



# Assumption Newsletter

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### Your Assumption Catholic School Community

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Mr. P. Kocsis & Mr. Noah Ukrainetz	Grade 3/4
Mrs. M. Hitchcock	Grade 4/5
Mr. N Ciocca	Grade 6/7
Mrs. L. Stirpe	Grade 7/8
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Mr. C. Pollak	EA
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Holy Cross Secondary Family of Schools

DEAR LORD, AS WE BEGIN THIS SCHOOL YEAR, WE GATHER ONCE AGAIN AS A COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS.

WE THANK YOU FOR THE ENERGY AND SPIRIT THAT YOU RENEWED IN US THROUGH THE SUMMER MONTHS.

WE THANK YOU FOR THE TIME WE SHARED WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO REFLECT ON WHAT IS IMPORTANT IN OUR LIVES.

LET THIS YEAR BE FILLED WITH ENTHUSIASM, MERCY AND LOVE SO THAT WE MAY CONTINUE TO GROW IN OUR FAITH.

HELP US TO FULFILL YOUR HOPE FOR US WITH HONEST INTENTIONS AND SEEDS OF FAITH.

LET US BE GENTLE WITH OURSELVES TO BRING LAUGHTER, JOY AND LOVE TO OTHERS.



AMEN

### School Dress Code

#### Oxford/Polo Shirts

- ❖ no logo
- ❖ must have collar
- ❖ white or navy
- ❖ short sleeve or long sleeve

#### Bottoms- Pants, Skirt, Shorts

**Footwear** - Running shoes are recommended

**Outerwear** -No restrictions

<https://www.bigbearspiritwear.com/assumption-thunderhawks/>

## School Entry & Exit

School supervision begins at 8:50 am

To start off the school year:

Kindergarten students will proceed to the back of the school upon arrival or off the bus

A staff member will be there to greet them.

Students in grades 1 - 8 will enter through the building at the designated spot.

**End of the day exit:** Classroom teachers have been given specifics on where you child/children will be dismissed

### Kiss and Ride

Drivers **must** stay in their vehicle. Students must try to independently get out of their seat belt and vehicle.



8:50am Morning Supervision Begins

9:05 am Entry Bell

11:15 -11:55 am Break

1:15-1:55 pm Break

3:25 pm Dismissal

Outdoor recess is the norm. However, at times, due to weather, in-school events (Carnaval, track and Field, Christmas Concert days, and playday) and other factors beyond our control, students may be scheduled to stay inside (supervised) during these times. When students are scheduled to be outside for most of the day, a break during recess- inside relief from the weather- the reason outside recess time would be altered.



### Hydration Stations/Fountains

The Hydration Station is available for students to fill their water bottles. Please provide a filled water bottle each day with your child (labelled).



## Student Information Forms

You will receive a copy of the student information sheet which the school keeps on file for all students in our school. The information provided needs to be current and up to date as it is critical that we have a means of contacting you or the emergency contact during the day should there be a need. Please return the information form with any updates by Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Please circle or highlight the changes. Should there be any changes throughout the school year, please keep us informed. It is imperative that we have accurate and complete information on file.

## Phone Calls



Our office receives many telephone calls per day, which often tie lines up for extended periods of time. During the school day, if your call is not answered by a 'live' voice we invite you to leave a message on our voice mail and we will make every effort to respond as soon as possible.



**Students are not to receive or make personal phone calls at school.**

## Newsletters/Calendars

Only monthly school calendars will be sent home with students at the beginning of each month. Both calendar and news letter will be available on our school website <http://www.niagaracatholic.ca/>

Go to School/ Elementary Schools/ Assumption



## Indoor Shoes

Children should have indoor shoes that can be left at school. These should be labeled with your child's name. This provides comfort, safety and cleanliness of the school.



## SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Once again Assumption is completely cashless. We encourage all new families or anyone who has not signed up for school cash to please do so at your earliest convenience.

Please use the following link <http://ncdsb.schoolcashionline.com> to create your account. Please ensure you are using the email that we have on file for you at school.





## Anaphylaxis



The Niagara Catholic District School Board has developed a policy in compliance with Sabrina's Law – An Act to Protect Anaphylactic Pupils.

Assumption has established an environment that reduces the risks for all students who suffer severe, life-threatening allergic reactions (Anaphylaxis) to certain foods, and/or insect bites and in developing appropriate intervention plans for these students.

All food items brought to school must be peanut free and made in a peanut free facility. This includes snack, lunches and class treats.

If your child has a life-threatening illness, please contact the school and we will set up an emergency plan.



## Medication at School



Parents please be aware of the following guidelines established by the Niagara Catholic District School Board for medications in schools:

- \*The school must have written request from the physician indicating the frequency and dosage of the prescribed medication. (This form is available in the school office)
- \*The school must have written permission from the parent or guardian to administer the medication. (This form is available in the school office)
- \*Deliver prescribe medication directly to the school office. Please do not send with child.

Contagious/infectious diseases (ex. chickenpox or fifth disease) must be reported to the school immediately.

## Safe Arrival – Attendance Reporting

To report your child absent please use one of the following 3 methods below:

1. Use the Safe Arrival website, <http://go.schoolmessenger.ca> The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account using your email address. (the same email that you provided to your child's school) After logging in, select the Attendance tab to Report an Absence.
2. Using your mobile device, download and install the School Messenger App (blue logo) from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or link <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 School Messenger app will give you instructions for using the App.
3. The toll-free number 844-287-6287 will allow you to report your child absent without creating an account.

All options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences, late arrivals and early pick up can be reported at any time. We will continue to use our automated notification system to contact parents at multiple contact numbers until one of the designated contacts is reached. If our system is unable to reach a designated contact after 20 minutes, office staff will continue to follow up. By reporting your child absent or late in advance using the safe arrival toll free number or Safe Arrival Portal website/app, you will NOT receive a call.

**We ask that parents/guardians please enter through safe arrival every time your child is going to leave early from school so that we can have them ready for a prompt pick up at the front doors and so that the teacher is aware of their departure.**

### INSTAGRAM AT ASSUMPTION

We are so excited for another amazing school year! Here at Assumption School, we love to share what is happening at our school through the use of our private school Instagram account. If you haven't yet, please follow us at **@assumptionstc**. Through this platform, we are able to share updates about many school events, student accomplishments, class trips and special visitors with you, as well as with others in our school community.

We respect and value your child's privacy and your right to determine if you would like your child's photo to be used on our school social media account.

If you **DO NOT** want your child's photo to be posted online on our Instagram page, please contact the **school office** directly at (905) 935-5281 to make this request and we will have this information centrally at the office. If at any time you change your mind, you may also contact the office and update your preferences there as well.

All student photos will be used online, unless you inform the office otherwise by **SEPTEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**.

We look forward to sharing our school year with you!