



BENGAL BLITZ

JS BUCHANAN FRENCH IMMERSION PUBLIC SCHOOL

OCTOBER 9, 2025



As we head into an extra long weekend we wanted to send out a few reminders.

Tomorrow is a PA Day which means no school for our students and Monday is Thanksgiving Day. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday!

Our Cross Country runners did well this week at the Regional Meet at Longwoods with many going on to the Valley Finals. Congratulations to all runners on a job well done!

Spirit Wear can now be purchased. An email with the link was sent on October 7th in case you missed it.

PHYS. ED. MESSAGE

In physical education class, the right footwear is essential for safety, performance, and comfort. We are requesting that your child wear athletic shoes during phys. ed. classes. Athletic footwear is defined as shoes that tie with laces or velcro (please no slip on). The sole should have good grip, especially for indoor activities on polished floors to prevent slipping. These shoes should remain indoors to keep floors clean and to prevent wear and tear on our freshly polished floors.

Thank you for your support!



STUDENT HEALTH INFORMATION

If your child has a prevalent medical condition (asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, risk of anaphylaxis or other life threatening condition) please ensure you complete an Individual Plan of Care in the Parent Portal as soon as possible. It is important that we have current medical information. Please note that authorization forms must be completed by a medical practitioner if your child is required to have medication at school. This includes inhalers or epi-pens that they carry themselves or self-administer. These forms are available in the Parent Portal.



CELL PHONE POLICY

Many students bring electronic devices to school on a regular basis. While we welcome the use of technology and realize that these devices provide excellent opportunities for learning, we have established guidelines for the use of technology in school that align with our school board and government policies. Cell phones are permitted at school but are to be used for educational purposes only under the supervision of staff. When not in use, they must be stored out of view and turned off or set to silent mode. Cell phones are not to be used during lunch time or recess. If you need to contact your student during the day, or they need to contact you, we ask that you go through the office.

We reviewed these expectations with the students during the first week of school. Thank you for your co-operation and support in this.

COUNCIL CORNER

NEWS FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our JSB Discount Card is back again!

Orders will be available for purchase through school cash online and cards will be sent home with your student. Funds raised will be used towards sporting equipment and art supplies.

We are hoping to continue to offer childcare during our parent council meetings. Please contact us if you know a high school student who has completed their babysitting course and is looking for community service hours.

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Popcorn Sales are Back!!

We will be running a Popcorn Day fundraiser each month this year and proceeds will go towards bussing for field trips.

You can purchase an individual size bag of popcorn and it will be delivered the last school day Friday of the month. Flavours include: White Cheddar, Butter & Salt, Dill Pickle, Salt & Vinegar, Sweet & Salty and Chipotle Cheddar!



J.S. BUCHANAN'S DISCOUNT CARD

ORDER NOW!

Order through School Cash Online!
Proceeds will go toward phys. ed and art equipment
Available for pick up at Meet the Teacher Night on Sept. 25th

BIGBOX

FUNDRAISING



**BIG BOX OF
BIRTHDAY**

**BIG BOX OF
HOLIDAY**



**BIG BOX OF FRENCH
ALL OCCASIONS**



**BIG BOX OF
ALL OCCASIONS**



**BIG BOX OF
CANDLES**

BOX OF 35 CARDS FOR \$35 | BOX OF 8 SOY CANDLES FOR \$40
ORDER THROUGH SCHOOL CASH ONLINE BEFORE OCTOBER 27TH

ACCESSIBLE HALLOWEEN



TREAT ACCESSIBLY

An unforgettable event for
kids, teens, and the young at
heart who face challenges with
traditional trick-or-treating

Saturday, October 25, 2025
1:00 - 3:00PM

Parking Lot
51 Front St E
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SYDENHAM

What is an Accessible Halloween Village?

An Accessible Halloween Village is a curb-side trick-or-treating experience that allows a child with a disability (physical or otherwise) to enjoy a traditional Halloween.

Our Accessible Halloween Village is designed with YOU in mind!

Here's what you can expect:

Barrier-Free Trick-or-Treating Stations – easily accessible for all, regardless of physical needs.

Sensory-Friendly Environment – festive fun in a calm and welcoming atmosphere.

Costume Parade – show off your amazing costumes in a space that celebrates everyone!



Accessible Hallowe'en 2025
on EventBrite



REMEMBRANCE DAY



EACH YEAR, WE PREPARE A BEAUTIFUL ASSEMBLY FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY, AND WE INVITE ALL OUR FAMILIES TO JOIN US. THIS YEAR, WE WILL HAVE THE ASSEMBLY AT 10 AM. WE WOULD LIKE TO SCAN PHOTOS AND CREATE A SLIDESHOW WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE OR ARE CURRENTLY PARTICIPATING IN ANY WAR OR PEACE EFFORT.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEND PHOTOS, PLEASE LABEL THE BACK OF THE PHOTO CAREFULLY WITH: STUDENT NAME, HOMEROOM TEACHER, NAME OF THE PERSON/PERSONS IN THE PHOTO. THEY CAN BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE OFFICE. WE WILL SCAN THEM OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS AND RETURN THE PHOTO. YOU CAN ALSO EMAIL IT TO [KATHERINE.ROBERTSON@TVDSB.CA](mailto:katherine.robertson@tvdsb.ca). IF YOU'VE SENT PICTURES IN BEFORE, YOU DON'T NEED TO DO IT AGAIN. THANK YOU!

E-SCOOTERS

Students should not bring e-scooters to school. Ontario Ministry of Transportation regulations require riders to be at least 16 years old, and helmets are mandatory for anyone under 18.

Elementary-aged students are not legally allowed to operate e-scooters and bringing them to school creates safety risks for all students.

We appreciate your support in keeping our school community safe.



BULLYING PREVENTION UPDATE

Mental health is about how you think, feel, and handle life's ups and downs.

World Mental Health Day

Friday October 10, 2025

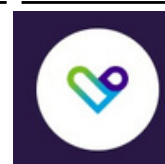
School Mental Health Ontario: **By Your Side**

We all want our children to be physically and mentally healthy so that they can grow, learn and navigate life's challenges. It's not always easy to know what to do. School Mental Health Ontario is here to help:

- Mental Health Resource Hub
- Webinar Series
- Blog



By Your Side



School
Mental Health
Ontario

Santé mentale
en milieu scolaire
Ontario

Helping Your Child Manage Digital Technology

Digital technologies can support learning and skill development, connections with others, and access to help. With limits and balance, these tools can offer meaningful experiences for children and youth, beyond their educational use. However, excessive screen use can impact your child's mental health and well-being. It is important to consider your child's relationship with digital technology.

(SMHO 2024)



Protecting our Children:
Internet Safety for Caregivers

Resources

Helping your child manage Digital
Technologies (SMHO)

Get Cyber Safe (Government of
Canada)

UPCOMING DATES

October 10 - PA Day

October 13 - Thanksgiving Day

October 17 - PJ Day for United Way

October 21 - Cross Country Valley Finals (Rain Date Oct. 22)

October 31 - Halloween

November 7 - Progress Reports go Home

November 11 - Remembrance Day

November 13- Parent/Teacher Interviews

November 14 - PA Day

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ARE YOU FOLLOWING US?

If you are on Facebook, please ensure you follow the J.S. Buchanan School council page for ongoing information and updates!



J.S. Buchanan now has an Instagram Account!

Follow us: @j.s.buchanan

MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE



If you wish to pick your child(ren) up before the end of the day, please call the office when you are on your way. This way we can make sure they are ready when you arrive as we do ask that you wait outside and also to ensure they miss as little class time as possible.

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