



# BOSANQUET CENTRAL SCHOOL

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*"We are kind, we are honest, and we are part of a team!"*

*Cameron Gordon, Principal*

*Tammy Marciov, Secretary to Elementary Principal*

## OCTOBER 2021

It is hard to believe that the first month of school is over! Our students have settled nicely into their classes, and new friendships have been established. Our students have shown remarkable efforts with new school protocols and procedures related to COVID-19. Thank you to our entire staff for working so diligently with our students and to our custodians for their efforts with frequent cleaning. Thank you also to our parents/guardians for speaking to your child(ren) about the importance of wearing masks, regular hand hygiene, and the need to maintain social distancing while at school. We appreciate everyone working together on these critical COVID-19 initiatives to help keep our school community safe. A reminder that there will be **no school for students on Friday, October 8, 2021** (a Professional Development Day) and **Monday October 11, 2021, Thanksgiving. Happy Thanksgiving, Bobcats!**



## WHERE YOU CAN FIND US!

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## COVID SCREENING

Before attending school, all students, staff, and visitors must complete and follow the directions of the daily screening tool: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>  
All individuals who are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 must not attend school and should follow the directions of the COVID-19 School Screening assessment tool.

## PARENT COUNCIL

This is a wonderful opportunity to stay up to date on Bosanquet Central events and share ideas and input. If you are interested, don't hesitate to contact the office to be added to the email list. Our next meeting will be held virtually on Thursday, October 28, 2021, @ 5:30 p.m.

## CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

As we continue working with students on character development, our focus is on the LKDSB Character Attributes. October is "Honesty" month at Bosanquet Central. Honesty means, "To be trustworthy, sincere and truthful." Each classroom will be honouring students who have displayed honesty throughout the month and always! We will celebrate our student's achievements at the end of each month during our Terrific Kids virtual assemblies.

## MILK AND POPCORN SALES

We are happy to announce that popcorn and milk sales have started again! Popcorn will be sold for \$2 per bag and will be available on Fridays. Milk will be sold for \$1 per container and will be available on Monday-Friday.



## **HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS**

Our Halloween celebrations this year will take place on Friday, October 29, 2021. Students may wear costumes or orange and black (please, no weapons, uncomfortable accessories, or terrifying costumes). Students are permitted to pass out Halloween treats if they are individually packaged, and proper hand hygiene is followed.



## **BUS INFORMATION/MySBI - BUS STATUS APP**

Getting information about school bus cancellations and delays is easy! C.L.A.S.S. has a mobile app that will provide subscribers with real-time notifications whenever buses are delayed by ten minutes or greater. The messages will come in the form of alerts, including service cancellations due to adverse weather conditions. For additional information about the mobile app, please visit: [www.mysbi.ca](http://www.mysbi.ca)

For bussing and weather information, Bosanquet Central is in Bus Zone #1. If you choose to drive your child/children to school when the buses are cancelled due to inclement weather, you will need to pick them up at the end of the school day at 3:30 p.m.

## **SCHOOL MESSENGER ATTENDANCE REPORTING**

At the Lambton Kent District School Board, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring students have arrived safely at school every day. You may have received notification about your child's absence from our School Messenger automated attendance messaging system. We have now added a School Messenger Parent/Guardian Reporting Tool for you to notify the school about your child's absence.

Parents/guardians can use School Messenger in one of the following three ways to report your child's absence:

- Option 1: Call a toll-free number and follow the prompts.
- Option 2: Set up a secure online School Messenger account and login to a website.
- Option 3: Download and set up the School Messenger app (Apple or Android) to a smart phone or tablet.

## **VISITORS PARENTS & GUARDIANS**

Before attending school, all visitors must complete and follow the directions of the daily COVID-19 School Screening assessment tool. Visitors must also wear a medical mask while on school premises and complete the sign-in log available in the front foyer. Communication between parents/guardians and teaching staff or administration will continue to be conducted through phone calls or email. Pre-arranged appointments can be made for in-person visits.

## **2021 SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEYS-EVERY VOICE COUNTS**

We want students and parents/guardians to share their thoughts about our school climate and whether you consider our school to be a safe and welcoming environment. The Lambton Kent District School Board is conducting a School Climate Survey October 12-29, 2021, to gather input from students in Grades 4-12, parents/guardians, and staff to inform program planning and support safe, welcoming, and inclusive school environments. All students in Grades 4-12 will be invited to participate in the online survey during school hours. Any parent/guardian who does not wish for their child to participate should contact the school principal prior to October 7, 2021.

Parents/guardians: You are also invited to share your thoughts on the Parent/Guardian School Climate Survey from October 4-22, 2021. The link will be distributed to parents/guardians with an email on file.

The link will also be posted on our school website. Surveys will be anonymous and individualized results will be kept confidential; however aggregated school and Board responses will be shared publicly (except in cases where individuals may be identified). It is expected the survey results will be publicly available in Fall 2021.

More information about the School Climate Survey is available here: [School Climate Survey](#)

## **VIOLENCE THREAT RISK ASSESSMENT PROTOCOL**

The Lambton Kent District School Board is committed to providing safe learning environments for all students, staff, school visitors, and community members. When a student behaves inappropriately, principals will most often employ progressive discipline strategies to help a student take responsibility for their actions, learn from their mistakes, and make better choices in the future.

In more extreme cases however, when a student's behaviour poses a potential threat to their own or others' well-being, the Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol (VTRA) supports principals in taking further steps to safeguard everyone.



## **VIOLENCE THREAT RISK ASSESSMENT PROTOCOL (con't)**

The VTRA protocol outlines how a school responds immediately to threatening incidents including but not limited to: possession of a weapon or replica weapon, bomb threat or plan, verbal or written (including electronic) threats to harm oneself or others, other threats of violence, and fire setting.

The initial response team is likely to include the Principal / Vice-Principal, police, and board staff. Should conditions warrant, a Community Threat Assessment Team will be convened. This community team includes representatives of community agencies who work with schools and boards to keep our students and staff safe, such as local police and children's mental health organizations. Parents and guardians will be notified if their child will be discussed through the Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol.

If parents/guardians cannot be reached, or if they choose not to provide consent, but a concern for safety still exists due to threatening behaviour, the threat assessment may still proceed.

Link to Fair Notice Communication Regarding Violent Threat Risk Assessment Protocol:

[https://www.lkdsb.net/Pages/newsitem.aspx?ItemID=460&ListID=1cb83139-1d39-452b-8ab2-b6cfab6c2ba7&TemplateID=Announcement\\_Item#/=](https://www.lkdsb.net/Pages/newsitem.aspx?ItemID=460&ListID=1cb83139-1d39-452b-8ab2-b6cfab6c2ba7&TemplateID=Announcement_Item#/=)

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS**

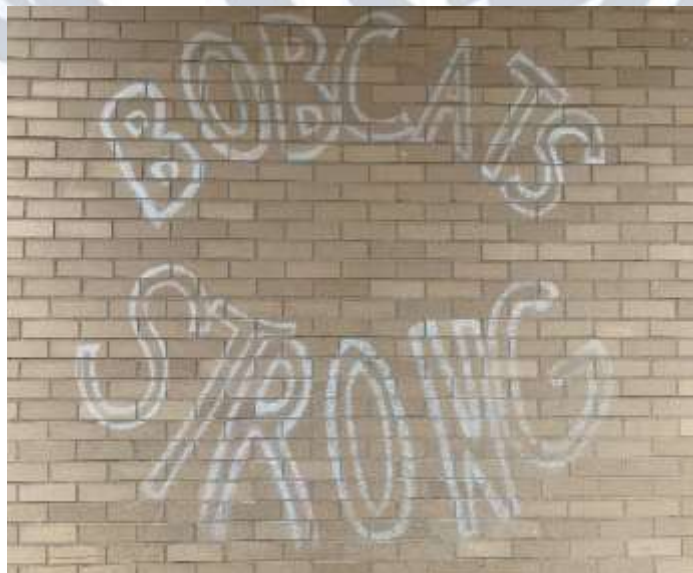
Friday, October 8, 2021  
Friday, November 19, 2021  
Monday, January 31, 2022  
Friday, June 10, 2022  
Wednesday, June 29, 2022

## **HOLIDAYS**

Monday, October 11, 2021 .....Thanksgiving  
Monday, December 20, 2021..... Winter Holiday Break Begins  
Monday, January 3, 2022 .....Return To School  
Monday, February 21, 2022 ..... Family Day  
March 14-18, 2022 .....March Break  
Friday, April 15, 2022 ..... Good Friday  
Monday, April 18, 2022 .....Easter Monday  
Monday, May 23, 2022 ..... Victoria Day

## **FUTURE NEWSLETTERS and BOSANQUET WEBSITE**

Continue to check our Bosanquet Central website for newsletters and up-to-date information.



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