate successes thus far and to set academic and personal goals for the remainder of the school year. Finally, we hope that you all enjoy the Family Day long weekend on February 19th.

God Bless,

Peter Marchand, Principal & Giovanna Oviedo-Kinrade, Vice-Principal


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*Love is patient, love is kind.  
It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.  
It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking,  
it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.  
Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.  
It always protects, always trusts, always hopes,  
always perseveres.  
Love never fails.  
Amen.*



~ 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8

### VALENTINE'S DAY

This year, Ash Wednesday falls on February 14th. This day also marks the beginning of the penitential season of Lent. To keep with the solemnity of this day, and under direction from the Board and the Diocese, we will be holding our Valentine's celebrations on **Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**. On this day, students will still be encouraged to share cards of friendship and affection and classes will still celebrate Valentine's Day in their special way. Please remember that any snacks brought in on this day **MUST** be **peanut/tree nut free** as indicated on the label (no homemade items are permitted).

We will once again be holding a cake raffle and are looking for donations. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for additional details. Cakes/cupcakes must be store bought and peanut/tree nut free. Tickets are 2 for \$5. Thank you for your support.

### 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

## 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 and staff! Decisions to cancel or delay transportation will be made prior to 6:30 AM. Please check the Board website ([www.bhncdsb.ca](http://www.bhncdsb.ca)) or Twitter/X (@bhncdsb and @madonnaroar) for information and updates.

You can also visit the transportation website at [www.stsbhn.ca](http://www.stsbhn.ca) and sign up for direct e-mail notifications of any bus delays or cancellations!

## PINK SHIRT DAY

Across Canada, **Wednesday, February 28th** is designated as Pink Shirt Day. On this day, students and staff are encouraged to wear pink shirts and to recognize that our words and actions have an impact on others. Students will be engaged in a number of activities to educate and empower them to be the change!



## REGISTRATIONS FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

A reminder that Kindergarten registrations for the upcoming school year continue until **February 22, 2024**. We kindly ask that registrations are completed within this timeframe as it greatly assists the school in planning for the upcoming year. Registrations **AFTER** this date cannot be guaranteed. All registrations can be done on-line by visiting [www.catholiceducation.ca](http://www.catholiceducation.ca).

**ONLINE**  
**KINDERGARTEN**  
**REGISTRATION**  
**JAN 8 - FEB 23**  
[catholiceducation.ca](http://catholiceducation.ca)

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## OUTDOOR SUPERVISION



A reminder that outdoor supervision begins at 8:25 AM and there is no supervision on the playground after end of day dismissal.

Parents and caregivers are kindly asked to not enter the playground when dropping off/picking up so that we can keep our students safe.

## 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 our kids safe!



## 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:** Visit our school's website or

<https://>

[bhncdsb.schoolcashionline.com](https://bhncdsb.schoolcashionline.com)

**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.

## **Handwashing**

Children frequently exchange items like books, toys, water bottles, and sports equipment in school and home settings. Sharing these items can lead to the transmission of germs, resulting in illnesses, especially during the cold and flu season. Employing proper hand hygiene is the most effective way to prevent the spread of infection.

### **Following these simple steps will help children stay healthy:**

When do you wash your hands?

- Before eating
- After using the bathroom
- Blowing your nose
- Handling garbage
- Touching animals
- Playing outdoors

Wash hands whenever they look or feel dirty.

Hands that look clean can still have icky germs!

Remember to sneeze into your elbow, not your hand.

**Let's take these simple steps to help stop the spread of infection!**

## **Footloose: The Musical at ACS!**

"Footloose!" the musical, is presented February 29<sup>th</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Assumption College School. Come warm your heart with the story of a town down-trodden by grief and fear where music and dancing and forgiveness prevail!

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students/seniors. It is strongly recommended to purchase your tickets in advance by scanning the QR code or clicking the link! [FOOTLOOSE: The Musical Tickets in Brantford, ON, Canada \(ticketleap.com\)](https://www.ticketleap.com) Please visit [www.assumptionlions.com](http://www.assumptionlions.com) for more information on how to choose your own seats, etc.



The poster features an illustration of five pairs of legs in various styles of pants and shoes, representing the musical's theme of dancing. The title "Footloose" is written in a large, stylized, yellow and orange cursive font, with "the musical" in a smaller, red, sans-serif font to its right. Below the title, it says "PRESENTED BY ASSUMPTION COLLEGE SCHOOL" and "FOOTLOOSE is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals www.concordtheatricals.com". The dates "FEB 29, MAR 1, MAR 2, 2024" are prominently displayed in a blue box. Below the dates, it lists "Stage Adaptation by DEAN PITCHFORD and WALTER BOBBIE", "Based on the Original Screenplay by DEAN PITCHFORD", and "Music by TOM SNOW Lyrics by DEAN PITCHFORD". At the bottom, it states "Additional Music by ERIC CARMEN, SAMMY HAGAR, KENNY LOGGINS and JIM STEINMAN" and "TICKET PRICES: \$20 ADULTS AND \$15 STUDENTS/SENIORS visit assumptionlions.com". A signature "Dustin Reid" is visible in the bottom right corner.



# Valentine's Day Cake Raffle

February 13th we will be  
having a cake raffle!

Raffle tickets are 2 for \$5

## Donations Needed!

We are looking for donations for our  
cake raffle. If you would like to donate a  
cake or cupcakes, please have them  
dropped off in the morning on  
Tuesday February 13th.

**All must be nut free!**

## Thank you!