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Key Dates For Sept.

Sept. 6: School Pictures Day

Sept. 14: Opening School
mass @ the Cathedral (9:45
a.m.)

Sept 18-22: Home Coming
Spirit Week

Sept. 19: Opening
Assembly in p.m.

Sept. 20: BSCH @ Nangor
Beach

Sept. 22: Home Coming
Dance (7:00-11:00 p.m.)

Sept. 25: Parent Council
Meeting @ 5:30 p.m. (new
parents always welcome)

Sept. 27: Terry Fox Run in
a.m.

A Message From the Admin Team: Welcome Back

Welcome Back Crusaders! Hope you are all looking forward to a great year. It is always a pleasure to get back to school and to continue the Bishop traditions of excellence in both academics and extra-curriculars. As we hope you agree, one of the keys to our success is Bishop's unique culture and the fact that we "care for and carry" each other with respect, kindness, support and gratitude throughout the school year. We are blessed to work and play as a Catholic faith community and in many ways we are like a large family.

Leaving the BSCH family, however, for new opportunities this year were: Mrs. Huckabone, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Ethier, Mrs. Dickerson, Mr. Holly, Ms. Shields and Mrs. Noel. In turn, we welcome both some familiar and some new faces: Sally Douglas (Vice-Principal), Matt O'Connor (gr. 8), Craig Brunton (gr. 8), Julie Shreenan (Spec Ed.), Lesley Peplinskie (gr. 8), Alyson Wendorf (gr. 8), Kaitlyn Arbuthnot (English/French), Margaret St. Jean (Social Science) and Michelle Burgess (Social Science). Yes, some big losses, but also some big gains!

As our school motto states: "Together We Will Succeed" and this year will be no different. May God's grace be with us all for the 2017-2018 school year!

News from the Student Athletic Council (SAC)

The SAC is looking forward to another great school year. Planning begins on September 8th when the executive will take part in our 13th annual leadership camp. Forty-two students from grades 9 - 12 are members of this year's SAC, but we hope to recruit some grade 8's within the next few weeks to join our enthusiastic team. Some in-school tournaments that we have planned for this year are Pass N' Smash Volleyball, Shoot to Score Floor Hockey and Jump Start Basketball. We are also looking forward to a trip to Mount Pakenham for night skiing in February and the student-staff hockey game in March. Our 13th annual Terry Fox Run is on Wednesday, September 27th. This is a wonderful school event where staff and students flood the streets of Pembroke wearing Blue & Gold. To date, the Bishop Smith school community has raised over \$100,000 for the Terry Fox Organization. Our goal for this year is to raise \$3,000. Parents and students can make on-line donations at www.terryfox.org. The SAC is excited for upcoming school year and hope that all students will participate in the activities and spirit days that are planned.

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Get Involved @ BSCH:

Some of the many clubs & activities which students can get involved in:

Student Council

Student Athletic Council

Ancora (Social Justice)

Pastoral

Environmental Action

Band

Auto Club

Sports Teams

Anti-Bullying

Bishop Dance

Glee Club

** A reminder that Late Transportation is available for students who live outside the Pembroke area. Contact the Main Office for more details or see the message below.

A message from our Student Council Co-Presidents: William Mulvihill & Ethan Kutschke

Hello Bishop Smith Crusaders! Our names are Ethan and Will and what a year we have planned for you!

To kick off the year, we are having a Home Coming spirit week from Sept. 18 -22. **Monday** will start the week with Crazy Sock Day, followed by Blue and Gold Day on **Tuesday** where students can show off their Bishop Pride by wearing school colours. Of course no Home Coming week is complete without **Nangor Day**, a day on the beach just hanging out with friends and playing lots of fun games while wearing our respective grade colours. **Thursday** brings Career Day, a day where students can dress up as their future profession, and wrapping up the week is our Hawaiian Day on **Friday** followed by the Hawaiian Theme Dance Friday night! The dance will include a guest DJ as well as lots of great tunes so we can dance the night away!

Another highlight of Home Coming week is our Opening Assembly on the Tuesday afternoon, where we will welcome all the new staff coming into the school and give a final "See you later" to all the staff who have left. We also introduce the new Student Council, as well as the other clubs and councils at Bishop. The staff also get to have some fun by showing off the "Do's and Dont's" of Bishop's dress code. We will also watch some videos and get pumped up for our trip to Nangor the following day.

The 2017/2018 school year is going to be a great one with lots of fun activity days and loads of school spirit! We promise to make this year an awesome year for everyone!

Sincerely,
Ethan & Will

Late Transportation

For the past few years we have been blessed to be able to offer our "out-of-Pembroke" students with a late transportation option if staying after school for an extra-curricular event. This option ranges as far as Barrys Bay, Deep River, Eganville, and La Passe (and all areas in between).

As this service has gotten to be very expensive, however, late transportation is only available on Tuesday-Thursday each week.

The BSCH Anti-Bullying Committee (ABC)

The student ABC consists of Bishop students from grades 8 to 12.

The goal of this committee is to help prevent and reduce bullying by raising awareness amongst the student body of how this negatively impacts, not only the victim, but everyone involved.

The ABC visits with individual grade 8 and 9

classes, discussing how to deal with bullying and how to help when it happens.

We believe that by educating the students, they will be more empowered to help when they see a bullying situation.

The ABC also organizes school wide activities that strengthen the feeling of

community within the school and help to create an understanding and acceptance of differences amongst the student body.

Students interested in joining the ABC should see Mr. Gleason in Student Services.