

Weekly Update

September 15-19, 2025



SEPTEMBER Reflection

Listen and hear my voice; pay attention and hear what I say" (Isaiah 28:23) Have you ever stopped to think about how much noise there is in our lives today? We are bombarded from morning to night with so many voices calling out for our attention. God tells us to "listen" and to "pay attention." His voice is not a loud voice, but a voice that speaks to us in the silence (1 Kings 19:11-13). God doesn't want to be one voice among many. He wants His voice to be our guiding light. He doesn't want a part of our heart. He wants our whole heart, because He has made our hearts to find joy in Him. What are the loud voices in your life that make it hard to find times of silence for prayer? What can you do today to make more time for God?



WEEK at a glance

Monday September 15 - DAY 5

Simulated Lockdown Drill

Tuesday September 16 - DAY 1

Skills Ontario Presentation - 7/8s

Wednesday September 17 - DAY 2

Thursday September 18 - DAY 3

Pizza Day for those that ordered

Friday September 19 - PA DAY

No school for students



Looking Ahead...

Wednesday September 24 - OPEN HOUSE

Friday September 26 - Out of Dress Code - Terry Fox Walk

WEEKLY UPDATE

Parents/Guardians,

We had an exciting week with lovely weather! Thank you to families who have signed the **Athletic Participation consent form** on [School Cash Online](#). Please do so if you have not already signed off. All students (K-8) are required to fill in the form. Grades 4-8 students can try out for teams, but **all students** need to fill in the Athletic Participation form.

Parents/Guardians - if anyone is interested in joining the St. James Catholic School Council, please fill in the nomination form attached below, and submit to the main office before Wednesday, October 1st. There are hard copies available in the main office as well.

Finally, **Student Verification Forms** were sent home with your child(ren) earlier this week. Please correct any information (if necessary) and return the form to your child's teacher by the end of next week.

Thank you,

Mr. Tolomeo
Principal



CSC nomination form - 2025=2026.docx.pdf

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ST. JAMES CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

September 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2 Day 1 	3 Day 2	4 Day 3	5 Day 4	7 <u>School Day:</u> Supervision begins @ 8:50am. PLEASE do not drop off your child/children before this time.
7 St. Denis Catholic Church Masses: 8:00am & 10:00am 	8 Day 5 International Literacy Day 	9 Day 1	10 Day 2	11 Day 3	12 Day 4	Start time: 9:05am Dismissal: 3:25pm Dismissal for ELKP—3:15pm
14 St. Denis Catholic Church Masses: 8:00am & 10:00am 	15 Day 5	16 Day 1	17 Day 2	18 Pizza Day Day 3	19 PD DAY NO SCHOOL	
21 St. Denis Catholic Church Masses: 8:00am & 10:00am 	22 Day 4 	23 Day 5 Milk Program & Toonie Tuesdays start up—See School Cash on-line for more details	24 Day 1 St. James Open House 4:30-6:00pm	25 Sub Day Day 2	26 Red & White Day 3  Out of dress code Day Terry Fox School Run Red & White Day	
28 St. Denis Catholic Church Masses: 8:00am & 10:00am 	29 Day 4	30  National Truth and Reconciliation Day 	Please report your child's absence or lateness or early dismissal in Safe Arrival: 1-844-287-6287 OR on the app: "School Messenger" OR On-line @ go.schoolmessenger.ca On-line Payments for lunches, milk, etc: https://schoolcashionline.com			

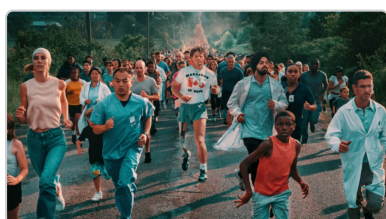


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Families can donate to the Terry Fox Foundation using the link below:



Terry Fox School Run

schools.terryfox.ca

School Lockdown Drill

Families,

We will be conducting a practice Lockdown drill next Monday, September 15th. This will be planned at approximately 11:05AM, shortly before first nutrition break, and should take less than 5 minutes. At no time will students or staff be in any potential threat or danger.

Lockdown procedures are in place and practiced in all Niagara Catholic schools throughout this school year. Similar to fire drills, classroom teachers will review the procedures that students must follow during a Lockdown.

If there are any questions, please contact me at the school.

Sincerely,

Mr. Tolomeo



PLAY GROUND on Recess yard

This is to inform parents/guardians that during drop off times in the morning (8:50-9:05) the playground equipment area will be off limits, not to be used by students. We are finding that the equipment is wet in the mornings, and not safe to use.

As the day continues, the school will make an informed decision to either keep the area closed or open it up during recess times.

Thank you for your understanding.



SAVE THE DATE!

St. James Open House will be Wednesday, September 24th from **4:30 - 6:00PM.**

Classrooms will be open in the school, and Kool Jim's Ice Cream truck will be on site out front for families who wish to purchase anything.

The evening is intended to be an opportunity for families to see classrooms and the inside of the school. It is not an interview for your child, but rather a meet and greet to start the school year.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!



School Picture Day at St. James

Picture Day will be Wednesday October 22nd.

More details will follow as the date approaches.

FOOD DAYS at St. James - reminder

All food days will be available for purchase on School Cash Online, same as last year. This year, we will be delivering the food to students for ALL FOOD DAYS during the second nutrition break (1:15

PM).

Families are encouraged to provide snacks for students, even if food is ordered on our Food Days.

Thank you.

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 (all K-8 students) - 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.

*Forms are now on [School Cash Online](#) for families to complete.

Below is more information on how to sign up for School Cash Online



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Below is the link to purchase BIG BEAR spiritwear for St. James



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St. James Catholic School

St. James Skyhawks 2026 Gradhoodie Embroidered – #STJAMES-JLH-2026

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Orange Shirt Day

Students and staff are encouraged to wear the colour orange on Tuesday, September 30th, 2025, in support of Orange Shirt Day. We encourage all schools order shirts from this provider, as all

proceeds will be shared between the Orange Shirt Society and Woodland Cultural Centre. If any school wishes to design their own logo through their own vendor, please ensure that all shirt designs are approved by Gary Parker prior to production. Please contact Gary Parker at gary.parker@ncdsb.com

To order orange shirts through Pegasus School Images – Pegasus Order Form Shirts are \$15 including tax. Families are encouraged to place their orders online through Pegasus School Images. A credit card is required. At the time of placing orders, parents/staff will be asked to select:

- 1) The Shirt Size
- 2) Quantity
- 3) Name of the School where the shirt is to be delivered.
- 4) All orders must be placed by midnight, **Monday, September 15, 2025** in order for all shirts to be delivered to schools on time.



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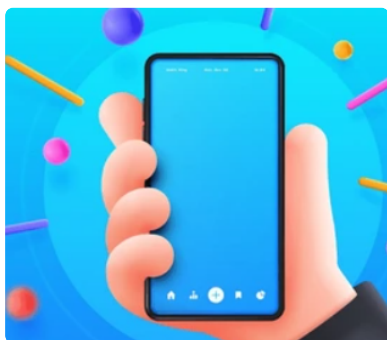
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Student Cell Phones - Reminder

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.

Allergy Alert

Please remember that St. James is a Nut-Free environment. Please refrain from sending any products to school that contain peanuts or tree nuts. Also, we ask that you refrain from sending in any food items that are to be shared with other students.

All classrooms 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.



Information Update

We remind you that it is important to keep the office updated with regards to any new information or changes to the information we have on file for your child. This may include new phone numbers, change of address, medical information, custody orders etc.



DRESS CODE

All students are reminded to arrive at school dressed in full Dress Code. Information is noted in the pdf. below.

In Keeping with the Niagara Catholic District School Board Dress Code Policy, we ask that all parents please review the flyer attached within this weekly update. The Board policy is also attached below this message. The Flyer is linked down below and will always be here for you to review. Students are required to abide by the Dress Code policy and select items of clothing that meet the standard requirements.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.



302.6.10 - Elementary Standardized Dress Code Policy AOP.pdf

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Families are reminded to please update your child/children's immunization records with Niagara Region Public Health. You may do so by clicking this [link](#). For more information please go to [NRPH website](#) if you have vaccine/record review questions or please call your health care provider. Families may also contact Public Health at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425 and ask to speak with a public health vaccine nurse.



SAFE ARRIVAL

Please remember to report your child's absence using the [SAFEARRIVAL](#) portal. You can also put in an EARLY DEPARTURE.



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