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ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

WELCOME TO THE EAGLE'S NEST



Another summer is upon us, and another new school year is on the horizon. The "nest" is excited to welcome our incoming grade 9 students in September, and excited to welcome all new students that are registering at St. John's College. The St. John's community is a wonderful place to be a part of, offering many opportunities to make memorable and positive experiences. The eagle's nest is excited to meet all of you.

As we all prepare for the September start, there is some information the administration would like to share with you. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We look forward to meeting you and we welcome you once again to the eagle's nest!

Ms. Dragicevic, Principal

JULY, 2024

**DATES
TO
REMEMBER:**



**COMPLETE THE
THREE
REQUIRED
FORMS IN
ORDER TO
RECEIVE YOUR
TIMETABLE FOR
SEPTEMBER**



**SEPTEMBER 3
FIRST DAY OF
CLASSES**

Parents and students are expected to read through all the enclosures in this mailing before September 3 to ensure that all students adhere to all school policies and expectations.

2024-2025 TIMETABLES

Students will receive their 2024-2025 timetable through their Board email account, and a copy will be sent to parents at the email indicated on their child's Student Verification Form.

As per Board policy, we are required to have **three** forms completed, and on file for all students enrolled at St. John's College each school year.

These forms are listed on page 2, along with information regarding how you will receive and complete/return them.

Student timetables will not be emailed until these 3 documents are received by SJC.

LOCKS & LOCKERS

All St. John's College students are required to have a locker at school. Locks must be purchased from the school. They are available for purchase on School Cash Online, at a cost of \$15.00. If you have any questions or problems with your locker and/or lock, please see Mr. Marek Deska, Vice Principal.

TRANSPORTATION

For students eligible for bussing, the Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk has adopted an innovative way of allowing students and families to access their transportation information. Transportation information is available online for you to check at any time; students who receive bussing will no longer be receiving annual transportation details by mail.

Please refer to the letter enclosed in this mailing on page 4, from the Student Transportation Services, on how to access your child(ren)'s information.

Your child's vice principal has the responsibility of dealing with all transportation issues and concerns.

Mrs. Mary Bradford [Surnames A - K]

Mr. Marek Deska [Surnames L - Z]

TEXTBOOKS

Our students receive the appropriate textbooks for each of the courses they attend. There is no cost for this. As you might know, educational textbooks are very expensive and the funds are limited, therefore, students are held accountable for the damage or loss of textbooks assigned to them. In this event, the student will be required to pay for the damaged or lost textbooks/equipment/materials.



**SJC
SUMMER
OFFICE
HOURS**

**Monday
to
Thursday
9am - 1 pm**

**Closed on
Fridays &
Aug 5**

**FOR
INQUIRES
CALL THE
SCHOOL
AND
LEAVE A
MESSAGE**



AS PER BOARD POLICY, WE ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING FORMS ON FILE EACH SCHOOL YEAR, FOR ALL STUDENTS ENROLLED AT ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE. PLEASE REVIEW AND COMPLETE ALL THREE FORMS, FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW, BEFORE AUGUST 15TH, IN ORDER TO RECEIVE YOUR TIMETABLE THE WEEK OF AUGUST 26TH.

THE THREE REQUIRED FORMS ARE:

- **THE STUDENT INFORMATION VERIFICATION FORM** (will be sent electronically - must be reviewed, and an email sent to amacdonald@bhncdsb.ca to indicate that all information is correct, or noting any necessary changes)
- **THE NOTICE OF COLLECTION & USE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION CONSENT FORM** (available on School Cash Online)
- **THE TECHNOLOGY USE AGREEMENT FORM** (available on School Cash Online)

STUDENT TIMETABLES WILL NOT BE EMAILED UNTIL THESE 3 DOCUMENTS ARE RECEIVED BY SJC.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THESE 3 FORMS, PLEASE CONTACT US AT (519) 759-2318 EXT 15220 OR 15212.



ANAPHYLAXIS, ASTHMA, EPILEPSY, DIABETES, ETC.

All students who have life threatening allergies, other life threatening conditions, or medical conditions of concern must:

- have notified the school at the time of registration
- wear the appropriate identification, i.e. medic alert bracelets
- carry an epi-pen, inhaler (whatever the case may be) at all times at school, and on all school activities

If we are aware of a student's medical condition, then a **Plan of Care** was sent to you in a previous mailing. Please complete the Plan of Care and return it to Mrs. MacDonald in the Principal's Office, in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided to you in the mailing, prior to the first day of school.

It is the responsibility of parents, and adult students, to notify the school of any medical concerns and to update the Plans of Care on an annual basis. For more information regarding specific School Board policies or procedures concerning specific medical conditions, please visit: <http://www.bhncdsb.ca/>.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

In accordance with the regulation on school councils, there must be an election for parents/guardian representatives to the School Council within the first thirty (30) days of each school year.

We have provided some information on **page 6** of this newsletter, "Catholic School Council Update", as background information with regard to various aspects of School Councils.

Nomination forms for parent/guardian representatives for School Council for the 2024-2025 school year are available on the school website - www.sjconline.ca / Parents / School Council. Completed nomination forms must be received in the Principal's Office by 3:00 p.m. on September 3.

If required, the election for parent/guardian representatives to School Council will take place in the fall. Eligible voters (all parents of pupils enrolled in the school) must vote in person. Proxy voting is not permitted. Please consider putting your name forward for the election and, most importantly, voting for parent/guardian representatives.



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MCCARTHY UNIFORMS BACK TO SCHOOL 2024

Dear Families,

The school uniform is intended to develop a sense of pride and self-discipline. It also unites us as a Catholic Learning Community.

McCarthy Uniforms Inc. is our official uniform supplier. In making the decision to attend St. John's College, students and parents have made a commitment to comply with, and support, the school uniform policy.

Our school uniform provider, McCarthy Uniforms, has three enhanced options for shopping: updated school e-stores, private appointments and a web-supported call-centre.

I encourage families to shop early and utilize these alternative channels to avoid late-August line ups. All school uniform products can be exchanged for up to a year and returned until September.



McCARTHY
UNIFORMS

There are **three** ways to shop for your school uniform:

1. Your School E-Store

Did you know your school has a custom e-store, complete with fit videos, uniform guides and specialized advice? Visit your school store by 'searching for your school' on McCarthy Uniforms' home page. McCarthy's has a handy web chat feature and have staffed their call-centre so that you can have the support you need if you need some help along the way! Online shoppers can also now enjoy the industry's first flexible payment plan (interest-free payments over six weeks!).

Shop online by 'searching for our school' at:

www.mccarthyuniforms.ca

2. Private Appointments Available

Appointments can be made for virtual or in store shopping. To manage your time, you can book an appointment on your home store, accessible on the website below.

Book a personalized fitting by choosing 'book an appointment' on your home store site accessible on: <https://www.mccarthyuniforms.ca/> (search for your school; appointment booking buttons are located on your school e-store)

3. Your School Call Centre

Your call-centre is open for shopping! By giving McCarthy's a shout at 416-593-6900 or toll-free at 1-800-668-8261 Alex and his team would be happy to assist you with your school uniform purchase or questions! McCarthy's call centre is staffed with uniform specialists who know the ins & outs of our uniform policy.

Call McCarthy's at:

416-593-6900 or

1-800-668-8261

EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

We at St. John's College take pride in offering our students a wide range and variety of extra-curricular activities. These programs require time, energy and commitment of many teachers to run these extra-curricular programs. As well it takes funds to keep the programs going. In past years we spent well over \$50,000 on extra-curricular programs here at St. John's College. All of this money must be raised by the school since the Ministry of Education does not contribute any money to extra-curricular programs.

Student extra-curricular fees at St. John's College cover a small part of the costs associated with extra-curricular activities. All students who choose to participate in extra-curricular activities are expected to pay a participation fee in each team/club. The fee is dependent upon the activity in which the student participates, and will be paid on "SchoolCash Online" - <https://bhncdsb.schoolcashionline.com>. Please note additional associated costs may apply for some activities.

These fees will be collected at the beginning of the three sports seasons, (fall, winter and spring). Those involved in music, drama and clubs will be required to pay in September, since their activities run all year long. These fees will offset extra-curricular activity expenses such as transportation, tournament fees, referee fees, etc.

We hope that this not only meets the needs of our school community, but also facilitates your child's participation in our many extra-curricular events.

Student Extra-Curricular Finance Committee



349 Erie Avenue Brantford, ON, N3T 5V3
Phone: 519-751-7532 Toll Free: 1-877-226-6353 Fax: 519-751-1536
www.stsbhn.ca

Parent(s) / Guardian(s)

Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk (STSBHN), the transportation consortium which is responsible for arranging and managing the home-to-school bussing of your child(ren), will continue to have the online portal available for parents and students to access their transportation details for the coming school year.

Transportation information is available online for you to check at any time. The information contained in the portal is updated twice daily and will hold the most current bus information for your child(ren). Information for the coming school year will be made available to view on August 15 and will be continually updated throughout the entire school year. If checking the transportation details prior to the first day of schools, please remember that last minute changes sometimes do occur and that it is important to re-check the information prior to sending your child(ren) to their assigned pickup location. **ALL students in kindergarten and those students attending a self-contained classroom will receive a custom transportation letter over the summer.**

For those who do not have internet access from home, common locations which will allow you to access the internet are public libraries, internet cafés as well as many cell phones. If you are having difficulties logging onto the portal, please contact the transportation department for assistance. Please note that STSBHN IS OPEN over the summer; please contact us if you have moved over the summer so that the appropriate changes can be made to your child(ren)'s transportation arrangements.

Please follow the steps below to access your child(ren)'s information via the online portal. The information which will be required to log into the portal is: **1)** OEN/ Student ID #, **2)** child's date of Birth, **3)** Primary Residence's Street #/ 911 #, and **4)** School that the child will be attending in the selected school year.

1) Go to www.stsbhn.ca

**Parent/Student
Login**

2) Click on the button

- 3) Enter in the 9 digit OEN/ Student ID (found on each student's report card; example: 123-456-789)
- 4) House/ 911 Number (example: enter 123 if your home address were "123 Somewhere Dr, Gotham")
- 5) School of attendance in September
- 6) Grade in September
- 7) Click Login

Moving over the summer? Let transportation know so that your new address is ready to receive services for September! If you are moving over the summer, please let transportation know what your new address is so that they can plan services for you for the new school year. Transportation staff are working over the summer months and are happy to process any changes at that time. The form is available at: https://transinfobhn.ca/Workflow/Forms/CA_ON_STSBHN/TransportationRequest.aspx?FormVersionId=5fe370df-de79-4771-bcb0-9bb7e60b9bc4

Looking to accessing transportation details for September? Access to the transportation portal, available at: <https://transinfobhn.ca/Login>, will be opened to the public on August 14th, 2024. If services on the portal are not accurate or if you have questions, please contact transportation directly to discuss. Transportation can be reached by emailing transportation@stsbhn.ca or by calling 519-751-7532. Updates received and processed before August 28th at noon will be in effect for the first day of school.

Don't forget to check out the Chipmunk app this school year. The app is free and allows families to track the path of their bus and to be given notification when the bus is getting close to your assigned bus stop. More information on the app is available by visiting: <https://stsbhn.ca/faqs>

Sincerely,

Staff of STSBHN



F A I T H D I M E N S I O N



St. John's College is a Catholic school based on the traditions of Christian values and morals taught by the "Master Teacher", Jesus Christ.

The values of our faith are present in all of our programs and activities. These can be witnessed in our retreats, our liturgies, our community outreach, our school celebrations, and in our daily interactions with each other. Specifically:

1. Students will take a religious education course each year they are enrolled at St. John's College. These courses involve the active participation of all of our students in the related classroom activities. These include group work, individual presentation and sharing, class liturgies, prayer experiences, and visits to local churches.
2. Students will participate in retreats or faith development experiences as provided by the school. There is a full day retreat for grade 9 students, through their religion classes.
3. Morning prayer and reflections provide a time for community prayer, reflection, and sharing with the members of the entire school community.
4. Classroom prayers provide a time to reflect and pray with peers, and a unique opportunity for students and teachers to gather their thoughts for a common purpose.
5. Eucharistic Liturgies and Liturgies of the Word are an integral part of our faith. It is a gift and honour to be able to celebrate these liturgies as a St. John's College Community and should be respected by all. These are not optional experiences.
6. The chapel is designated as a sacred space in our school available for prayer and reflection.
7. We challenge ourselves to live each day with the guidance of the Gospel values. This is most evident in the way we treat each other.

You are invited to become active participants in the daily life of our school by bringing your energy, enthusiasm, generosity, and faith to the task of building our Catholic community at St. John's College.

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Our School,
St. John's College, is:
A Catholic Educational Community



- Striving:
- To Accept
 - To Nurture
 - To Challenge

The Whole Person in the Spirit of Christ.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS UPDATE

WHAT IS A SCHOOL COUNCIL?	WHO CAN BE A MEMBER OF A SCHOOL COUNCIL?	HOW WILL A SCHOOL COUNCIL FUNCTION?
<p>School Councils are advisory bodies to be established in every school. The mandate of the Council will be to analyze and provide input to the principal on a number of significant areas that lead to school improvements. There will be many potential areas for Council input. Some examples of these areas are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ faith development of the school community ◆ school code of conduct ◆ appropriate dress policy ◆ school budget priorities ◆ preparation of school profiles to assist with selection of a principal ◆ school improvement plans ◆ EQAO action plans 	<p>Members of the School Council will include the following elected members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Parents/guardians of students enrolled in the school ◆ Students (mandatory in secondary, ie. a member of Student Council) ◆ Teachers assigned to the school ◆ Non-teaching employees of the school <p>As well, the Council members will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The school principal ◆ Community representatives appointed by the Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ All members of the Council will be equal partners. ◆ It is recommended that the size of the Council not exceed 15 members. ◆ Parents/guardians will form a majority on the Council. ◆ The Chair of the Council will be a parent/guardian elected by Council members. ◆ All Council meetings will be open to the community. ◆ The Council will meet a minimum of four times per year. ◆ School may have CPTA's in addition to School Councils. Both organizations can make valuable contributions to the educational community.

SJC SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION

**Nomination
Forms
Due
September
3**



**GET
INVOLVED
IN
YOUR
CHILD'S
EDUCATION**



WHAT WOULD BE MY RESPONSIBILITY AS A MEMBER OF SCHOOL COUNCIL?	SCHOOL COUNCILS IN OUR DISTRICT?	BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
<p>Members of the Council will then be expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Respect, promote, and uphold the values of the Catholic faith and Board's Mission Statement. ◆ Focus on statement learning and school improvement ◆ Maintain a school-wide perspective on issues ◆ Represent and communicate the views of the school community ◆ Provide informed advice to the school principal ◆ Contribute regularly at Council meetings (minimum of 4 per school year) 	<p>Schools in our district will be expected to have School Councils in place within the first 30 days each school year.</p> <p>There will be a system-wide Information Session on School Councils held in October.</p> <p>Contact your local elementary or secondary school for more detailed information.</p>	<p><i>Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board</i></p> <p><i>Catholic School Councils Update</i></p> <p>...an invitation to meaningful participation in the education of our youth.</p>



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FOR GRADE 9 STUDENTS

COLOUR NIGHT

September 18

3:30 - 9:00 PM

Students participate in games, competitions, and the Grade 9 Student Council Representatives election. Food will be provided.

ALL PARENTS WELCOME

GRADE 9 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

September 18

Introductions begin at 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium

Following classroom presentations parents may go to the cafeteria to pick up their child from the Colour Night Dance at 9:00 p.m.



Eagles Jr & Sr Football

ALL STUDENT ATHLETES WELCOME!!

Summer Training Camp

August 26th to 29th (30th may be added)

9am to 11am and 6pm to 8pm

No experience needed. Please bring water bottles and wear athletic clothing.

Players should aim to attend both practices, however, Grade 9 students attending transition activities at the school should prioritize those first.

All questions for both teams should be directed to

Mr. O'Sullivan - kosullivan@bhncdsb.ca



Fitting will be mid-week.

Parents are asked to complete a permission form when dropping players off.

Training camp will be focusing on fitness and football fundamentals so come dressed in athletic wear.

Parents must complete lessons in Safe Contact before any game play or full contact drills.

Parents who would like to receive the football newsletter, please send your email to kosullivan@bhncdsb.ca



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PRINCIPAL'S HONOUR ROLL

Students who qualify for Principal's Honour Roll must achieve:

For grade 9,10 –
80% average in minimum eight courses and be recognized as a full-time student [September – June]

For grade 11, 12 –
80% average in minimum 6 courses and be recognized as a full-time student [September – June mandatory 6 courses]

Must have a religion course within the period of July – June.

These courses must be taken in the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board and will be calculated from July 1 – June 30 for each year's Honour Roll.



Paperless

Worried you are going to miss something?

Access school information, on the school website.

Please go to our school website at www.sjconline.ca

and 'SUBSCRIBE' to our webpage.

By doing this, you will receive an email notification whenever something has been added to our website.

Follow us on X (formerly Twitter), [@sjceagles](https://twitter.com/sjceagles)

Get updates, student accomplishment news, Dress Down Day notifications, and much, much more.

If you have any questions or need help subscribing please call the school.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

