



October BUZZ from the Hive!

Stinger Terry Fox Run

Our school's Terry Fox Run is on Friday, October 11, 2024. We will be running/walking around our field for 30 minutes during the last 100-minute block. Our students can contribute to the cause by:

- Donating a "Toonie for Terry" on the day of our run (October 11)
- Collecting sponsors using the online pledge sheets. You can donate to the school as a whole or a specific individual, as long as that student has set up their own donation page online. Our school's fundraising page can be reached by clicking:

<http://schools.terryfox.ca/StBernardofClairvausSchoolWaterford>

(Our school's name is spelled incorrectly on this website but that's the only way it works. We're not sure why, but we'll go with it.)

Dress PURPLE Day

Dress PURPLE Day will be on Friday, October 25. More information will be coming.

Black and Orange Day

Wednesday, October 30 is Black and Orange Day. Students and staff are invited to dress in black and orange.

Hallowe'en Costumes

On Thursday, October 31, students and staff will have the opportunity to wear Hallowe'en costumes. The day is meant to provide a safe and fun experience for everyone; therefore, costumes should reflect our Catholic values and beliefs and not reflect violence, excessive gore, blood or anything inappropriate or derogatory. For safety reasons, props such as guns, knives, swords, or any "look-alike" weapons are NOT permitted. Hallowe'en masks are also not permitted.



Parties

Classes may have Hallowe'en parties throughout the day. As this will be one of our "Non-Nutritional Days" (we are allowed 10 for the year), students are allowed to bring in treats that do not fall under the healthy foods policy. Please ensure that all foods are **STORE-BOUGHT**, and **DO NOT CONTAIN PEANUTS, TREE NUTS, or KIWI** as we have students with LIFE-THREATENING ALLERGIES. **We cannot distribute items that are homemade such as cupcakes or candy, or unpackaged items such as Timbits or doughnuts, or items that may contain nuts (of any kind).**



CHIPMUNK Tracking App for Buses

Chipmunk is a free app which allows families to see where the bus is along its AM and PM run path, receive notices when the bus arrives at the school in the AM and when it departs in the PM as well as an ETA to their bus stop in the AM and PM. Additional info is available at: <https://stsbhn.ca/faqs>

Click on this link for a guide for parents:

[Chipmunk Guide for Parents](#)

Chipmunk Bus Tracking App?

STSBHN is pleased to offer another app to our community which will allow users to track their child(ren)'s bus relative to their bus stop location.

The app is called "Chipmunk" and is accessible in both the [Apple App Store](#) as well as the [Google Play Store](#).

For details on use of the app, please download the [Chipmunk PDF User Guide](#).



Important Information from the Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit

Eye Health

Did you know that all children and youth, 17 years and younger are eligible for free eye exams in Ontario?

- 👁️ Vision problems are common among school-aged children but are not always easy for parents to detect.
- 👁️ Vision problems can lead to challenges in school, play and every day activities
- 👁️ The Health Unit offers school-based vision screening to senior kindergarten students each year.
- 👁️ Vision screening does not replace the need for a full exam by an eye doctor.



Some optometrists in Ontario participate in the Eye See, Eye Learn program which provides free glasses to children in junior and senior kindergarten. Visit <https://optom.on.ca/esel/> for details

Health and
Social Services
Haldimand and Norfolk

Report Your Child's Vaccinations

All children attending school in Ontario are **required by law to report their vaccination status** to the local health unit

Contact your child's **health-care provider** to obtain records, or to get missing vaccinations



You can **report your child's immunizations by phone, email or online**. You will require your child's Ontario Health Card Number when reporting their vaccines online

The local health unit offers **routine vaccination clinics** to catch up, visit our website for upcoming dates



Report by PHONE 519-426-6170 ext. 3214 or FAX 519-426-9246 or EMAIL vpd@hnhss.ca or WEBSITE hnhu.org/immunization-reporting/

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You're Invited to Sunday School!

When: Every Sunday during 9:00 a.m. mass **Where:** St. Bernard Church Basement

Who: School-aged children

What: Celebrating our faith through fun songs & activities

Father will invite children for Sunday School at the beginning of mass and they will return prior to the preparation of the Eucharist. Parents are welcome to walk children down if necessary.

Are you interested in volunteering at Sunday School? *Preparation is minimal and we have many resources & supplies to utilize each week to create fun and engaging activities for the children. Commitment is approximately 1 hour on Sunday morning every 6-8 weeks (depending on number of volunteers).*

We would love your help! Please contact Jill DePauw at jillian.depauw@granderie.ca or 519-429-4945

Looking forward to seeing you at Church!

