



Loretto Catholic Elementary School

June 2024



School Information

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Principal Message

We want to again thank all our families this year for your support. We wish you all a safe summer, time with your loved ones to relax and rejuvenate.

We look forward to another great year together with a fresh start with all our returning families as well as welcoming our new ones.

*Please find the **June calendar** at the end of the newsletter.*

A Father's Day Prayer

God,
Bless all the fathers in the world. Father, we ask that You guide them to be good role models and loving to their children. We also ask that You help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.
Amen

Loretto Catholic Bee Hive

We continue to focus on "Bee-ing part of our Loretto Catholic Hive", we all play a role in order for our Hive to be successful. We can Be Kind, Be Caring, Be successful, Be Nurturing, Be workers, Be Faithful...

As we work through this year, students and staff will work on the importance of Team work and how our Hive is a collective group that helps to make each one of us better and stronger spiritually, emotionally and intellectually.



School Organization for 2024- 2025

We will be starting to plan for the 2024- 2025 school year and the specific organization of the school is tentative dependent upon any changes to our enrolment numbers. As well, due to our enrolment numbers, we know that combined classes are a reality for many of our grades.

We will continue to follow the direction set in the past several years, **and will not be accepting requests**. As the experts in education, we will base all student placement decisions on what is in the *best interest of the entire student community at Loretto Catholic*. These decisions are made in good faith and based on, but not necessarily limited to, the following considerations: individual needs of students; academic strengths and needs; social and emotional needs of students; resource support requirements and personnel allocation; and classroom teacher strengths.

******We will not be making any adjustments or changes to class lists or homerooms until the end of September should enrolment increase or decrease.**

How Parents can help with the transition to a different grade...

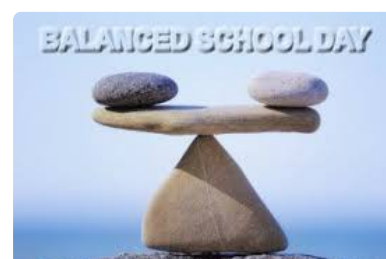
Talk positively to your child about next year. If your child is with a different group of students discuss relationships and the excitement of making new friends.

Final Report Cards will be available through the Parent Portal the week of June 24th.

Please be aware that we will be sending class placement information in late August.

New Balanced Day schedule

As we continue to work together as a Catholic community of learners, this letter is to notify you that all Niagara Catholic elementary schools will be on a Balanced School Day schedule effective September 3, 2024. A Balanced School Day is a modified elementary school schedule designed to enhance learning, foster healthy habits, and encourage daily physical activity.



This schedule comprises three instructional blocks interspersed with two nutritional breaks of approximately 40 minutes, allowing 20 minutes for a nourishing lunch and an additional 20 minutes for indoor and/or outdoor physical activity.

A typical Monday to Friday Balanced School Day at Loretto Catholic would be:

- **845- 8:55 a.m. -Bell rings/Announcements & Attendance**
- **8:55–10:55 a.m. – 120 instructional minutes**
- **10:55-11:35 a.m. – 40 minutes nutrition/physical activity break**
- **11:35-12:55 p.m. – 80 instructional minutes**
- **12:55–1:35 p.m. – 40 minutes nutrition/physical activity break**
- **1:35–2:55 p.m. – 80 instructional minutes**
- **2:55-3:05 p.m. - Prayers/Announcements & Dismissal**

Tips for Parents:

How to Plan and Prepare for Nutritional Breaks Packing a nutritious meal for the Balanced School Day can be both enjoyable and straightforward. Here are some suggestions to help you plan a healthy lunch for your child:

- Divide a single lunch into two portions to ensure adequacy for each nutritional break.
- Wrap sandwiches individually or cut them in half.
- Separate fruits, vegetables, crackers, and cheese into labeled bags for each break.
- Consider providing two healthy drinks for each break.
- Avoid packing foods containing nuts or nut products to support our peanut-safe schools.
- Involve your child in planning and preparing their nutritional breaks.
- Ensure your child includes a balanced selection of healthy foods if they are responsible for packing their lunch.
- Aim to include items from three of the five food groups outlined in Canada's Food Guide to Healthy Eating for each break.

To accommodate these changes, the school day will be extended by 10 minutes. As communicated by NSTS, our school day for September 2024 will begin at 8:45 and conclude at

3:05.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Parking Lot Safety

Just wanted to take a moment to thank all our families who are following the **Kiss'n Ride process both before and after school.**

We are asking parents to only use the front area designated as a Kiss'n 'Ride- to not park and leave your car or exit your car in this area. Student(s) exit the car only with their belongings and cross with the supervisor to the school property.

We also ask that parents do not park in front of the stop signs along the exit path as this blocks traffic and flow and the entry of the afternoon busses.

Parents/Guardians we ask that you not block the entrance way at the end of the day as the busses are struggling to get into our parking lot or to have to try and maneuver around cars.

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 8:45 a.m.** Once the bell goes, students must enter through the front doors.

We ask that cars proceed **slowly** as we have had a few very close calls with students. Cars need to **STOP** and check that the crosswalk is clear where students and families are walking to cross.

Should parents want to park- then please use the side entrance at the KSD side and enter through the back gates after 8:35.

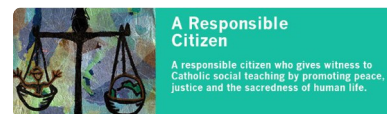
Families are asked not to park on the side of Loretto Catholic where the gate and portables are at any time as this is an Emergency Lane, as well we have been asked not to use the Avondale Parking lot as a pick up zone.

Your support and assistance in ensuring our students' safety are very important to all of us.

Student Council

Catholic Graduate Expectations

Our student council members have come up with the idea of giving back to someone in need in our community to demonstrate what the **Catholic Graduate Expectation "A Responsible Citizen"** looks like. A person who demonstrates this makes time to help those in need within their community by promoting peace, justice and sacredness of human life. We are collecting new or gently used puzzles and books to donate to the Meadows of Dorchester Senior Home. Starting the first week of June please send in any puzzles or books to be collected in the bins in the front hallway.



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.

If you have purchased a Lynx T-shirt in previous years, student can continue to wear them on Spirit Wear day and during gym class.

As in past years, a reminder that the Black Grad hoodies are reserved for the students in the current grade 8 graduating class.

As the warmer months have arrived, please be mindful that dress code remains in effect, collar shirts, appropriate length shorts(no short short), skorts, skirts (with shorts underneath), no tank tops or ripped waded jeans. **Sweaters remain as dress code.**

Thank you for your continued support.

Big Bear Spirit Wear

Families are able to purchase Spirit Wear through Big Bear Spiritwear - **please visit the website by clicking on the banner above with their name.**

We have launched our new **FRESH** Loretto Catholic Logo for our Spirit Wear.

Students may continue to wear existing spirit wear. Just a reminder that Spirit Wear T-shirts are not part of the daily dress code as collar shirts must be worn.

Please see the items below that are available throughout the year to purchase.

****To order- Link to Big Bear website- click schools- click Niagara Falls - click on Loretto Catholic**

School dress code is in effect. Collared shirt is either blue or white- no logos. Pants, skirts, shorts are blue. Denim is dark denim and in good repair, not faded or with holes.

All sweaters are blue unless they are Loretto Catholic Spirit wear which are blue and/or grey and have our school logo on it.

Grad hoodies are reserved for our students in Grade 8 only.

New this year, St. Michael HS spirit wear is reserved for our Grade 8 students only. Only the new St. Michael's Spirit wear can be worn as part of our Dress Code this year.

LORETTO LYNX 2023 SPIRITWEAR

Gildan DryBlend 9.4 oz. 50/50 Jersey Polo

Embroidered with Loretto Lynx Logo on Left Chest



Youth #8800B \$18.79
Adult #8800 \$20.49

Available Colours: Navy & White

Core 365 Dri-Fit 100% Polyester Polo Shirt

Youth #88181Y Ladies' #78181 Adult #88181



\$27.50

Available Colours: Navy & White

50/50 Pull-Over Hooded Sweatshirt, 13.0 oz.

Printed with Full-Size Loretto Lynx Logo on Front



Youth #18500B \$32.49
Adult #18500 \$33.95

Available Colours: Navy & Dark Heather

50/50 Pull-Over Hooded Sweatshirt, 13.0 oz.

Full-Size Embroidery & Appliqué Decoration on Front



Youth #18500B \$36.95
Adult #18500 \$38.49

Available Colours: Navy and Dark Heather

Dynamic Heather 2-Tone Lightweight Polyester Hoodie

Printed with Full-Size Loretto Lynx Logo on Front



Youth #Y2047 \$64.95
Adult #F2047 \$64.95

Available Colour: Charcoal Dynamic Heather/True Navy

50/50 Full-Zip Hooded Sweatshirt, 13.0 oz.

Embroidered with Loretto Lynx Logo on Left Chest



Youth #18600B \$38.95
Adult #18600 \$42.49

Available Colours: Navy and Dark Heather

ATC™ Mid Profile Twill Ball Cap Embroidered with Loretto Lynx Logo Front

100% cotton twill 6-panel Adjustable hook and loop closure

Coal Grey



Youth Size Adjustable #Y130 \$14.49

Navy



Adult Size Adjustable #C130 \$14.95

Acrylic 12" Pom Pom Toque

Embroidered with Loretto Lynx Logo on Front



Dark Heather/Navy

#SP15 One Size \$14.50

Acrylic Beanie-Style Winter Toque

Embroidered with Loretto Lynx Logo on Front



One Size #102 \$12.95 + tax



Charcoal Grey



Navy

Tax is NOT included in the Prices shown.

Order On-Line at www.bigbearspiritwear.com

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Sizing Charts available at each product online | Delivery to your School option available

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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.

Nurturing Souls & Building Minds

Electronics

The Electronic communication Systems Policy states that cell phones or smart phones, tablets, laptops , audio or video recording devices are eligible for use by students in all Niagara Catholic Elementary schools (Grades 6-8) **as approved only by staff for instructional or co- instructional purposes**. The expectation is that students will use NCDSB's electronic communication systems for educational purposes, to enhance learning through responsible access to global information and communication. Students who carry cell phones when travelling to and from school, for safety reasons, are reminded they are not allowed to use their cell phones to call or text home once they are on school property or during the school day/recess/lunch.

All cell phone must **remain off/silent** and **put away** during the school day unless noted by the school staff.

Students are asked to use the school student phone located in the office if they need to call home or are not feeling well.

We thank you in advance for your support in ensuring students stay safe from social media during the school day.

School Cash online

Payment for School Activities- School Cash Online

Parents/Guardians are asked to sign up for our convenient payment program - SCHOOLCASHONLINE. This is an excellent way to pay for student activities/lunches without sending in money to school.

To register, please go to:



SchoolCashOnline.com: Welcome

Why Use SchoolCash Online? Convenient Make secure payments 24/7 from the comfort of your home Easy To Use Online shopping with various payment methods Safe Your child won't be carrying cash or checks to and from school Saves Time Manage your school expenses and view payment history in one place

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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.

Niagara Nutrition Partners

Thank you to our Niagara Nutrition Partners and President's Choice Grants as well as all our parents who donated through School Cash online.



Items Left At School

We know it is the season when we have many student belongings at school like hats, mittens, sweaters, coats, indoor/outdoor shoes and boots at school. Often items are not labelled and it is hard to know who they belong to. We do have a lost and found for students to check in the vestibule in the main entrance to the school. Unfortunately, should items go missing and/or are lost when students have left them at school a reminder that we, the school, are not responsible for any lost items or items left at the school. We will do our best to help our students find their items. We ask that items are all labelled as many items are similar or from the same stores.

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.

We also ask that student not bring additional equipment i.e footballs, basketballs to school as we provide some to all classes which assist with maintaining student safety.

Although students are encouraged **not to trade** playing cards of any kind i.e. Pokémon, we are not responsible for traded, lost or misplaced cards.

Thank you for your support

Pets on School Property

Parents, we kindly ask that your pets do not come on to school property at arrival and dismissal. Many of our areas are already congested with families at pick up and some of our families and students are a little uncomfortable.

We appreciate your support.

Niagara Region Health

- 2) **Review the Public Health Agency of Canada's [travel health notices](#).** These notices outline potential health risks to Canadian travelers and ways to help reduce them. Stay informed as you plan your travel.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
St. Thomas More 5pm Mass 	3 <i>Day 5</i> Chaplain visits	4 <i>Day 1</i> NF- FOS Track n' Field (4-8) - Oakes Park Freezies on sale \$2.00 full/1.00 half	5 <i>Day 2</i> 	6 <i>Day 3</i> Brock Science Visit  	7 PA Day	St. Thomas More 5pm Mass 
St. Thomas More 5pm Mass 	10 <i>Day 4</i> Gr 8's - Canada's Wonderland Trip @ 7:45am—6:30pm (approx)	11 <i>Day 5</i> Grade 4 Trip Bowling/Movie Kinder—Animal Visit—library —am Freezies on sale \$2.00 full/1.00 half	12 <i>Day 1</i> Closing School Mass K—8 @ STM 12:45 <i>Families are welcome are welcome</i>	13 <i>Day 2</i> Loretto Catholic Multi Cultural Day run by Student Council NCD SB Track n' Field (Gr 4-8)	14 <i>Day 3</i> Playday Kinders— am only Out of Dress code- Appropriate Athletic Wear	St. Thomas More 5pm Mass 
Happy Father's Day 	17 <i>Day 4</i> Playday Rain date	18 <i>Day 5</i> Gr. 8 Graduation Mass—STM @ 12:30 Kinder Year End Splash pad Trip Freezies on sale \$2.00 full/1.00 half	19 <i>Day 1</i> Grade 5 Niagara Power Station Trip	20 <i>Day 2</i> Gr 8 Graduation @ Ovations Hall 5:30pm Gr 6 Canadian War-plane Trip	21 <i>Day 3</i> National Indigenous Peoples Day! Black & Yellow Day Grade 3's Clifton Hill Trip Gr 7 WildPlay Trip 	St. Thomas More 5pm Mass 
St. Thomas More 5pm Mass 	24 <i>Day 4</i> 	25 <i>Day 5</i> Twinning Day— dress like a friend, a group of friends or with your teacher	26 <i>Day 1</i> St. Michael HS Graduation	27 <i>Day 2</i> LAST DAY of SCHOOL! <small>HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!</small>	28 PA Day	St. Thomas More 5pm Mass 
Supervision begins at 8:35am, we ask that students not enter grounds prior to this time. Students are to enter using grade/class specific doors only. Please continue to follow the expectations if using the Kiss n' Ride		School Cash Online Thank you to all our families for using School Cash Online!		Thank you to all our families for another wonderful year together. We wish a safe and happy summer!!! First day of school September 3rd, 2024		

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