



Notre Dame Catholic School



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Principal's Message

Dear Notre Dame Families,

For the month of June, we offer this prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

As the weather continues to get warmer outside, we look forward to all the fun learning activities that our students will be a part of. Have a great month!

All the best,
E. Roussos

Called by Name: Hear My Voice Monthly Reflection



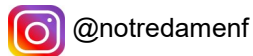
Have you ever tried talking to someone in another room? It can be difficult to hear what the other person is saying because of all the walls and obstacles in the way. Sometimes we put obstacles up that make it hard for us to hear God's voice. God never moves away from us, but we can turn away from Him. Even still, God is never far from us. One of God's ways of removing these obstacles is by forgiving us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The words we hear from the priest are the words of Jesus: "I absolve you of your sins." Let us give thanks to God for His mercy and take advantage of this great gift of God's forgiveness.

Registrations - Join Our Family!

We are always welcoming those families who want to join the Notre Dame Catholic School Community!
Please register online on the Niagara Catholic DSB webpage or by clicking [here](#).

Notre Dame on Social Media

Follow Notre Dame on Instagram to get the latest updates:



Our Lady of the Scapular Parish

Website: www.scapular.ca

Mass Times:

Saturdays: 5:00 PM & Sundays: 8:00, 9:00 & 11:00 AM



We are proud to be a part of the Saint Paul High School family of schools!

Niagara Catholic District School Board Mission

We are a Christ-centred Catholic faith community that celebrates diversity and fosters spiritual growth, inspiring all to reach their full potential in mind, body and spirit.

JUSTICE ♦ COMPASSION ♦ STEWARDSHIP ♦ ACCOUNTABILITY ♦ COMMUNITY ♦ INTEGRITY ♦ FAITHFULNESS



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Daily Schedule for 2024-25

For the 2024-25 school year, Notre Dame Elementary School will have earlier start and dismissal times, as well as a balanced day schedule.

Our **school start and end times** are reviewed each year by NSTS to ensure transportation services are the most efficient. Bell times will impact bus pickup and drop-off times. This will be communicated by NSTS during the regular process for the 2024-2025 school year and will be made available on the NSTS Portal in mid-August. The morning bell will ring at **8:10 AM** and the dismissal bell will ring at **2:30 PM**.

Our new **school balanced day** schedule is designed to enhance learning, foster healthy habits, and encourage daily physical activity.

A typical **Monday to Friday Balanced School Day** at Notre Dame Catholic Elementary School will be:

- ⇒ **7:55 - student drop-off** (this may vary based on bus arrival times)
- **8:10** - 8:20 AM - School day morning routines
- 8:20 - 10:20 AM - 120 instructional minutes
- ⇒ **10:20 -10:40 AM - 20 minute physical activity break (recess)**
- ⇒ **10:40 - 11:00 AM - 20 minute nutrition break**
- 11:00 - 12:20 PM - 80 instructional minutes
- ⇒ **12:20 - 12:40 PM - 20 minute physical activity break (recess)**
- ⇒ **12:40 - 1:00 PM - 20 minute nutrition break**
- 1:00 - 2:20 PM - 80 instructional minutes
- 2:20 - **2:30** PM - School day dismissal routines

Should your child **require care before and/or after school** to accommodate work schedules, please sign up for the Niagara Child Care Registry (One-List) as soon as possible. The One-List webpage can be found [here](#).

Alternate Lunch Days

Families will have the option to order lunch for students on select days each month. In June, the school will offer the following alternate lunch days for staff and students:

- Thursday, June 6 - Carmine's Pizza Lunch
- Thursday, June 13 - Subway Lunch
- Thursday, June 20 - Swiss Chalet Lunch
- Thursday, June 27 - Little Caesar's Pizza Lunch (last day of school)

All orders can be placed through SchoolCash Online. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Ice Cream Days

Throughout June, all students will have the opportunity to purchase an individual cup of vanilla frozen yogurt as a snack. **Frozen yogurt will cost \$2.** There is no need to pre-order, and students can politely decline if they are not interested. Proceeds from selling the frozen yogurt will go to off-setting graduation costs for our Grade 8 students. Thank you in advance for your support!



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Play Day

To continue strengthening our connection to our Catholic feeder school, the Saint Paul Leadership class will organize a Play Day for our Gr K-8 students on **Friday, June 14**. Our students will be lead through different activities on the Notre Dame field as well as the Saint Paul turf field. Play Day will be an out of dress code day. Students are encouraged to wear comfortable athletic attire, and dress accordingly to prepare for being outside in the warm weather.

Notre Dame Multicultural Festival

We are very excited to announce that Notre Dame's Multicultural Festival will take place on **Tuesday, June 18**. Students will have the opportunity to discover, showcase, and celebrate our school's diversity. This event is a day-long celebration where students will participate in various stations facilitated and organized by Intermediate students from Notre Dame as well as guest speakers/visitors. Stations will highlight various cultural traditions, dances, history, and practices from different countries around the world. We encourage you to begin packing your bags now as we embark on our journey in launching preparations for our Multicultural Festival!

Educational Field Trips

Classrooms are booking year-end educational field trips. Please be mindful on the day of the trip and consider the weather and location when preparing your child for the day. Some things to consider are running shoes for walking and activities, a hat and sunscreen if it is sunny, layers if the weather is unpredictable, a water bottle for hydration and a lunch in reusable containers.

Consent forms will be sent home through SchoolMessenger closer to the date of the Field Trip, and any consent and payment for a trip can be made through School Cash Online. If you have any questions about your child's trip, please reach out to the classroom teacher.

Grade 8 Graduation

Our Grade 8 Graduation will be held on **Thursday, June 20 at 5:00 PM**. The graduating class of 2024 and their families will attend the graduation ceremony at Saint Paul Catholic HS. Following the ceremony, graduates will go to Johnny Rocco's Italian Grill for dinner and a dance. We would like to thank the Grade 8 teachers and the Notre Dame Catholic School Council for organizing this special night for our graduates!



Kindergarten Celebration of Learning



On **Friday, June 21 at 12:30 PM**, parents of our Year 1 & Year 2 Kindergarten students are invited to attend their child's Celebration of Learning. Students will celebrate by showcasing their talents through performances and other interactive activities. Thanks goes out to our Kindergarten team who are preparing our students and organizing this special day!



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Kindergarten

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Thank you to all families who attended our Kindergarten Family Orientation Evening in May. It was a great turnout. Parents received information about the Kindergarten Program at Notre Dame, as well as ask any questions they had in regards to how the day will be structured.

A copy of the information presented that evening can be found [here](#).

All Kindergarten parents will receive information about our **August get-together**, where students can meet their teachers and see their new learning environment first-hand before the first day of school.

Kindergarten Registration

Register online at niagaracatholic.ca

If you have a child that was born in 2020, they are eligible to begin school in September 2024. **Click on the link above** to register your child and have them join the Notre Dame Family!

To complete the registration process, families are asked to send their child's **registration documents** to the school, by either dropping them off at the main office or emailing them to notre.dame@ncdsb.com.

Saint Paul High School Transition

Our Grade 8 students are well into their transition from being part of the Notre Dame Family to joining the Saint Paul Catholic High School Community. School administrators Mrs. Majka and Mr. Folinazzo have visited to introduce students to the excellence they can expect when attending Saint Paul High School.

Throughout June, our Grade 8 students will continue their transition to Saint Paul HS by attending various events organized by the High School.

NCDSB Summer School

The Niagara Catholic DSB offers students the opportunity to earn high school credits by taking courses in summer school. For Grade 8 students, it gives them a head start on earning credits towards their Ontario Secondary School High School Diploma, as well as an opportunity to build connections with other students. **You can find more information about the NCDSB summer school program and register for courses by clicking [here](#).**



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Emergency Medical Protocols

At Notre Dame, we work cooperatively with families in order to provide a safe, inclusive, and healthy educational environment for all students. We recognize that students who are at risk because of medical concerns such as **allergic reactions, diabetes, epilepsy, intolerances, asthma and/or seizures** require an intervention plan for their needs to be met and to reach their full potential at school.

If your child requires a specific plan of care, please contact the school at your earliest convenience so we can ensure his or her safety while in our care.

Payment for School Activities

As activities and educational field trips are being scheduled for your children, we ask that parents sign up for our convenient payment program, SCHOOL CASH ONLINE. This is an excellent way to pay for student activities without sending money to school.

To register, please go to:
<https://ncdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

School Messenger - Safe Arrival

One of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely to school each and every day. School Messenger allows parents to report their child's absence quickly and conveniently using the **mobile app**, a **website**, or an **interactive toll-free phone line** to report an absence, late arrival or early departure, in advance. This process allows the school to verify student attendance and notify parents of an unreported student absence efficiently.

If your child is marked absent and the absence hasn't been explained in advance, our SafeArrival system will contact you to get a reason for the absence. Calls will continue until you choose an option to explain your child's absence. **PLEASE** use the following information to report your child's absence: mobile app, online: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/#/home> or by calling 1-844-287-6287. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Thank you Delta Bingo!

Our students and staff thank you so much for your generosity!!! We look forward to continuing our school fundraising through our partnership. Last year, funds raised through volunteering allowed the school to purchase classroom TV displays, classroom resources and physical education equipment to enhance student learning



The school is looking for parent volunteers to assist during our assigned times at Delta Bingo (Tuesday afternoon). If any parent would like to assist with fundraising, please contact the school.