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Key Dates For June

- June 2: Amazing Race Orientation session for incoming students
- June 6: Bishop Bonanza in p.m.
- June 6: Parent Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. for DRE students
- June 7: Athletic Banquet @ 6:00 p.m.
- June 8: School Mass @ 9:45 a.m.
- June 8: Grad Practice in p.m. @ Our Lady of Lourdes Church
- June 9: PA Day
- June 10: Grad Dinner & Dance at BSCH (4:30-11:00 p.m.)
- June 14-15: Gr. 9 math EQAO
- June 15: Art & Tech Show @ 6:00 p.m.
- June 22-27: High School Exams
- June 27: Gr. 8 Calypso Trip
- June 29: Graduation Ceremony 7:00 p.m. @ Our Lady of Lourdes Church
- June 29: Last Day for Gr. 8s (Reports Home on the 28th)
- July 4-7: HS Reports mailed out

A Message From the Admin Team

Wow, close to the end of another school year. Not sure where the time has gone as it seems like September was only a few days ago.

As you can see from the “Key Dates” section below, June is a busy month with the culminating activity of saying “good-bye and best wishes” to another wonderful grade 12 class on June 29.

Graduation is always a bittersweet moment for our staff as over the last five years we have witnessed firsthand not only the physical growth of each student, but also the tremendous gains in their intellect, maturity and faith development. We are blessed to work with amazing students each day, and to see them reach the pinnacle of their high school careers is very rewarding and often brings a tear to the eye.

We hope that all students & their families have a wonderful summer filled with rest, relaxation and moments of grace and we look forward to having everyone back for the 2017-2018 school year. Not to get too far ahead, but the grade 8 Orientation BBQ will be on Thursday August 31st and the first day of classes is Tuesday September 5th (a link to the 2017-2018 calendar can be found on the next page).

God Bless!

Did You Know?

- As per Ministry of Education guidelines, as of July 1 of the year that a student has finished gr. 8 they can begin accumulating Community Service Hours. Forty hours of Community Service are required for graduation.
- In the 2017-2018 school year BSCH will be extending the “Extended French” pilot project to include a grade 10 history class. We will also still offer a grade 9 geography course. If interested, please contact our Student Services department (ext. 244).
- The Annual BSCH “Alumni & Friends” Golf Tournament held on May 27 raised \$2500 for the BSCH Fitness Center.
- Over the last few days students have taken home important 2017-2018 bussing information from the RCJTC. If there are any issues please refer to the RCJTC message on the next page of this e-letter.

RCCDSB



Summer School 2017

The RCCDSB Summer School will run each morning (8:30-11:45 a.m.) at BSCH from July 4—27. Grade 8 students can enroll in a “booster” program while Grade 9-10 students can register for a course which they were unsuccessful in during the school year. Again this year is an e-learning option for Gr. 10 Civics/Careers, Gr. 11 Religion & Gr. 12 Religion.

For more information please contact Mrs. McEwen in the Student Services Department 613-735-5496 ext 244.

Summer Hours

The BSCH office is open during the summer from 7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Mon—Thurs. (except from July 31-Aug 18 when it will be closed).

You can also contact an administrator at:

cyoung@rccdsb.edu.on.ca

The **2017-2018** school year calendar can be found at:

http://rccdsb.edu.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/merged_document.pdf

A Message from the RCJTC

RCJTC is **OPEN** all year long including the summer months, Monday to Friday (excluding statutory holidays).

September to June (regular school year)

- By email or phone from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday to Friday

In person from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding holidays.

July to August (summer break)

- By email or phone from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday

In person from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding holidays.

The Renfrew County Joint Transportation Consortium (RCJTC) is responsible for providing transportation service to over 11,000 Renfrew County students in 53 different schools for both the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board and the Renfrew County District School Board. Four routers are responsible for creating bus routes, setting up bussing, and making changes to bussing for these students. They work closely with the various bus Operators in each area to ensure safe, efficient, effective transportation to and from school. As safety of students is a priority, it takes time, and occasionally a physical review of a designated stop to process transportation requests, especially from mid-August to mid-October when there is a high volume of requests which results in delays in responding to individual requests.

What can you do to help?

- Please log into the “Parent Portal” by visiting our website (www.onthebus.ca) after August 21st to confirm the 2017-2018 school year or at any time throughout the regular school year to confirm your child’s bus information.
- If you haven’t yet subscribed to receive email notifications for cancellations and delays or timing or bus # changes, we encourage you to do so by visiting our website and signing up at any time.
- Over the course of the summer and throughout the school year if you need to make a change to your child’s addressing or transportation details (your home, your sitter, custody change, etc.) please visit our website at www.onthebus.ca or contact your child’s school or the RCCDSB board office at 613-735-1031.
- If you know of someone who has just moved into the area over the summer months have them contact us as soon as possible at (trans@onthebus.ca).

School Cash On-Line: Round 2

For safety and efficiency reasons, Renfrew County Catholic District School Board would like to reduce the amount of cash & cheques coming into our schools, and the amount of classroom time being spent collecting fees.

In the next few months, information about “School Cash On-Line” will be sent home and you will be asked to register to enjoy the

convenience of paying online for such items as student fees, fundraisers, field trips, sports fees, and more.

Step-by-step instructions will be provided, and then you will begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events/ fees involving your child (ren) which are available to purchase online.

More info will be sent home with the June report cards as BSCH plans to be fully “live” for September!

Make online payments with **SchoolCashOnline**

- ✓ Field trips
- ✓ Sports Events
- ✓ Activity Fees

Register at renfrewcatholic.schoolcashionline.com

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