

Holy Name Catholic Elementary School

October 2024

Autumn Prayer

O God of Creation, You have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.
As we welcome the autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colours of the leaves remind us of the wonder of Your creation.
May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is You who gives us the breath of life.
May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and bounty we are to share with others.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever.

Amen

Upcoming Events

Food Drive – Sept. 23 – Oct. 4

Pizza Days – Oct 4th and 18th

Picture Day – Oct. 7

Holy Childhood Walk – Oct. 10

PD Day – No School – Oct. 11

Thanksgiving October 14

Mass – Oct. 16, 10 a.m.

Toonie Treat Day – Oct. 25

Halloween Celebrations – Oct. 31

Sports and Events

Cross Country

- October 10 – School Meet
- October 17 – ND Family of School Meet
- October 22 – NCDSB Meet

Soccer

- October 1 – Intermediate Boys
- October 4 – Intermediate Girls
- October 8 – Jr. Girls
- October 9 – Jr. Boys

Grade 7 Immunization – October 15th

The First Communion Parent Meeting will take

October 23, 2024, 6:30 p.m. at St. Kevin's Church

Parking Lot News

We ask that you exercise extreme caution when driving in our very busy parking lot, especially during the morning and at dismissal at the end of the day. Please "Kiss and Drive" so your vehicle is not blocking the arriving busses. Parents are encouraged to use the East parking lot to pick up or drop off students. Please help us to continue to keep all children's safety as it is our most highest of priorities. Together we can continue to keep our children safe.

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Anaphylaxis Policy

At the beginning of every school year, we remind all students and parents/guardians of our Board's Anaphylaxis Policy.

At Holy Name Catholic School we have Emergency Procedures, which clearly state what medical procedures must occur for those students who have various life-threatening medical conditions.

We are reminding all students and parents/guardians that we have students in our school who are known to have a potentially life-threatening allergy called Anaphylaxis.

Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death. While fatalities are rare, anaphylaxis must always be considered a medical emergency requiring immediate treatment.

Symptoms of anaphylaxis generally include two or more of these four body systems: skin, respiratory, gastrointestinal and/or cardiovascular. However, low blood pressure alone (i.e. cardiovascular system), in the absence of other symptoms, can also represent anaphylaxis. Breathing difficulties and low blood pressure are the most dangerous symptoms and both can lead to death if untreated. Anaphylaxis is an unpredictable condition as signs and symptoms can vary from one person to the next and from one episode to another in the same person.

In Canada, the most common food allergens that cause anaphylaxis are: peanut, tree nuts (almonds, Brazil nuts, cashews, hazelnuts, macadamia nuts, pecans, pine nuts, pistachios, and walnuts), milk, egg, seafood (fish, shellfish, and crustaceans), soy, wheat, mustard and sulphites (a food additive).

Anaphylaxis requires immediate first aid response and immediate medical intervention

Reminders

NUT SAFE SCHOOL

Holy Name is a Nut Safe School. Please be aware that there are children in our school who have severe allergies to nuts and foods containing nut by-products. NASK (Niagara Anaphylaxis Support and Knowledge) recommends parents read and become familiar with food labels and check ingredient contents. Please send only foods that are peanut and nut safe.

Medication at School

Students who require medication to be administered at school must submit the appropriate forms signed by a doctor prior to them being administered by staff. Medication will be stored in a secure location and tracking sheets will kept in the Vice-Principal's office.

STUDENT EMERGENCY SHEET

Each student has received an "Emergency Information Form". Please review this information, make any corrections directly on this sheet and return it to the teacher. It is imperative that we have at least two emergency contact numbers other than parents on file so that there is someone available to pick up your child when called, should parents be unable to be contacted. Further to that, please include your cell phone number should you have one. If changes occur during the year, you are requested to keep us updated. Accurate, complete, and current information ensures prompt care for your child. Please also ensure that your email address is correct as most communication from the school is sent out by email.

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Fire Drills and Lockdowns

Part of Niagara Catholic's Emergency Protocol is routine fire drill and lockdown procedure practices. The drills and practices are designed to keep everyone safe. We will be performing a minimum of 6 fire drills and a minimum of 2 lockdown drills per year to meet board requirements.

Halloween

Holy Name will have Halloween celebrations on Thursday, October 31st.

- Students may wear appropriate costumes to school.
- Students dressed inappropriately will be asked to change.
- Students who do not wish to wear a costume may wear orange and black
- Parents will not be allowed in the school

At 1 p.m. the Primary students will parade around the school play area. Parents may watch. If it is raining the parade will be cancelled.

Catholic School Council

Our next Catholic School Council meeting will take place November 25, 6:00 p.m.

SEAC

The Special Education Advisory Committee (S.E.A.C) of the Niagara Catholic District School Board is made up of Association representatives and trustees whose role is to support students with diverse needs and their families.

The Committee makes recommendations to the Board with regards to any matter relating to educational programs and services to be implemented in schools for our students.

All parents are welcome to attend the monthly meetings and learn about different programs and supports that are available in special education.

Meetings are held at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland, at 7:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month.

Please visit www.niagaracatholic.ca under Special Education, Special Education Advisory Committee.

For further information there are two links:

- The Special Education Advisory Committee website – www.seac-learning.ca
- Ministry of Education Special Education website www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/elemsec/spec_ed/speced.html

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Spirit Wear

Maddalenas Uniforms – Available through the Maddalena Uniform

Website:

<https://www.maddalena-uniforms.com/pages/elementary-schools>

Graduation Hoodies

Grad. Hoodies are also available through Maddalena's Uniform.

Dress Code

All students at Holy Name School will follow NCDSEB Dress Code Policy.



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 sleeves) or;
- Navy or white collared shirt (short or long sleeves) 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 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 (jeans, cargo, denim, slacks or corduroy) or;
- Navy skirts, 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 proper shoes for physical education and indoor wear. Shoes must be worn with the elementary standardized dress code pants or shorts at all times.

Nurturing Souls & Building Minds

Classroom Events

Kindergarten Classes Health Nurse Visit

Oct. 1

Safety Village Trip

Oct. 21, 25 and 28th

Grade 8 Day at Notre Dame

Oct. 23

Let's Talk Science

Oct. 25

Kindergarten's Visit The Pumpkin Patch

Oct. 29

Classroom teachers will provide you with additional information regarding classroom events.

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