

St. Denis Catholic School

June 2025



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School Begins 9:10 a.m.
First Break 11:20 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
Second Break 1:20 p.m. -2:00 p.m.
Dismissal 3:30 p.m.

Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that the 2024-2025 school year has passed! We have had a productive year at St. Denis Catholic School and I would like to thank our families for supporting the numerous activities that took place throughout the year.

Thank you to Father Stephen for his spiritual guidance. Our St. Denis Catholic School Council spearheaded by our Co-Chair Mr. Burtnik and the many parent volunteers that have worked very

hard to serve our community! This positive group of parents accomplished so much this year! We thank them for their dedication to all of our students.

Congratulations to all our students, especially our Grade 8 graduates. We look at this as taking another step on the path called life, not an ending but a new beginning. Whether you are a part of the St. Denis family or the St. Francis family you can rest assured that wherever you are, you are still part of God's family. May God bless you on your journey!

Congratulations to the amazing staff of St. Denis Catholic School. Your dedication to your vocation is a reflection of the spiritual, academic and physical achievements of the students under your care. Have a well deserved summer break!

At this time I would like to wish Mrs. Schenck a very happy retirement! We are so thankful for all that she has done for our students over the many years while at St. Denis Catholic School. We greatly appreciate all of her kindness and all of her caring ways to make our school a better place for all! May God bless Mrs. Schenck on this new phase of life!

We wish for a summer that brings you fun, sunshine and enjoyable times with friends and family. Thank you for a great year at St. Denis Catholic School!

Yours in Catholic Education,
Mrs. V. Wegelin



A "Farewell for Summer" Blessing

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Go now, children and know that the Spirit of Jesus will be watching over you.

Go now, and enjoy God's summer gifts of warm sun, cooling waters, and long, light evenings.

Go now, children with the gift of faith, that you might see God's hand in all your work and play.

Go now with the gift of hope, that you might know God's guidance, which is keeping you safe.

Go now with the gift of love, that you might offer love and care to all you meet.

Go now with the gift of knowledge, remembering all that you have learned. With God's help, live it.

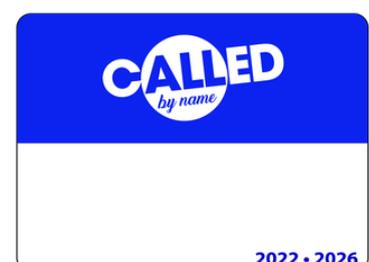
Go now, children with these words of Jesus in your hearts:

"I will not leave you alone; I am with you always."



Called By Name 2025: Hear My Voice

Jesus reminded Peter of his identity and importance in [Matthew 16:18](#), "And so I tell you, Peter: you are a rock, and on this rock foundation I will build my church, and not even death will ever be able to overcome it." The name Peter means "a rock or stone" - Jesus knew the destiny of Peter! Peter continued to make mistakes time and again, but Jesus, as is His nature, loved Peter wholeheartedly and continued to use him in His kingdom's work. He gifted Peter his identity, which was the most important thing about him—he belonged to God. We



find our identity in Christ and like Peter, our relationship with Christ grows and gains strength. We are called by name and we belong!

June 2025 Calendar

Bouquets

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank those many individuals whose contributions make St. Denis Catholic School a very special school!

Thank you to....

- Our Superintendent of Education, Mr. Joe Zaroda who continues to support our St. Denis Community.
- Father Stephen Bruzzese for his spiritual guidance this year.
- The Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate for visiting our school sharing God's wonderful word to our students.
- Members of the Catholic School Council for their tireless efforts and support of our school and community, which is very much appreciated.
- To our students who have worked hard and created many special moments for us throughout the year!
- The teaching staff for their dedication in providing the best possible Catholic Education for your children.
- To Mrs. Goulet for maintaining an organized and easily accessible library.
- Mr. Turcotte and Mrs. Costanzo for their maintenance of the school.
- Mrs. Korsmit and Ms. Kardas our awesome secretaries for their administrative assistance in everything that happens at this school.
- To our Educational Assistants and Child and Youth Care Worker who always ensured the safety and academic success of all our students.
- All of our parents/guardians who take the time to support our efforts and continue to work with all of us as a unified team.

God Bless you! Once again we thank you and we look forward to your continued support next year!



Happy Retirement Mrs. Schenck!

A very special happy retirement to Mrs. Schenck our Kindergarten Teacher. She has been at St. Denis for numerous years ensuring that our students get top notch care! We always appreciated everything that Ms. Schenck did for our students. She will be greatly missed by all the students and staff! May God bless her!



May 2025 Monthly Award Winners!



Every month our teachers recognize a student in their class who has demonstrated excellence in a particular area based on one of the eight Catholic Graduate Expectations. These expectations are; A discerning believer, an effective communicator, a reflective, creative and holistic learner, a collaborative contributor, a caring family member and a responsible citizen. Congratulations to this month's recipients listed below.

Mrs. Lee's Class - **Miles G. & Sofia K.**
Ms. Schenck's Class - **Talia S.**
Ms. Konieczny's Class - **Jason J. & Audrianna B.**
Ms. D'Ettorre's Class - **Ailiyah W.**
Mrs. Foster's Class - **Liam C. & Lola M.**
Mrs. Jackson's Class - **Hudson C.G.**
Mr. Biamonte's Class - **Amelia E.**
Mr. Sutton PRIMARY - **Telvin T.**
Mr. Hasting's Class - **Dahila L.**
Mrs. La Valle's Class - **Sofia Q.**
Mr. O'Connor's Class - **Alexa M.Z.**
Miss MacSporran's Class - **Keyshon W.B.**
Mr. Riddell's Class - **Kayle N.**
Mme Bonin's French Class JR - **Gabriel A.**
Mrs. Wegelin - Principal's Award - **Elias H.**
Mrs. Biletschi's Music Class - **Douglas V.**
Mrs. Zanon - **Grace G.**

Congratulations to all winners! Keep Shining!

Book Fair 2025

We would like to thank everyone who came out to support our school Book Fair! It was so much fun, and it was successful!!! Because of the success of the book fair, we get to put approximately \$1600.00 of books back into our Library! Way to Go St. Denis Community! Your support of our school library means so much and is greatly appreciated!

Thank you to Mrs. Goulet for all of her hard work!

Grade 8 Confirmation

Sunday, June 1, 2025

Our Grade 8 students will be making their Confirmation on **Sunday, June 1, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** at St. Denis Catholic Church in St. Catharines. Students are asked to wear their Sunday best. Thank you to Father Stephen, Miss MacSporran, and Mr. Riddell for assisting our students along their spiritual pathway.



EcoSchool Information



The St. Denis school community is proud to announce our **Platinum Certification** through Eco Schools. The dedication of staff and students contributed to this great success. Thank you to all school community members who participated in our Eco events including: Waste Free Wednesdays, Plastic Bottle Initiatives, The Great Gulp, and all the other activities which

contributed to this huge accomplishment. Our actions inside and out of the classroom made a huge impact on our global footprint and mission to save God's earth. Thank you to Mrs. Jackson and Mr. Biamonte who are our EcoSchool team for all of their hard work this entire year! We are extremely proud to win the highest level possible!!

Flag Football Tournament

Flag Football

Congratulations to our Intermediate Girls and Boys flag football teams! The girls participated in an invitational tournament on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 in Welland. The girls team delivered an amazing performance, showcasing grit, skill and heart. They battled hard through a tough semifinal match to make it to the final. In the end, the game came down to the very last play-an agonizing finish that saw the opposing team slip ahead in the closing seconds. We are very proud of our team and the great sportsmanship they displayed at this event. Our girls team members include: **Tara E., Nailah M., Josephina A., Leucile C., Delila C., Elissa G., Rylee K., Abby L., Elizabeth M., Giselle M.V.**



The boys team was set to compete on Thursday, May 22, 2025 in Welland., but unfortunately, the game was rained out and unable to be rescheduled. Our boys team members include: **Antun A., Makai M., Chase S., Pathrose A., Joshua A., Atticus H., Luca L.P., Ayden M., Issac O.A.**

Thank you to Mr. Riddell and Mr. Hastings for coaching our great team! Go Saints go!

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May 27, 2025 - May 31, 2025 Grade 3

May 26, 2025-June 3, 2025 Grade 6

Grade 3 and 6 students will be participating in the Provincial Assessments. Grade 3 and 6 students will be tested in reading, writing, and mathematics. Province-wide assessments provide information that parents, teachers and policy makers can use to help children learn more effectively. Working together, parents and educators can help ensure that students have a positive experience by discussing the assessment with them. Parents are asked to avoid interruptions in their child's attendance during the assessment. Scheduling of appointments during this time is not encouraged. We thank you for your support.

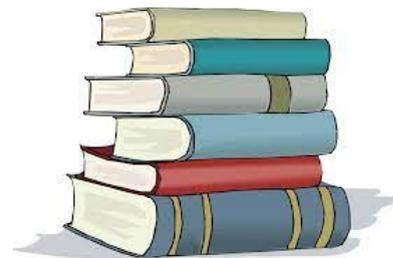
**Education Quality and
Accountability Office**



Library Book Reminder

June 4, 2025

This is just a reminder that all library books need to be returned to the school by **Wednesday, June 4, 2025**. Overdue notices will be sent out to ensure that all of our books are returned before the end of the year. Thank you to our school librarian, Mrs. Goulet who will be completing an inventory of our library.



Track and Field Meets!

*****NEW This Year!*****

Primary Track and Field Meet

June 5, 2025

Our primary students (K-Gr. 3) will be participating in a modified track and field meet! Students are encouraged to wear athletic wear, running shoes and a hat! Students will be participating in events such as 50M, Ball Kick, Ball Throw, and Obstacle course. Parents are invited to cheer them on!



Area Track and Field Meet

June 5, 2025

Junior and Intermediate students have been preparing for this upcoming event. **Students who placed at our school meet will be travelling to Niagara Olympic Park by school bus.** Students will need to bring a lunch, lots of water and sunscreen. More information will follow as the date gets closer.

Board Track and Field Meet

June 12, 2025

Junior and Intermediate students who placed at our area meet will be competing in this meet with all the schools in Niagara Catholic District School Board. Students will need to bring a lunch, lots of water and sunscreen. More information will follow as the date gets closer.

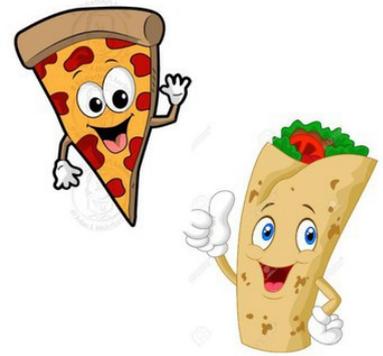
Food Days for June 2025

Pita Day Orders due on **Monday, June 2, 2025**.

Pita Day - **Thursday, June 5, 2025**.

Pizza Day Orders due on **Monday, June 9, 2025.**

Pizza Day - **Friday, June 13, 2025.**



P. A. Day!

June 6, 2025

On **Friday, June 6, 2025** a Professional Activity Day will be held. There will not be any school for students. School staff will be working on assessment and evaluation on this day.



Dress Code Trade Day



June 9, 2025

On Monday, June 9th, 2025 we will hold our annual Dress Code TRADE DAY!!

Please submit items your child(ren) may have outgrown between June 2 - June 6. You will receive 1 ticket for each item you donate.

On Trade Day you can use your tickets to exchange for items in

the size you need. One ticket for one item.

Class Trips

Students will be participating on various class trips throughout the month of June. Please remember to dress accordingly to the weather forecasted on the day of the school trip. Running shoes are the required footing for outings.

Wednesday, June 4, 2025-Grade 3J and Grade 3/4B-Lincoln Museum

Tuesday, June 10, 2025-Grade 4H, 5L and 6O-PALS at Brock University

Tuesday, June 17, 2025 - Grade 7/8M & Grade 8R - Trip to Bowling/Beach



COMMUNITY CREW LUNCH PROGRAM

Announcement!!

The last day for the Community Crew Lunch Program this year will be Thursday, June 19, 2025.

We would like to thank Community Crew and their volunteers for their ongoing support of St. Denis Catholic School Students!!

We would also like to thank our many student volunteers who give their time at school to help make the program so smoothly!!



Grade 8 Graduation

June 19, 2025

Our Grade 8 Graduation Liturgy will take place on Thursday, June 19 at 5:30 p.m. at St. Denis Catholic School gym. Parents are encouraged to join us for this special celebration. After the liturgy service, diplomas and awards will be presented to the students. The Graduation dinner and dance will take place at Coppola's Restaurant. It begins at approximately 6:30 p.m. and ends at 10:00 p.m.



Congratulations to our students who will be graduating this year and best wishes for their continued success as they begin the next step of their education. May they remember that God's love and grace will always guide them on their journey! Thanks to our Catholic School Council and Grade 8 parents with the setup for the evening. Thanks to our Catholic School Council for supporting our graduates!

St. Denis Saints Class of 2026 Grad Hoodie

Play Day!

June 24, 2025-Primary Play Day *****

June 25, 2025-Junior/Intermediate Play Day*****

On **Tuesday, June 24, 2025** at St. Denis Catholic School we will be having a **Primary Play Day! (Kindergarten-Grade 3 classes)**

Students are reminded to wear comfortable athletic wear, running shoes and a hat! Remember to bring lots of water for the day!

Students will be participating in fun outdoor activities.



School BBQ!! June 24, 2025

Our Catholic School Council will be making lunch for the entire school! Students will be able to have a hamburger and a juice box on this day! Thank you to all of our Catholic School members for organizing and providing this lunch for free for all of our students!

June 25, 2025

On Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at St. Denis Catholic School we will be having our **Junior/Intermediate Play Day!** Student are reminded to wear comfortable athletic wear, running shoes and a hat! Remember to bring lots of water on this day!

Term Two Report Cards

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June 26, 2025

Term 2 report cards will be posted in the parent portal. Parents are encouraged to read and review with their child their academic progress to date. Parent/Teacher interviews will be by request this term.



Last Day of School!

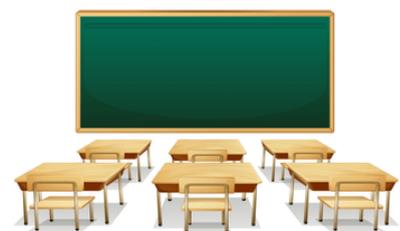
Friday, June 27, 2025

This will be the last day of school for students! We wish everyone a very happy and safe summer!



Class Lists

How are students assigned to classes? A great deal of time and effort is spent determining the composition of classes. Teachers meet and examine students' progress and student learning styles. Having made tentative lists, consideration is then given to factors such as class size, gender ratio, previous placement in combined classes and student needs. Students are generally placed with classmates with whom they will be most successful. Information regarding student placement for September has not yet been finalized.



Student Registration Reminder!

Registrations for Kindergarten are still being accepted at St. Denis Catholic School. If you know anyone of eligible school age, please encourage them to register. Remind them to bring their child's baptismal and birth certificate and proof of address when they come in to register. The sooner all registrations are received, the faster classroom placements can be made.



Poppin' Into Kindergarten

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

Reminder to join our Speech and Language Pathologists & Early Years team here at St. Denis on **Tuesday, June 17, 2025 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.** for fun, interactive activities that support meaningful conversation and oral language development. This event is open to our new Year 1 students and to our current Year 1 students in Kindergarten.

The ABA team will share tips for a smooth September transition.

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Caregivers will receive a package of activity ideas

Light dinner provided from 4:00-4:30 p.m.
Event Time: 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Our Lady of Victory - Tues., June 3
Alexander Kuska - Wed. June 4
Saint Vincent de Paul - Wed., June 11
St. Denis - Tues., June 17
Our Lady of Fatima (G) - Wed., June 18

REGISTER NOW BY SCANNING THE QR CODE!

Kindergarten Registration

Year 1 Kindergarten Registration

Registration will be held all throughout the school year.

Children who will be 4 years old by December 31, 2025 and who live within the St. Denis Catholic School's boundaries are eligible to enroll for Year 1 Kindergarten. Your child's Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate and proof of address are required at the time of registration.

Children who will be 5 years old by December 31, 2025 and who live within the St. Denis Catholic School's boundaries are eligible to enroll for Year 2 Kindergarten. Your child's Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate and proof of address are required at the time of registration. Only students who have not attended Year 1 need to be officially registered. Those students currently attending the Year 1 program will be automatically enrolled in the Year 2 class.

If you know of neighbors and/or relatives who live in our school community, please encourage them to visit St. Denis Catholic School and enroll their children in a Catholic School. Our flourishing community needs active support from its members.

Welcome to
Kindergarten!

No Dogs on School Property

Just a reminder to all parents that dogs are not allowed on the school property. We have children and staff members who are anxious around dogs. In the best interest to keep everyone safe,

please keep your dogs at home or in the car when it is drop off or pick up time at school. We greatly appreciate your cooperation with this request.



FAM JAM Event Saturday, June 22, 2025

FAM JAM will take place on **Saturday, June 22, 2024** from **9:30 a.m. to 12 noon** at the MacBain Community Centre, 7150 Montrose Rd, Niagara Falls. FAM JAM is a **free, fun-filled morning of activities for families to enjoy with their young children**. There will be EarlyON outdoor play program, book giveaways, StoryWalk, Mobile Closet free shopping, face painting, community resources,

and refreshments. Various community partners will be participating in this event to provide information and resources for all families and newcomer families. Some partners include - Mobile Closet, Niagara Falls Public Library, Niagara Region Public Health – Niagara Parents, Niagara Firefighters Association and services available to newcomer families.

FAM JAM POSTER - CLICK HERE

NIAGARA REGION PUBLIC HEALTH

Niagara Region Public Health wants children to have a successful, healthy start to their education now more than ever. With every vaccination received, children are protected from serious diseases. To protect the health of our community, all students attending schools in Ontario are required to be vaccinated for nine childhood illnesses: Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella, and Meningococcal disease.

· **If your child is in Kindergarten or new to Ontario, remember to submit their vaccination records or a valid exemption to public health.**

· There are three ways to report a child's vaccines directly to public health:

o Online at www.niagararegion.ca/vaccines

o By phone: 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425

o Fax: 905-688-8225



Woo Hoo, the Sun is Back!

The sun is shining and it's time to get outside to play! But before you run outside, make sure you remember your 5 S's....

Slip: on some clothes that will protect your skin from the sun (loose-fitting and tightly woven are best).

Slop: on some sunscreen that is at least SPF 30 and filters UVA & UVB rays (broad-spectrum). Put sunscreen on 20 minutes BEFORE you go outside so it can soak in. Don't forget your ears, nose and feet if you are wearing sandals! Lips should also be protected with SPF 30 lip balm.

Note: Please note that teachers are NOT PERMITTED to apply sunscreen onto your children.

Slap: on a wide-brimmed hat to protect your face, ears and neck.

Seek: shade when outside between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Slide: on some sunglasses that have 100% UVA & UVB filters.

Attention moms, dads, coaches and caregivers: Sun damage can happen quickly, so make sure youth remember sunscreen for lunch break, gym class, track and field and other outdoor activities. Think it's safer to use a tanning bed? Think again! No tan is a safe tan. Tanning beds have a mixture of UVB and/or UVA rays. The UVA rays can be up to 5 times stronger than the summer sun at its strongest!



Register for School Cash Online



School Cash Online

Please click on the button below for instructions to register for School Cash Online. The easy, safe way to pay for school items and events.

School Cash Online Registration Instructions - Click

Safe Arrival / School Messenger

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL WITH ANY CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGES.



Please use the Safe Arrival system to report all absences and lates for your child.

You can report an absence by:

PHONE - 1-844-287-6287

ONLINE: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>

APP: SchoolMessenger

NCDSB Dress Code



NCDSB Dress Code The following serves as a reminder for families as the warmer weather approaches and if dress code purchases are being made. Students must wear the elementary standardized dress code items properly and in compliance with the expectations throughout the school day and at all activities and events as representatives of the school and/or Board. It is the

expectation that students wear the elementary standardized dress code as a condition of attendance in an elementary school within the Niagara Catholic District School Board at a minimum, if the elementary student is not in compliance with the mandatory elementary standardized dress code, parents and guardians will be contacted to bring the required dress code items to school.

At a minimum, every student is required to wear one (1) of the following items:

- Navy Blue sweat pants for students in Early Learning Kindergarten to Grade 3
- Navy Blue Pants (Cargo, Corduroy, Denim, Dress, Kobe styles permitted)
- Navy Blue Dresses or Skorts; or · Navy Blue Capris or Walking Shorts.
- Grade 8 students have the option to wear grey secondary uniform pants purchased through Board uniform suppliers. Pants, skirt or dress length must be appropriate and modest. Only knee length capris or shorts are permitted. All clothing must be in good repair.

At a minimum, every student is required to wear one (1) of the following items:

- Navy Blue or White Oxford shirt (short or long sleeve)
- Navy Blue or White Polo shirt (short or long sleeve); or
- School designed spirit wear polo shirt.

The elementary standardized dress code shirts, either polo or oxford must be buttoned in a respectable manner. Visible t-shirts worn under the elementary standardized dress code top must be either navy blue or white.

In addition, approved sweaters and hoodies embroidered and/or screened with the school logo are permitted to be worn as part of the elementary standardized dress code.

Running shoes are the recommended footwear with a full back and a closed toe. It is recommended that parents/guardians provide a pair of indoor shoes for physical education and indoor wear.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: <https://www.niagaracatholic.ca/policies-protocols-docs/policies/>
(Elementary Standardized Dress Code Policy)

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Victoria Wegelin

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