



St. Philomena Catholic School

General Information Below for Summer Break

Learning & Growing Together – School Motto



St. Philomena

<https://schools.niagaracatholic.ca/stphilomena/>



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School information

Principal: Mrs. A Cybula. **Secretary:** Ms. J Smith

Superintendent: Mr. J Zaroda School

School Email: st.philomena@ncdsb.com

Phone: 905-871-1842 Address: [1332 Philips Street, Fort Erie](#)

Google Maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/jNYmwhF35EJo9Uw49>



School Hours: 9:15 start, NB#1 - 11:30 eating, NB#2 1:50 eating, 3:35 dismissal
(NB - nutrition break)

9:00 - 9:15 - Arrival time and staff on supervision to greet/supervise students.

Optional Spirit Wear: bigbearspiritwear.com

Please ensure we have the current address and contact information on file at the main office. All information is sent through email - school messenger - if you can your email address, we need to update it at the school as well so you can continue to receive this vital information.

Registered families will receive regular updates



Be a St. Philomena Bulldog! - New Student Information

We welcome new registrations at any time! Join our St. Philomena Family! All registrations are done on line, contact 905-735-0240 over the summer months if you need assistance with registration.

New Kindergarten students must be turning age 4 as of December 31st, 2024, to register for the 2024 2025 school year.

<https://niagaracatholic.ca/registration/>

JOIN US!! - Niagara Catholic District School Board

JOIN US! Welcome A Catholic education will open the door to a world of possibilities for your child! Discover the benefits of a Catholic education by visiting our elementary or secondary sections. If you are a newcomer to Niagara, we encourage you to explore all we have to offer and look forward to your family [...]

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St. Michael Catholic Church

St. Michael Roman Catholic Church

Pastor: Fr. Patrick Gilmurry

Email: <mailto:stmichaels1@bellnet.ca>

Location: **310 Central Avenue, Fort Eris, ON**

Phone: [905-358-3791](tel:905-358-3791)

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelRomanCatholicFortErie>



Sunday Mass @ 10 am

School Resumes September 3, 2024

August 26 - Aug 30th: Main Office Re-Opens

Schools are now closed for the summer break.

During the week of August 26th to August 30th the main office is open from 8:30 am - 3:30pm to assist families.

Construction Update & Facilities

Construction crews continue to work on gym renovations, and we hope they will be completed by the first day of school. The renovation includes new office space, single use washroom, storage spaces, large equipment room, updated HVAC, extra exit from the gym and complete renovation of the interior of the gym. Kiss N Ride lines are planned to be updated in the front parking lot. The rear parking lot will be for staff only. We are also working with maintenance to ensure wood chip base is filled in the main playground structure area to be ready for the start of the school year. As suggested by a parent, we are also having the "sails" in the kindergarten area stored for the summer months and reinstalled in September. We've ordered classroom furniture requested by the classroom teacher and also anticipate its arrival the week of August 19th 2024. Lots is happening over the summer months!

Balanced School Day 2024 - 2025 Updated

St. Philomena Catholic School Balanced Day Schedule for September 2024:

9:00 - 9:15 receive students, staff supervision

9:15 - morning bell

9:30 - 11:30 - Period 1,2,3

11:30 - Nutrition Break - inside eating, 11:50 - Nutrition Break - outside

12:10 - 1:30 Period 4,5

1:30 - Nutrition Break - students outside, 1:50 - Nutrition Break - students inside

2:10 - 3:30 - Period 6,7

3:35 - dismissal

** Kindergarten students dismiss to kiss n ride @ 3:20pm

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. You can label if you wish into "1" and "2" to help younger students plan for eating
- Wrap sandwiches individually or cut them in half.
- Separate fruits, vegetables, crackers, and cheese into labeled bags for each break.
- Pack two sets of snacks for each nutritional break.
- Consider providing two healthy drinks for each break.
- Avoid packing foods containing nuts or nut products to support our nut-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.

NSTS Back to School Transportation

NSTS is in the process of updating their website and dates when transportation will be available for families to check bus routes. Kindergarten families must opt in if their child is eligible for bus transportation. Any questions about busing over the summer months - please contact NSTS directly.



NSTS Contact Information

All school days 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All non-school days Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Summer Friday closures are in effect in July and the first two Fridays of August.

nsts.ca



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Optional Classroom Supplies for September

St. Philomena school will be providing standard classroom supplies to the student for learning. Students will need to purchase a backpack, lunch bag and indoor running shoes. Waterproof footwear such as rainboots are recommended as well.

We do get requests for classroom supplies for parents/guardians to purchase so below is a list generated by the classroom teachers as a general guide. They are optional if you wish to purchase items for your child(ren).

Kindergarten:

Classroom teachers will be reaching out to families closer to start of school year.
Extra change of dress code clothing in a labelled zip log bag.
Backpack, lunch bag

Primary Grades 1-3:

Kleenex box to share with the class
White Board Markers, Glue Stick
Scissors, Headphones 3.5 mm jack
Pencil Crayons, Crayons, Washable Markers, Erasers

Junior Grades 4-6:

Kleenex Box to share with the class
Ruler, Pencils, Blue Pen, Eraser, Pencil Sharpener
White Board Markers, Scissors
Calculator, Protractor
Pencil Crayons, Markers, Pencil Case
Glue Stick
Headphones 3.5mm jack or wireless

Intermediate Grades 7-8:

Scientific Calculator
Black Sharpies
Ruler, Pencils, Pencil Crayons, Markers, Pens, Scissors, Pencil Sharpener
Glue stick, dry erase markers
Protractor
Headphones 3.5mm jack or wireless

Current Grade 7's - Grad Hoodies online

Families can order grad hoodies for the Grade 7's through Big Bear Spirit Wear. There is an updated design after speaking with the Grade 7 students. The colour red for lettering was kept (rather than changing to blue as many students did share) as it is our school colour.

2025 2025 Grad Hoodies are available to order - use the link below.

St. Philomena Bulldogs Class of 2025 Gradhoodie Embroidered - #SPB-JLH-2025

Decoration Details: Twill Applique with Embroidery St Philomena BULLDOGS and CLASS OF 2025 on Front.

🔗 bigbearspiritwear.com

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 skorts, 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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OPTIONAL SPIRIT WEAR ITEMS

Standardized Dress code (blue/white) are required daily and can be purchased at any store. Optional Spirit Wear Items through Big Bear Spirit Wear. These Spirit Wear items are optional (not mandatory) and can be worn daily at the school this year. Free delivery to the school as an option. Orders can take up to 3 weeks during busiest ordering times, as they are made to order.

www.bigbearspiritwear.com



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CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

St. Philomena



Committee

Be a part of our 2024/25 Bingo Committee!



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Be a part of our 2024/25 Bingo Committee!

Volunteer to be a Bingo Committee Leader:

In September of 2024, we'll be electing members for the following positions to help facilitate the funds our volunteers earn for St. Philomena

- **President** (1-2hrs per month) - Planning and Chairing Committee meetings, ensuring meeting minutes are recorded, maintained and published by the principal. Act as the liaison to the Fort Erie Community & Gaming Corporation AND Uncle Sam's/Golden Nugget and participate in informational and training sessions, while maintaining a school-wide focus on all budget allocations and expenditures in compliance with the Committee by-laws.
- **Treasurer** (2hrs per month) - Responsible for supporting the above efforts (including summer months), reporting monthly financials, acting as a liaison to the Financial Institution selected by the Committee, keeping the President and Principal informed and up-to-date regarding all financials and may require training and information session attendance.
- **Bingo Coordinator** (1-2hrs per month)- Responsible for soliciting, coordinating, scheduling and supporting all St. Philomena School volunteers. This role requires preparation and reporting at St. Philomena Catholic School Council meetings, ensuring Volunteers are trained and in compliance, and keeping the President and Principal informed and up to date.

As a Bingo Volunteer:

We'll also be recruiting Bingo Hall volunteers in September, if you can spare 2 hours every other month, you can help us reach our fundraising goals and help fund much-needed resources and subsidies for our students

- Attend and participate in Bingo Committee meetings (4 per school year)
- Sign up and fill out a bingo volunteer slot to earn funds for the school.
- Does NOT have to be part of the Parent School Council
- New volunteers will attend training and information sessions as required (20-minute online training plus shadowing a veteran for one bingo session)
- Volunteer in compliance with the rules set forth by The Fort Erie Gaming and Development Corporation as well as our by-laws
- Volunteers must attend a minimum of ONE Bingo volunteer session per year
- Every volunteer receives their own St. Philomena golf shirt and name tag

Volunteering just 2hrs of your time every other month
can help us realize our funding potential of

\$26,030

Want to volunteer or have questions? reach out to our incumbent President Jen Crowley jenniferlhcrowley@gmail.com

BINGO Parent Volunteer Group

Thank you to Mrs. Crowley for leading the Bingo group and for all of her efforts to ensure our students receive as much support as they can from Bingo!

If you have questions about Bingo - please contact Mrs. Crowley at <mailto:jenniferlhcrowley@gmail.com>



Mrs. A Cybula

Mrs. is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

