

# St. Thérèse Catholic School

April 2024

## School Information

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## School Bell Times

**8:40-8:55- Student Arrival**

**8:55 -9:05 - Entry Bell - Prayers, Announcements, Attendance**

**10:25-10:40 -Recess**

**11:40-12:20- Lunch**

**1:20-1:35- Recess**

**2:55 - Prayers, Announcements**

**3:05 - Dismissal Bell**

## Principal's Message

Dear Families,

With the Easter season upon us, we look forward to the continued celebration of Easter and the joy and hope that it represents. At Easter, Jesus brings so much light into the world. Light has overcome darkness. The liturgical colour changes from purple to white for Easter to represent this light!

Throughout the month of April we also focus on our Eco School initiatives beginning with our weekly Wasteless Wednesdays, our annual Textile and Household Item collection and our

celebration of Earth Day through a yard and community clean up as well as Friendship Friday activities.

Looking forward to another exciting month at St. Thérèse.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mrs. Turcotte

## A Blessing in Spring

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful,  
Where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name.  
Every blessing you pour out may we turn back to praise of you,  
O God when the sun's shining down on us when the world's 'all as it should be'

Blessed be your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Blessed be your name.

You give and take away our hearts will choose to say Lord,

Blessed be your name.

St. Thérèse, pray for us. Amen.



## Theological Theme - Called By Name - You Are Mine

### Our Monthly Reflection

A big part of friendship involves sharing words with one other. Thoughts, ideas, feelings. All of these things, when shared, help a friendship to grow. But sometimes friendship consists of simply being with one another. Though no words are shared, it is still quality time spent with someone we care about. In our friendship with God it is the same. Sometimes in prayer we don't know what to say. In those moments, we can simply be with God and recognize His presence with us. We can learn from the words of a simple peasant who explained his prayer to his parish priest, St. Jean Vianney: "I look at Him and He looks at me."



## SAVE THE DATE

**SPRINGFEST is BACK - Thursday, June 6th 4:30-7pm**

**More details to follow!**



## Gift Card Calendar Raffle

THANK YOU to our school community for supporting our Grade 8 Gift Card Calendar Raffle! We have a limited number of tickets left for sale. Please let us know if you are interested in purchasing a ticket for \$10! Calendars/Tickets are available on a first come, first serve basis and will remain on sale until we sell out!

Our draws begin on Tuesday, April 2nd at 10:15am!

Each day at 10:15am a Grade 8 student will draw the winner and announce it over our school PA System. The winner will be called by the office and will be posted in our May newsletter. We will also share the winner in our stories on our Instagram account each day!

Good luck everyone!

## World Austims Awareness Day

Every April, Autism Speaks celebrates World Autism Month, beginning with World Autism Awareness Day on April 2nd! We are encouraging all of our students to wear their dress code blue or navy St. Thérèse spirit wear so we can paint the school blue!



### 30 Days of Giveaways – Calendar Raffle Draw – April 2024

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ST. THÉRÈSE CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 amazon \$25 Amazon	2 amazon \$25 Amazon	3 Walmart \$50 Walmart	4 Whisky Run \$100 Whisky Run	5 SPORTCHEK \$25 Sport Chek \$25 Market Cafe	6 \$10 Starbucks/ \$25 Food Basics
7 Petro Canada \$50 Petro Canada	8 Starbucks \$25 Starbucks Play Station	9 Zehrs \$50 Zehrs	10 VISA \$25 VISA	11 Tim Hortons \$25 Tim Hortons	12 LCBO \$50 LCBO	13 McDonald's \$25 McDonald's
14 Tim Hortons \$25 Tim Hortons	15 Ultimate Dining \$25 Ultimate Dining	16 XBOX \$50 XBOX	17 Ultimate Dining \$50 Ultimate Dining	18 Tim Hortons \$25 Tim Hortons	19 Joe Fetas \$50 Joe Fetas	20 Apple \$10 Apple Food Basics \$25 Food Basics
21 Food Basics \$50 Food Basics	22 Old Navy \$25 Old Navy	23 Zehrs \$50 Zehrs	24 G&M 1 Month Membership to G&M Fitness in PC (\$53.11 Value)	25 Great Tastes \$25 Great Tastes (fast food gift card)	26 Joe Fetas \$50 Joe Fetas	27 Cineplex \$25 Cineplex
28 Cineplex \$25 Cineplex LCBO \$50 LCBO	29 Old Navy \$25 Old Navy	30 Anchored On the Ridge Seafood Market \$100 Anchored On the Ridge Seafood Market				Total of Calendar: \$1298.11

Our school newsletter can be found online at [www.niagaracatholic.ca](http://www.niagaracatholic.ca)

## Textile and Household Item Collection

The St. Thérèse Eco Warriors will be collecting textiles, electronics and household items that will be donated to the Diabetes Association. The collection will occur from Tuesday, April 2, 2024 until Wednesday, April 10, 2024. Please drop off any donations to the school during this time frame.

Thank you for helping us to reuse and recycle!

Accepted

Please ensure all items are packed in a bag or box and weighs less than 40lbs.

TEXTILES

- Clothing (all types)
- Curtains
- General cloth items - bedding and bath items
- Shoes and boots
- Sleeping bags

**ELECTRONICS & SPORTING GOODS (MUST BE IN WORKING ORDER)**

- Cameras
- CDs, VHS tapes
- Cell phones, PDAs
- Sporting goods (packed in a box/bag)
- Laptops
- Tablets
- Toys, games, and gaming consoles

**HOUSEHOLD ITEMS (MUST BE IN WORKING ORDER)**

- Bakeware
- Barware
- Bath items
- Books
- Cookware/pots and pans
- Cutlery, utensils
- Decorative accents
- Small household appliances (blenders, irons, hand mixers etc)
- Tableware

**Not accepted** ~ automobile parts, beds, construction material, furniture, exercise equipment, flammable products, hazardous materials, infant products, large appliances, marine vessels, television and computer monitors

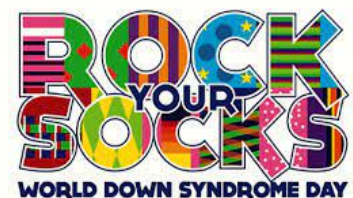


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**ROCK YOUR SOCKS - World Down Syndrome Day**

Thank you to everyone who rocked their socks for **World Down Syndrome Day**





## Upcoming Sacraments

Our Grade 8s are celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation on **Wednesday, April 17th** at 6pm.

Our Grade 2s are celebrating the sacrament of First Communion on **Saturday, May 5th** at 10:30am.

Thank you to Father Danielle, Mr. Frey, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Gillespie and Mrs. DiBartolomeo for helping prepare our students for these sacraments. We look forward to their upcoming retreats to help them on their spiritual journey.

## Reminder to Save the Date

Our **Grade 8 Graduation** will take place on **June 20th, 2024** at Lakeshore Catholic.



School Apparel - Gradhoodies

## St. Thérèse SPIRIT WEAR

St. Thérèse Spirit Wear is available for purchase year round! Items are shipped directly to the school with your child's name on the package for easy delivery!

Please check out [Big Bear Spiritwear's website](#) for more information - Click on Schools to find our shopping link!

## Earth Day

Earth Day is an annual event dedicate to raising awareness and inspiring action to tackle the various environmental challenges facing our planet. This day is also a time to celebrate those who have done a lot to help the environment. Over 193 countries celebrate Earth Day around the globe, with more people getting involved each year. This year is the 59th annual Earth Day



Did you know that Earth Day is marked by more than a billion people a year?

Yes, a billion! This year's theme, Planet vs. Plastics, calls to advocate for widespread awareness on the health risk of plastics, rapidly phase out all single use plastics, uregently push for a strong UN Treaty on Plastic Pollution, and demand an end to fast fashion.



We are a proud member of the Lakeshore Catholic Family of Schools

## Reusable Water Bottles & Utensils

Please ensure that your child comes to school each day with a reusable water bottle. This will not only help keep our children hydrated but will also help our environment. We ask that if your child needs a fork or spoon to eat their snacks or lunch that you please place one in their lunch pails. As we continue our Eco Schools Initiatives we will be moving away from single-use plastics and want to educate our students about sustainable actions they can take as stewards of our earth.



## Niagara Nutrition Partners

Thank you to our Niagara Nutrition Partners for all their support this year. Each class has a bin and tongs filled with delicious and nutritious food items such as yogurt tubes, fruits, fruit bars, and individually baked goods. These items vary from day to day. All students are welcome to pick a snack to compliment their own snacks.





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Called By Name



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
STUDENTS ATTENDANCE REPORTING BEFORE the bell time of 8:50 a.m. at <a href="http://nc.schoolconnects.com">nc.schoolconnects.com</a> or 1-844-287-6287			COMING IN MAY BIG RED MARKETS FUNDRAISER	Gift Card Calendar Raffle Draw will take place daily at 10:20am. Results will be posted on Instagram, in our May newsletter and winners will be contacted daily! Thank you for your support of our Grade 8 End of Year Trip!		1  St. Thérèse of Lisieux Mass 4:00pm
2  St. Thérèse of Lisieux Mass 9:00 am	3 Day 4 FIRE SAFETY PRESENTATION Gr. 1-8 CELEBRATING WORLD AUTISM DAY Wear Blue 	4 Day 5 SCHOOL CASH ONLINE OPENS FOR PIZZA & SUBS (April)	5 BIODIVERSITY Day 1 PRESENTATION Gr. 5/6 PASSION PLAY Gr. 7 & 8 WASTELESS WED.	6 Day 2  FISH & CHIPS DAY	7  NO SCHOOL	8  St. Thérèse of Lisieux Mass 4:00pm
HOLY WEEK & EASTER FOOD DRIVE						
9  St. Thérèse of Lisieux Mass 9:00 am	10 Easter Monday NO SCHOOL 	11 Day 3 MOBILE DENTAL UNIT SCO CLOSURES FOR PIZZA & SUBS (April)	12 Day 4 SCHOOL CASH ONLINE OPENS FOR PASTA (April) MOBILE DENTAL UNIT WASTELESS WED	13 Day 5 MOBILE DENTAL UNIT CHESS TOURNAMENT PIZZA DAY  Easter Mass	14 Day 1 FROZEN YOGURT & POPCORN SALES	15  St. Thérèse of Lisieux Mass 4:00pm
16 	17 Day 2 SCHOOL CASH ONLINE OPENS FOR MILK (May)	18 Day 3 ACCESSIBILITY STUDENT CONFERENCE	19 Day 4 SCHOOL CASH ONLINE CLOSURES FOR PASTA (April) CONFIRMATION 6:00 CHAD FITNESS DAY WASTELESS WED.	20 Day 5 ARCHIES SUB DAY 	21 Day 1  FRIENDSHIP FRIDAY	22 EARTH DAY 
23 	24 Day 2 SCHOOL CASH ONLINE CLOSURES FOR MILK (May)	25 Day 3 PASTA DAY  CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING	26 Day 4 FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT 11:30-2:30 RECONCILIATION 6:00 WASTELESS WED.	27 Day 5 STUDENT LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM	28 Day 1 NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING TRACK & FIELD MEET Lakeshore Catholic FROZEN YOGURT & POPCORN SALES	29 
30 						

## Standardized Dress Code

Reminder that students are expected to follow dress code expectations daily. We have provided a graphic below as a reminder of the colour and items of clothing that students can wear to school. Our Grade 8 Students are also able to wear their GRAD Hoodies!

All students can also wear St. Thérèse Spirit Wear or Lakeshore Catholic Spirit Wear!

Thank you for your continued support.

# NIAGARA CATHOLIC Standardized Elementary Dress Code

Niagara Catholic has a standardized dress code for students in all of our Catholic elementary schools. All students wear navy blue bottoms and navy blue or white shirts.

## OUR DRESS CODE COLOURS

### Tops

At a minimum, every student is required to wear one of the following:

- Navy or white Oxford shirt (short or long sleeve) or;
- Navy or white collared shirt (short or long sleeve) or;
- School-designed spirit wear

The elementary standardized dress code shirt must be plain (no logos or advertising) and buttoned in a respectable manner. Visible t-shirts worn under the elementary standardized dress code top must be either navy blue or white.



### Bottoms

At a minimum, every student is required to wear one of the following:

- Navy sweat pants (Kindergarten - Grade 3) or;
- Navy pants (capri, cargo, denim, kobe or corduroy) or;
- Navy skirts, skirts or dresses or;
- Navy walking shorts.

Only knee-length shorts, skirts or dresses are permitted. All clothing must be in good repair. Grade 8 students have the option to wear grey secondary uniform pants.



### Shoes

For health and safety reasons, running shoes with a full back and closed toe are the recommended footwear. Parents/guardians should provide a pair of indoor shoes for physical education and indoor wear. Socks must be worn with the elementary standardized dress code pants or shorts at all times.

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## Morning Drop Off

Please remember - staff supervision begins at **8:40 a.m.** each morning. Students should not be dropped off or arriving to school earlier than this time.

Starting at 8:40 a.m. we have supervision staff who are helping students so they can walk to their entrances both at the front and back of the school **before 8:55 a.m.** Once the bell goes, students must enter through the front doors of the school.

## Safe Arrival - Reporting Your Child's Attendance

To report your child absent, please use one of the 3 methods listed below:

1. Use the SafeArrival website: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account using your email address on file with the school. After logging in, select the Attendance tab to Report an Absence.
2. Using your mobile device, download and install the School Messenger App (blue logo) from the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store. Use your new login information to access your account. Select Attendance to Report an Absence. If you would like to receive attendance notifications on your mobile device, please enable Push Notifications in the Settings area of the app.
3. The toll-free number 844-287-6287 will allow you to report your child absent without creating an account.



## Toys at School

We remind all our students and parents that although toys are fun to play with during recess times, it is difficult to keep track of whose toys belong to whom. Often students bring and play with their toys during class time. We ask that you please consider not sending toys or labelling the toys and speaking to your child about when is an appropriate time to use them.

Please do not send Pokémon cards to school as students are not permitted **to trade** playing cards of any kind.

Thank you for your support!



**Melissa Turcotte**

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