

## Byron Somerset

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# April 2022 Newsletter

Dear Byron Somerset Families,

Welcome to Spring! The warmer weather is around the corner, and we embrace opportunities to enjoy outdoor learning activities around the school. As we know, April can be a month of rain showers, please ensure your child has appropriate clothing so they are prepared for the outdoors.



We are excited to welcome parents and guardians into the school to cheer on our athletes. The school basketball teams continue to proudly represent Byron Somerset in their divisions. We look forward to a robust track and field season coming up. Go Stars!

Families looking for support in mathematics, TVO Mathify offers free online math tutoring for students in Grades 6-11 with Ontario certified teachers. Sign up, login and connect with an Ontario Certified Teacher of your choice. To get started, go to <https://www.tvomathify.com/students>

Just a reminder that we will be hosting the Attendance Area Review Committee (AARC) Subcommittee Meeting on Wednesday, April 6 at 6:30 p.m. [Meeting link](#)

Thank you,

Marie Merrimen

Principal

## Upcoming Events

April 6- Pizza Day

April 8- Popcorn Day

April 15- **Good Friday**

April 18- **Easter Monday**

April 7-14- Book Fair

April 20- Pizza Day


April 22- Earth Day (wear blue & green)

April 26- Adopt-a-School Byron Pizza Night

April 29- Superhero Day

May 2 & 3- School Photos

May 6- Gr 7 Vaccinations



**Byron Somerset  
P.S.**

**ADOPT-A-SCHOOL PIZZA NIGHT**  
Tuesday April 26, 2022  
Tuesday May 31, 2022  
Tuesday June 14, 2022

Treat your family to some of the best pizza around as **Byron Pizza** will be generously donating **\$5.00** from each purchase of the **Family Special** back to **Byron Somerset**.

When you call to place your order, simply state that you're supporting **Byron Somerset**.


**Family Special:**

2 Medium or 2 Large Pizzas with 2 toppings on each pizza, plus one of the following options:

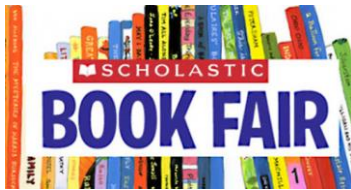
- #1. Large Caesar Salad
- #2. Small Garlic Strips
- #3. Two litre Coke product

**Medium: \$30.99    Large: \$39.99**

**Call 519-472-0310**



## The Book Fair is Back!



Get ready -- the Scholastic Book Fair is returning to our school! For five days, our Library Learning Commons will be transformed into a bookstore where students and their families can purchase new books and school supplies. The Book is a great way to support literacy at the school, stock up your family library and contribute to fund-raising for our Library

Learning Commons!

The Book Fair will be open for in-person sales during the school day on April 11-14, and from 5-8pm on April 13 when families can shop in-person together! Books may also be purchased online through our Virtual Book Fair using the link below. Books purchased online will be delivered to the school at the conclusion of the Book Fair for free and online sales will still count towards our fund-raising. We look forward to seeing you at the Fair!

Virtual Book Fair Link <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5175549>

## Parent Council

"Thank you to all the families that have participated in our school fundraisers so far! With your contributions, we've been able to support music, literacy, and technology initiatives at our school.

We're excited to announce that the **Plantables** fundraiser is back, just in time for Mother's Day! Take your pick from 30+ varieties of organically grown garden-ready plants. All at just \$4.50 a plant. (Oh, and delivery is free after you've filled your first box. Simple.)

### How It Works:

1. Visit <https://plantables.ca/for/byronsomerset>
2. Pick Your Plants
3. Choose your delivery week
4. Plants are delivered to your door!
5. A portion of the proceeds goes to Byron Somerset!

**Need labels?** Whether you use Olivers or Mabels, 20% of your order supports Byron Somerset's fundraising efforts!

- **Olivers:** [www.oliverslabels.com/byronsomerset](http://www.oliverslabels.com/byronsomerset)

- **Mabels:** [https://mabelslabels.ca/en\\_CA/fundraising/support/](https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/)

**Follow** the [Byron Somerset Facebook page](#) for updates and reminders. And as always, please feel free to reach out to the School Council at any time at [scbyronsomerset@tvpic.ca](mailto:scbyronsomerset@tvpic.ca).

Thank you,  
School Council

### “Save Your Pop Tabs”



Byron Somerset has consistently participated in this initiative. This year's pop tab collection will help support Tristan Almond who is an energetic 16-year-old young man from London who has Angelman Syndrome. This condition can manifest itself with autism and epilepsy. Even with this and low vision, he happily attends Clarke Road SS. He enjoys anything to do with water. His biggest loves are music, walks, car rides and his dog "Hudson" Tristan has a 25-year-old sister who no longer lives at home. He needs a larger stroller with features that will ensure his safety. **So please save your aluminum tabs and help Tristan obtain a new, stronger, stroller!** Please drop your pop tabs off in the main office.

### Cultural Corner

Ramadan is observed by practicing Muslims as a month of fasting, reflection, good deeds and prayer. Remembering the month the Qur'an was first revealed to Muhammad, it is the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar. This year Ramadan begins Saturday, April 2nd and ends Sunday, May 1st. Eid al-Fitr marks the end of Ramadan and begins on the first day of the Islamic lunar month of Shawwal. Throughout this three-day celebration families may share gifts, visit friends and relatives and feast. This year Eid will be celebrated on sundown of Monday, May 2nd ending at sundown on Tuesday May 3rd.

## Canadian Red Cross Youth Programs

The Canadian Red Cross is accepting registrations for the Stay Safe Program and the Babysitting Course.

### Canadian Red Cross Youth Programs

**Stay Safe!**  
**Ages 9-11 \$40/ participant**

Prepare your 9 – 11 year old for the responsibility of being home alone.  
Certified Instructors guide participants through group activities, discussions, problem solving & scenarios.

**1-day course; 9am – 2:30pm**  
**July 20th**  
**August 24th**

Manual included, please bring a nut-free lunch, snacks & drinks

**Babysitter Course**  
**Ages 11-14 \$60/ participant**

Ready for more responsibility & eager to be a successful babysitter?  
Join us for a 1-day class where you'll practice required skills and learn what it takes to be an awesome babysitter.

**1-day course; 9am – 4pm**  
**June 30th    August 12th**  
**July 14th    August 31st**

Manual & pizza lunch with water included.  
\* upon registration, please inform staff of any allergies or dietary concerns

To register, please call 519.685.4331 or visit [www.londontraining.on.ca](http://www.londontraining.on.ca)



## Home Connections in Mathematics

### Student Generated Algorithms

For most adults, learning to add, subtract, multiply, and divide involved learning standard methods and algorithms. Many adults are proficient in these procedures but many are not and still struggle to be able to justify how to be certain that the resulting solutions make sense. As students learn to understand operations and develop ways of solving problems, they move from counting, to reasoning, to mastery. The development of number sense involves learning reasoning strategies to make sense of calculations.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

**32 – 9 is the same as 32 – 10 + 1**

So, while many of us invested considerable time and effort working with standard methods, student-generated methods act as bridges toward mastery and are instrumental to developing number sense.

### Students who generate their own strategies:

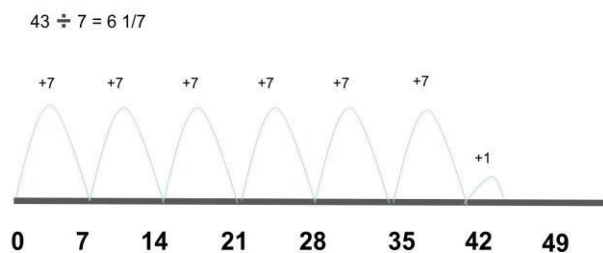
1. Make fewer errors;
2. Require less re-teaching;
3. Develop number sense;
4. Foster stronger mental computation and estimation skills;
5. Often calculate more efficiently than those using standard algorithms; and
6. Feel more confident about their own abilities.

So, encourage sense-making as your child attempts calculations, the methods they use and continue to refine will support their development as successful mathematicians! For more information and reading please check out the following resource at the link below. [Learning Mathematics Vs Following Rules](#)

### Skip Counting Up/Multiplying to Divide

Ex:  $43 \div 7$

Let's find how many times 7 appears in 43.

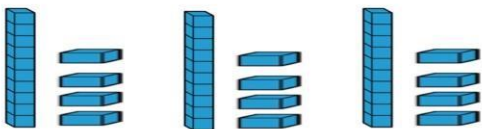


7 'goes into' or 'scales into' 43 6 times with 1 remaining that don't scale in OR with  $\frac{1}{7}$  of a group of 7 remaining.

### Divide Using Base Ten

Ex:  $43 \div 3$

$43 \div 3 = 14 \frac{1}{3}$



Using base ten we can divide 43 into 3 groups which have 14 and  $\frac{1}{3}$  in each group.

### Flexible Division

Flexible division algorithms look similar to the standard “long division” algorithm. The flexible algorithm allows students to use known multiplication facts to decompose the dividend into friendly parts. The parts are subtracted from the whole, until no multiples of the divisor are left. Students keep track of the parts as they are removed.

