



St. Patrick Catholic School



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Principal's Message

Welcome Back!

The staff of St. Patrick Catholic School are excited to be back and ready to make this another amazing school year for our students. We want to welcome our new and returning students, as another memorable school year will begin on September 8.

As a community of Christian believers, we ask God's blessing be bestowed on all our students, families, staff and all who are a part of the St. Patrick Catholic Community. Our continued strong partnership between the home, school and church provides our children with a solid foundation for their spiritual, emotional, and academic journey through life. We welcome the input of all members of our community and partners in education, so that we can continue to grow in a positive way. As always, please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions regarding your child's education.

We are looking forward to a fun and memorable 2026-2027 school year!!!

All the best,
E. Roussos

Theological Theme: **Constellations of Hope**

Just like every star in the sky has its own special place and name given by God, every student and staff member has a special place here in our school. You aren't just one of many; you are known and loved by name. As we begin this new school year may we be shining lights of God's love, radiating joy and hope to those around us.

Registrations - Join Our Family!

We are always welcoming those families who want to join the St. Patrick Catholic School Community! **Please register online** at niagaracatholic.ca

We are proud to be a part of the Lakeshore Catholic High School family of schools!

Niagara Catholic District School Board Mission

We are a Christ-centred Catholic faith community that celebrates diversity and fosters spiritual growth, inspiring all to reach their full potential in mind, body and spirit.

JUSTICE ♦ COMPASSION ♦ STEWARDSHIP ♦ ACCOUNTABILITY ♦ COMMUNITY ♦ INTEGRITY ♦ FAITHFULNESS

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Welcome Back **New Daily Schedule Starting September 8!**

For the 2026-27 school year, the start and end times of the school day at St. Patrick Elementary School have not changed. The morning bell will ring at **8:25 AM** and the dismissal bell will ring at **2:45 PM**.

For your reference, a typical day at St. Patrick will be as follows:

- **8:10 AM** - student drop-off
- **8:25** - 8:35 AM - Student entry and morning routines
- 8:35 - 10:35 AM - 120 instructional minutes
 - ⇒ **10:35 - 10:55 AM** - 20 minute physical activity break (K-5) and nutrition break (6-8)
 - ⇒ **10:55 - 11:15 AM** - 20 minute nutrition break (K-5) and physical activity break (6-8)
- 11:15 - 12:35 PM - 80 instructional minutes
 - ⇒ **12:35 - 12:55 PM** - 20 minute physical activity break (K-5) and nutrition break (6-8)
 - ⇒ **12:55 - 1:15 PM** - 20 minute nutrition break (K-5) and physical activity break (6-8)
- 1:15 - 2:35 PM - 80 instructional minutes
- **2:35 - 2:45 PM** - School day dismissal routines

The complete [2026-27 School Year Calendar & Meeting Dates](#) with PA Days and holidays noted can be found on the NCDSB website.

Student Supervision and Safety

As student safety is our first priority, please keep in mind the following when planning for your child's daily arrival and dismissal:

Supervision Start/End Times

- **Morning supervision begins at 8:10 AM.**
- **End-of-day supervision ends at 3:00 PM.**
- All students are supervised by school staff during recess and lunch.

Student Pickup and Drop-off

- We ask parents to not leave students at the school before supervision begins at 8:10 AM.
- If alternate drop-off/pickup arrangements are needed due to unforeseen circumstances, please contact the office.
- Students who arrive after the 8:25 AM entry bell are to enter the school through the front door and pick up a late slip

St. Patrick on Social Media

Follow St. Patrick School on Instagram to get the latest updates:



@stpatrickpc

St. Patrick Parish

Website: www.stpatrickcatholic.ca

Mass Times:

- **Saturday** - 5:00 PM
- **Sunday** - 9:00 & 11:00 AM



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2026-2027 St. Patrick Catholic School Staff

Kindergarten	Mrs. Aceituno & Ms. Christopher	Education Resource	Ms. DeLuca
Kindergarten	Mrs. Hornak	Empower Literacy	Mrs. Clara
Grade 1-2	Mrs. Peazel	Librarian	TBA
Grade 1-2	Mrs. Gillespie	Educational Assistants	Mrs. DeCicco
Grade 3-4	Mr. Saltarelli		Mrs. D'Uva-Caldwell
Grade 4-5	Mrs. Murdoch		Mrs. Schooley
Grade 6-7	Mr. Perrotta	Child & Youth Worker	Ms Belcamino
Grade 8	Mr. Caldwell	Caretakers	Mrs. Nuccitelli
FSL &			Ms. Poehlman
K-3 Science / PE	Mrs. Battersby	Secretary	Mrs. Handley
Music	Ms. Dwumaah	Principal	Mr. Roussos

First Day of School Arrival

In order to facilitate an efficient and safe drop-off, all staff will be outside on the first day of school to welcome students.

To avoid larger gatherings, we ask that Kindergarten parents who are escorting their children on to school grounds, do so efficiently. Staff will be easily identifiable.

Once your child is in the care of his/her teacher, please be mindful of the excitement that comes with the first day of school and calmly exit the school area.

Please refer to the map to find general locations for your child's teacher on Tuesday, September 8.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.





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St. Patrick Spirit Wear

St. Patrick Catholic School spirit wear items will be accepted as part of the St. Patrick Catholic School standardized dress code. Families can purchase items directly through our supplier, Maddalena Uniforms, on their website [here](#).

Elementary Standardized Dress Code



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. Acceptable clothing includes navy or white collared shirts, navy pants, skirts or shorts, navy sweaters or cardigans, dark navy denim. Grade 8 students can proudly wear their graduation hoody. All clothing must not have a logo and in good repair.

Nut Free School Lunches, Alternate Lunch Days, Hydration

We encourage student lunches to be healthy and nutritious in order to provide them with the energy to maintain focus and complete classroom work to the best of their ability. **There are students at St. Patrick who have an anaphylaxis allergy, so to ensure the safety of all students, all lunch items sent to school are to be nut-free.**

Alternate lunch days will continue this year. Students will have the option to purchase pizza, subs, pasta, mac & cheese, etc. Any proceeds from alternate lunch days goes back to the school to pay for student learning materials. The monthly calendar will indicate alternate lunch days for that month.

Please make all orders through SchoolCash Online.

Staying hydrated is very important throughout the school day. Studies show that there is a correlation between cognitive processes and hydration levels. **Students are encouraged to bring a reusable water container to school to help them stay hydrated or use the water fountains located in each hallway.**

Leaving School Grounds

Any student who wishes to leave the school grounds during the school day for any reason is required to be signed out by a parent/guardian in the main office. Students will not be permitted to leave school grounds for lunch unless picked up by a parent/guardian.

If there is a change in dismissal routine, a signed note from the parent is required EACH TIME the occurrence happens. This will help the school ensure your child is safely dismissed. Texts from parents, office phone/cell phone usage will not be a regularly accepted form of permission and will only be considered in the case of an extenuating circumstance.

Emergency Medical Protocols

At St. Patrick, we work cooperatively with families in order to provide a safe, inclusive, and healthy educational environment for all students. We recognize that students who are at risk because of medical concerns such as **allergic reactions, diabetes, epilepsy, intolerances, asthma and/or seizures** require an intervention plan for their needs to be met and to reach their full potential at school.

If your child requires a specific plan of care, please contact the school at your earliest convenience so we can ensure his or her safety while in our care.



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Back to School Bus Transportation Information

Families please review and confirm transportation details for the upcoming school year:

- Check eligibility at NSTS.ca
- Log in to the Parent Portal, select the 2026-2027 School Year.
- Verify student school and address information, make changes with your school. NSTS matches student accounts based on parent email given to the school - it is important to log in with the same contact information used by our main office.
- Opt in or out of eligible transportation in the portal.
- Please note: Kindergarten students must be Opted IN to receive school transportation
- Eligible families not using transportation must Opt OUT of transportation

If you have any questions about your child's transportation, please contact NSTS directly by email (preferred) at general@nsts.ca or by phone at (905) 357-6787.

SchoolCash Online Payment for School Activities

As activities and educational field trips are being scheduled for your children, 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.schoolcashonline.com/>

School Messenger - Safe Arrival

One of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely to school each and every day. School Messenger allows parents to report their child's absence quickly and conveniently using the **mobile app**, a **website**, or an **interactive toll-free phone line** to report an absence, late arrival or early departure, in advance. This process allows the school to verify student attendance and notify parents of an unreported student absence efficiently.

If your child is marked absent and the absence hasn't been explained in advance, our SafeArrival system will contact you to get a reason for the absence. Calls will continue until you choose an option to explain your child's absence.

PLEASE use the following information to report your child's absence: mobile app, online: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/#/home> or by calling 1-844-287-6287. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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.