

St. Basil Catholic Elementary School



BASIL NEWS NOW

Welcome Back Edition

Greetings, Fellow Saints,

I hope you had a wonderful summer and are excited for the first day of school on **Thursday, September 9th**.

This year's theme for Catholic education is "**Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together**". The school board prayer invites us to **rebuild** our communities of faith and learning, **restore** harmony and balance in our relationships and **renew** our desire to approach challenges confidently and with peaceful hearts.

We are a **Leader in Me School** and the best kind of leadership is the one that Jesus was an example of – serving others. So, think about how you can be a "Leader like Jesus" and use the 7-Habits to live our theme for Catholic education this year.

Yours in Education,

Mr. Lettieri
Principal



St. Basil is proud to be the only Leader in Me School in Sault Ste. Marie. In your class, and throughout the school, there will be opportunities to practice the 7-Habits and take on various leadership roles that will develop the LEADER in each of you.

To learn more about our Leader in Me process, visit <https://www.leaderinme.org/what-is-leader-in-me/>.



HOMEROOM CLASS 2021-2022

In early July, parents/guardians should have received an email, entitled **Homeroom Class 2021-2022**, which indicated their child's class placement, teacher name and room number. Please contact the school if you did not receive the email.

Please note that classes are subject to change in September based on actual enrolment figures. However, no changes will be made to a student's placement unless required due to class reorganization.



Upcoming Events

September 9

1st Day of School – **ALL GRADES**

September 27

Catholic School Council Meeting
6:00 p.m. via [Google Meet](#)

All are welcome! Click on the hyperlink to join the virtual meeting.



Stay connected to what is happening at St. Basil by downloading our school app.

The app is free and can be downloaded on your cell phone or tablet from the Google Play and Apple stores.

STEPS:

1. Download **SCHOOL INFO APP**
2. Search **Ontario Schools**
3. Select **St. Basil**
4. Allow Push Notifications

Return to School UPDATE

The school board is taking a cautious approach to reopening schools by implementing the most recent guidance from the Ministry of Education and Algoma Public Health. If you have not already done so, please read the [Director of Education's Letter to Parents](#) from August 27, which outlines the [School Board's Reopening Plan](#).

For those new to our school community or returning to in-person learning for the first time since the pandemic began, you may find it helpful to view the video we prepared last year that highlights the various school practices and procedures we put in place to keep students and staff safe.

COVID-19 SCHOOL VIDEO (Sept. 2020)



NOTE:

Refer to the hyperlinks above for the most up to date guidance for this school year.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES



In mid-August, you would have received an email from the school that included a chart of [recommended school supplies](#) per grade. Teachers may provide additional details at a later time.

Other Important Information:

- Visitors** to the school will be limited to school board employees, parish priests and providers of essential services.
- We are a **Nut Aware School**; lunches and snacks need to be nut free.
- Our **Breakfast Program** will begin Monday, September 13th.
- Parents are asked to drop off any **medical apparel or medications** (i.e., Epi-Pen, Puffer, etc.) and complete the appropriate school forms.
- Our **Milk Program** and **Pizza Days** will resume this school year. More details will be forthcoming.
- We encourage you to sign up for [SchoolCashOnline](#). It is an easy and safe way to pay for school items such as Milk and Pizza Days.
Sign up at: <https://hscdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>
- Students who choose to **walk or bike** home at the end of the day require permission from their parent/guardian. A permission form can be requested. For the first day, you are asked to bring a note to school. There is no crossing guard near the school so students will be directed to cross the street at the traffic lights.

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT
Be a Leader Like Jesus

Name: _____

Class: _____

A.M. Bus #: _____

P.M. Bus #: _____

No Bus (Pickup at the end of day)



BUSING



Students are encouraged to add a tag to their backpack that includes their name and Bus Route numbers. This will help staff direct students on the correct bus at the end of the day. See the sample above.

For bus route details, visit <https://ahsts.mybusplanner.ca/>

Parent Drop-off/Pick-up



Parents not using and/or not eligible to use the Transportation Consortium's services may drop off their children **15 minutes or less before the start of the day (i.e., 8:40 a.m.)**.

Students in **Grades 1 to 8** are to be dropped off at the **Rotunda doors**. Students in **Kindergarten and their siblings** are to be dropped off at the **Kindergarten doors**.

Students that are being picked up will be dismissed at **2:55 p.m.** They will be called to the Parent Pick-up Area in the Rotunda or outside the Kindergarten Pick-up doors in the 200 Wing for **3:00 p.m.**

Siblings of Kindergarten students in Grades 1 to 8 can also wait outside in the Kindergarten Pick-up Area.

Refer to our [Traffic Safety Kiss N' Ride Program](#) for more details.