

BHNCDSD BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2025

February 2025

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The BHNCDSD theme for Black History Month this year is *"Black Legacy and Leadership: Celebrating Canadian History and Uplifting Future Generations."*



The BHNCDSD is dedicated to fostering equity as a cornerstone for enhancing student achievement and well-being. Guided by our strategic plan, we are committed to creating inclusive, dynamic, and responsive learning spaces where every student feels supported and empowered to succeed. Our schools are communities of high expectations, where all students are inspired to realize their full potential. At BHNCDSD, we aim to cultivate environments where diversity is celebrated, mutual respect thrives, and both students and educators see themselves reflected in meaningful and engaging learning experiences.

The theme *"Black Legacy and Leadership: Celebrating Canadian History and Uplifting Future Generations"* resonates deeply with our Catholic values of justice, dignity, and hope. It calls us to honour the contributions of Black Canadians who have courageously shaped our nation's history while reflecting the Gospel call to love one another and work for equity and inclusion. Rooted in Catholic teachings, this theme also reminds us of our responsibility to nurture and uplift future generations, fostering a spirit of hope and leadership that mirrors Christ's example. Together, as a Catholic community, we celebrate the rich diversity of God's creation and commit to building a future rooted in faith, unity, and love.

Similar to last year, we encourage staff and students to participate in the 20-Day Challenge. With 20 school days in February, each day presents an opportunity for new learning. Select one action each day to enhance your understanding of Black history. This can include exploring readings, podcasts, videos, observations, or finding ways to build and strengthen community connections.

As we get ready to celebrate Black History Month, we encourage the BHNCDSD community to come together in recognizing and honoring the incredible contributions Black Canadians make to our nation every day.

We invite you to share your Black History Month celebrations, activities, student work, and updates for the 20-Days Challenge by posting with **#BHNblackhistory2025**

This newsletter contains prayers, articles, lessons, videos, links to resources for BHN educators to use. The information below seeks to enhance understanding, build capacity, support student achievement, improve support for students within our schools and communities, and promote the well-being of all.

It is important to value the heritage of students from Black communities and nurture their pride in identity throughout the year. Similar to last year, we invite you to submit any poetry, photos, projects, videos, etc. showcasing your school's great work. Remember, you can post any Black History Month related celebrations, activities, and/or student work using **#BHNblackhistory2025**

Black history is everyone's history! Remember that Black history doesn't begin and end in February – it's important to celebrate and educate all year long.

We look forward to hearing from you!