



St. Patrick Catholic School

February 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.schoolcashionline.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 2023 - 2024

PRIMARY TEAM:

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

Grade 1/2 - Mrs. Hornak

Grade 2/3 – Mr. Salterelli

JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE TEAM:

Grade 4/5 - Mrs. Murdoch

Grade 5 - Mrs. Peazel

Grade 6/7 – Mr. Perrotta

Grade 7/8 - Mr. Caldwell

PTM/IA/FSL/ESL STAFF

PTM - Madame MacPherson (Kindergarten, Grade 1/2, 2/3) FSL - Grade 4/5 and Grade 5

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

SUPPORT STAFF

ERT- Ms. DeLuca

EAs - Mrs. D’Uva and Mrs. Schooley

Librarian - Mrs. Trasatti (Day 1)

CYW – Mrs. Lamaich (Day 1 & Day 2)

Secretary - Mrs. Handley

Custodian – Mrs. Nuccitelli and Ms. Otlu

Kindergarten Open House Thursday February 8, 2024

February is Kindergarten Registration Month across Niagara Catholic. Our system-wide Open House will take place during the week of February 5 to February 9, 2024 Schools will choose one day during this week from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00

Valentines Day and Ash Wednesday

This year Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day. Ash Wednesday is a sacred day for us as Catholics and it is the day we begin our sacrifice. It will be a quieter day here at school. We will celebrate the day before on February 13 with treats and bright colours.

Thank you for respecting this request.

Kids Helping Kids

February 12th - February 16th, 2024

Monday 12th

Dress in what you want to be when you grow up.

Host Treat

Tuesday 13th

Mardi Gras Day!

Pancakes for lunch

Dress in a colour – Student senate will plan games for students

Kindergarten and Grade 7/8 in Blue

Grade 1/2 and Grade 4/5 – Yellow/Gold

Grade 2/3 and Grade 5 – Red

Grade 6/7 – Green

Heart Treat

School wide bingo after lunch

Please pass out Valentine's

Wednesday 14th

Ash Wednesday

Mass at 10:00 am

Thursday 15th

Creative Hair Day!

Making friendship bracelets with reading buddies

Speeches in the gym

Friday 16th

PA Day!

February is Black History MonthThe theme for Black History Month 2024 is **Black Excellence: A Heritage to Celebrate; a Future to Build.**

Every February, people across Canada participate in Black History Month events and festivities that honour the legacy of Black people in Canada and their communities.

No matter where you live, we invite all Canadians to learn more about these communities, and how they continue to help shape Canadian history.

Groundhog Day

Groundhog Day 2024 is all set to be held on Friday. Even though it won't be a federal holiday, it will be observed across the US. Friday, February 2 marks Groundhog Day, a cherished tradition where many eagerly await to discover the prognostication regarding the duration of winter

Term 1 Report Cards

Term 1 report cards will be available on the parent portal the week of Monday February 12, 2024. If you have any questions or concerns then please contact the school.

Student Senate

Our student senate will continue to sell popcorn every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for \$2.00 a bag. There different flavours like: salt and vinegar, dill pickle, cheddar and sweet and salty. Bring your toonie to buy a bag.

Our student senate has taken the lead to plan all the fun activities for Kids Helping Kids. We hope that you will make a donation to help pay for all the treats that will be giving out during the week and also our goal is to raise money so that we can make a donation to the Child Development Centre.



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

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Our School Bell Times and Schedule

Daily Schedule:

8:20 am - 8:35 am - Supervision & arrival

8:35 am - Morning Bell - School Starts - students arriving after 8:35 am are marked late.

10:05 am -10:20 am - Morning Recess

11:20 am - 11:40 am - Outdoor Lunch Recess for Kindergarten to Grade 5 while Grade 6, 7 and 8's eat indoors
11:40 am - 12:00 noon - Indoor Lunchtime for Kindergarten to Grade 5 and outdoor lunch time for Grades 6, 7 and 8
1:40 - 1:55 pm - Afternoon Recess
2:45 pm - Dismissal



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 8:35 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

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>

St. Patrick and Dominos

Domino's has offered our school some wonderful fundraising opportunities for our school. T

Just a reminder this Wednesday February 7 is St. Patrick Day at

Dominos. Please tell your family, friends and neighbours go to

Domino's and purchase a large cheese or pepperoni pizza for

\$12:99, \$5 from every pizza sold that day will come directly back to St. Patrick. All you have to do is let them know that you are with the St. Patrick Catholic School so please share this message with family and friends.



Thanks to Domino's for offering our school this opportunity!

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.aaia.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
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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