



BLESSED CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL

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September 5, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to another school year at Blessed Cardinal Newman School. We hope that the summer months have provided some rest, some adventure and some time with loved ones.

We offer a special welcome to all newcomers, especially to our incoming kindergarten families who are new to our school and Grade 7 students making the transition to junior high. We are confident that you will discover a safe, welcoming and engaging learning environment here at Blessed Cardinal Newman. We invite parents to contact us anytime should there be a need to address any questions or concerns that arise. As you know, one of the most important ingredients that contribute to the success of a student is a strong working relationship between school life and home life.

This school year will begin with a changes to our administrative team:

New Principal Carl Gratton is joined by new Vice Principal Joelle Green and returning to BCN to complete our team is Assistant Principal Greg Way. There are also a number of teaching staff changes. An entire staff list is listed later on in this newsletter.

We are looking forward to a successful school startup. With that in mind, we have included in this newsletter some important updates and reminders that make the first days of school run more smoothly.

SAVE THE DATE: *We are encouraging everyone to attend our September Parent-Teacher conferences that will surely build connections between our families and the school community. In addition to regular interviews, our administration will do a presentation and meet and greet in the gym at 6pm and then repeat session at 6:30. A volunteer orientation is also taking place in the Learning Commons at 7pm. Don't forget to stop by the School Council hospitality table for a free bottle of water.*

As we close this school opening message, we ask that you review carefully the information contained within the remainder of this newsletter. We have included some very important updates.

Sincerely,

Carl Gratton
Principal

Joelle Green
Vice Principal

Greg Way
Assistant Principal

1. Staff list 2017-18

Kindergarten	Mrs. S Hanson	8Butl	Ms. C Butler
Kindergarten	Ms. K Walsh	8Hadd	Miss R Haddad
1Aber	Mrs. J Abernathy	8Rodr	Mrs. C Rodrigues
1Blan	Mrs. V Blanchard	8Stro	Mr. J Strother
2Bair	Ms. P Bairstow	9Barc	Mrs. A Barciak
2Adam	Mrs. B. Adams / Mrs. E Mooney	9Cham	Mr. P Chamberland
2Hoff	Mrs. N Hoffman	9Desa	Ms. J Desautels
3Aror	Mrs. L Arora	9Vaes	Mrs. D Vaessen-Turk
3Cove	Mrs. M A Cove	Music	Mrs. T. Perreault
3Manl	Ms. W Manley	HCSA/ PE	Mr. T Sorge
4Schn	Mrs. A Schneider / Mrs. C Soos	CTF	Mrs. A Tower
4Usse	Mr. D Usselman	CTF	Mr. M Selebay
5/4Frin	Ms. B Fridfinnson	Diverse Learning	Mrs. K Wilson
5 Brie	Mrs. V Briere	Diverse Learning	Mrs. L Bush
5Ferg	Miss M Ferguson	Counsellor	Ms. L Bacon
6/5 Ehre	Miss T Ehret	Principal	Mr. C. Gratton
6Gall	Miss S Gallucci	Vice Principal	Mrs. J Green
6 Perr	Miss L Perry	Assistant Principal	Mr. G Way
Elem PE	Mrs. J Slaney	Office Administrator	Mrs. B Bentrovato
7Bres	Ms. L Bressanutti	Office Assistant	Mrs. T Kordikowski
7Brew	Mrs. R Brewer	Office Assistant	Mrs. L Wagman
7Gran	Ms. J Grant	Assistants: Mrs. T Appuzzo; Mrs. B Havery; Mr R Hernandez; Mrs. M Knowles; Mrs. P Grattan; Mrs. L Sheehan; Mrs. J Hou	
7Hayd	Mrs. L Haydt		
Librarian	Mrs. L Craig		

2. CLASS SCHEDULE

Blessed Cardinal Newman – HOURS AND BELL TIMES

TIME	JR HIGH	ELEMENTARY	KINDERGARTEN
8:20	Student Entry/attendance	Student Entry/attendance	Class begins
8:30-9:17	Period 1	Class Begins	
9:18-10:05	Period 2	Recess Begins 10:00	
10:10-10:57	Period 3	Recess Ends 10:15	Class ends 11:00
10:58-11:45	Period 4		Dismissal 11:00
11:45-12:30	Lunch Dismissal		Class begins 12:05
12:25-12:30	Student Entry	Student Entry	
12:30-1:09	Period 5	Classes begin	
1:10-1:57	Period 6		
1:58-2:45	Period 7		
2:45	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal

3. INFORMATION PACKAGE VERY IMPORTANT!!

All students will be receiving the school package. **Included are many information forms that require parent signatures. Please review, sign and promptly return all the signed forms to your child's homeroom teacher by Monday September 11th, 2017**, thus enabling our staff to get to the important business of teaching and learning without delay.

- Email Address form)
- Annual Field Trip Consent form) **Needs to be signed**
- Student Acceptable Use Policy for Internet) **and returned**
- Consent form for Media Coverage)
- Severe Medical Data Sheet (only return if there is a medical concern))
- Parental Confirmation and Support (JH Students))
- Authorization to Participate in Competitive Sports (JH Students))
- School Opening Mass Field Trip Consent)
- Consent to Share Information with Class Members (Elem. Students))

- 2017-2018 District Calendar)
- FOIP handout) **For your information**
- School and District Use of the Personal Information of Students) (do not return)
- Accident Insurance for Students)
- Blessed Cardinal Newman Conference Manager)
- Calgary Catholic School District School Fees 2017-18)
- Fun Lunch Program)

4. DEMOGRAPHIC FORMS

During the second week of September, we will send home Student Demographic forms for your review. **We require that all forms be returned with any necessary changes.** We thank you for your cooperation in this very important administrative procedure.

5. SCHOOL FEES AND ONLINE PAYMENT

During the third week of September, students will be returning home with fee invoices for the year. **We require that fees be paid online before the end of September.**

While we strive to keep costs at reasonable levels, fees are a necessary reality in our schools. Fees schedules have been previously reviewed and endorsed by the School Council. Fees that are assigned include: **Supply** fees; **Activity** fees; **noon hour supervision** fees and **optional** fees.

1. **Supply**: Agendas, Locks, Id Cards and Lanyards only (Maximum \$5)
2. **Activity**: Fees are assigned to all students in that grade and are used to provide programs that enrich learning: May include Core subject activity; JH course selected activity or Gr 8 and 9 CTF
3. **Noon hour** fees are automatically assigned to all students. Fees are used to employ additional support staff to meet the needs of students during non-instructional time. The individual student fee is \$80 and the family fee (2 or more children attending the same school) is \$160.
4. **Optional** fees include gym strip, locks and yearbook. (For grade 7, the cost of the lock is covered in supply fees).

Complete details of these fee assignments are available on the invoice (distributed the week of September 18th). Any additional inquiries regarding fees should be made directly to the Principal.

In 2017, you will continue to have the option to pay a number of mandatory and elective school fees online. The Calgary Catholic School District (CCSD) fee management and online payment system is an easy and secure way to pay school fees for the 2017-2018 school year from the comfort of your home or office. Payments can be made by credit card and debit card. We encourage online payment. If necessary, payment can be made at the office by cheque or cash only. For more information or to pay fees online, please visit www.cssd.ab.ca and click the icon on the homepage. For general inquiries, please email feeinquiry@cssd.ab.ca.

6. AGENDAS AND HANDBOOKS

Each student in grades 1-6 will be issued an agenda. These agendas are a useful tool for communication between home and school and are used on a daily basis. We appreciate parents of students in Grades 1-6 to be diligent in checking and signing the agenda on a nightly basis.

Junior High students are not issued an agenda as they are expected to utilize Brightspace/D2L for communications and updates. We do issue a student handbook that outlines expectations and procedures. Parents of students in grades 7-9 review the handbook, **then sign and return the Parent Confirmation and Support form.**

7. ELEMENTARY & JUNIOR HIGH CLASSROOM ORGANIZATION

Every year in June, our teachers work collaboratively to create class lists in all grades for the upcoming year. In the case of grade 7 classes, we incorporate input from our feeder schools. Class list creation is a lengthy process to ensure that each class is balanced in regard to size and makeup with consideration given to individual student abilities, needs and learning styles. We also work to ensure that each child is surrounded by compatible classmates to grow strong bonds for learning and friendship. With all of this in mind, we must stress that changes to class assignments are strongly discouraged as it threatens to upset the balance that was very carefully achieved. Only extremely serious concerns will be given consideration along the following guideline:

Student homeroom assignment changes will only be considered after the oral interviews on September 21st. Such requests must be received in writing from the parent/guardian.

In past practice, we have learned that students who may be unhappy on the first day of school will have made new connections by the end of the second week. Most often by that time they have changed their mind and are happy to remain where they are. We also feel strongly that the opportunity to build new relationships, something that some teens are reluctant to embrace, is very beneficial for them and something they ultimately appreciate in the end.

8. VOLUNTEERING

Schools work best when all stakeholders feel a sense of ownership and responsibility. We invite any interested parent or community member to become involved as a volunteer. A mandatory orientation session will be held at the September 21st, 2017 oral interviews evening at 7pm in the Learning Commons.

9. SCHOOL PHOTOS

Individual and class photos are on October 5th, 2017. Retakes on October 25th. Proofs should be available in one to two weeks. There will also be spring photos on April 27th, 2018.

10. ORAL INTERVIEWS

Oral interviews will be held on Thursday September 21st from 4pm to 8pm and Friday, September 22nd, 2017 from 9:00-11:30 am and 1:00-2:30pm. Further information regarding online appointment booking can be found in the FOR YOUR INFORMATION PACKAGE. **There will be no classes on Friday, September 22nd, 2017.**

11. SCHOOL OPENING LITURGY

Our School Opening Liturgy is scheduled for September 28th 2017 at 10 AM at St. Albert the Great Parish. Students are expected to arrive to school at the regular time, and will be bussed over to the church. All parents and families members are welcome to meet at the church.

12. SCHOOL COUNCIL

Every parent or guardian of a BCN student is a member of the school council and automatically invited to all School Council meetings. The first School Council meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday, September 13st, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Learning Common. All interested parents are invited to attend. We congratulate the new and continuing members of our School Council Executive:

BCN Executive Members 2017-2018

Chair:	Laura Dennison
Past Chair:	Cheryl Schneider
Vice Chair:	Pam Myhill
Treasurer:	Sharon Periera
Secretary:	Leanne Lesniak

A message from the chair: Welcome back! My name is Laura Dennison and I am excited to be your School Council Chair again this term. All parents and guardians of students at our school are welcome to attend council and I encourage everyone take part! It is a great way to get to know the people behind your child's education and have a say in what matters!

School Council News is available 24/7 on our [school website](#) under the Parents/ School Council Tab, including upcoming meeting dates, committee contacts, meeting minutes, fundraising news, etc. Check it out!

Laura Dennison - *School Council Chair*
bcn.schoolcouncil@gmail.com

School Council - Playground

The older section of our playground was removed this summer and replaced with grass. School Council is forming a sub-committee to explore options on what to replace it with. *We are looking for volunteers to be a part of this committee!* Please contact Laura at bcn.schoolcouncil@gmail.com if you are willing to share your time and/or expertise to help us out! Many hands make light work! Let's give our children an awesome place to gather, play, and explore!



School Council - Fundraiser

School Council is pleased to provide you with the **2017-2018 Entertainment Book** as part of our fundraising program this year. Entertainment books are filled with discounts and coupons ready to save your family money! The purchase of each book comes with an APP for your phone that the whole family can share!



The kickoff event is September 7th and information packages will be sent home with students on that day.

For only \$40, you can help raise money for our school. ***Our school receives \$20 for each book sold!!!!***

If you have any questions or comments regarding the school fundraisers, please send an email to bcn_fundraising@outlook.com

School Council - Fun Lunch Program

School Council will continue to partner with Healthy Hunger for our Fun Lunch Program this year. The first lunch will be Friday September 29th. The lunch options for this year will be Pita Pit, Wok Box, Little Caesars Pizza and Subway. Information on how to register for **Healthy Hunger** has been sent home with the students in the welcome package. Visit healthyhunger.ca to get started.

If you have any questions regarding this new lunch program, please contact our Fun Lunch Coordinator, Sarah Pereira at bcn.funlunch@gmail.com.

School Council - Eagle Spirit Wear



Our Spirit Wear Committee is once again pleased to be offering an on-line store! Visit <http://bcn.stoopshirts.com> to place your order. The online store will be open from **September 1st through to October 6th**. All products will be delivered to the school approximately November 3rd. Wearing our school spirit wear is **a great way to show your school spirit!** Blessed Cardinal Newman **Eagle Spirit Wear** will be available for sizing on September 21st and 22nd during Parent/Teacher Conferences. **Please note:** gym strip items are separate items and will continue to be purchased through the school website when you pay your school fees.

If you have any questions regarding our spirit wear, please feel free to contact Tamara Bezemer/Barb McDonald at bcn.spiritwear@gmail.com

13. SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

Blessed Cardinal Newman teachers are dedicated to keeping parents informed of their child's progress. That stated, many of us have grown very used to digital communications. Texts and emails have become far more common than face to face talks and phone calls as the most useful way to share information. However, some communications between parents and the school can be emotional. In such cases, we feel it is unwise to communicate through digital means. Therefore, Blessed Cardinal Newman teachers make it their practice to only provide factual information by means of emails and texts. Should it become necessary, face to face meetings will be held to achieve a positive result.

14. LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

We employ a good neighbor practice that permits JH students to leave the property during the lunch period. However, this privilege is contingent upon the continued positive conduct and ambassadorship displayed by students when they are off the property.

15. JUNIOR HIGH OPTIONS SELECTION

This year, students will get their first look at the programs available in an assembly during their first option class on their timetable. At that meeting we will provide planning sheets to take home and review with parents and return for their second class. At their second class, students will draw numbers out of a hat and receive their selection order. Students with low numbers will select first for Block A and last for Block B. Students who choose high numbers will select first for Block B and last for Block A. This ensures that each student has a fair chance to select the options of their choice. Selection will take place digitally on chromebooks under the guidance and management of the teachers who are assigned to teach in that block.

The schedule for selection is as follows:

Grade 7: Wed Sept 6 period 1; Thursday Sept 7 period 4
Grade 8: Tuesday Sept 5 period 7; Wednesday Sept 6 period 3
Grade 9: Wednesday Sept 6 period 7; Friday Sept 8 period 2

Choices, once made and confirmed, are final

16. PASS IT ON CLOTHING DRIVE

Blessed Cardinal Newman is excited to support the St. Stephen Ukrainian Catholic Church with its annual PASS IT ON Clothing Giveaway. As a school community we will be gathering all gently used CLEAN fall and winter items. Please drop them off in front of the school office starting September 11th. This project will require numerous volunteers to help sort and bag the various items. If you're able to volunteer, please contact Mr. Way.



Clothing Giveaway
Free Clothing
For Babies to Adults
Saturday, October 14, 2017
from 9:30 am - 1:00 pm
Father Lacombe High School
3615 Radcliffe Drive SE, Calgary

PASS IT ON
Giving, Learning, Growing, and Graciously Partnering in Faith

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SPIRIT WEAR

Blessed Cardinal Newman School 2017-2018



NEW – ONLINE STORE

SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT
WITH OUR NEW **SPIRIT WEAR** ITEMS!

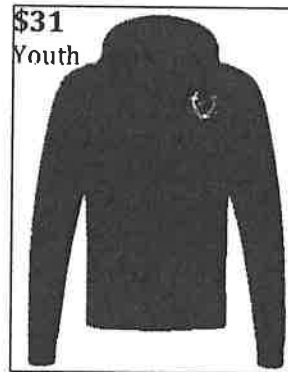
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Performance Tee



Cotton Zip-Up Hoodie



Pullover Cotton Hoodie



Stretch Mesh Cap

- YOUTH -

- LADIES -

- MENS -

- HEADWEAR -

*** For all available items and more details, please visit: bcn.stoopshirts.com

Samples and sizes will be available during Parent/Teacher Conferences:

Thursday, September 21: 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Friday, September 22: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

HOW IT WORKS



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How to register and order:

1. Go to www.bcn.stoopshirts.com
2. Click on "**Register**" and create your account (with a username and password).
3. Browse all the great items that are available. Please refer to the *blue bar* where it indicates **Mens Ladies Youth and Headwear**.
4. When choosing a size, please refer to the **Size Chart** provided.
5. **Personalize:** You are able to personalize most items. Before adding the item to your cart, you will have the option to Personalize your item. (Note: there is an additional cost to personalize; as indicated when ordering)
6. **Payment** is available online only; by credit card or Pay Pal.
7. **Delivery** will be to the school on approx Nov 3rd. Items will be delivered to your child's classroom.

IMPORTANT DATES

ONLINE STORE AVAILABLE: September 1st to October 6th, 2017

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING: October 6th, 2017 (at midnight)

DELIVERY: Approx. November 3rd (subject to change)

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Payment is available online only (using credit card or Pay Pal)

QUESTIONS: The Spirit Wear Program is organized by School Council & volunteer parents. Any questions can be directed to our Committee Leader, Tamara Bezemer at: bcn.spiritwear@gmail.com

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September 2017

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<p align="center">"PASS IT ON" CLOTHING DRIVE</p> <p align="center">Drop off your gently used Fall & Winter clothing at the office starting September 11th – October 5th</p>					1 No Classes	2
3	4 Labour Day No Classes	5 Day 1 Kindergarten P/T Conferences Volleyball & X-Country Season Starts	6 Day 2 Kindergarten P/T Conferences Entertainment Fundraiser Kick Off	7 Day 3 Kindergarten P/T Conferences	8 Day 4 Kindergarten Staggered Entry	9
10	11 Day 5 Pasta Day Kindergarten Staggered Entry	12 Day 6 Pasta Day 1 st Day of Kindergarten M.A.D.D presentation for Gr. 7-9 @ 1:30pm	13 Day 1 Chicken Burgers School Council Meeting @ 7pm in the Learning Commons	14 Day 2 Pizza Pretzel	15 Day 3 Mac & Cheese	16
17	18 Day 4 Perogies	19 Day 5 Lasagna & Caesar Salad	20 Day 6 Chicken Fingers & Caesar Salad	21 Day 1 Pizza Pretzel Parent Teacher Conferences: 4-8pm Admin Meet & Greet @ 6pm & 6:30pm in the Large Gym Volunteer Orientation @7pm	22 Parent Teacher Conferences: 9-11:30am & 1-2:30pm NO CLASSES	23
24	25 Day 2 Pasta Day	26 Day 3 Chicken Samosa	27 Day 4 Pulled Pork on a Bun X-Country Meet @ Optimist Park Gr. 5 & 9 Vaccinations	28 Day 5 Pizza Pretzel BCN Opening Mass at 10am @ S.T.A.G.	29 Day 6 Mac & Cheese Healthy Hunger: Wok Box Terry Fox Run @ 8:30am	30

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October 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1	2 Day 1 Perogies	3 Day 2 Lasagna & Caesar Salad	4 Day 3 Spolumbo Sausage on a Bun	5 Day 4 *BCN Feast Day *Thanksgiving Liturgy @10am *X-Country City Championships *Fall Photos *Pizza Pretzel *Healthy Hunger: Little Caesars	6 Professional Day No classes	7	
8	9 Thanksgiving Day No Classes	10 Day 5 Pasta Day	11 Day 6 Chicken Burgers Last Day to volunteer for the PASS IT ON clothing drive	12 Day 1 Pizza Pretzel	13 Day 2 Mac & Cheese Healthy Hunger: Pita Pit	14	
15	16 Day 3 Perogies BCN V-Ball Tournament	17 Day 4 Chili & Bun BCN V-Ball Tournament	18 Day 5 Chicken Fingers & Caesar Salad BCN V-Ball Tournament	19 Day 6 Pizza Pretzel BCN V-Ball Tournament School Council AGM @7pm	20 Day 1 Mac & Cheese Healthy Hunger: Subway BCN V-Ball Tournament	21	
22	23 Day 2 Pasta Wrestling Season Starts	24 Day 3 Lasagna & Caesar Salad	25 Day 4 Pulled Pork on a Bun Photo Re-takes in the AM	26 Day 5 Pizza Pretzel School Council and Trustee Meeting.	27 Day 6 Mac & Cheese Healthy Hunger: Wok Box Class visits with Father from S.T.A.G for Kindergarten and Gr. 5	28	
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