

St. Patrick Catholic School

November Newsletter 2024

Registered Families will receive weekly updates through school messenger.

Contact the school if your email, phone or address has changed.

St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School Port Colborne

Principal: Mrs. MK Kalagian

Secretary: Mrs. D Handley

Superintendent: Mr. J Zaroda

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Welcome to St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School

Checklist Check Transportation Details for your child at NSTS <https://www.nsts.ca/>

Register for Safe Arrival to receive school messages and report your child's attendance

<https://niagaracatholic.ca/safearrival/>

St. Patrick Church Pastor Fr. Wes 905-834-6426 parishstpatrick@gmail.com

Register for School Cash Online to make purchases from the school

<https://ncdsb.schoolcashonline.com/> Have your dress code ready to go (see below)

Please visit our school website anytime for links to School Cash Online and School

Messenger/Safe Arrival

St. Patrick Staff for 2024 - 2025

PRIMARY TEAM:

Kindergarten - Mrs. Allen & Mrs. Christopher (ECE) and Mrs. Hornak

Grade 1/2 - Mrs. Gillespie

Grade 2/3 – Mr. Saltarelli

JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE TEAM:

Grade 4/5 - Mrs. Murdoch

Grade 6 - Mrs. Peazel

Grade 6/7 – Mr. Perrotta

Grade 8 - Mr. Caldwell

PTM/IA/FSL/ESL STAFF

PTM - Madame MacPherson -Kindergarten and Grade 4/5 and 6 FSL

PTM - Ms. DeLuca

FSL – Madame Battersby - Grade 6/7 and 7/8

SUPPORT STAFF

EAs - Mrs. D’Uva and Mrs. DeCicco

Librarian - Mrs. Trasatti (Day 3&4)

CYW – Mrs. Belcamino (Day 1 & Day 2)

Secretary - Mrs. Handley

Custodian – Mrs. Nuccitelli and Ms. Otlu

Spirit Of Christmas Bingo Fundraiser for the school

Go to school cash on line to purchase your tickets for the "Spirit of Christmas Bingo" on Friday November 22, 2024. \$30 for ten rounds of Bingo. Have fun and raise money for our school.

Lakeshore Catholic Open House Date moved...to February 2025

Due to our inability to access the second floor at LC, they chose to postpone their Open House from November 21 to the new date on Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 6pm.

Our AP Night will continue on December 3, 2024 at 6pm at LCHS as will our classroom visits for MyBluePrint / scheduling with students.

Remembrance Day Celebration

Our Grade 6 class and choir will lead our school in our Remembrance Day Celebration at 10:45 in the gym. Please come and join us!

November Indigenous Dates of Significance

November is a month of wonderful opportunities to Indigenize our classes! Here is a list of dates of significance for the month of November:

**TREATIES
RECOGNITION WEEK**



Treaty Recognition Week in Ontario – November 4 - 8, 2024

International Inuit Day – November 7, 2024

Indigenous Veterans Day in Canada – November 8, 2024

In responding to the Truth & Reconciliation Calls to Action, beginning in 2016, the Ontario government has designated the first full week of November as Treaty Recognition Week. This year, Treaty Recognition Week falls within the week of November 5th to 11th. Treaty Recognition Week is a time when educators can foster conversations to recognize the importance of treaties as legal documents shared between sovereign nations which has been included in the new K-8 Social Studies curriculum, as well as the De-streamed Careers and Civics curriculum.

Student Senate

Our student senate will be selling popcorn every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for \$2.00 a bag. There different flavours like: white cheddar, salt and vinegar, dill pickle, sweet and salty. Bring your toonie to buy a bag. We were able to find popcorn chips so this will provide an option for students who can't eat popcorn. This will be sold every Monday, Wednesday and Friday with the popcorn. We will continue to sell small bags of chips on Friday for \$1.00.



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The board policy on out of dress code days allows us one out of dress code a month. Please look at the calender for out of dress code days.

Dress Code Required for all Students

Niagara Catholic Elementary students wear a dress code. The details can be found at Niagara Catholic website under policies. Please make sure your child has a navy or white polo shirt (must have a collar) and navy bottoms - not black (pants, skirt and dark jeans). Students can wear any type of shoes; we do recommend a second set of shoes for indoor use. If your child arrives to school out of dress code we may provide the student with items to wear for the school day. If you need assistance with dress code items, please notify the school.



Order Dress Code and Spirit Wear items from Goods Sports Excellence

<https://goods.gearware.com/Shop/Store.aspx?>

[sid=1&ssid=9B9304633347DBA9D92A545851A3529FFDDE4A61](https://goods.gearware.com/Shop/Store.aspx?sid=1&ssid=9B9304633347DBA9D92A545851A3529FFDDE4A61)

Colin Gillespie

Goods Sports Excellence

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES - SAFE ARRIVAL SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

The Safe Arrival Parent Portal allows parents to conveniently report their child's absence and allows school staff to respond to an unexplained absence quickly.

Absences can be reported via: -Internet (<http://ncschoolconnects.com>)

Smart Phone App (search keyword "safearrival" school messenger)

Automated Telephone System (toll free 1-844-287-6287)

Full Day Absences and late arrival must be reported prior to 8:25 am or you will receive a call out from the school. It is important to have a consistent routine for getting to school and home each day. It is recommended that if your child will be taking the bus home, that this is the form of transportation they will use on a daily basis. This is to ensure consistency and safety for both your child and teachers. Should your contact information change (email, phone number, address) during the school year, please contact the office so we can update which is in turn available to NSTS, otherwise you may miss important information.



School Cash Online

We endeavor to be a cash and cheque free school which means all school purchases are done through SCHOOL CASH ONLINE. Please make sure you are signed up today.

<https://ncdsb.schoolcashionline.com/> What Is School Cash Online?

School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees. Now, with a few clicks, you can pay for your child's yearbook, class trips and so much more from your own home. All you have to do is register an account, attach your children and in no time you will be able to make payments online



Parent Portal

What is the parent portal and what is it for? The Niagara Catholic Parent Portal allows parents access to information regarding their child including report cards, alternative report cards and timetable and your child's classroom teacher for the following school year. How do I login to the parent portal? Use this helpful guide and follow the instructions. <https://cdn.niagaracatholic.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Niagara-Catholic-Maplewood-ParentPortal-Instructions-Sept-2020.pdf>

Allergy Aware School - Nut Safe-Anaphylaxes

Within our school community, there are several students who have a life-threatening allergy (anaphylaxis) to foods, predominantly to peanuts and tree nuts (e.g. almond, cashew, hazelnut, pistachio).

The best way to reduce the risk of accidental exposure to these students is to respectfully ask for the co-operation of the parents/guardians within this school community to avoid sending peanut butter or products with peanuts listed in the ingredients.

There is a wide range of nutritious foods available to pack for your

child. Visit <http://www.eatrightontario.ca> for suggestions. For more information on anaphylaxis, visit <http://www.anaphylaxis.ca> or <http://www.aiaa.ca> We are working hard at preventing accidental exposure. It is also important that we have common routines throughout the entire school There are many shared areas (washrooms, fountains, gym, library, computers, etc.) students could come in contact with allergens. The teachers will explain the importance of the following health and safety routines to the students in their classrooms:

1. Wash your hands with soap and water before and after eating.
2. Do not bring food that contains peanuts/tree nuts.
3. Do not accept food from other students especially if you have food allergies.
4. Snacks are not permitted outside in the schoolyard.
5. Dispose of all food waste properly



Aggressive or hostile behaviour or language toward, staff, students or our community helpers will not be tolerated. While we welcome feedback, concerns and opinions it is the expectation that all staff, students, parents, guardians and community helpers communicate their needs and concerns with one another in a respectful and peaceful manner whether through email, on the phone or face-to-face. Adherence to this expectation is vital in order to create a community which can solve problems and help one another achieve success.



Mary Kay Kalagian

Mary is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters