



# St. Patrick Catholic School

April 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

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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](mailto: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

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## 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)

Secretary - Mrs. Handley

Custodian – Mrs. Nuccitelli and Ms. Otlu

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Every April Autism Speaks celebrates [World Autism Month](#), beginning with the United Nations-sanctioned World Autism Awareness Day on April 2. This year marks the 17th annual World Autism Awareness Day.

Throughout the month, we focus on sharing stories and providing opportunities to increase understanding and acceptance of people with autism and fostering worldwide support. This year, we are committed to acting fearlessly for change. To help create a world in which autistic individuals are fully supported, championed and celebrated, we must all work together to achieve true acceptance.



We extend an invitation to all who share our vision to join us on our journey toward a brighter, more inclusive future.

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## PA Day on Monday April 8

### **Save the Date:**

On April 8, 2024, residents of Port Colborne will find themselves in the direct path of totality during an historic total eclipse of the sun. This spectacular event will start at 2:04 p.m. and ending at 4:33 p.m., with totality occurring at 3:19 p.m.

As the moon's shadow casts its dark veil over our community, Port Colborne invites residents and visitors alike to join in a series of family-friendly events, safely view the eclipse from designated viewing areas, and immerse themselves in an incredible day of celestial fun in Port Colborne.

Please visit city hall to pick up a free pair of solar eclipse glasses and to find out what activities are happening that day.



## Waffle Days!

M Bistro and Catering will be offering our school the opportunity to order waffles for lunch.

We will have a choice of ordering either a Strawberry Waffle, Banana and Salted Caramel Waffle or the original powdered sugar waffle. Chef George Doczi from Crystal Beach will be preparing the waffles for us. Our first waffle lunch will be on Tuesday April 9.



## Toys from Home

Please keep toys at home unless it is for a show and share and then the students will be encouraged to put it away so that it is safe. Sometimes items from home are brought to school and they get broken at school unintentionally. It causes grief for the student who owns the broken object and for the student who may have broke it. Recess is a wonderful time for students to run around and have fun. We provide class balls and on many days there are other activities for students to participate during recess time. We ask that you please leave toys from home at home.

## Trivia Night on April 12, 2024 at the Croatian National Home on 6 Broadway Ave in Welland

We are excited be able to offer our Grade 7 and 8 students the opportunity to travel to Camp Medeba from June 3rd to June 6th, 2024 with 5 other schools from the Lakeshore Area.

The schools travelling together are:

St. Elizabeth, St. John Bosco, St. Patrick PC, St. Therese, St. Joseph and Our Lady of Victory.

The cost of the trip is \$400 per child.

MEDEBA, is an adventure Learning Camp which provides a safe atmosphere of encouragement and unconditional acceptance. All programs and facilities meet rigid safety standards. All students that attend will experience challenges such as zip lining, wall climbing, ropes courses and other outdoor activities. These activities are custom designed to teach skills such as co-operation, communication, trust, and problem solving.

Our schools decided to work together to and run a Trivia Night on Friday April 12, 2024 at the Croatian National Home on 6 Broadway Ave in Welland. **Each school will be given 50 tickets (5**

tables of 10 to sell) at \$30 per ticket. Tickets can be purchased through school cash on line starting on February 1, 2024. The \$30 ticket will give you admission into the event for 8 rounds of Trivia and each table will receive a pizza half way through the night. Doors will open at 6:00 pm and the Trivia will begin at 7:00 pm. There will be a cash bar and drinks and pop can be purchased that evening. You are also invited to bring your own snacks for the evening. If one school sells all their tickets then they may reach out to another school to help them sell their tickets. In the end we would like all 300 tickets sold and the tickets will be sold by first come first serve basis. The profit from this event will be divided equally by the number of kids going to camp from all the schools and each student will receive an equal amount off their trip.

This event is intended to bring our communities together to help the kids going to camp and to have fun!

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Kay Kalagian at St. Patrick Catholic School.

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## 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 is planning a talent show during Catholic Education week in May. More information will follow.



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## 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?>

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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 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>

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## St. Patrick and Dominos

Dominos has offered our school some wonderful fundraising opportunities for our school.

Just a reminder this Wednesday April 4 is St. Patrick Day at Dominos. Please tell your family, friends and neighbours go to Dominos 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!

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## 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
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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**

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