



# ST. PATRICK NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2025

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Students, Parents, and Staff,

Welcome back!

I am blessed to be with you as Principal of this wonderful school community once again!

It's a joyous moment as our school family reunites for another year of growth, faith, and shared experiences.

In our Catholic tradition, we find purpose and guidance. As we step into this new school year, let us carry the lessons of the past while embracing the opportunities of the present. Together, we'll cultivate both minds and hearts, nurturing academic excellence and spiritual depth.

Our teachers are ready to inspire and guide, and our staff is dedicated to providing a safe and enriching environment. With the support of our parents, we'll continue to flourish as a community rooted in faith and love.

May this year be one of discovery, friendship, and grace. Together, let's make it a memorable chapter in the story of St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School!

Blessings,  
Ms. Romano

# WELCOME



Welcome Back to all returning staff and students!  
And a special welcome to all new students and staff!

### 2025-2026 School Staff

Kindergarten: A. Damiano, A. Lubocki

Grade 1: JM Villegas

Grade 2: A. Johnstone

Grade 2/3: D. Szick

Grade 3/4: K. Golia

Grade 4/5: T. Zitano

Grade 5/6: R. Pascoe

Grade 6/7: Mrs. Lambert (Mr. Faner LTO)

Grade 7/8: T. Basilone

ERT: C. Russell

PTM: A. Archer

FSL: L. Lennox

EAs: A. Rombough, A. Potter

Itinerant Arts: A. Dwumaah

ESL: S. Ciocca

Library: L. Frascino

CYW: K. Cardamone

Caretaker: P. McGean

Secretary: C. Hollett

Principal: M. Romano

# bell schedule

**8:55-9:05 Morning Entry**

**9:05-9:15 First Bell, Prayer, Announcements**

9:15-9:55 Period 1

9:55-10:35 Period 2

10:35-11:15 Period 3

**11:15-11:35 Recess 1**

**11:35-11:55 Lunch 1**

11:55-12:35 Period 4

12:35-1:15 Period 5

**1:15-1:35 Recess 2**

**1:35-1:55 Lunch 2**

1:55-2:35 Period 6

2:35-3:15 Period 7

**3:15-3:25 Prayer, announcements**

**3:25 Dismissal**



To help ensure student safety, when dropping off students in the morning, please park in the lot at Huron Street or along the fence line on First Avenue.

Students will then walk through the yard to the front door in the morning to enter the building. Kindergarten parents will be permitted to walk their children to the Kinder Gate. To ensure student safety, parents are asked to remain off of school property and keep gate access clear.

On the first day of school **only**, staff will be outside at 8:55 in the playground area to greet students.

As always, however, students arriving late to school must be dropped off near the front of the school and enter through the front door and check in with the office.

At the end of the day, all teachers will direct classes through the yard to the gate at the parking lot at Huron Street. All pick ups and walkers will exit this way. Only bus students will be exiting the front door to the bus loading zone.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.



Our school motto for the 2025-2026 school year is

**#beamarigoldlikeme.**

Ask your child about the story that inspired it all and

**Be A Marigold Like Me!**

## SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

Report your Child's Absence



The Niagara Catholic Safe Arrival system is accessible to parents/guardians to report their child's late arrival or absence quickly and conveniently.

There are 3 ways to report an absence:

Call the toll free number:  
tel: 1-844-287-6287

Visit [SchoolMessenger.ca](https://SchoolMessenger.ca):  
[go.schoolmessenger.ca](https://go.schoolmessenger.ca)

Or use the SchoolMessenger app.

### Why Use SchoolCash Online?

**Convenient** Make secure payments 24/7 from the comfort of your home

**Easy To Use** Online shopping with various payment methods

**Safe** Your child won't be carrying cash or checks to and from school

### SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

[ncdsb.schoolcashonline.com](https://ncdsb.schoolcashonline.com)

How Does This Work?

It's simple! Just follow the 4 easy steps to make payments. Then see your payment history and receive receipts via email.

### OUR DRESS CODE COLOURS

#### Tops

At a minimum, every student is required to wear one of the following:

- Navy or white Oxford shirt (short or long sleeve) or;
- Navy or white collared shirt (short or long sleeve) or;
- School-designed spirit wear

The elementary standardized dress code shirt must be plain (no logos or advertising) and buttoned in a respectable manner. Visible t-shirts worn under the elementary standardized dress code top must be either navy blue or white.



#### Bottoms

At a minimum, every student is required to wear one of the following:

- Navy sweat pants (Kindergarten - Grade 3) or;
- Navy pants (capri, cargo, denim, kobe or corduroy) or;
- Navy shorts, skirts or dresses or;
- Navy walking shorts.

### SCHOOL DRESS CODE AND SPIRIT WEAR

[bigbearspiritwear.com](https://bigbearspiritwear.com)

- Niagara Catholic has a standardized dress code for students in all of our Catholic elementary schools. All students wear navy blue bottoms and navy blue or white shirts.
- The elementary standardized dress code shirt must be plain (no logos or advertising) and buttoned in a respectable manner. Visible t-shirts worn under the elementary standardized dress code top must be either navy blue or white.



Our Catholic School Council will meet about 4 times a year. We will be having our first Meeting/Elections in October. Please consider joining.



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MEET THE  
TEACHER



Join us for our  
Meet the Teacher Night  
at the school on  
September 18 from 5-6pm.



Jesus doesn't just know your name, He calls you by it! In Matthew 28:19, Jesus tells us to "go and make disciples of all nations". But, He doesn't send us out as strangers. He calls each of us by name. He asks us to join this great mission. Just like Jesus called Simon by name and made him Peter, He calls you by your name too. He sees the special gifts you have. You aren't just another face in the crowd. You are called by name to help others follow Jesus right where you are. As we start this school year, let's listen for Jesus' calling our name and answer Him in love!

