



# St. Theresa Timberwolf Times

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Dear Families,

It continues to feel surreal that we are experiencing the current social context that we are and that we have been apart for so long. The staff of St. Theresa School strive to create a sense of connection for you, our families, as we continue on this journey together. A main way to stay connected is to ensure that your child is regularly engaging in online learning experiences and other virtual opportunities that are presented within their Brightspace classroom. Staff are working diligently to provide tasks that keep the children connected to the school, to their teachers, and to their peers. While regular participation in online learning is beneficial for many reasons, the most important message that we continue to relay to you is that first and foremost, we care about your family's health, safety and general well-being. Our utmost priority is to ensure that our families are well and have what they need during this time. Please continue to reach out to me via email at [kchartrand@bhncdsb.ca](mailto:kchartrand@bhncdsb.ca) or to your child's teacher should you need anything at all.



Wishing you continued strength and faith to believe that we will continue to navigate these uncharted waters together and that as a faith-filled school community, we will get through these times.

Mrs. K Chartrand  
Principal

**“To you and to all, I repeat: never yield to discouragement, do not lose trust, do not allow your hope to be extinguished.”**

**(Pope Francis)**

## Catholic Education Week and Mental Health Week

Last week was a great success! Thanks for sending in your photos of your children for the *Shine the Light of Hope* campaign. It was wonderful to see all of the creative representations of light that you came up with. A compilation of photos from across our school district has been transformed into a video. Please find the video below.

[BHNCD SB Shine the Light of Hope Video](#)



## Participation in Learning Tasks

Teachers can monitor which students login to their Brightspace courses but, for teachers to be able to monitor learning, it is important that students share their thinking and ideas in some way. This might be by way of adding their response to a Discussion, snapping a photo of their work and uploading it to their Portfolio, or attaching a file within the Assignments drobox. Sharing their learning in some way allows teachers to get a sense of how each child is performing in relation to the curriculum's expectations. On this note, while we understand that assistance is often needed (especially with our youngest learners), it is vital that, as much as possible, students share what they are able to do independently. If a student experiences difficulty with a task, the student or parent/guardian should let the teacher know so they can provide further support. We acknowledge that depending on each family's home life and supports available, completion of all daily and weekly tasks may not be feasible. If this is the case, perhaps you can commit to at least one task daily or a few tasks weekly. Reach out to your child's teacher as he/she will be able to tell you some of the critical skills and concepts that your child should be working on and the teacher can help you prioritize the learning tasks that have been assigned.



### Feedback– What to Expect

- Teachers will strive to acknowledge work that has been submitted for all students (e.g. “Thanks for your submission” or “Great work”).
- It is not expected that a teacher will provide in depth, meaningful feedback to all learners for every learning task.
- When teachers see an opportunity to recognize a student strength or need in relation to the learning outcome, they will respond with feedback that is more in depth.
- Teachers will find ways to push student thinking forward by asking a question, bringing a student's attention to a specific portion of their work, highlighting an example, outlining next steps for students to take, etc.
- Students (and parents/guardians) should attempt to review teacher feedback on a regular basis.

| Teacher                  | Main Location of Feedback |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Mrs. Obili/Mrs. Generoux | Portfolio                 |
| Mr. Marone               | Discussion                |
| Miss Damaren             | Portfolio                 |
| Mrs. Bosagri             | Assignments               |
| Mrs. James               | Assignments and Portfolio |
| Mrs. Caniglia            | Assignments and Portfolio |
| Mrs. Zelem               | Assignments               |
| Madame Iliopoulos        | Assignments               |



### May Crowning



During the month of May we celebrate our blessed Mother Mary. Thanks to Mr. Marone for working with Father Peter to create a video that will be shared with all students on May 20 within their Brightspace classrooms. Students will be guided to learn more about why we celebrate Mary and some of the ways that we share our appreciation and devotion to her. Families are invited to celebrate with us from home by watching the video together.

### Blessed Sacrament Church

A reminder that you can follow Father Peter and participate in Mass from home by clicking [here](#).