



Firebird Free Press

September 9th-13th, 2024

Week at a Glance

Mon Sept 9th:

Open House Dance Practices will take place during the first Nutritional Break in the gym from 10:50am - 11:30am

Tues Sept 10th:

Open School Year Mass @ OLOS: 12:45pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

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Choir practice from 12:50pm-1:10pm in the music portable

Wed Sept 11th:

Regular School Day @ SJHN

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Thurs Sept 12th:

Regular School Day @ SJHN

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Fri Sept 13th:

Regular School Day @ SJHN

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Re-Useable Water Bottles

In an effort to promote and teach students about sustainability, we ask students to avoid bringing disposable plastic water bottles to school. We encourage students to bring in reusable water bottles which they fill up at our Hydration Stations located around the school. Thank you for your concern and co-operation for the environment.



School Cash On-Line

Kindly help us to continue to be a paperless school by registering for school cash on-line. PAY ON-LINE FOR SCHOOL TRIPS, FOOD ORDERS AND MORE!!! Please register: Step 1: Go to this website: <https://ncdsb.schoolcashionline.com> Step 2: Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" and follow the steps. Step 3: After you receive the confirmation e-mail, please select the 'click here' option, sign in and add each of your children to your household account.

School Information

How will I receive communication from the school and from my child's teacher?

All weekly newsletters and monthly calendars will be sent home electronically through School Messenger at the start of the month. Please check your spam folder as they occasionally end up there.

Nutrition Program Information

We will be following the Niagara Catholic Nutrition program. We look to have this up and running by the third week of September. This consists of snack bins in each class and can be accessed by students in need of a snack that day.

Lunch Days

We will be continuing to partner with Pizza Pizza, Pita Pit, Pasta Fresca and Subway for our lunch days. We will also be adding a few more surprise lunch days during the year.





School Messenger/Safe Arrival

How do I report absences or if my child is being picked up during school hours?

All parents are to report their child's absence prior to 8:40 a.m. each day.

-If an absence is unverified, the automated system will continue to contact you until your child's whereabouts is known, safety is our top priority. We may need to contact the Niagara Regional Police for assistance with unverified absences.

-Please use SafeArrival to also indicate any pick-up times that will occur during the school day.

-use the SafeArrival website at <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 Google Play Store (or from the link at [https:// go.schoolmessenger.ca](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 that in the Settings area of the app.



SAVE THE DATE: Open House

Parents are invited to join us on Thursday, September 19th from 5pm-7pm for our annual open house. Parents will also have the opportunity to meet with teachers that evening. We will begin the evening with a brief presentation in our gym beginning at 5pm. The presentation will include

performances from our Dance Team and School Band. You will also be introduced to our staff. At the conclusion of the presentation, families will be able to visit their child(ren)'s classrooms until 7pm. On behalf of the St. John Henry Newman staff and our Catholic School Council, we hope to see you there!



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