



### Safe Arrival

To report your child absent please use one of the three methods listed below:

1. Use the SafeArrival website,

<https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>

The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account using your email address. After logging in, select the Attendance tab to Report an Absence.

2. Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger App (blue logo) from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at

<https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>

Use your new login information to access your account. Select Attendance to Report an Absence. If you would like to receive attendance notifications on your mobile device please enable Push Notifications in the Settings area of the app. The document Using the SchoolMessenger app will give instructions for using the App.

3. The toll-free number

1-844-287-6287

will allow you to report your child absent without creating an account.

# ST. JAMES NEWS

SKYHAWKS

JUNE 2025

615 Geneva Street St. Catharines, ON.  
(905) 934-3112

Principal: Mr. K. Lococo  
Superintendent: Mr. J. Zaroda

School Secretary: Mrs. C. Dionne-Taylor  
Parish Priest: Fr. Stephen Bruzzese

A proud member of the Saint Francis Catholic High School Family of Schools

## ON THE CALENDAR

Saint Francis Family of School Track and Field Meet (Niagara Olympic Club) - June 5, 2025

Professional Activity Day (NO SCHOOL) - June 6, 2025

Mobile Dental Bus at St. James - June 10 - June 12, 2025

Mrs. Buordolone and Mr. Collevocchio Trip to Canada's Wonderland - June 11, 2025

Niagara Catholic District School Board Track Meet - June 12, 2025

Niagara Catholic District School Board Track Meet (Rain Backup Date) - June 17, 2025

Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony at Club Roma - June 19, 2025

National Indigenous Peoples Day - June 20, 2025

St. James Play Day - June 24, 2025

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - June 27, 2025

## CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

The gymnasium renovations have begun. Due to the work required the gymnasium will remain closed until November 30, 2025 (Projected Date). Please be mindful of construction vehicles and storage units that will be onsite throughout the construction phase. Your cooperation is appreciated.

## HOT LUNCH DAYS

Thursday June 5, 2025 - Sub Day

Friday June 13, 2025 - Hot Dog Day

Thursday June 12, 2025 - Antipasto Day

Thursday June 19, 2025 - Burrito Guyz Day

Friday, June 13, 2025 - Booster Juice Day

Tuesday June 24, 2025 - Yogen Fruz Frozen Yogurt

Friday June 26, 2025 - Pizza Day

## SPORTS

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### T-SHIRT ORDERS

A School Messenger Messages was sent out Wednesday May 28, 2025 that the Shirt Orders had arrived and will be given to student on Friday May 30, 2025. We had all students wear their new T-Shirts in the afternoon so that we could take a whole school photo.

The New Logo will be included in our newly renovated Gymnasium for the 2025-2026 School Year. A big Thank You to the St. James Catholic School Council and Student Council for their work at the school in assisting in providing the funds for all students to receive their very own shirt at no cost to families.



### KRISPY KREME

Thank you to all those families who helped us by supporting our Krispy Kreme doughnut fundraiser. We ordered a total of 260 dozen doughnuts. Funds for this event will used to subsidize year-end trips for students.



### EQAO

**REMINDER EQAO Assessments for Grade Three and Six students are taking place from June 2nd to the 11th.** Student attendance is very import during this time.

### SPORTS

#### HANDBALL

**Thank you to our Junior Girls' Handball Team** for their hard work and dedication at the tournament, which took place on May 1st. They represented our school with pride, teamwork, and sportsmanship—great job, girls!

**Congratulations** to our **Junior Boys' Handball Team**, who advanced to the finals, where they played an action-packed game that went into overtime. They earned a silver medal, and their resilience, teamwork, and effort were truly impressive. Way to go Skyhawks!

#### FLAG FOOTBALL

We'd like to take a moment to give a huge shoutout to our incredible Girls Flag Football Team! Although their journey ended in the quarterfinals, this team has shown nothing short of dedication, heart, and true team spirit all season long. The girls represented St. James Catholic in the best way possible. A big shout out to Mr. C. For all of his help!

**Congratulations** to Sophia, Amelia, Ruby, Serafina, Chloe, Labrin, Allie, Eden, Jessica, Lauren and our cheerleader Olivia.

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## CONGRADULATIONS

A big CONGRADULATIONS to Nino Seva who has been chosen as one of the Bishop Altar Server awardees and they will have the ceremony on Friday, June 6, 2025 at 5:30 pm at Our Lady of Scapular Parish church, in Niagara Falls.

## CONSENT FORMS

Each year students have the opportunity to join in many learning activities here at school or on educational field trips. The school is asking that parents complete the following consent forms (found on School Cash Online), to ensure the school has the necessary information to keep your child/children safe.

**Parent Consent** - Student Personal Information (all K-8 students) - This form allows us to know parent preferences when it comes to using a child's information (ie. images, etc) in school publications such as social media posts, class photos and the school yearbook.

**NCDSB Athletic Participation /Acknowledgement of Risk Form (Gr. 4-8 students only)** - This form explains risks associated with participation in activities happening on school property and allows parent to indicate preferences regarding a child's participation in day-to-day activities (ie. intramurals, sports team tryouts, etc).

**Educational Field Trips and activities happening off school property will have a separate consent form sent home.**

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### SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

As activities and educational field trips are being scheduled for our students, we ask that parents sign up for our convenient payment program, SchoolCash Online. This is an excellent way to pay for student activities without sending money to school. To register, please go to: <https://ncdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

### ANAPHYLAXIS AWARENESS

All classroom at St. James are peanut, tree nut, sesame, seafood, coconut, pineapple, avocado and egg safe classrooms. No peanuts, peanut products, tree nuts or raw/cooked eggs are allowed at any time. We have many students with life threatening allergies to peanuts, peanut products and/or eggs. Please ensure that your child has thoroughly washed their hands after eating peanuts, peanut products or eggs for breakfast/lunch at home.

We must make every effort to ensure we do not contaminate our learning environment for these students. Please respect the safety of all students. Remember how you would want your child protected by their school community if your child had a fatal allergy.

### STUDENT AWARE INTERNET FILTER

This is just a reminder to families that all Niagara Catholic schools use a software program called "Student Aware". This program enables schools to monitor its student internet traffic while using Board internet devices. The "Student Aware" program will be identifying and notifying school staff when students access online websites related to suicide, violence, abuse and/or other dangerous activities that could be injurious to themselves and/or others. When high-risk incidents are identified, the occurrence will be investigated and school administration will respond accordingly to support student mental health and well-being.

### EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE PROTOCOL

Please be mindful that even though winter season has ended, it is important to remind all of our parents of the Emergency School Closing Protocol. The Niagara Catholic District School Board will make every attempt to keep schools open during periods of inclement weather. Only in exceptional circumstances will schools be closed part way through the day. In these rare cases, we will follow the procedure and prior information collected regarding the picking up of your children. If your contact information or pick-up arrangements have changed, you are asked to please contact Mrs. Dionne-Taylor at the office so the necessary updates can be made. Announcements concerning school closures or cancellations will be made on all local radio stations beginning at 6:00 a.m. You can also check the Board website at [www.niagaracatholic.ca](http://www.niagaracatholic.ca) as well as the board's social media accounts.

### NIAGARA REGION PUBLIC HEALTH NEWSLETTER

Please use the following link to access the information from Niagara Region Public Health aimed at parents of school aged children.

Access the June Newsletter from Public Health [Here](#).



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### ST. JAMES SPIRITWEAR

Please note that Bigbear Spiritwear will now be supplying Spirit wear and dress code items that will be available for sale via their website. Please access [St. James Skyhawks direct link](#).



School Apparel - Gradhoodies

### ELEMENTARY STANDARDIZED DRESSCODE



The Niagara Catholic DSB has a Standardized Elementary Dress Code in place for students in elementary schools. All students are to wear navy bottoms and navy blue or white shirts. For more detailed information, please view the NCDSB flyer [here](#).

### SCHOOL TRIPS

In accordance with the Safe Schools Act, all volunteers must be approved by the school principal.

The principal is authorized by the Board "to assign to a person who volunteers to serve without remuneration such duties in respect of the school as are approved by the Board and to terminate such assignment as required". (Safe Schools Act, 2000)

Before volunteering in Niagara Catholic schools, all approved school volunteers (persons having direct and/or regular contact with students, supervising students, and/or participating in approved overnight educational field trips) must:

1. complete and submit the Volunteer Application Form (Appendix A)
2. provide an original Police Vulnerable Sector Check
  - ☐ An original Police Vulnerable Sector Check will be required at least once every five (5) years.
  - ☐ Approved volunteers will be reimbursed for a Police Vulnerable Sector Check required by the principal and/or the Board. Any additional requirements as a result of the Vulnerable Sector Checks will be the responsibility of the volunteer.
  - ☐ When a Police Vulnerable Sector Check is on file and renewal is not required, volunteers must complete and submit an Annual Offence Declaration (Appendix B). The annual offence declaration will stand as a legally binding document, in accordance with Regulation 521/01, as amended by Regulation 322/03.

### CELL PHONE USE IN SCHOOLS

To minimize distractions, students who bring their cell phones to school must have the phone stored out of view and turned off or onto silent mode during the instructional day. They may only use it if their teacher permits it for learning, for health or medical purposes, or to support special education needs. Outside of these times, students are expected to keep their phones turned off or on silent and have them stored away.

Social media platforms on school networks and board devices will be disabled. This is intended to limit the number of interruptions in class and to benefit the mental health and well-being of students. Niagara Catholic already blocks access to some social media sites. Now all will be unavailable to students on the board network during the school day.