



## *The Black River Bear Weekly*



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### **Safe@School...**

Next week has been designated **Safety Week** in schools across York Region. Over the course of the week in our classrooms and across the school we will engage in some activities to raise student awareness of safety and ways that they can ensure that they make choices that keep them safe- both in school and in the community. We will hold fire and school lockdown drills during the week and continue to remind our students about our [Caring and Safe Schools](#) policy and school behaviour expectations.

Of course we don't just focus on safety with our students during safety week; ensuring that we work to keep our students safe at school is a daily focus for us. Across the curriculum our staff focus on a wide range of topics like bullying awareness and prevention, the risks of substance abuse and safe use of online tools and social media. We also work closely with our community partners from the [York Region Police](#), [Georgina Fire & Rescue](#) and [York Region EMS](#); both with educational programs as well as direct support and involvement when required. I am impressed and proud of the commitment that our staff have to student safety; we make sure we are visible in the halls and in the yard and address concerns and issues when they arise. We also appreciate the support that our parents and community partners continue to provide when issues do arise.

Our schools are actually very safe places; between St. Bernadette's and Black River, we have almost 500 children in our building every day with very few safety issues and when incidents do occur, we have trained and skilled adults to ensure that the incidents are addressed appropriately and our students understand that the adults are here to help them. Ultimately, we all want the same thing- a caring and safe learning environment where every child has a sense of belonging, feels safe and is learning.

Brian Harrison & Christine Smith

## The Week Ahead...

Mon. Sept. 23rd PA Day	PA Day- no classes for students
Tues. Sept. 24th Day 5	<b>8:30-</b> Optional Cross Country Practice
Wed. Sept. 25th Day 1	<b>1:20-2:00-</b> Cross Country Practice Fall Pizza order due date
Thurs. Sept. 26th Day 2	<b>1:20-2:00-</b> Cross Country Practice <b>2:00-</b> Terry Fox Run (with St. Bernadette's)
Fri. Sept. 27th Day 3	

## Quick Hits...

**Pizza Sales...** Pizza sales are now open! We accept both paper orders and orders through [School Cash Online](#). Orders for the fall are due **Wed. Sept. 25th**.

**Black River Spirit Wear...** Spirit Wear is now for sale on [School Cash Online](#). The deadline for ordering is **November 22, 2019**. Orders should be delivered in time for Christmas. If the item purchased is a gift please check off the "this is a gift" box. This year we have added three new items, a New Era baseball cap, a winter toque and a soft shell jacket. The jacket comes in both a men's cut or a women's cut.

**Terry Fox Run...** Our [Terry Fox Run](#) is scheduled for next Thursday afternoon and all students are encouraged to take part. We would love to have any parents, guardians or family members who are interested in joining us in our annual event. We invite you to participate by walking, jogging with or cheering for your child as they complete the course. If you are interested in donating, you may send money with your child into the school. Our suggested amount is that each student will bring in a **Toonie for Terry** to raise money to support cancer research.

## Council Corner...

**Booster Juice Sales...** Booster Juice sales will continue this year! We will offer three smoothie blends for order in two different sizes. To place an order please login to your [Lunchbox Orders](#) account- orders can placed starting on **Tuesday, Sept. 24th** for delivery on **Wed. Oct. 2nd**.

**Council Updates and information...** Parents are invited to join our Black River School Council. Council members work together to support student learning and wellness, host events and enhance our school program. The council meets the **first Monday of every month** (our first meeting is **Monday, Oct. 7th at 5:30**). Please follow our [Black River School Council Facebook Page](#) for more information on what we are planning and what is happening in the school.

# September @ Black River Public School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labour Day	3 Day 1 Welcome Back!	4 Day 2	5 Day 3	6 Day 4	7
8	9 Day 5	10 Day 1	11 Day 2	12 Day 3 Meet the Staff Event 6:00-7:00	13 Day 4 School Start Up Forms Due	14
15	16 Day 5	17 Day 1 8:30-Optional Cross Country Practice	18 Day 2	19 Day 3	20 Day 4	21
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Please remember to check our school [website](#) calendar for current updates and details on school events.