

St. Bernadette Catholic Elementary School

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**Safe Arrival Program: A reminder to please phone in your child's absence or lateness (519) 743-1541.
Our Answering Machine is available 24 hours a day.**

Summer 2019 Newsletter

In each new beginning, there breathes a sigh of hope. As we reflect upon a successful school year, we are grateful for the many blessings our Lord has bestowed upon us. We recognize how fortunate all of our children are to have the wonderful care, support and priority of Catholic education that you have instilled within your families, as well as the positive role models our staff members have continued to be for your child(ren) throughout the year.

As we bring one school year to a close, we begin to plan anew for the one to come. The 2019 - 2020 school year begins on Tuesday, September 3rd. Our school hours remain the same, so the school day will officially begin at 9:10 a.m. and end at 3:40 p.m. Within this newsletter, you will find some important information regarding the beginning of the school year. On the first day of school, students will bring home school office forms and other important enclosures for you to read and complete. Please call the school if this important package does not reach your home on September 3rd.

For the new school year, we will continue our mission to improve student achievement, well-being, teach Catholic values and Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations. As a school community, let us continue to work together to make St. Bernadette a safe, welcoming and caring school where all who enter our doors feel welcome.

Thank you once again for your kind support throughout the year. As a school community, we have shared in many successes by working together and overcome some challenges as well. I look forward to the upcoming school year and the privilege of continuing as the principal of St. Bernadette Catholic School.

May God bless us all keep us safe from all harm until we meet again in September.
Mr. A. Simoes

SUMMERTIME

Last Day of School

Friday, June 28th, 2019

There will be no early dismissal.
Dismissal will be at 3:40 p.m.



Welcome Back / Open House

We look forward to reconnecting with everyone at this community event.



Our annual Meet the Teacher Night will take place **Thursday, September 12th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** Remember Me will be cooking and serving hamburgers, hot dogs and veggie dogs. More information will be shared in our opening September Newsletter.

School and Staff News

Although the end of the year brings about excitement and energy for the summer months to come, we also feel some sadness as our school community is about to change.

1. **Mr. Sullivan** has decided to change schools after fifteen successful years at our school. He will be at Our Lady of Grace in Kitchener and he will be truly missed.
2. **Ms. Hayward** will be joining the St. Boniface school community in Maryhill. We wish her all the best in her new school.
3. **Ms. Comeau** teaching assignment will be taking her to St. Daniel School in Kitchener. Although she was only with us of a short time, we also wish her the best.
4. **Ms. Matic** will be taking her talents to St. Margaret School in Cambridge as their Special Education Teacher. We thank her for her service.
5. **Ms. Parsons** our Child Youth Care Worker will be at Blessed Sacrament School in Kitchener. Good luck in your new assignment.
6. Support Staff: **Ms. Byrne, Ms. Stocco, Ms. Cuipa, Ms. Baines, Ms. McCabe, Ms. Palczewski, Ms. Montes, Ms. Alvarado, Ms. Palczewski, Ms. Pankhurst, Ms. Wynen and Mrs. Huryk.** Thank you for your hard work with our students and best of luck finding your new adventure. The many contributions of each of these staff members are appreciated and we wish them all the best in the future.

An updated staff list for the school year 2019-2020 will be available in September.

As well as staff changes, you will see a portable classroom, on our school grounds (being delivered in the fall of 2019 or earlier, we hope) in which a classroom will be created for our ever-changing and growing school population – our school now peaking at 13 classrooms from 12. A new staff member has been hired to be added to our already amazing and professional staff.

It is possible that the staffing model could change in September due to enrollment or class restructuring. If this happens, parents/guardians will be advised of any changes in fall.

School Update and News

Listed below are highlights from the month of June.

1. The following communications were either sent home or sent electronically via newswire to each family: June Newsletter and Mill/Courtland Community Centre Summer Newsletter (www.mcna-hscg.com).
2. The following field trips or workshops were held to enhance the curriculum: Gr. 4/5 and Gr. 5/6 Doon Golf Course, Mill Courtland Community Centre JK/SK, Ignatius Jesuit Grade 6/7, Wilmot Recreation



Grade 4/5, Grade 7 Trip to Mauser Park, Scientists in School Grade 1/2 and KPL School Visit Grade 1/2.

3. Grade 4 CCAT and Grade 7 CAT-4 results for each student were sent home. Information about each student's achievement as well as strategies to support each student with their learning was also shared.

Prayers, Congratulations and Thank you

Prayers



We continue to pray for all intentions in our school community. Especially our Grade 8 students as they find strength in their faith as they continue to secondary school. Also to those families and staff members who will not be returning to St. Bernadette Catholic School.

Please continue to pray for Father Tom for better health.

Congratulations to:

- our track and field team who attended an area meet on Wednesday, June 12th at University Stadium. Our school was well represented. Thank you to Ms. Yorke, Ms. Edgar and parents for accompanying our team on the day of the meet.
- Portia C. who was awarded Victoria's Book Prize for Grade 6. The law firm of Oldfield, Greaves, D'Agostino and Billo award this prize to one who is making the community better, through their generous spirit to others, sportsmanship, academic excellence and good citizenship.
- our boys and girls' junior three pitch teams coach by Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Cowan and Ms. Yorke. We wish to congratulate our talented students and dedicated staff who coached our students and helped them perform their best.
- our Cross and Country runners who represented our school very well under the teacher leaders of Ms. Cowan and Ms. Yorke.
- Mr. Sullivan who was selected by our staff as this year's recipient of the "Staff Recognition Award." Each year staff votes to select one staff member who exemplifies our Board's mission and vision statement.
- Sadie G. who was awarded the "St. Bernadette Inukshuk" honour for displaying leadership in a meaningful way to make our community a better place. Thank you to Mrs. Doherty Masters and her family for initiating this award for our school community.
- Julie Mikel who was awarded the "Gerhard Kompter Volunteer" award for her outstanding service volunteering in school, parish and community.



Thanks to:

- Ms. Madlensky, Father Tom, Father Brian, Ms. Cahill and any other individuals who contributed

THANK YOU!

to make our graduation ceremony a success.

- many of you who were able to join us for our year end BBQ. It was a success as many families came out and participated in the many activities provided. Thank you for the many generous donations and prizes. A special thank you goes out to the many volunteers in our community including Lisa McKay and Michael O'Toole for organizing the BBQ. We could not have done it without you.
- School Council and our pizza helpers for providing freezies on Fridays in June for our students.
- Food4Kids Waterloo Wellington for providing healthy food packages for our students on the weekends. This program will continue next year and if you are interested in learning more about it, please contact the school.
- Ms. Achenbach and Ms. Matic for their leadership in organizing this year's Talent Show together. In addition to our students for displaying their wonderful talent and creativity.
- Mrs. Quirion for taking care of our front gardens.
- Ms. Comeau, Ms. Parent and students for coordinating and leading the year end mass in various capacities. We have been blessed this past year with the presence of many parents, friends and relatives at our school masses. We thank you for joining us for these celebrations.
- Mrs. Simoes and Mrs. Strugnell for organizing our year end play day which will take place this Thursday. We are all looking forward to a great day of fun, hot dogs and freezies.
- Michael O'Toole and Lisa McKay our school council co- chairpersons and Michele Reuber, treasurer for their dedication and time for the past year. They have brought much leadership and care to ensure our students' needs have been well supported.

Caring For All Children – Shared Responsibility

Please make arrangements to pick up any medicine that you have had at the school by 3:40 p.m. on Friday, June 28th. All "medicine" must be picked up by an adult. Information regarding Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes and other medical conditions will be sent home to those specific families in September.



Kindergarten Program

For more information visit <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/kinergarten.html>.

Each student entering Junior Kindergarten (JK) would have received information outlining his or her individual entry plan to our school.



Entry Plan

- ✓ Scheduled school visits for JK students and families on Tuesday, September 3rd.
- ✓ Wednesday September 4th all Senior Kindergarten (SK) students attend.
- ✓ Thursday September 5th all SK students and half of JK attend.
- ✓ Friday, September 6th, all SK students and the other half of JK attend school all day.
- ✓ Monday, Sept. 9th all JK and SK students attend school.

Please check your scheduled times carefully and post these for future reference.

Term 2 Report Cards



All students will have received their final report card. Please sign and return the Report Card Response Form immediately to provide adequate filing time for reports before school ends. This form is a legal document which must be attached to the copy of the report card and included in the Ontario Student Record (OSR) file. Please note this is an opportunity for you and your child to comment on goals, student achievement and home support.

School Year Calendar 2019 – 2020

The Waterloo Catholic District School Board has approved a School Year Calendar For additional information and a complete list of important dates to remember for the 2019 - 2020 school year, including P.A. days, visit <https://www.wcdsb.ca/our-schools/school-year-calendar/> and click on the elementary tab underneath the heading 2019 - 2020.



Are You Moving?

Please advise the school office as soon as possible if your child(ren) will not be returning to St. Bernadette Catholic School for the 2019 – 2020 school year. Whether you are moving or your child(ren) are changing schools, advance notification enables us to effectively plan for the upcoming school year.



First Day of School

Students are to enter the school when the bell rings at 9:10 a.m. and proceed to the gym for welcoming words. Afterwards, students will go to their classroom with the teacher.



It is suggested that parents not purchase school materials (i.e. pencils, markers, binders, paper, etc.) until after the first day. All teachers have different preferences and students will be given specific instructions in September. Also, it is preferred that students have a pair

of white-soled running shoes at school for indoor use only.

School Hours

9:10	Bell and Entry
9:15	Opening Exercises, Anthem and Prayer
10:20 – 10:35	Recess
11:55	Lunch Dismissal
12:55	Bell and Entry For Afternoon Session
2:15 – 2:30	Recess
3:40	Daily Dismissal

Parents are reminded that supervision of students on the schoolyard begins at 8:45 a.m.

Student Agendas

This communication tool will be ordered for students and the money will be collected in September. We are informing you at this time, so that you can include this in your back to school budget.

Classroom Organization

Schools have built class lists based on their tentative organizations. Every year, changes may be necessary in September in order that our Board remain compliant with Ministry parameters. Any changes would be implemented by Monday, September 9th. Principals do not have the option of changing the school organization that is set by the school board. If changes affect your child(ren), you will be informed by the school.

Combined Grades

What is a Combined Classroom?

Combined classes group children from two consecutive grades in one classroom. Schools combine classes for a variety of reasons. This include organizing classes to meet student learning needs and combining grades to balance class size. All classrooms include students with a range of skills and abilities. Combined classes are neither better or worse than single grade classes. They are simply one of the many ways schools meet student's academic and social development needs. For more information visit:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/combinedClassrooms/combinedClassrooms.pdf>

Summer Office Hours



The office is scheduled to re-open on Monday, August 26th. If you need assistance or know of someone who may wish to register a child, please call the school office and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Summer Math

Holiday Math: Take advantage of math in the world

Summer is a great time to learn how math relates to the real world. Math is everywhere! Help your child prevent "summer learning loss" by taking advantage of the many

great opportunities to practice math naturally! Below are a few ideas to get you started:

- Cooking can involve weighing, measuring, ordering, estimating, adding, multiplying ...
- Restaurants and shopping can involve money, number identification, estimating, adding, subtracting, division ...
- Parties can involve matching numbers of people to plates, cutlery, area of tables, estimation, multiplication ...
- Trips can involve time, distance, budgeting, speed, evaluating various routes, license plate games (e.g. adding or multiplying the numbers on the plate) ...
- Home projects can involve estimation, measuring, multiplication ...
- Gardening can involve measuring, counting, area, division ...

These ideas all demonstrate how much math is involved in our daily lives and will support your child in his or her basic computation and problem-solving skills in natural, fun and real ways.



Literacy Tip

Study Reveals Summer Reduces Student Reading Ability



Did you know that during the summer months, the average student's reading ability may drop by as much as one month of grade level, and in some instances, even more?

Parents can help ensure that their child stays at or even slightly ahead of grade level by simply having them read six grade level books over summer break.

How Do I Get My Child(ren) To Read During the Summer?

1. Public Library Programs: most public libraries offer summer programs for students of all ages, and best of all, they are usually free!
2. Offer incentives: Create a personal accomplishment chart with stickers and reward your reading with a special treat when the chart is completed.
3. Locate Books That Interest Your Child(ren): Ask your child(ren) what he or she enjoys reading about. If you get a blank stare, refer to a school or public library summer reading list, as they are bound to have something of interest.

Make Reading a Part of Your Child's Summer! Tips To Make Summer Reading Fun For Your Child(ren):

- Read the book/watch the movie: students will get a kick out of seeing a book they've read come to life on the big screen.

- Browse the shelves: let your child(ren) browse the shelves of the local library, looking for factual titles of interest.
- Choose Books That Go With Summer: Whether it's a book about summer sports or a summer activity, choosing a book that has some sort of summer theme will offer your reader more of a connection.
- Engage the Imagination: Get your reader involved in a book with a good mystery, activity book or investigation resource.

School Volunteers



Anyone who is already a volunteer and has submitted a Criminal Reference Check is not required to get a new check. You only need to fill out the Volunteer Criminal Offence declaration form stating that your information has not changed. You can pick one up at the office during the first week of school.

We are grateful to you for taking these steps to support your child(ren)'s school. Watch for information in our September newsletter regarding a volunteer orientation session.



Strong Start

We are proud of the progress that our "Strong Start Readers" have made during their time in the program this year. Each child made great strides in their reading as they learned to apply valuable strategies with the help of parent coaches.

We look forward to receiving experienced as well as new parent coaches to volunteer their time for this rewarding program in the coming school year. If you are interested in volunteering and making a positive difference in our students' life directly through your efforts, please contact the office in September.

Gold Eco School



This year, under the leadership of Mrs. Doherty Masters and Ms. Madlensky participated in the Ontario EcoSchools program for the fourth year. Thanks to the efforts of our dedicated students, staff and the EcoSchool Team, we maintained our GOLD medal!

We are very proud of our Gold medal and are already thinking about ideas to further reduce our ecological footprint and to improve our understanding of environmental issues for next year! Congratulations, Bears!



School Cash Online

We will be continuing to offer School Cash Online in September 2019 which provides you with the convenience of paying online for school items such as field trips, pizza days and other school-based expenses. This is a great way to pay without the need for cash or cheques. The main office of the school will be encouraging 100% participation in this online way to pay for school expenses. Thank you to those families who have already registered. If you have not registered please take a few minutes to ensure you are ready for September. Here's how:

1. Please visit <https://wcdsb.schoolcashionline.com>
2. Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" option and following the steps.
3. After you receive the confirmation email, please select the **CLICKHERE** option, log in and add each of your children to your household account.



Please note: If you have any questions during the registration process, or while shopping online, please select the GET HELP option in the top right-hand area of the screen.

Catholic School Council

Nomination forms for next year's council will be sent home with the youngest on September 3rd. We invite you to please consider a candidacy for the position of Parent Representative in September.

All are welcome to attend our monthly meetings. The next School Council Meeting will be Tuesday, September 24th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

For your information, the minutes from our meetings are available on our website. Financial statements are available at the office. Our Annual Report is attached to the newsletter.

Electronic School Communication

St. Bernadette is an eco-friendly school. Beginning October 2019, our school newsletter will only be available in electronic form. The newsletter is also accessible via the school website.

Subscribing to newswire will allow our newsletters to be sent directly to your email. This will also be used to keep you updated on important happenings in the school

using our “e-blast” tool. Many families have already subscribed which allows them to receive the eNewsletters. We are grateful for their support in helping us go green!

If you are not currently receiving our eNewsletters please visit the Waterloo Catholic District School Board Website <https://www.wcdsb.ca>

- Click on our Schools
- Click Contact a School
- Choose St. Bernadette and Visit our Website

Go to the **NewsWire** section (Join Our Mailing List – bottom of the page) of the St. Bernadette School website (<http://stbernadette.wcdsb.ca>) and type in your email address.



Extended Day Program

If you are interested in enrolling your child into the Extended Day Program for 2019 - 2020 school year here at St. Bernadette, please visit www.wcdsb.ca or open the following link: [Extended Day Program](#) to register. Extended Day Programs.....

- Are led by knowledgeable Early Childhood Educators.
- Operate from 7:00 a.m. to school starting bell time and school ending bell time to 6:00 p.m.
- Are offered at your child's school providing convenient, consistent programming for parents and children.
- Allow for fulltime schedules or part time schedules that follow a weekly recurring set of days.
- Are available for an affordable fee, offering a variety of payment methods, including most major credit cards.
- Are eligible for Region of Waterloo child care subsidy.
- Once determined viable, ongoing registration throughout the school year.

For further questions or information please email extended.day@wcdsb.ca or call 519-578-3660.

Transportation 2019 - 2020

Transportation details for the 2019 - 2020 school year will be available on Monday, August 19, 2019. Parents can login and view your child's transportation details by going to www.stswr.ca and following these easy steps:

1. Click on “Student Login”
2. Enter your child's Ontario Education Number (OEN) This can be found on your child's report card. Numbers only, no space, no dash.
3. Enter your child's birth date.
4. Enter your child's street number house number only.



5. Select the school your child is attending from the drop-down menu.

Please note: any address changes need to be done at our school. If you are moving this summer or change caregiver arrangements for the fall, you should communicate the change of address to your child's school before the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

You can also visit www.stswr.ca to see bus delays and cancellations, subscribe to receive e-mail notifications for late buses and closures and follow us on Twitter. STSWR would like to let you know that the "Which School Do I Attend?" and "Transportation Eligibility" tools are now functional for the 2018-2019 school year. (see link: <http://www.stswr.ca/>).

Strong Start Reading Program

Strong Start Reading Volunteers Needed for September 2019. Do you have 30 minutes per week for 10 weeks to help a young child learn to read? Volunteers are needed to support our students in Senior Kindergarten, Grades 1 and 2 who need a boost with early literacy skills. The Strong Start Letters Sounds and Words™ program is a 10-week program designed for volunteers to Work one-on-one with children, playing a variety of engaging games and activities. The Letters, Sounds and Words program is unique as it was designed to be easily implemented by volunteers in schools, including those with little to no previous experience working with children. The required training and the prescriptive program manuals allow volunteers to be very independent in running the program. Register here for two 2-hour training sessions:

<https://www.strongstart.ca/programs/letters-sounds-and-words/training/>

A Place To Live Within Our Boundary

If you or if you know of anyone who would be interested in billeting or renting a space for a family of four, please contact the office. We have family who is looking for a place to live within our school boundary. Their children will be attending our school and they would like to live in the area. Please call the office at 519-743-1541 for more information.

Vacation Bible School Registration Is Open



Don't miss this year's Vacation Bible School at St Joseph Church. Together we'll learn about some wild and wacky creatures at Weird Animals VBS... *where Jesus' love is one of a kind!* VBS this summer will run from 8:50 AM-12:30 pm **July 15-19** for kids entering grades 1-6 in September.

Registration forms are available on our website at <https://www.stjosephkitchener.org/news.html>, in the parish office, and at the entrances to the Church. All

registration forms should be returned to the Parish office or mailbox.

We are also seeking youth (entering grade 7 and older) and adult leaders who can join us for the week. This camp needs a wide variety of skills: sports and athletics, music, science, drama, dance, leadership - there's a place for everyone!



If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the parish or email Mary at stjosephkitcheneryouth@gmail.com

Supporting Student Mental Health and Wellbeing

Transition to Summer Mode

The end of the school year can trigger mixed emotions for many students. Some may be excited for the warm weather, freedom, or specific summer plans. On the other hand, change (even good change) can be difficult. All kids do better with structure and routine, but some students (e.g. those who live with anxiety or ADHD) are especially reliant on the predictability that school provides. To help ensure a positive transition into (and out of) summer, keep the following tips in mind:

- Maintain a schedule, especially with curfews and bedtime.
- Support your child/youth in keeping school friendships.
- Be in the moment and ease up on talk about next school year.
- Set boundaries (e.g. around use of electronics).
- Create opportunities for continued learning (e.g. plant a garden, encourage reading and journaling).

The Power of Relationship

We all want our children/youth to develop resiliency (the ability to "bounce back" from change, stress, or adversity). Research has demonstrated that the most important factor that supports resiliency is the existence of at least one nurturing relationship with a caring adult. Parenting is a tough job and we can easily feel disconnected, especially when we find ourselves busier than usual or consumed by daily tasks. It can help to build in some simple daily habits of connection that won't add much time to your day.

- Aim for several physical connections daily: Create a daily hello and goodbye ritual (e.g. hug, high five, secret handshake); tousle hair as you pass by your child playing or reading; try a shoulder rub before bed).
- Laugh and play together. Joke around, be silly, use humour to lighten the mood.

- Eat meals together: Turn technology off, ask questions about your child/youth's day.
- Start new family traditions: Games night, Friday night movies, making dinner together.
- Schedule one-on-one time. Just 15 minutes every day can strengthen your connection.
- Welcome emotions: Try to understand from your child/youth's point of view how they are feeling; repeat back to them what they are expressing; resist the urge to tell them they shouldn't feel that way.
- Bedtime chats: Allow your child's thoughts and/or worries to come out; review fun, special moments from the day or week.
- Chat in the car or while on a walk. "Sideways conversations" can be less intimidating, especially for preteens and teens.

(Sources: PsychologyBenefits.org; Psychology Today.com)



St. Bernadette Bears Spirit Wear



Coming back this fall beginning September 3rd to the 30th. More information will be shared in late August.

All orders can be done online. Wear your St. Bernadette gear and show it off to our community.

Have a great
Summer
Vacation!



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St. Bernadette Catholic School Advisory Council Annual Report 2018 – 2019 School Year

Friday, June 28th, 2019

Dear Parents and School Community:

We would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of many individuals who volunteered their time and talents to contribute to the success of the school council. They say it takes a community to raise a child and this came through loud and clear with the commitment demonstrated by our whole school community. Special thanks are due to the members of the 2018 – 2019 school council;

Lisa McKay	- Co- Chair Person
Michael O'Toole	- Co -Chair Person
Michele Reuber	- Treasurer
Joanne DeSouza	- Community Representative
Michelle Lovell	- Secretary and Community Representative
Trish Yarascavitch	- Community Representative
Mrs. Hawley-Fancsali	- Teacher Representative
Ms. Parent	- Teacher Representative
Mr. Simoes	- Principal

The St. Bernadette School Council had a very rewarding year. The school council held six meetings (September 26th, October 15th, November 27th, January 29th, April 2nd and May 19th) and worked on various initiatives during the year. These meetings were open to the public to encourage input from parents and other members of the community. Minutes from meetings and are found on the school website and kept in the council binder at the school including financial records.

Initiatives and achievements of the school council in 2018 - 2019 included the following:

1. EQAO results, data and trend analysis for the school were reviewed.
2. School Improvement plan was shared focussing on strategies such as mathematical thinking and increase support in math.
3. Agendas were provided to each student from Grades 1 to 8 at a subsidized cost.
4. Student learning was strongly supported with new library literacy resources and subsidize bussing costs and community Chromebook.
5. School Spirit wear was offered to our school community in September. School advisory t-shirts were purchased for council members to wear during BBQ as a method to promote awareness.
6. Applied and received \$1000.00 from the Ministry of Education Parents Reaching Out Grant for an evening presentation titled "STEMOTICS."
7. Free pizza slices were offered to our students at the end of the year.
8. Supported the celebration of Grade 8 graduation, Bible Ceremony, WIN IT project and anti-bullying initiatives.
9. Council will be initiating a yearbook for the upcoming school year.

10. Weekly hot lunches from Little Caesar continued during the year.
11. Parish updates were shared regarding school visits, school mass and Sacrament preparations.
12. Topics discussed included student achievement, school council bylaws, school facilities/grounds, extracurricular activities, fundraising, safe schools, Whole School Approach (student voice and restorative justice) projected school enrolment, Eco school, School Cash on Line, projected classroom organization and meet the teacher night.
13. We offered pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and a turkey dinner at Christmas.
14. School newsletter referred to successful ventures by School Council (i.e. ministry partnership, purchases, etc.).
15. Increased communication to parents by utilizing our school website, twitter and newswire.
16. In the true spirit of the school community, we held our year end BBQ.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents of St. Bernadette School for all their fundraising efforts this past year. There were two primary fundraising events that occurred throughout the year – School Dance—a-thon (\$2800.00) and Box of Cards (\$3000.00 profit). Now, we would like to inform you of where your hard-earned fundraising dollars have been spent.

Agendas Gr. 1-8	\$1,047. 79	Win It Stickers	\$199.56
Gr. 8 Spiritual Retreat	\$380.00	Mass Bus Sharing	\$337.87
Angel Tree Donation	\$75.00	Pancake Day Supplies	\$220.59
Nutrition For Learning Donation	\$250.00	School Grounds Maintenance	\$200.00
Gr 8 Graduation Goodwill	\$500.00	Grade 8 Bursary Award	\$50.00
Bus Donation For Classrooms	\$550.00	Catholic Foundation Grant	\$100.00
Bible Celebration	\$64.87	Rosary Club Supplies	\$62.89
Classroom Special Supplies	\$1200.00	Scientists in School	\$200.00
Laminator and Laminating Sheets	\$75.00		

The 2018- 2019 school year proved to be a great success for our council. It is through the strength, hard work and dedication of its Council members that it can achieve its goals. Council worked in tandem with parents, teachers, administration, the parish and the community at large to ensure another successful year.

New faces and new ideas are always welcomed. School councils are an excellent opportunity to actively participate in discussion and decisions to enhance student achievement and school performance. We encourage you to come to meetings and contribute to making a difference at St. Bernadette Catholic School.

Sincerely yours,

Michael O'Toole and Lisa McKay
Co-Chairs

Michele Reuber
Treasurer

Mr. A. Simoes
Principal