

Resurrection

Catholic Elementary School

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Principal: Mrs. M. DeDominicis • Secretary: Mrs. A. Murphy



SEPTEMBER 2025



Principal's Message

Welcome back to a new school year at Resurrection! We are excited about working and learning alongside you and your children this year. Our goal is always to foster an academic, physical, social and emotional environment that is rooted in our Catholic faith. With a focus on Belonging, Teaching and Learning, and Wellness for all, we will continue to provide our students and families with the tools for realizing their fullest potential, while also instilling a life-long commitment to the community. Our Pastoral Theme this year is "Pilgrims of Hope: On the Path to Holiness." Students and staff will engage in activities, scripture, and service to our neighbours in need throughout the year to prepare our students for joyful discipleship by living the values of the Gospel.

As the Principal of the school, I continue to look forward to working with you throughout the year. Please feel free to phone, email (mdedominicis@bhncdsb.ca) or book an appointment. Correspondence such as newsletters, order forms, and calendars can be accessed through our website www.resurrectionbrantford.ca We look forward to sharing your child's successes with you and working together to address difficulties and/or concerns.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Ms. MacNeil, our grade 4/5 teacher this year to our Resurrection team!

Parking Lot & School Access

As a reminder, parent vehicles are not permitted in the parking lot for drop off/pick up purposes or to park their vehicles. We have additional staff from the board office using some space in our school, so additional parking spots have been created for their use.

Although we pride ourselves on having an "open door", we will operate the same as last year in order to ensure the safety of our students and staff. Parents and visitors will be permitted into the school BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Parents / caregivers are not permitted on the school yard. If you walk your child(ren), you will need to drop-off / pick up your child from the gates. If you walk your child(ren) from the back entry field you will need to drop from the fencing.



School Photo Day

Our school photo day this year will be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025. More information will be sent out closer to the day. We will also have a re-take day booked for Monday, October 27. Please mark these dates down in your calendar.





SCHOOL STAFF FOR 2025-2026



Mrs. Milson-Kindergarten

Mrs. Cottrill - Early Childhood Educator

Miss. Jagus – Grade 1/2

Miss Citino - Grade 2/3

Ms. MacNeil—Grade 4/5

Mr. Romany - Grade 6/7

Ms. Zwierzak- Grade 7/8

Mr. Moise - FSL

Mrs. McDermid —Special Education Resource

Teacher (Temporary)

Mr. Hern—STEM Teacher

Mrs. Chopp —Educational Assistant

Mr. Green-Library Technician

Mrs. DeDomincis- Principal

Mrs. Murphy – Secretary

Ms. Rohr- Caretaker



School Bell Times

First Bell	8:45	am
First Break	. 10:25 am to 11:05	am
Lunch Break	12:45 pm to 1:25	pm
Dismissal Bell	3:05	pm

2025-2026 School Year Calendar

Please download and print your copy of the 2025-2026 Elementary School Calendar. The calendar will list all PA Days and

BHNCDSB Elementary Calendar 2025-2026.pdf



Lunch Policy



Children are encouraged to stay at school for both nutrition breaks or stay for the first nutrition break. The majority of students stay. Please let your child's teacher know if your child will always be going home for second nutrition break, otherwise it is assumed your child will be staying at school. "Going out for lunch" is not permitted due to safety and logistical reasons. Rather two hot lunch days per week are pro-

vided by the school which can be ordered and paid for online.

Lunch Orders and Cashless School

Hot lunch will start on Tuesday, September 30th. Hot lunch will be available on Tuesday & Thursday's. Please remember that all hot lunch orders (pizza, subs, pasta) and field trip payments will only be available for purchase using our **School Cash Online ordering & payment system**. This will allow for easier ordering and maintenance of due dates. It is the school board's preference to have all cash transactions made using School Cash Online.

Back to School Footwear

Each student should bring a pair of indoor and a pair of outdoor shoes to school in September. It is important to have a pair of non-marking indoor runners for gym use only. Please remember that flip flops and Crocs are not good footwear for school because they either slip on floors and get caught under doors providing little protection for children's toes. These types of shoes are also not permitted for gym use. Running shoes are the best option. If your child cannot tie their shoelaces it is highly encouraged to purchase Velcro or no-tie running shoes.

Brightspace/D2L



All classes have a corresponding virtual Brightspace environment. Your virtual classroom will be the place where teachers post information about classroom events, topics being covered, homework, etc. (information that can be viewed by all students and families). Most grades/marks for tests and assignments can also be viewed on Brightspace so you are able to

monitor your child's progress. If you are unsure of how to access this platform, please reach out to your child(ren)'s teachers. If the message is specific to just your child or family, the teacher will connect with you via the email address that we have on file at the school or by phone.

Student Punctuality/Attendance

We encourage parents to model the importance of punctuality and regular attendance for children which is important for student success. There is a direct correlation between children who are often late or absent and lowered academic achievement. All teachers begin the day with either Language or Math which are very important to a student's success. We all want our children to do well in school and life, and punctuality and attendance is very important. Students who arrive after 8:45 am and enter through the main front doors are considered late.

If you wish to withdraw your child during the course of a day, please enter an 'early dismissal' using the Safe Arrival Messenger app.



Parish Information



St. Pius X Parish Community 9 Waverly Street, Brantford 519.753.8439 www.stpius.ca

Absent/Late Students

If your child will be absent or late for school please use the SafeArrival system, you no longer need to contact the school. You have 3 options to report an absence—you can download the mobile app;

use the website: https://home.schoolmessenger.ca

or call the toll free numer 1-844-445-4381.

All options are available 24 hours/7 days a week. Future absences (vacation days) can be reported at any time.



SchoolCashOnline

Pay for and order pizza, pasta, trips etc. securely online! If you haven't vet registered please do so at:

https://bhncdsb.schoolca

Please remember cheques and cash are no longer accepted as a form of payment.

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
Hot Lunch Forms
Permission Forms

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.



Progressive Discipline

Progressive Discipline is a whole-school approach that utilizes a continuum of interventions, supports, and consequences to address inappropriate student behavior and to build upon strategies that promote positive behaviours. In everything that we do in the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board and Resurrection School, we are led by our Faith and a conscious effort to model the Beatitudes while responding as a caring Catholic community. It includes a response to misbehavior which shifts the focus from punitive to corrective and supportive. It also includes a range of responses that include learning opportunities for reinforcing positive behavior while helping students make good choices in the future. Restorative questions utilized in the event someone has harmed include:

- What happened?
- What were you thinking of at the time?
- What have you thought about since:
- Who has been affected by what you have done? In what way?
- What do you think you need to do to make things right?

For pupils with special education and/or disability related needs, interventions, supports and consequences will be consistent with the expectations in the students' individual education plan (IEP) and/or his/her demonstrated abilities. The principal/vice-principal will also take into consideration all mitigating factors as required by the Education Act.

In some circumstances, positive practices and progressive discipline might not be effective or sufficient in addressing inappropriate student behavior. In such circumstances, the Board supports the use of progressive discipline consequences up to and including suspension, or expulsion from all schools of the Board. (More detail can be found within the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board: Student Behaviour, Discipline & Safety Policy 200.09).

Range of Responses:

- Verbal/non-verbal messages from teacher or adult in authority
- Re-location within the classroom or learning environment
- Private conversations with student, to help student to reflect, to develop alternative behaviours
- Collaboration with parent or quardian
- Peer mediation
- Restorative practices or community services
- Suspension (principal/vice-principal shall consider mitigating circumstances as per Board Policy 200.9)
- Expulsion (principal/vice-principal shall consider mitigating circumstances as per Board Policy 200.9)

Resurrection is a Paperless School

Access to the school calendar, newsletter, hot lunch forms, our 'What's

Happening' weekly memos and other notes usually sent home are posted on the school website or sent home via email. Please make sure we have your current email address on file in order to receive these. Permission Forms will now be available to view and sign on School Cash Online.

Every year, the board/school requires certain forms to be signed annually. These forms have all been moved to School Cash Online to reduce paper. These forms include:

- √ Concussion Form
- √ Technology Use Agreement
- √ Notice of Collection & Use of Personal Information
- √ Makerspace Safety Contract (required for STEM)
- √ Walking Around the Neighbourhood Permission Form

Once you have reviewed them online, please use the electronic signature feature to complete the process. These forms are **required** to be signed off by parents.



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 **VOLUNTEER** years as long as Declarations are provided. Online AODA training also re-



quired. Visit the school office for details.

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 for students crossing 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.

Outdoor Supervision

A teacher supervisor is on the play-ground from 8:30—8:45 a.m. in the morning. The students are encouraged to arrive during that time.

Parents walking students attending our KG Program are asked to drop them off at the fenced area adjacent to their classroom where they will be greeted by a staff member.

Students should not enter or exit the school using the front door. All students will enter/exit through the playground doors.



Hand Hygiene for School

Removing bacteria and viruses from our hands is an important way to prevent the spread of illness. The spread of germs that cause the flu (influenza virus), the common cold (rhinovirus) and diarrhea and vomiting (norovirus) can all be reduced with good hand hygiene.

Reducing the spread of illness in schools helps to keep children in class so they can continue to learn.

Hand hygiene is important:

- ♦ After using the washroom.
- After coughing or sneezing.
- ♦ Before eating snacks or lunch.
- ♦ After touching animals.
- ♦ When hands look dirty—especially after recess or gym.

Hand hygiene refers to removing germs—bacteria and viruses from our hands. These germs can make us sick when we touch our mouth, eyes, nose or an open sore.

Hand hygiene can be done by either:

- ♦ Hand washing with soap and water or
- Using a hand sanitizer

We will continue to review the importance of hand washing throughout the year to help prevent the spread of viruses.

Fire Drills and Lockdown Drills

We are fortunate in Canada that intruder violence or fires in schools rarely occur. However, we cannot be complacent with respect to our preparedness for such an event. As such, our staff has reviewed lockdown and fire drills and plan to conduct a lockdown drill and 3 fire drills in the next few weeks and will do the same again in the spring. Teachers will talk to the children before the drills to prepare them. Talking about the drills at home with your child can also alleviate any anxiety. Remind children to follow teacher/police/principal direction, not to use cell phones, and to remain silent during a lockdown. Also, please note that during an emergency situation at the school, we ask that you do not phone the school or your child's cell phone since a ringing phone may alert an intruder to the student's whereabouts or it may tie up phone lines that are needed to communicate with emergency personnel. We will communicate to parents via website, twitter, letter or call out system as soon as possible. Please keep all of your contact information up to date in the office so that we can reach you in case of emergency.



Treats and Birthdays

Please do not send in treats for the class on your child's birthday. Under the Ministry Policy (P/PM 150), and the BHNCDSB Nutrition Policy, the maximum number of days in the school year that may be designated as special treat days for a school is ten (10). Special treat days allow the schools to serve or sell foods or beverages that do not comply with the standards in P/PM 150 and the BHNCDSB Nutrition Policy. In a normal school year, Resurrection's special treat days include Fall Frenzy, Halloween, Turkey Luncheon, last day before Christmas break, Valentine's Day, Shrove Tuesday, Grade 8 Graduation and the last day of school. We reserve a couple of extra days for events that may come up. Thank you for your cooperation.







Before and After School Program

The YMCA will once again be offering a before and after school program at our school. YMCA School Age Child Care gives parents peace of mind. The program is based out of the school the child attends, thereby providing them with a seamless day in one location. Every program is staffed by YMCA trained professionals, selected for their educational background and aptitude for working with children. The end result is a safe, nurturing environment to begin and end their day at school. The morning component allows children to ease into their day and the afternoon component strikes the perfect balance between structured activities and free play. Snacks are provided by the program and are served in accordance to Canada's Food Guide. For more information please contact the Brantford Family YMCA at 519-752-6568 x 101.



Allergy Alert for Peanuts/Nuts

Due to student and staff allergies, Resurrection School is a nut safe school.

Students are asked to bring lunches and snacks free of peanuts and tree nuts as well as products that have the "may contain peanuts/tree nuts" warning on them. Please read labels before sending food to school. Keep in mind not all packaging is clearly labeled with the warning. Truly, this is a life saving measure. If you have caregivers who provide your child with lunches or snacks you will need to share this information with them.

READ THE LABELS!

- That means there should be NO tree nuts & peanuts in the product.
- The item should also be made in a TREE NUT & PEANUT FREE FACILITY.
- The label can NOT say "May Contain Nuts" or made on equipment that also processes nuts, or anything similar.

***Please note that the use of peanut butter substitutes (e.g., WOW butter etc.) is not permitted. The reasoning behind this is that the peanut butter substitutes look and smell like peanut butter, which makes it difficult for staff to monitor as well as possibly causing anxiety for students with severe peanut allergies.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

a member of the legume family and not related to tree nuts. Peanuts:

Tree Nuts: Almonds, Brazil Nuts, Cashews, Chestnuts, Hazelnuts, Hickory Nuts, Macadamia Nuts, Pecans, Pine Nuts, Pistachios,

Shea Nuts and Walnuts.



Prevalent Student Medical Conditions

The safety and well-being of children in our care is of the utmost importance to the staff within our school. If your child has a prevalent medical condition that requires support or monitoring, we request that you contact the school as soon as possible to ensure that our staff have the necessary information to ensure your child is safe while at school.

The following are medical conditions that require a Plan of Care as determined by Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board policy and/or provincial legislation. The Plan of Care will be completed in collaboration with the school administrative team:

- Asthma Please complete the Asthma Plan of Care
- Anaphylactic Reactions Please complete the Anaphylaxis Plan of Care
- Diabetes Please complete the Diabetes Plan of Care
- Epilepsy Please complete the Epilepsy Plan of Care

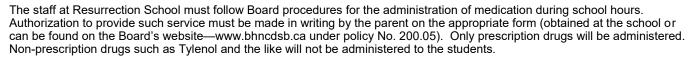


If your child has any of the aforementioned conditions and you have not yet completed the required forms, please contact the school immediately to provide the necessary information and receive a copy of the required forms.

Please note: It is the responsibility of parents to notify schools 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:

STU 200.05.P - Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions (Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes or Epilepsy).pdf (bhncdsb.ca)

Medication





Medic Alert's No Child Without Program is at our School



The No Child Without program offers a free Medic Alert membership and bracelet to students who attend school and are between the ages of 4 up to their 14th birthday. If your child has a medical condition, allergy or is required to take medication on a regular basis then you should consider a Medic Alert membership through this program. It is your child's voice in an emergency.

Medic Alert membership:

- Gives emergency first responders immediate access to your child's medical information on their Medic Alert bracelet or necklet.
- Enables first responders to quickly obtain up to date medical information by means of the child's Electronic Health Record through the 24 Hour Emergency Hotline.
- Communicates with the parent or emergency contact upon activation of the Hotline.
- Allows free updates of the child's medical record as needed.

Medic Alert identification can alert school staff, friends, coaches and others about your child's medical condition should an emergency occur. For further information visit www.nochildwithout.ca



Dress Code Reminder



Modesty and common sense are the main guidelines for the dress code that is in place. Schools rely upon the good judgment and support of parents/guardians in helping their children determine appropriate wear for school.

The BHNCDSB believes that proper dress for pupils and staff helps to create a positive and safe Catholic learning environment consistent with the mission and values of the Board. The responsibility for meeting the expectations of the Dress Code is primarily that of the parents/guardians of the students.

All students and staff attire must be in keeping with our Catholic teachings and beliefs, reflect principles of modesty, and shall not include the following:

- Short shorts/skirts, bare midriffs, halter tops, tank tops, etc.;
- Accessories such as spiked bracelets/necklaces or any externals not in keeping with the spirit of the dress code, as determined by the local school; and/or
- Language and/or representation on attire that indicates gang affiliation and/or depicts violence, profanity or discrimination of any kind whatsoever or that otherwise demeans an identifiable individual or group.

School Council Elections/Meeting



New faces are always welcome on School Council! The School Council is an advisory board to the principal. It makes recommendations to the principal based on the general views of the school community concerning issues like faith development, the school calendar of events, and fundraising to name a few. Council members lead two fundraising activities per year. Meetings are at least 4 times per year at the school. Come out and learn about your school activities, share your talents, help in raising funds and meet other parents involved in the school community. Our first council meeting will be on **Wednesday**, **September 24th at 7:00 p,m**, following Meet the Teacher. If you are interested in being on School Council, please fill out a Nomination Form (pick up at the office or email Mrs. Murphy—amurphy@bhncdsb.ca to send one by email). The nomination form is available until <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>September 17, 2025</u>.

Student Accident Insurance



Our School Board **does not** provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school property or during school activities, including extra-curricular sports.

Each year, many families are left financially unprotected when their children are injured at school, while participating in non-school activities or at home. If a student is injured, parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for any costs not covered by the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) or their employer's health care plan. Please check with your provider regarding your coverage. Most accident-related expenses are not fully covered under OHIP and some expenses like ambulance fees, casts, crutches,

physiotherapy and emergency dental care are usually not covered at all. This leaves you, the parent/guardian, financially responsible.

To help protect your family, it is recommended that you consider obtaining student accident insurance. As a convenience to you, the Board has arranged to offer student accident insurance through insuremykids®. Participation is voluntary, but highly recommended, and the costs are to be paid by the parent/guardian. The program is available for students up to age 26.

Coverage is provided for a wide range of accidental expenses, including:

- Dental Expenses includes 10 years unlimited dental benefit coverage, future dental up to \$1,650 per tooth, and injury-related orthodontia coverage up to \$2,500 per accident.
- Total and Permanent Disability up to \$350,000.
- Loss of Limb/Loss of Sight, Hearing, or Speech.
- Accidental Death.
- · Ambulance Fees.
- · And much more.

Insuremykids® Student Accident Insurance offers three plans with 24/7 coverage at affordable rates – their most affordable plan is \$17 per year and their most popular plan is the Platinum at \$33 per year, which provides out-of-province emergency medical coverage and travel benefits. All annual plans provide **13 months of coverage** from the date of purchase. Family rates are available for three or more children in the same family, even if attending different schools. You can also save on time and premium with an optional 3-Year or 5-Year plan, available for online purchase only.

If you wish to purchase coverage, please do so directly online at www.insuremykids.com or call 1-800-463-5437. The insurance agreement is between You and the insurance underwriter, Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada. For more information, please visit www.insuremykids.com.



Parents/Guardians/Community Members Volunteering in our schools

New requirements for volunteers

There are many ways to contribute to your child's education and school community. Volunteering is a great way to stay connected. We value the contribution of all our volunteers and appreciate their time spent supporting our students, staff and Catholic education.

Requirements

A Vulnerable Sector Police Check AND completion of an Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities ACT (A.O.D.A.) training module are requirements of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for all volunteers.

Vulnerable Sector Police Check (Criminal Background Check)

A form obtained at the school is taken to your local police station and a search, based on the information provided, is performed by police. Volunteers must have a Vulnerable Sector Police Check every three years. In years when the check is not required, the volunteer must sign the prescribed Offence Declaration. All volunteers (parents, guardians, grandparents, etc.) require a Vulnerable Sector Police Check. If you do not have one on file at the school at the time of the event (e.g., class trip), you will not be permitted to participate. Such events/activities include, but are not limited to: class trips, field trips, excursions, classroom volunteers and volunteer drivers, coaches, various reading or other unsupervised curriculum program assistance.

Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (A.O.D.A.) Training NEW!

All volunteers are required to complete an online A.O.D.A. training module prior to performing volunteer duties. Once a volunteer completes the online training, a certificate acknowledging completion can either be printed and taken to the school(s), or can be emailed to the school(s).

Q. How do I access the online training?

A. Visit your school website and select **Volunteer** on the **School Information** menu.

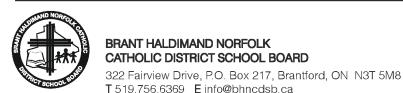


A. The online training can be accessed from any computer with an internet connection. If you do not have a computer at home, you can use a public computer (such as your local public library) or come to the school and we will provide one for your use.

Q. What if I require accommodation to take the training or need other assistance?

A. If you require any assistance, please contact the school. We will arrange a solution that meets your needs.

Please note that individual Police Detachments determine their own Vulnerable Sector Police Check procedure. We work closely with all detachments to improve communication and to assist with streamlining the process for our valued volunteers.



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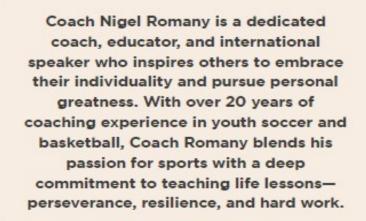
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SCHOOL COUNCIL

PROFESSIONAL SPEAKER INSPIRATION LEADER





Coach Romany's purpose is clear: to inspire, guide, and equip people—
especially youth—with the mindset and tools to create meaningful
change in their lives.

His journey is one of transformation and authenticity. After years of caring for others, including his late parents, he turned his focus inward, achieving and maintaining an 80-pound weight loss that became a powerful testament to discipline and self-belief. This personal transformation fuels his message that greatness comes from being different, defining your own "Next Level," and striving to be better every day.

He is the author of Be Different. Be
Great: The Process to Personal
Greatness, Coach Romany shares a
practical framework Acceptance/Awareness, Action and
Accountability - that empowers
individuals to take ownership of their
growth. Whether on the court, in the
classroom or on the stage, he challenges
others to "think for themselves" and
discover strength in their uniqueness.



Catholic Youth Organization Basketball League

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BRANTFORD BOYS CYO HAWKS REGISTRATION 2025-26

ELEMENTARY AGED BOYS U5 (BORN 2020) TO U14(BORN 2012)

HOUSE LEAGUE

16 WEEKLY SESSIONS COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 20 ENDING MID FEBRUARY
MOST SESSIONS ARE SATURDAY AT ST. JOHNS COLLEGE PARIS RD. BRANTFORD

Visit https://brantfordcyo.ca/elementary-house-league/ for more details.

Online Registration only at: https://brantfordcyo.ca/registration/

COST IS \$180. DISCOUNTS FOR ADDITIONAL BOYS FROM THE SAME FAMILY

REP PPROGRAM

FOR THOSE BOYS INTERESTED IN PLAYING IN THE REP PROGRAM TRYOUTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DATES: SEPTEMBER 6, AND SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

LOCATION: SIX NATIONS POLYTECHNIC COMPLEX 411 ELGIN ST, BRANTFORD

TIMES:

U10 BORN 2017,2016 – 9:A.M. U11 BORN 2015 – 10:30 A.M. U12 BORN 2014 – NOON U13 BORN 2013 – 1:30 P.M. U14 BORN 2012 – 3:P.M.

IF YOU MAKE A REP TEAM EACH TEAM SETS THEIR OWN BUDGET. HOUSE LEAGUE
FEES GET APPLIED TO THE BUDGET

Visit https://brantfordcyo.ca/elementary-house-league/ for more details.

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September 2025

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21	22	Day 4	23 Day 5	24 Day 1 Meet the Teacher Night 5:30—7:00 Parent Council Meeting 7 pm	25 D	ay 2 2	6 Day 3	27
28	29	Day 4	30 Day 5					