

September, 2024



Proud member of the Blessed Trinity and Denis Morris Family of Schools

A Prayer for Students

Lord, Our God, In your wisdom and love you surround us with the mysteries of the universe. Send your spirit upon these students and fill them with your wisdom and blessings. Grant that they may devote themselves to their studies and draw closer to you, the source of all knowledge. We ask this through Christ our Lord

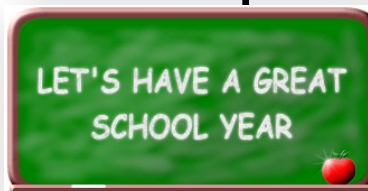
Amen

Welcome Back

Welcome back St. Edward family to another school year. We hope the summer rest has prepared our students for a great year ahead filled with a lot of learning, laughter and memories. We are excited to begin our 2024/2025 school year and we would like to welcome all of our new families to the St. Edward community. As a community of Christian believers, we ask God's blessing on all our students, families, staff and all individuals who are part of the St. Edward community.

We are blessed to have a special community where students are provided with every opportunity to thrive and become witnesses of God's love for all of us. We would like to thank everyone for their continued support of St. Edward and look forward to journeying together this year for another fantastic school year.

Sincerely J. Moccia



Staff List 2024-25

Mrs. R. Alonzi	Kindergarten
Mrs. V. Valliere (ECE)	Kindergarten
Mrs. K. Petrovsky	Grade 1/2
Mrs. J. Paxton	Grade 3
Mrs. S Pasuariello	Grade 4/5 am
Mrs. M. Peso	Grade 4/5 pm
Mrs. J. Lamers	Grade 5/6
Mrs. L. Pertiello	Grade 7/8
Mr. W. Goslin	Primary Team Member
Mrs. C. Tessaro	Primary Team Member
Mrs. S, Pasquariello	FSL
Mrs. L. Amarin	ESL
Mrs. K. Dahl	CYW
Mrs. L. Biletski	Arts Teacher
Mrs. J. Kelly	Library Tech
Mrs D Marion	Educational Assistant
Mrs. L Mandula	Educational Assistant
Mr. J. Kent	Caretaker
Mr. B. Coffin	Caretaker
Mrs. J O'Hara	Secretary
Mr. J. Moccia	Principal /ERT

For updates please visit us on our Instagram page

@stedwardkings



~~~ Mission Statement ~~~

"The Niagara Catholic District School Board, through the charisms of faith, social justice, support and leadership, nurtures an enriching Catholic learning community for all to reach their full potential and become living witnesses of Christ"

Bell Times



ENTRY BELL

8:55a.m. - 9:10 a.m.

Nutrition Break #1

11:20-11:40 Outdoor play

11:40-12:00 Nutrition Break

Nutrition Break #2

1:20-1:40 outdoor play

1:40-2:00 Nutrition Break

Dismissal Bell

3:30pm

Student Supervision

- Please note all academic periods are 40 minutes in length based on a 5 day cycle
- All students are supervised during lunch and recess periods
- Morning supervision begins with the arrival of the first bus which is 8:55am and concludes with the bus supervision at 3:30pm.
- We ask parents not to leave students at the school before supervision begins
- Any students who arrive before 9:10 are to go to the back of the school.
- Students who arrive after 9:10 are to ring the front door bell to be allowed to enter

School Safety

As Mandated by the Ontario Government Code of Conduct, all schools under the Safe Schools Act are to have **sign in procedures** in place. The Act also requires school boards to ensure that no one other than regular school staff and students be allowed to enter a school building without **signing in at the Main Office** and wearing a visitors badge. For continued safety of all students the Niagara Catholic District School Board requires all elementary school entrances be kept locked during the school day. **All visitors must visit the main entrance** which is equipped with a video camera, a voice intercom/doorbell panel and a door release mechanism. **If you are dropping off any items for your child during the school day, please leave them on the cart outside the doors.** Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe.



Anaphylaxis

At St. Edward Catholic, we continue to have several students with anaphylaxis, a severe life threatening condition caused by an allergic reaction to certain food products (peanuts, dairy, medications, latex products, bee stings etc) Residue on any material that has been touched by hands that have not been properly washed may also trigger a severe allergic reaction. Anaphylaxis requires immediate medical intervention. Classroom teachers who have students with anaphylaxis are working hard to prevent accidental exposure to products that trigger these reactions. We will also be forwarding letters home to parents informing them of the presence of a child with anaphylaxis in the school and requesting that all parents co-operate by not sending specific foods for lunch and snacks that could trigger a life threatening reaction. Thank you in advance for your assistance and co-operation regarding this life threatening matter.

REPORT YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE

The Niagara Catholic Safe Arrival system is accessible to parents/guardians to report their child's late arrival or absence quickly and conveniently.

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. After logging in, select the Attendance tab to Report an Absence.

Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app (blue logo) from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>). 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. The document Using the SchoolMessenger app will give instructions for using the App.

The toll-free number 844-287-6287 will allow you to report your child absent without creating an account.

Updated Information

It is important that we have the most updated information in our files to ensure we can contact you and send you important information via email. If you have changed email addresses or phone numbers and emergency contact info, please call the school to let us know. If you are not receiving emails from our school, it means we do not have your correct email on file. Also please update us on any allergies or medical conditions that we should be aware of.

Lunch Time Expectations

Listed below is a set of routines/expectations that our students are expected to follow during lunch time. You will be contacted should your child have difficulty following the routines and expectations.

- Students are to eat at their own desk.
- Students are to remain seated throughout the lunch period
- Students are to keep noise at an appropriate level
- Students may not leave the lunch room with the supervisor's permission
- No electronic devices are accessible during lunch periods unless directed by the classroom teacher.

No Pets on School Property



Just a reminder that NCDSB limits pets, with the exception of service animals, from being brought onto school property. While the nicer weather invites more walking, please leave your dog at home when picking up or dropping off your child. Some of our students have deep seeded fears of dogs which is why the board has communicated its position in prohibiting pets from its school grounds. Thank you for your co-operation.

Sports Teams and Clubs

Please watch for our upcoming events/sports that we look forward to taking part in this year. We always encourage our students to try something new and tap into talents they don't know they have yet.



St. Edward Hydration Station

In an effort to reduce our carbon footprint and take care of our environment, St. Edward continues to push for a water bottle free school through the use of our hydration station and re-usable water bottles. We encourage students to bring in their own re-usable water bottles. Together we can make a difference and think **Green**. **Only Water bottle filling will be permitted at our hydration stations, all other functions are not in operation.**



Use of telephone



The school telephone is to be used in an **emergency situation only**. Our office receives numerous calls throughout the school day and if your call is not answered by a "live" voice, it is often due to overloading of the incoming lines. We invite you to leave a message on voice mail and our secretary will make every effort to respond as soon as possible. Your calls are very important to us.

Cell Phones and Electronics

In an effort to support an engaged learning environment where students are able to focus their attention, participate in lessons and receive the best education possible, we are adhering to a no cell phone or electronics policy within the classroom. What this means is that teachers will allow cell phones and electronics only when directed and for academic purposes only. Cell phones will be kept in secured areas if students choose to bring them in the classroom. No cell phones or electronics will be allowed outside at recess, to be used during lunch or recess times or any part of the school day unless directed by the teacher. We thank you for your support in this.

Classroom Communication

Classroom teachers will set up a method of communication that works best for each classroom. Please keep in touch with classroom teachers to ensure we are keeping the lines of communication open and healthy. We believe that being informed is best practices for our students and our community to make it a great year. You can also always call the school if you have any questions or concerns or email us at

St.Edward@ncdsb.com

School Drop off and Pick Ups.

In an effort to keep our schools safe and avoid any issues of privacy we are asking all parents who are dropping off items to ring the bell inform our secretary who needs the items and we will get them to the classrooms. No visitors will be able to go past the office doors and into the hallways without office permission. We value the safety that our schools are able to provide with all doors locked and all visitors being kept at the office only. We thank you for your understanding and help in keeping this a priority.

Spirit Wear

We will be offering spirit wear throughout the year through our supplier Maddalena Uniforms. Please access items on their website

www.maddalena-uniforms.com



BE ON TIME

It is imperative for the benefit of our children's progress and learning that they are at school each day on time. Coming in to class late, disrupts classroom routines and students miss out on important information. Our school day starts at 9:10am and ends at 3:30pm.



Standardized Dress Code

A friendly reminder that all schools within the Niagara Catholic District School Board, follow a standardized dress code. Simplified dress code requires students to wear a white or navy shirt with a collar and navy bottoms (pants, shorts or skirts).

School Cash Online

All items offered at the school for purchase will be only offered through the schoolcashionline

Platform. All you have to do is register your child and you will be notified when items become available for purchase using this quick and easy method. If you require any assistance registering or need information, please contact the school and we will gladly help get you signed up. Use the following link to get started.

<https://ncdsb.schoolcashionline.com>

Why Use School Cash Online?

Convenient Make secure payments 24/7 from the comfort of your home

Easy To Use Online shopping with various payment methods

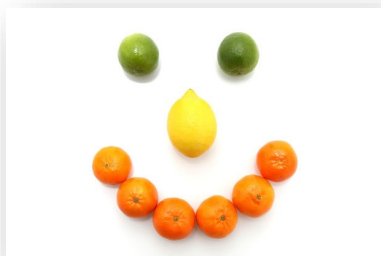
Safe Your child won't be carrying cash or checks to and from school

Saves Time Manage your school expenses and view payment history in one place

Nutrition Program

St. Edward is a proud partner of the Niagara Nutrition Program which provides healthy snacks and breakfast programs to students.

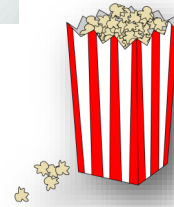
We will be once again take part in this program, offering students the opportunity to enjoy healthy snacks. Our nutrition program is offered daily to any student who would like to enjoy a snack from our snack bins. Thank you to the Niagara Nutrition Partners for this great partnership.



Food Days

Stay tuned for our upcoming food days both on the calendar and in email and phone messages. We will have our monthly pizza and popcorn days in addition to other food selections. Please keep an eye out for due dates so you are not missing out on these great chances to not pack a lunch.

Thanks for your support.



Drop off and Pick Ups

Please be mindful of bus lanes and students coming to and from school. We value the safety we provide our students and want to ensure we are all working together towards that goal. Please keep the bus lanes clear and be mindful of drop off areas when dropping off and picking up your children.

Thank you

Website and Information

We will do our best to keep you informed and up to date with all the important information and dates for the events we have planned. It is vital however that families read all the emails being sent home, listen to the phone calls and watch out for permission click information and respond in a timely fashion. Many opportunities are time sensitive and we don't want our St. Edward family missing out on the great opportunities we provide them. It is important that we also have any updates to information to your contact info such as phone numbers and email addresses.