

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
APRIL 14, 2026**

PUBLIC SESSION

**TITLE: STAFF DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

The Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities report is presented for information.

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In alignment with Niagara Catholic’s Multi-Year Strategic Plan, the Department of Staff Development, as an integral aspect of its mandate, acts as the point of co-ordination among various departments. Thus ensuring that all professional development opportunities for staff, both teaching and non-teaching, occur in a seamless fashion to minimize disruptions to the myriad services provided within our Niagara Catholic community. The following is a listing of activities occurring during the period April 14, 2026 through May 12, 2026.

CPCO Workshop - Principals & Vice-Principals

Date: April 15, 2026 (1:30 – 3:30)

Workshop Title: Building Anti-Racist Catholic Schools: Action Strategies for Principals & Vice-Principals

New Teacher Induction Program (NTIP)

Dates: April 22 & 23, 2026

Topics: safeTALK (Mental Health) & Religion & Family Life

Healthy Choices: Substance Use & Digital Media Safety Training Modules – Grade 6 Teachers

The Ontario government has introduced Healthy Choices: Substance Use and Digital Media Safety Modules for Grade 6 students, in collaboration with School Mental Health-Ontario. These modules provide many opportunities to highlight the connection between faith and safe and supportive decision- making within the Catholic context as part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum.

Niagara Catholic will be implementing the Ministry of Education approved, teacher-led and culturally responsive Substance Use and Digital Media Safety modules. The modules will equip students with evidence-informed knowledge, skills, and strategies to make healthy choices that align with the Gospel values, while discerning the human dignity of themselves and others.

This proactive learning offers reliable information to help increase student safety making informed choices supporting student mental health and well-being. The next training session will take place in the a.m. and p.m., on April 17, 2026.

Elementary and Secondary School Secretary Workshops

All workshops will be held at the CEC in the Vincentian Sisters of Charity room. The agenda and details will be forwarded in advance of each scheduled session.

DATE	ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS MARCH ON SIS SUBMISSION	TIME
Wednesday, April 15	Alexander Kuska (1), Holy Name, St Alexander (1), St Andrew, St Ann F, St Augustine, St Elizabeth, St John Bosco, St Kevin, St Mary W, St Patrick PC, St Therese	8:30 – 3:30
Wednesday, April 22	Loretto Catholic, Notre Dame Elementary, Our Lady of Fatima SC, St Alfred, St Ann SC, St Christopher, St Gabriel Lalemant, St James, St Nicholas, St Peter, St Theresa SC, St Vincent de Paul	8:30 – 3:30
Thursday, April 23	Our Lady of Fatima Gr (1), Our Lady of the Holy Rosary (1), Our Lady of Victory, Sacred Heart, St Edward, St George Catholic, St John, St Joseph GR, St Joseph FE, St Mark Catholic (1), St Martin (1), St Philomena	8:30 – 3:30
Monday, April 27	Assumption, Canadian Martyrs (1), Father Hennepin, Mary Ward, Our Lady of Mount Carmel (1), St Anthony, St Denis, St John Henry Newman (1), St Mary NF, St Michael, St Patrick NF, St Teresa of Calcutta	8:30 – 3:30
DATE	SECONDARY SCHOOLS MARCH ON SIS SUBMISSION	TIME
Tuesday, April 14	Secretary Responsible for Finance – School Budget and School Generated Funds Workshop	8:30 – 3:00
Tuesday, April 28	Secretary Responsible for Ministry Reports (OnSIS) & Guidance/Student Services Head	8:30 – 4:00
Wednesday, April 29	Secretary Responsible for Ministry Reports (OnSIS)	8:30 – 4:00

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