



Resurrection

Catholic Elementary School



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Principal: Shelley Callender • Secretary: Mrs. Andrea Murphy

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Principal's Message



We are officially underway for our 2024-2025 school year! While the last few weeks have been busy as we ensured everyone was organized, we are now confident that we have effective systems in place at Resurrection School to support our families and our students. There are bound to be hiccups and learning points along the way, but we have a good foundation in place. Thank you for your support as we have worked out the kinks! This year, our Board spiritual theme is "Pilgrims of Hope". A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey of movement toward a goal, often lived together with others – and that certainly describes our Catholic education at Resurrection. Hope – one of the three theological virtues – is grounded in our Easter faith in Jesus' resurrection and renewal; this is what enables us to be builders, dreamers, and leaders in Jesus' name. Pope Francis invites us to keep moving ahead in faith, in joy, and in hope, as part of a pilgrim people. Even in challenging times, our eyes are focused on the future.

A positive partnership between school and home is essential in helping our students to reach their full potential. We appreciate your assistance at home in helping us instill these values and for supporting us and collaborating with us when our children venture off of the intended path. It is important to keep the lines of communication open at all times.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself should you have any questions or concerns at any point in the school year. Please visit our website, check emails for school messages and follow us on Twitter @rescatholic where we will celebrate all the wonderful things that are certain to happen this year at Resurrection.

Wishing you all a wonderful Thanksgiving!
Mrs. Shelley Callender
Principal

School Council 2024-2025

Our first council meeting was held on Wednesday, September 16th. Thank you to all who attended. As a result of the meeting, we now have the following parents in elected positions for 2024–2025 school year:

Chair—Laura Dickson
Secretary—Amy Valletta and Kari Slade
Treasurer—Erin Wills and Rebecca Johnson
School Representative—Shannon Milson



Student Parliament

The following grade 8's have been selected to hold the below positions for the 2024-2025 school year:

Ministers of Faith—Layla and Adrianna
Ministers of Technology—Christian and Lucas
Ministers of Environment—Jonah
Ministers of Wellness—Emma
Ministers of Sport's Clubs—Anthony and Ryan
Ministers of School Spirit—Eva-Lynn and Sophia
Secretary—Rav



Co-ed Soccer Tournament

On Tuesday, October 1st, our junior and senior co-ed soccer teams will participate in the Brantford A Division soccer tournament at John Wright field. Good luck to both teams! A huge thank you to coaches Miss Citino and Mr. McCormick.

Junior team members: Dante, Lorenzo, Emmitt, Adriel, Titus, Kohen, Jocelyn, Holly, Catherine, Aurora, Emmy, and Beulah

Senior team members: Lincoln, Corwyn, Hudson, Lucas, Anthony, Ryan, Jonah, Alessia, Adrianna, Eva-Lynn, Makenna, Emmy, Lyla and Isla.

Parish Information



St. Pius X Parish Community
9 Waverly Street, Brantford
Pastor: Father Rafal Tomon
519.753.8439
www.stpiusbrantford.ca



School Bell Times

First Bell.....8:45 am
First Break 10:25 am to 10:45 am
Lunch Break 12:45 pm to 1:05 pm
Dismissal Bell3:05 pm

Absent/Late Students



If your child will be absent or late for school please call the office at **519.752.5900**
(24 hour voicemail)

Resurrection Website

www.resurrectionbrantford.ca

There are many items you can find on the Resurrection website including:



School Newsletters & Calendars
Information on Events
School Bell Times

Board Website

www.bhncdsb.ca



Please view the Board's website for important information. The website includes calendars, Board policies and much other useful information.

Join Us on Twitter

See what is happening at Resurrection School!
Follow us on twitter at
[@rescatholic](https://twitter.com/rescatholic)



First Aid Safety Kit Fundraiser Kick Off— October 1st

This year we will be using Canadian Safety Supplies as our fall fundraiser. They sell a variety of safety kits (home kits, pet kits, survival kits, burn kits, etc.) at a variety of prices. Each family will be receiving a brochure to bring home to sell to family and friends. They make excellent and practical Christmas gifts! All orders will be placed on School Cash online, so please do not send money or the form back to school. Our fundraiser will run from October 1st to November 3rd. All orders must be entered by midnight of the 3rd. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office.

Let's get fundraising!



World Teacher's Day—October 5

Thank you to all of our teacher's who put in countless hours for our students.

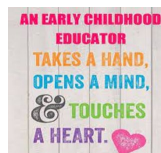


No School—October 8 & 14th

There will be no school on Tuesday, October 8th due to a P. A. Day and Monday, October 14th, school will be closed for Thanksgiving Day.

Early Childhood Educator Day— October 24

Thank you to Mrs. Cottrill for your dedication and compassion toward our children's development.



Fall Frenzy—October 24

Our School Council is hosting the Fall Frenzy Family Fun Night on Thursday, October 24th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Come dressed in your costumes and get ready to play games, bid on items in the silent auction, visit the Haunted House and enjoy visiting with other families from the community. We will have food available for purchase. We hope you can make it!



Wear Purple Day—October 25

Every October, Children's Aid Societies across Ontario raise awareness about the important role that individuals and communities play in supporting vulnerable children, youth, and families through the provincial Dress Purple Day campaign. On October 25th we invite students to wear purple to school to promote child abuse prevention awareness.



Picture Re-take Day—October 28th

On Monday, October 28th Edge Imaging will be back at our school to take picture re-takes (parents please let your child's teacher know if you want a re-take). They will also be taking class photos on this day.



Hallowe'en —October 31

Children are permitted to wear their costumes to school. Costumes must not conflict with our Catholic values. No blood, weapons or gore are to be worn at school. Violent accessories such as knives, guns, spears and swords are not permitted at school. Masks can be worn during the parade as long as they don't obstruct a student's ability to see but they must be set aside for the remainder of the day. Costumes are to be modest and school appropriate. Following the parade, students will return to their rooms for Halloween themed learning activities and a party. This is an official treat day but please remember we are a nut safe school.



Peanut & Tree Nut Aware and Educated Zone



A reminder to all families that lunches may not contain any of the following ingredients: peanuts, peanut butter, tree nuts, other nuts (or any items made with these items or their oils). We have students and staff with anaphylaxis (a life-threatening allergic condition) who cannot be exposed to these food products. Please continue to vigilant in checking the ingredients list for processed foods (e.g. cereals, granolas). Many contain trace amounts of these ingredients—which could be fatal to our students. **A special thank you to all our families for working together in this endeavor.**

Contacting a Staff Member/ Leaving a Message

If you would like to speak with a staff member, please choose one of the following methods:

Write an e-mail asking the staff member to contact you.

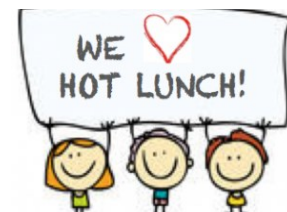
Call the school phone number and if the teacher is not available, you may leave a message or your phone number to receive a return phone call.

Hot Lunch Orders

SchoolCashOnline.com: [Welcome](#)

Hot lunch orders (pizza, pasta, subs, etc.) are only available for purchase online through School Cash Online. This way we are helping the environment by using less paper and we are creating a safer school by having less money in the school.

Please visit our website for hot lunch dates.



Pumpkin Carving Contest

On the morning of October 31st, families are invited to bring their carved pumpkin to the front of the school. Three tables will be set up and pumpkins will be separated into three categories: Scary, Funny and Creative. During the day, children will come to view the pumpkins and will choose their favourite in each category. The family that wins each category will get a \$25 Food Basics/Metro Gift Certificate. (Please make sure the scary ones aren't too scary and are in alignment with our Catholic values. Please keep in mind our young audience—some being only 3 and 4 years old). Thank you.



We Scare Hunger: Donations Needed

This year we will be supporting The Friendship House, which is a Christian, non-denomination charity organization.

They rely on donations (monetary, food, clothing, etc.) and volunteers to run their organization. They provide breakfast and brunch to individuals or families who need some assistance or to the homeless. Other services include food bank days, free clothing for adults and children, housewares, hair cutting, take out meals as well as providing over 250 school lunches each week for hungry students who go to school without a lunch. .

We have reached out to the Friendship House to find out their greatest need at this time and they have responded with canned food items. This includes soup, fruit, vegetables, proteins (peanut butter, canned fish, meat, beans), etc. Please send in your donations to make a difference and give back to our community. Thank you!



Rainy Day Procedures

On rainy or inclement weather mornings, please continue with the morning routine of entering the school through your designated doors. Kindergarten students will continue to enter through the side Kindergarten door and all other students will enter through their designated playground doors. Parents and students should refrain from entering through the main front doors. If you need your child, or a teacher, Mrs. Murphy or Mrs. Callender will be glad to assist. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Cutlery in Packed Lunches

We are seeing a lot of students asking the office for cutlery for their lunches. Unfortunately, the school does not provide this for student use. Please make sure your child has the necessary utensils packed in their lunch on a daily basis. Reuseable cutlery that can be left in their lunch bags is a good practice to use.



St. Pius X Parish News

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Confirmation

Our Confirmation program is open to students in grades 7 and above. Information on registration for Confirmation is now available on our website: <https://stpiusbrantford.ca/> under the sacraments tab. Registrations are now open and we kindly ask that registrations are completed by Friday, October 4th to be adequately prepared for Confirmation.



A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, on this day of Thanksgiving, we ask your blessings on our family, our friends, our home, our health, and on the food we are about to eat.

We thank you for this time together and the many gifts that you have given us.

Help us to remember in this time of bounty those less fortunate.

And may your love consume us all that we might share in your glory.

Amen



Police Clearance Checks

In accordance with Board Policy, if parents wish to accompany their children on an out-of-school excursion or volunteer in the school they **must** have a current clear Police Clearance Certificate.

Certificates are valid for 3 years as long as Declarations are provided. **Online AODA training also required.** Visit the school office for details.

Unfortunately, volunteers are not needed at this time.



Parking on Ravenwood Road

In order to ensure the safety of our children, parents/guardians are asked to **please obey traffic signs and to park on the street only where permitted.**

Please do not park in no parking zones. Parking in these zones causes visibility issues. Also, please do not park in the townhouse parking lot across the street.



Please ensure that you do not block the driveways of our neighbours as we have received some complaints in this regard in the past.

The parking lot is reserved for staff only.

Dropping Off Items for Students

Our children sometimes forget things at home or in the car on their way to school. Items dropped off for students (forgotten lunch etc.) must be done so through our contactless drop-off bin. It is located within the front door of the school. Please buzz the office and Mrs. Murphy will give you further instructions. Once you leave your items, that student will be called down to retrieve it at the next scheduled nutritional break.

Let's get our bodies moving and reduce traffic around school this October as we celebrate **International Walk to School Month (IWALK)**. Join the fun as we encourage everyone to leave the car at home and choose an active way to get to school or the school bus stop. Live too far? That's ok. You can still participate. Park your car a block or two away from school and walk or roll part of the way. Sneak in a few extra steps while improving school safety.

Let's get more children walking and rolling to school!

Children who walk and roll to school:

- Have better academic performance due to improved concentration and attention span
- Have reduced stress, depression and anxiety
- See improved health by meeting the goal of 60 minutes of physical activity per day
- Learn important life skills such as pedestrian safety



Walking to school also benefits parents/caregivers:

- Improved health by increasing daily physical activity
- Reduces emissions and traffic congestion around the school improving safety for all
- Opportunity to teach independence and important life skills
- More quality time spent together

To help celebrate IWALK, students will be invited to participate in these fun activities:

Walking School Bus: Take a look at the map to see our Walking School Bus route and starting time. Join the 'bus' along the route as it makes it's way to school. Our 'drivers' will be wearing bright coloured vests and carrying "Walking School Bus" signs as they lead students to school and reinforce safety tips along the way. Parents and caregivers of young children are invited to join the bus as supervision will not be provided. Walking as a group is fun and improves safety. Meet your neighbours and schoolmates as we enjoy the fresh air and changing colours of Fall.

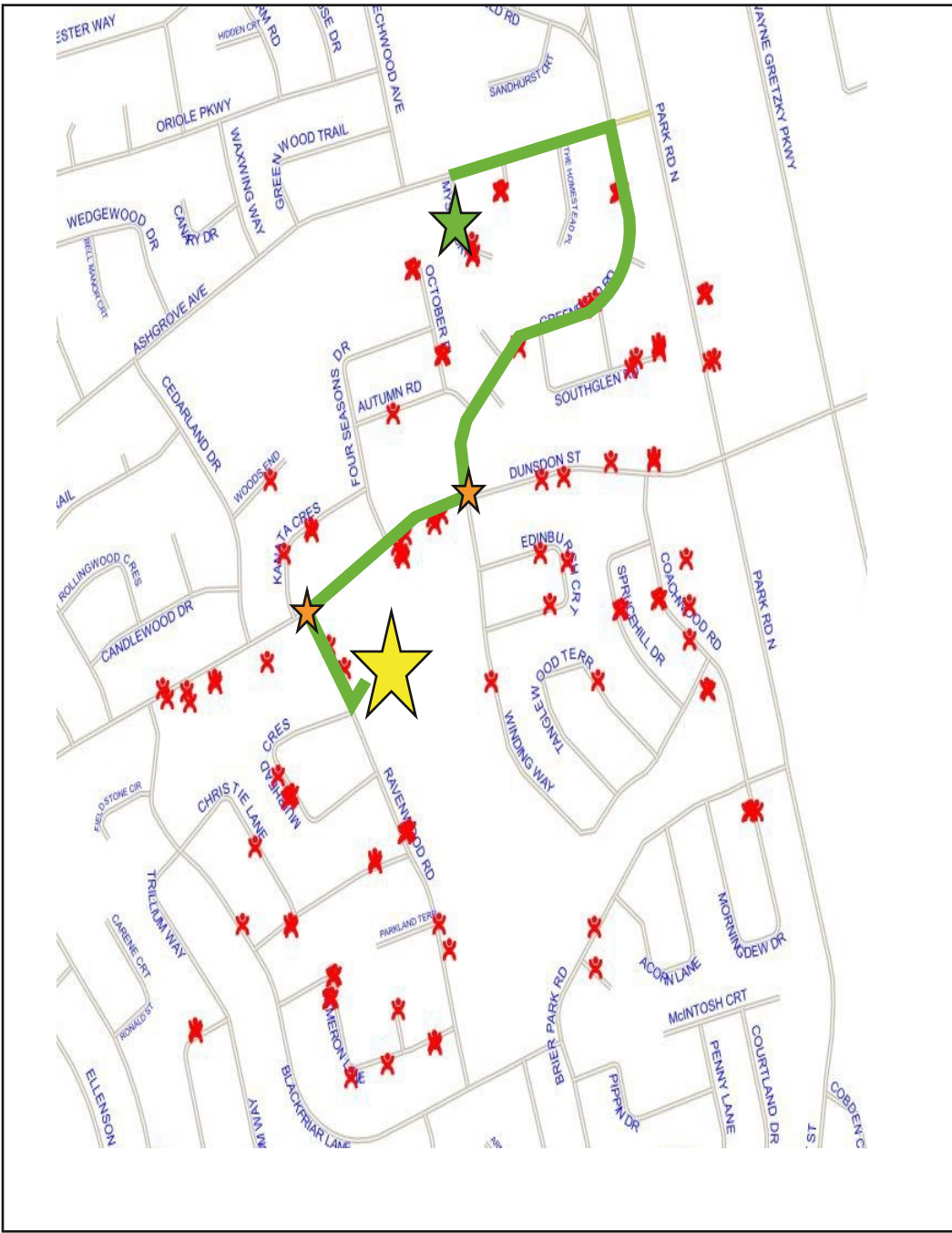
IWALK Poster: Help decorate our IWALK poster. Sign your name, share how you got to school, let us know what you like about walking to school, or draw a picture of what you saw while walking to school. Schools will be invited to hang up the posters so all can enjoy.

Grand Prize Draw: Students who used an active way to get to school or the bus stop will receive a ballot to win a grand prize. A weekly draw will be held, and one winner selected from all participating schools. Good luck!





Giveaways: Students who walk or use another active way to get to school or the bus stop (e.g. ride a bicycle, scooter, skateboard, use a wheelchair, etc.) will be eligible to receive a small prize.

Help your child become more active by encouraging them to get outside and walk or roll to school. It's fun and a great way to fit more physical activity into their day and yours too!





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-  School
-  Starting Point
-  Route
-  Signal

School Arrival Time: 8:35am
Walking School Bus Start Time: 8:20am

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October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>First Aid Kit Fundraiser runs all month!! Don't forget to sell!</p> 		<p>1 Day 5</p> <p>Co-ed Soccer Tournament</p>  <p>Pizza lunch</p> 	<p>2 Day 1</p> <p>Mad Science Kick off</p>	<p>3 Day 2</p> <p>Subway lunch</p> 		<p>5</p> <p>Teacher Appreciation Day</p> 
6	7 Day 4	8	9 Day 5	10 Day 1	11 Day 2	12
		P. A. Day		Pace's Pasta		
						
13	14 Thanksgiving Day	15 Day 3	16 Day 4	17 Day 5	18 Day 1	19
		Pizza lunch		Lil Louie's Eats & Sweets lunch		
						
20	21 Day 2	22 Day 3	23 Day 4	24 Day 5	25 Day 1	26
		Pizza lunch		La Bottega lunch Fall Frenzy 5:30—7:30 pm	Wear Purple Day	
						
27	28 Day 2	29 Day 3	30 Day 4	31 Day 5		
	Picture Re-take & Class Photos	Brant County Cross & Country Meet		Halloween—Wear your costume		
		Pizza lunch		Subway lunch		