**Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board**



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**School Safe and Accepting Schools Plan 2020-2021**

**St. Pius X School**

***Hearts on Fire (Luke 24:32) … Journey, Encounter, TRANSFORM***

| **Priority Area** | **Goals** | **Key Activities** | **Indicators of progress** |
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| **Promoting Gospel Values** | 1. Our Catholic Learning Community here at St. Pius X School will demonstrate our Gospel values which will include love, reconciliation, hospitality, justice, peace, honesty and integrity. | Review recently revised BHNCDSB District Code of Conduct (as per revisions to PPM 128) with school staff, students and parent community.  Students will be encouraged to do more ‘acts of kindness,’ throughout our school and community.  Students will be encouraged and rewarded for positive work habits and exemplifying our Gospel Values at our virtual Monthly Assemblies and through Positive Office Referrals.  Active participation during school virtual Masses/Liturgies and connections to daily scripture through virtual Masses and/or as part of Religion curriculum. | Staff, parents and students will be knowledgeable about the District and School Code of Conduct and respect/follow the expectations set out. It will be communicated to all members of the school community (e.g., School Website, Newsletter, School Council).  Students’ interactions with one another and staff will demonstrate deeper understanding of the Gospel message. Students will become more aware of the impact and impression they leave behind throughout the ‘encounters’ they have with one another.  Our school community will continue to support St. Vincent de Paul, Socktober, Food for Thought, and families from our own school community.  Students will have a deeper understanding of the Gospel message and how it can be connected to our lives today (e.g., through virtual school Masses, virtual liturgies of the word, Religion classes, Acts of Charity). |
| 1. Parents, students, staff and appropriate community partners will work together to ensure St. Pius X School remains a safe place to learn. | Policies and procedures related to student behaviour, discipline and safety will be reviewed with staff, students and parents.  Safe and Accepting Schools, Mental Health/Well-Being and Compassionate Care Response Team(s) will be formed at the school level, and may include, but is not limited to administration, teachers, staff, students, parents and community partners.  Utilize the board provided list of suggested resources and activities to help promote safe and caring classrooms that align with the Board’s Religion Curriculum, Renewing the Promise: Pastoral Letter, and our current Board Theme.  Continue to utilize resources for reference in classrooms to promote safe, inclusive and caring learning environments (i.e., Indigenous Education resources, Supporting Minds document, relevant educational books, Spec-Ed resources for schools such as sensory bins, reading materials).  Continued implementation of the “Titan Big 5” rules. | Necessary Board Policies around Student Behaviour & Progressive Discipline (200.09) as well as Student Safety Plans and Notification of Risk of Injury (200.13) will be implemented and followed as needed at the school.  Established Safe and Accepting School, Mental Health/Well-Being and Compassionate Care Response Teams will assist with the development, implementation and monitoring of Safe Schools Plans and will meet as necessary throughout the year.  **Safe and Accepting Schools Plans** submitted to Family of Schools Superintendent in the fall of each new school year.  Fewer incidents of unsafe/inappropriate behaviour will occur. |
| 1. To promote & utilize resources/materials necessary to be sure **ALL** students feel accepted and part of the school community. 2. Our school community, (including our Social Justice Team, Eco Team and Kindness Crew) will raise money for those in need within our city and the larger community.   5. We will strengthen the School-Home-Church relationship.  6. We will promote and celebrate our Catholicity by showcasing our talents during Education Week and our school Faith Fair. | Utilize the board provided list of suggested resources/activities to help promote safe and caring classrooms that align with the Board’s Religion Curriculum, Renewing the Promise: Pastoral Letter, and our current Board Theme.  Continue to utilize resources for reference in classrooms to promote safe, inclusive and caring learning environments (i.e., Indigenous Education resources, Supporting Minds document, relevant educational books, Spec-Ed resources for schools such as sensory bins, reading materials).  Various fundraising activities will take place throughout the school year to support our school families in need, local needs and global needs including Food Drives, Toonie Tuesday Popcorn Sales, Crunch Day for United Way, etc.  Father John and Andrew Beach will be involved in a variety of activities at our school including virtual monthly liturgies, virtual classroom visits and special occasions.  Faith Fair during Education Week with the focus on our board theme, “Hearts on Fire (Luke 24:32) – Journey, Encounter, Transform” (Pending COVID Restrictions) | Suggested resources/activities provided by the School Board will be utilized at St. Pius X School over the duration of the 2020-21 school year.  Appropriate resources and communication materials provided (and accessible on the Board website) will be utilized at St. Pius X School when/where possible.  Students are fully prepared for Liturgies, Sacraments, become active participants, and see the connection between the school and the Church.  Full school participation in Faith Fair during Education Week (Pending COVID Restrictions) |
| **Promoting Mental Health and Wellness** | 1. Continue the practice of Christian Meditation while also introducing new prayer experiences. | Continue the practice of Christian Meditation with all students (whole school, classroom practices and home practices with primary families) while also introducing new prayer experiences (as introduced and supported by the Board throughout the year). | There is visible evidence that school community (and classrooms) are participating on a regular basis in Christian Meditation and other prayer experiences.  Parents of students and classrooms involved in Christian Meditation will share experience with school. |
| 1. Ensure access to mental health prevention and promotion programs are available and utilized at St. Pius X School for student well-being when/where needed. | Evidenced-based virtual classroom presentations (e.g., CYW, Health Unit) and virtual school presentations where deemed necessary to support the general age group or needs of many of the students and/or families within that grade or classroom will be utilized as see fit at St. Pius X School.  Build teacher capacity and continue to utilize the use of RESTORATIVE PRACTICES within all the classrooms at St. Pius X School when/as needed.  ‘MindUP’ Program and “Zones of Regulation” will be utilized in classrooms within the school as needed. | Conversations with students and families will indicate students feel better equipped to identify and support their mental health needs and access help if needed.  *Decision Support Tool* to be utilized when considering resources from outside the board.  Use of Restorative Practices will be utilized in a more consistent manner within classrooms by teachers on a daily and/or weekly basis (e.g., weekly or daily circles/talks and circles/talks with groups of students as needed). |
| **Capacity Building** | 1. Ensure potential high-risk behaviour of students is properly assessed and supported. 2. Ensure that students who are in crisis will be offered support. | Support ongoing training for staff in the area of NVCI, SAFE TALK and ASIST Training on an as needed basis or by request (as available by the Board throughout the 2020-2021 school year).  On-going meetings will be held with staff members, representatives from Student Support Services and appropriate referrals made (e.g., CYW, Social Work, education assistance and external assistance such as Woodview).  Staff will participate in a Book Club focusing on the book “Lost and Found”, the sequel to last year’s book study “Lost at School”. | Students who are having suicidal ideation and self-harm will be connected to help.  Principal and other trained staff will state an increased comfort and ability to support students/school in times of crisis through discussions at staff meetings/Safe Schools meetings.  Ongoing consultation and collaboration between school, home, support services and outside agencies ensuring student needs are being met.  Students feel comfortable discussing their feelings and are equipped to identify and support their own mental health needs and access help if needed. |
| 1. Become better informed to the legalization of recreational cannabis as well as vaping and smoking concerns and long-term effects. | Continue to educate and support staff in promoting safe and healthy school communities in relation to recreational cannabis, vaping and smoking within classrooms.  Use of Health Unit resources/discussions as part of our school collaborative Wellness Plan. | Talks will be age appropriate and relevant with the classroom and students will better understand the impact of early cannabis, vaping and smoking use and their long-term effects.  Youth will be prevented from starting to use cannabis, vaping and smoking and there will be no evidence of use of cannabis, vaping and smoking on school property and at school sanctioned events. |
| 4.Online SAFE SCHOOLS training for staff to address Safe Schools issues (bullying, abuse, harassment & discrimination) for staff. | SAFE SCHOOLS online training, including bullying recognition and response will completed by school staff during the 2020-2021 school year as requested by the Board. | Staff at all levels will acknowledge more understanding and comfort regarding issues surrounding safe schools.  More consistent approaches and practices will be practiced. |
| 5.Implement the practices that are within the revised Emergency Response Binder as required. | Revised Emergency Response Binder will be shared & reviewed with staff for planned implementation during 2020-2021 school year. | In the event of emergencies, the Emergency Binder material will be followed.  Revised Emergency Response Binder informs school practices and procedures. |

**Helpful Resources:**

[https://bhncdsbca.sharepoint.com/Intranet/BHNOffice/School%20Office%20Management/Student%20Behaviour,%20Discipline,%20Safety%20(i.e.,%20Code%20of%20Conduct,%20Suspensions,%20Expulsions,%20Violent%20Incidents)/0%20-%20StudentBehaviour,Discipline&Safety\_200.09\_Policy&AP.pdf](https://bhncdsbca.sharepoint.com/Intranet/BHNOffice/School%20Office%20Management/Archived/Student%20Behaviour,%20Discipline,%20Safety/0%20-%20StudentBehaviour,Discipline&Safety_200.09_Policy&AP.pdf)

https://bhncdsbca.sharepoint.com/Intranet/TeamSites/principals/Shared%20Documents/Compassionate%20Care%20Resources%20(Tragedy%20Response)/Compassionate\_Care\_Response\_Guidelines\_20150127.pdf

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/multi/english/BullyingEN.pdf>

<https://edu.gov.on.ca/eng/safeschools/respect.html>

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/healthyschools/educators-resources.html>

<http://www.prevnet.ca/sites/prevnet.ca/files/fact-sheet/PREVNet-SAMHSA-Factsheet-Bullying-Definitions.pdf>

<http://www.prevnet.ca/resources/tip-sheets>