



ST LEO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

233 MEMORIAL DRIVE, BRANTFORD ON, N3R 5T2

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Dear St. Leo School Community,

Welcome back! We are so happy to see you again and to welcome all our new community members to our beautiful school! The 2024 - 2025 year at St. Leo School is going to be amazing! We hope your summer was lovely and restful and you had a chance to enjoy some quality time with family and friends. We are thrilled to be back together as a learning community and have been preparing our classrooms and school for a few weeks, we are so glad you are here!

Fall is a special time in so many ways, we celebrate the reward of the fall harvest and give thanks for the blessings of God. It is also a time of new beginnings. Each new year brings the promise of new friends, meeting new teachers and a chance to grow and develop. We are humbled and grateful you selected Catholic Education and as a staff we are committed to joining you on this faith journey alongside your children.

Our Board Theme this year as Pope Francis announced is "Pilgrims of Hope." "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. As a dedicated, faith-filled Catholic community, we live out this call to love as people of hope, faith, mercy, justice and joy! We are a community that reflects God's love, we are the caretakers, and we are the peacemakers.

We have several new staff members that we welcome to the Lion's Den and are confident they will find their strength in our community. Please join me as we welcome back Erika Sestanj English Kindergarten Teacher, Chelsey Boylan ECE English Kindergarten, Paige Terpstra Grade 1/2 English Teacher, Kyla DeBoer Grade 1 French Immersion Teacher, welcome back Adrianna Freeman Grade 2/3 French Immersion Teacher, Mariette Uwineza Grade 4/5 French Immersion Teacher, and Kyle Hockley Educational Assistant.

I want to acknowledge all of the teachers, ECE's, and EA's for their hard work preparing their classrooms and to Mr. Chopp (our Custodian), Mrs. Dawdy, Mrs. Teskey for all the effort they have put into preparing our school for September. I especially want to thank all of our families for your support and enthusiasm as we welcome everyone back and our students for the positive attitudes and smiles they bring us each day.

I know there is a flame of hope within each of us and ask God to grace us to be inspired to be peacemakers within our communities.

God Bless,

Mrs. Margi Szoke, Principal



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ST LEO EVENTS CALENDAR

SEPT 13 | PA DAY-SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED

SEPT 18 5:30-6:30 | MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

SEPT 23 | PICTURE DAY (RETAKE DAY OCT 28)

SEPT 30 | ORANGE SHIRT DAY

OCT 8 | PA DAY-SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED

OCT 14 | THANKSGIVING-SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED

Student Transportation Services: <https://transinfobhn.ca/Login>, Don't forget to check out the Chipmunk app this school year. The app is free and allowing to track the path of their bus and to be given notification when the bus is getting close to your assigned bus stop.

SchoolCash online: there are a number of permission forms that need to be reviewed and signed electronically. If you do not have a SchoolCash account, you can sign www.schoolcashionline.com

Student Verification Forms (long purple form), and all online permission forms, are completed no later than **Thursday, September 12th**

Prevalent Medical Forms (asthma, anaphylaxis, seizures, diabetes) please contact the office as soon as possible, mteskey@bhncdsb.ca for a Plan Of Care to be sent home/emailed. It is very important we have this information completed and updated **every school year**.

Early Dismissals Communication If you are picking your child(ren) up early during the school day, please notify the Teacher directly with a note or email (include the secretary). We strongly encourage you to be mindful of recess times, as collecting children from the school yard will cause a delay in your pick up time.

BELL TIMES

Morning Bell 8:45am Dismissal 3:05pm

First Nutrition Break 10:25am-11:05am

Second Nutrition Break 12:45pm-1:25pm

If your child will be absent from school please [Email](#) or Phone: 519-759-3314.

QUICK LINKS

• [Bussing Updates](#)

• Inclement Weather Announcements

Twitter: [@stleocatholic](https://twitter.com/stleocatholic)

Board Website: www.bhncdsb.ca

School Website: www.stleobrantford.ca



THE CIRCLE OF SECURITY PARENTING

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Understand your child's emotional world by learning to read the emotional needs
- Support your child's ability to successfully manage emotions
- Enhance the development of your child's self esteem
- Trust your own ability and desire to help your child be secure

DATES:

- Tuesdays - 6:00 - 7:30 pm Starting September 17, 2024 (8 weeks) @ Family Resource Centre, 14 Henry St., Brantford
- Wednesdays - 6:00 - 7:30 pm Starting September 18, 2024 (8 weeks) @ Family Resource Centre, 14 Henry St., Brantford
- Thursdays - 1:00 - 2:30 pm Starting September 19, 2024 (8 weeks) @ Kids Country Inn, 25 Bell Lane, Brantford

At times, all parents feel lost or without a clue about what our child might need from us. Imagine what it might feel like if you were unable to make sense of what your child was really asking from you. The Circle of Security Parenting program is based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened.

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