



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Agenda
ST. GABRIEL LALEMANT SCHOOL CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
March 15, 2021 @ 6:00 pm
Virtual

A. ROUTINE MATTERS – J. DeCoff

1. Opening Prayer – J. DeCoff
2. Roll Call – J. DeCoff
3. Approval of the Agenda

B. PRESENTATIONS - None

C. PRINCIPAL’S REPORT – J. DeCoff

- a. Little Ceasars Fundraiser
 - i. families will be receiving the flyer this upcoming week, so sales can start. Orders can only be placed through School Cash Online or through the Little Ceasars link. Orders can be placed until March 31st.
- b. COVID protocol updates
 - i. with the upcoming spring weather comes muddy fields. On days that the fields are too muddy, we will have indoor recesses. However staff has come up with a Blacktop schedule that teachers will be taking their classes outside for 42mins on these days outside of our regular recess schedule to maintain physical distancing and cleaning protocols. Only two classes are allowed outside at a time using the tarmac. The tarmac has been divided into two sections to keep the classes cohorted.
- c. Grade 8 Graduation
 - i. Graduation has been set for June 23rd. At this time we are planning a luncheon during the day for the grade 8s only, and following the luncheon, parents will be scheduled to come to the school, enter in the back through the gym doors, take pictures with their child as they receive their diploma, and award. Grade 8 students are encouraged to dress up and come out of uniform for their graduation. Grade 8 students who attend the virtual school will be able to sign up for a time after school to come to pick up their diploma. Unfortunately they will not be able to attend in person to the luncheon. This plan is tentative and will be based on recommendations from public health at the time of graduation.
 - ii. Graduation fundraising – every Friday from now until graduation, we are selling cookies and ice cream to help cover the cost of graduation. Also, all profit from the grade 8 sales for the Little Ceasars fundraiser will go towards their graduation. Graduation is estimated to cost \$950.00. This cost includes individual lunches, decorations, awards, diplomas, and composites.

D. STAFF REPORTS - not at this time

E. CHAIR’S REPORT – not at this time

F. NEW ITEMS

- a. Fundraising/financial donations from 2020-2021
 - i. Fundraising this year was limited due to COVID, but all money raised and donated to the school went back into our community. Over \$5000.00 in grocery gift cards have been handed out to our families, winter clothing purchased as well as school uniforms. Our community was very fortunate in receiving 40 Chromebooks this year, so our students have one to one Chromebook use. This allowed us to give back to our own community.

- ii. Our students are also giving back by continuing with weaving milk bag mats and sending them to a local community partner who has given them directly to people in Niagara Falls. We will continue with this initiative and continue to support this local need in our own community.

G. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

H. NEXT MEETING - TBD

I. CLOSING PRAYER – J. DeCoff

Opening Prayer

Loving heavenly Father,

We come to You this hour asking for Your blessing and help as we are gathered together. We pray for guidance in the matters at hand and ask that You would clearly show us how to conduct our work with a spirit of joy and enthusiasm. Help us to work together and encourage each other to excellence. We ask that we would challenge each other to reach higher and farther to be the best we can be. We ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

Closing Prayer

O Holy Spirit, Source of truth and grace for those entrusted with the Christian development of children, enlighten our minds, strengthen our wills and fill our hearts with generosity so that our homes, our parish, our school and our community may cooperate effectively with You, and with one another in the exalted mission of Catholic Education. We make our prayer through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen