



February 19, 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians:

The Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association (OECTA) gave notice that they will be engaging in a one-day strike on **Friday, February 21, 2020** and again on **Thursday, February 27, 2020** if a labour agreement has not been reached. OECTA represents our elementary and secondary teachers in the Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board.

In the event that a strike does take place, all classes will be cancelled and all BGCDSB schools will be closed to students on **Friday, February 21, 2020** and **Thursday, February 27, 2020**. These cancellations affect all elementary schools and all secondary schools. Parents/guardians should make alternate arrangements for their children if required.

Other programs will be affected as follows:

Friday, Feb. 21, 2020	Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All sports and other extracurricular events are cancelled. All before and after school programs are cancelled. All regular co-op, Bruce Power co-op, FLEX, Level 1 Cook and Carpentry, and Dual Credit classes are cancelled for the day. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All sports and other extracurricular events are cancelled. All before and after school programs are cancelled. All regular co-op and Level 1 Cook and Carpentry classes <u>are cancelled</u> All Bruce Power co-op, FLEX, and Pre-Health Dual Credit (Walkerton) classes <u>are running</u> -- Please verify your child's transportation

Other Programs still running on both dates:

- All evening Community Use of Schools programs/events will run as scheduled.
- Daycare centres located at BGCDSB schools are open.
- EarlyON programs located at BGCDSB schools are open.

We understand the impact this has on families. We appreciate your patience and understanding at this time and we continue to pray for a negotiated settlement.

If there are any changes, you will receive communication from your Catholic School Principal. Also, please continue to monitor the "Labour Update" tab as found on our board website: https://www.bgcdsb.org/labour_update for the most recent information. We will also be posting communication on our social media sites.

Respectfully yours,

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