

# St. Thérèse Catholic School

May 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,

We begin this month by celebrating **Catholic Education Week** from **May 5 - May 10**. This is also **Mental Health Awareness Week**. We have planned many activities for our students to enrich their learning and look forward to welcoming parents and guardians into our school at the end of the week.

During this month of May, we focus on our Blessed Mother, Mary. Mary is everyone's Mother and she cares for all of us each day, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters. One of the ways we can honour Mary this month is by attentively praying the rosary. We invite you to join us at our

school mass on Friday, May 10th at 10am for the **Crowning of Mary** where we will place a crown of beautiful blossoms representing Mary's beauty and virtue.

We also celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday, May 12th. Wishing all Mothers, Step Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, God Mothers and anyone in a motherly role a Happy Mother's Day. Thank you for all that you do! May God Bless You.

Looking forward to another fun-filled month at St. Thérèse.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mrs. Turcotte

## A Mother's Day Prayer

Lord, thank you for all mothers.

For the new ones, who endure sleepless nights with infants in arms.

For the busy ones, who juggle the pressures of home and family life.

For the steadfast ones, who nurture and care for our special vulnerable children.

For the patient ones, who always seek to forgive and engage with their pre-teens.

For the persistent ones, who cleverly find new ways to connect with their mini-adults.

For the mother aunts, who step in to cradle and care for nieces and nephews.

For all grandmas, who love and support their precious grandchildren.

For the foster moms that are called to father and cover the fragile ones.

For the Sunday moms who care for our children and lead them in faith.

For the moms who give far beyond their own resources, who overcome disability to cherish and love.

Thank you Lord for all our beautiful mothers.

Helps us to support them and keep them in our prayers.

St. Thérèse, pray for us. Amen.

## Theological Theme - Called By Name - Hear My Voice

### Our Monthly Reflection

God loves to involve us in His plans to lead people to heaven. He often uses the weakest to lead the strong. Sometimes God speaks to us through other people. But, have you considered that God could use you to bring His message to others? What have you done today to share the love of God with those around you? Spend some time with God today asking Him to help you share His love to those in most need of it.



## SPRING FEST

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

Our Catholic School Council is hosting a Spring Fest - a community event to bring our families together! You can expect a BBQ, music, penny sale, gift basket raffle and community partners. We look forward to gathering together!

This event isn't possible without the support of our school community. Interested in volunteering and supporting Spring Fest this year? Please contact the main office to let us know you would like to contribute.

## CATCH THE SPIRIT AWARD RECIPIENT

The Niagara Catholic "Catch the Spirit Student Award of Excellence" has been established to honour representatives of leadership within our student population as we continue to work together to "nuture souls and build minds" throughout Niagara Catholic. Each year all schools across Niagara Catholic select one student as their award winner, at St. Thérèse we typically select a Grade 7 student. Congratulations to AudreyMae Smith for being selectd by staff as the 2024 Catch the Spirit Award. He will be celebrated on May 7th, at the Celebrating Excellence ceremony held at Brock University. We are very proud of AudreyMae and look forward to celebrating her accomplishment!



## Sacraments

Congratulations to our Grade 8 candidates who received the sacrament of Confirmation on April 17th. Our Grade 2 candidates received their First Reconciliation tonight on May 1st, both at St. Therese of Liseux Parish.

Their First Holy Communion is coming up on Sunday, May 5th.

Thank you to Father Danielle, our parents, Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. DiBartolomeo, Mrs. Anderson and Mr. Frey for preparing our students on their faith journey.



## Annual Big Red Fundraiser

We are pleased to announce that St. Thérèse has teamed up with Big Red Markets for our annual fundraiser which will run **Wednesday, May 1-Wednesday, May 8**. An electronic order form will be emailed out on Tuesday, May 2nd and can be used as a guide to those who would like to sell to extended family and friends. The order form is for your use only. Please do not send it back to the school.



Orders are available to be picked up at the school on **Wednesday, May 15.**

*Time will be communicated closer to the pick-up date once Big Red Markets gives us our confirmation time.*

We look forward to families participating in this opportunity, as Big Red Markets will donate a portion of sales back to our school. All orders must be submitted through school cash on-line. **CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**



## BIG RED MARKETS FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

**"THE BEST VALUE IN FUNDRAISING"**  
Quality foods that will be profitable & help achieve your fundraising goals!

 <p><b>\$55</b></p> <p><b>SLICED BACON</b> 11LB BOX (APPROX. 165 SLICES)</p>	 <p><b>\$45</b></p> <p><b>SLICED PEAMEAL BACON</b> 11LB BOX (APPROX. 100 SLICES)</p>	 <p><b>\$56</b></p> <p><b>PUB STYLE CHICKEN FINGERS</b> 4KG BOX (APPROX. 70 PIECES)</p>
 <p><b>\$60</b></p> <p><b>HAMBURGERS</b> 4 OZ (42 BURGERS) 6 OZ (30 BURGERS)</p>	 <p><b>\$30</b></p> <p><b>Lester's</b> <b>JUMBO HOT DOGS</b> 3 KG BAG (APPROX. 35 PIECES)</p>	 <p><b>\$45</b></p> <p><b>BREAKFAST SAUSAGES</b> 11LB BOX (APPROX. 130 PIECES)</p>
 <p><b>\$53</b></p> <p><b>PIZZA ROLLS</b> 3.25 KG BOX (APPROX. 80 PIECES)</p>	 <p><b>\$55</b></p> <p><b>CHICKEN CUTLETS</b> 4 KG BOX (APPROX. 27-29 PIECES)</p>	 <p><b>\$55</b></p> <p><b>WINGS, RAW, IQF</b> 4 KG BOX (APPROX. 70-90 PIECES)</p>

### INQUIRIES

For all inquiries and more details please contact us at our Head Office  
[info@bigredmarkets.com](mailto:info@bigredmarkets.com) or (905) 227-2015 ask for TJ or Tony  
We look forward to helping your organization achieve their goals!

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Form #3



## Grade 3 & 6 EQAO

Our students in **Grade 3 and 6** are once again participating in EQAO. This year the assessment is once again on the computer, we are still focusing on Reading, Writing and Math. Students will have an opportunity to show off their gifts based on the Ontario Curriculum which they have been diligently working on. This year our students will be writing over two days, our **Grade 6s will be writing on May 27 and 28.** Our **Grade 3s will be writing on June 3 and 4.** Students will have the opportunity to complete the assessment and do their very best.

## Reminder to Save the Date

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



We are currently starting to look toward next school year to plan for class placements for staff and students. During the month of May, staff will be meeting to discuss and place students in classes where they feel students will be most successful. When organizing the classes, attention and diligence is required on behalf of the classroom teachers, resource teacher and principal. Many factors are considered when establishing classes.

Please note that requests for specific classroom teachers will not be considered.

As parents and guardians, you can help your child by talking positively about next year and discussing the value of new friendships and fresh starts.

## Catholic Education & Mental Health Week

We will celebrate Catholic Education and Mental Health Week 2024, **"We Are Called to Love"** from **May 5- May 10th**. This week draws attention to the special role that Catholic schools have as faith communities. All community members – parents, students, teachers, administrative and support staff, pastors and parish staff – have been called by name through their Baptism to grow and walk joyfully in our faith that is nurtured by the local parish, the home and the school.



We invite you to participate our **school mass on Friday, May 10th at 10am** and come see our **Art Gallery and classroom activities on the same day in the afternoon from 1:00-2:30pm** as your personal time and work schedule permit.

On Friday afternoon, our classes will be participating in various math games, catholic education week literacy lessons, mental health activities and so much more. Parents and guardians are welcome to come visit their children's class and take a wander through the Art Gallery in our gym where you will find examples of our student's recent art work and Mental Health Awareness creations. We will also have a slideshow of hundreds of pictures from throughout the school year.

*Recess will occur during this time (1:20-1:35 pm) and your children are welcome to spend time with you in the art gallery but the classrooms and playground will be out of bounds for safety reasons during this time.*

We hope to see many of you during our school mass on Thursday morning or during our class activities on Friday afternoon.

## Kindergarten Registration for September 2024

Online registration for September 2024 is open! Students who have reached the age of four by December 31, 2024 are eligible for our Kindergarten Program (YEAR 1).



Online registration for NEW KINDERGARTEN students is available online at [www.NiagaraCatholic.ca/Join-Us](http://www.NiagaraCatholic.ca/Join-Us).

Students currently in school are not required to register again for next year. If you know of families in our school area who have young children, please invite them to register their child. When online registration has been completed, families will be contacted by the school.

Please be ready to scan and submit the following documents electronically:

- Copy of child's Birth Certificate or Birth Registration Form
- Copy of Baptismal Certificate (Parent's Certificate is acceptable)
- Proof of full address (eg. Utility bill)
- Any relevant custody order documents

## New Kindergarten Family Orientation Night

You and your child(ren) are invited to attend our **New Kindergarten Family Orientation Night on Wednesday, May 22nd**. The Kindergarten Team will be presenting important information to support parents/caregivers regarding their child's transition to Kindergarten in September 2024. This will also be a great time for our new Kindergarten students to see our newly completed Kindergarten playground area and serve as another transition opportunity for our new students.

Information for New Kindergarten Families will be emailed to our new Kinder's families closer to the date.

## Gift Card Calendar Raffle

THANK YOU to our school community for supporting our Grade 8 Gift Card Calendar Raffle!  
It was a HUGE success and our Grade 8's enjoyed taking turns doing the draw each day!

**Here is a list of our winners so far (also available on our school website)**

Calendar Raffle Draw - April 2024		
Date	Winner	Prize & Ticket Number
April 1/24	Gus Kountouris	\$25 Amazon Gift Card #112
April 2 /24	Connie Fancy	\$25 Amazon Gift Card #71
April 3/24	Adrienne DeHoog	\$50 Walmart Gift Card #62
April 4/24	Pierina Calla	\$100 Whiskey Run GC #42
April 5/24	Connie Fancy	\$25 Sport Chek GC #71
April 6/24	Deneen VanVliet	\$10 Starbucks/\$25 Food Basics #542
April 7/24	Mike Boutin	\$50 Petro Canada GC #550
April 8/24	Kim Gatt	\$25 Starbucks/\$25 Play Station #91
April 9/24	Steve Yapp	\$50 Zehrs GC #183
April 10/24	Linnea Fairman	\$25 VISA GC #35
April 11/24	Bryan Young	\$25 Tim Hortons GC #553
April 12/24	Holley DeHoog	\$50 LCBO GC #333
April 13/32	Nathan Cheel	\$25 McDonald's GC #610
April 14/33	Alyssa Di Bartolomeo	\$25 Tim Hortons GC #302
April 15/34	Patrick O'Donnell	\$25 Ultimate Dining GC #531
April 16/35	Avril Scott	\$50 XBOX GC #336
April 17/36	Lisa Chevalier	\$50 Ultimate Dining GC #58
April 18/37	Michelle Fraser	\$25 Tim Hortons GC #633
April 19/38	Sonya Hind	\$50 Joe Fetas GC #284
April 20/39	Nadia Santo	\$15 Apple GC/\$25 Food Basic GC #189
April 21/40	Natalie Ryan	\$50 Food Basic GC #95
April 22/41	Dorothy Murtaugh	\$25 Old Navy GC #538
April 23/42	Maria Saxton	\$50 Zehrs GC #269
April24/43	Bethany Moore	G&M Fitness Membership #4
April 25/44	Cierra Graham	\$25 Great Tastes GC #620
April 26/44	Lu Baiocco	\$50 Joe Fetas GC #252
April 27/44	Kevin Nieuwland	\$25 Cineplex GC #602
April 28/44	Michelle Greene	\$25 Cineplex GC & \$50 LCBO #248
April 29/44	Heidi Eberly	\$25 Old Navy GC #99
April 30/44	Lindsay Kelley	\$100 Anchored on the Ridge GC #624



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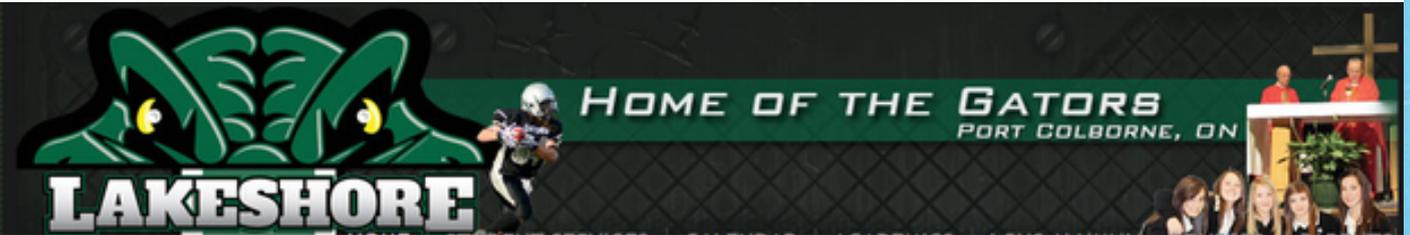


**School Apparel - Gradhoodies**

### 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!



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### 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.



### 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**

Melissa is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters