

Weekly Update

September 22-26, 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 22 - DAY 4

Tuesday September 23 - DAY 5

Milk and Toonie Tuesday begin

Wednesday September 24 - DAY 1

Open House - 4:30-6PM

Junior Girls Soccer tournament

Thursday September 25 - DAY 2

Junior Boys Soccer tournament

Sub Lunch Day - for those who ordered



Friday September 26 - DAY 1

Out of Dress Code - Red and White theme

Terry Fox Walk

WEEKLY UPDATE

Parents/Guardians,

We hope and pray families are doing well and that the school year is going smoothly. Tomorrow (Friday, September 19th) is a PA Day - no school for students. Staff will be participating in our Board's Faith Day. We will see students back on Monday!

Next Wednesday is our school's Open House beginning at 4:30PM. Please see more information below.

Lastly, if you haven't already done so, please return the completed [Student Verification forms](#) to your child's teacher.

Thank you and enjoy your weekend!

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 Welcome back Skyhawks! 	3 Day 2	4 Day 3	5 Day 4	7 <i>School Day:</i> Supervision begins @ 8:50am. PLEASE do not drop off your child/children before this time. Start time: 9:05am Dismissal: 3:25pm Dismissal for ELKP—3:15pm
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	
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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 	
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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Toonie Tuesday

Students can bring in money to purchase items sold at the school (ice cream, popcorn). Students can purchase during the second nutrition break.



*NOTE - **2 item limit** for student purchasing. Students will not be permitted to purchase over \$4.00 worth of food items. Therefore, if possible, please refrain from bringing large denominations of bills (ex: \$20, \$50 etc.).

Thank you.

Milk Program

Milk will be delivered to students that ordered during first nutrition break.



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



Terry Fox School Run

schools.terryfox.ca



PLAY GROUND on Recess yard

A reminder 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.



OPEN HOUSE - Reminder

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.

Retakes will be Tuesday, November 18th.

More details will follow as the date approaches.



Niagara Nutrition Partners

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Did you know...?

St. James serves a healthy snack (a fruit/veggie, grain and/or protein) to students every day. Our school's food program is universal which means that all students have access to any food

provided to them despite their economic situation.

The (breakfast/snack) program at our school is funded by Niagara Nutrition

Partners/Reach/MCCSS as well as generous contributions from local partners. Currently there are approx. 214 students benefiting from this program which is prepared by some wonderful student volunteers at our school. Our nutrition program is very beneficial to the growing minds and bodies of our students, and it provides such a positive start to everyone's day. ★

If you would like to support this program, please visit our school's website and click on School Cash Online or consider supporting our student nutrition program by donating some non-perishable items from the list below.

Support your student nutrition program by donating any of the following food items:

- Made Good granola bars (Strawberry or Mixed Berry)
- Quaker chewy granola bars (peanut free)
- Breton crackers or Breton bites (reg. or gluten free)
- Triscuit original crackers
- Whole Wheat Melba toast
- Original or Multigrain Cheerios
- Original Shreddies
- Rice Chex
 - o Peaches
 - o Fruit salad
 - o Mandarin oranges

**Please Note: Support provided directly to the school is not eligible for charitable tax receipt for income tax purposes. A charitable tax receipt can only be issued if you donate through the Niagara Nutrition Partner's official website. <https://www.niagaranutritionpartners.ca/give-to-grow>*

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

**Become an SCO Member .pdf**

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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
bigbearspiritwear.com

**Niagara Catholic District School Board - Orange Day Store Flyer - 2025.pdf**

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**BalancedDaySchedule25-26.pdf**

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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

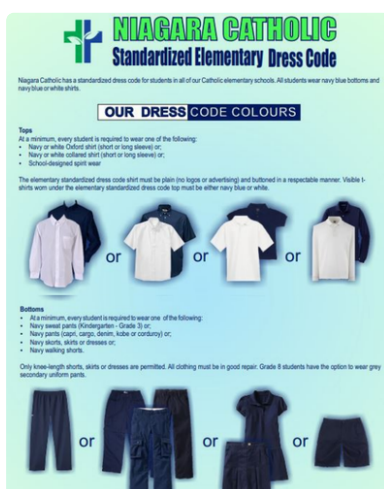
Please remember that St. James is a Nut-Free environment. Please refrain from sending any products to school that contain peanuts or tree nuts. Also, we ask that you refrain from sending in any food items that are to be shared with other students.

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.



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Public Health

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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