

SEPTEMBER 2024

Called by Name: You Are Mine



St. Elizabeth News

Dear St. Elizabeth Families,

Welcome Back! I hope you were able to enjoy a relaxing and spiritual break with family and friends!

As we stand on the brink of an exciting new school year, we are thrilled to be at our new school, a place where dreams and aspirations come to life! With fresh opportunities for exploration and learning, our doors are wide open to welcome curious minds and enthusiastic hearts. This is not just a school; it's a vibrant community bustling with creativity, innovation, and collaboration. Our dedicated team of educators is eager to inspire and nurture every student, fostering spiritual growth and a love for knowledge that extends beyond the classroom. Together, we'll create unforgettable memories, build lasting friendships, and make this year one for the books.

I would like to take this time to extend a warm welcome to all new students and families who have joined our school community. I am confident that you will find the staff, students, parents/guardians and parish community inviting and helpful. I would also like to welcome our new staff members, Mrs. Kish, Ms. Butera-Burros, Ms. Marconi and Ms. Belcamino.

Let's embark on this incredible journey and make our mark in the world of education!

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mrs. J. Mangiacasale
Principal



Prayer to Begin the School Year

God of wisdom and might,

*We praise you for the wonder of our being,
Our mind, body and spirit.*

*Be with our children as they begin
a new school year.*

Bless them, their teachers and staff.

*Give them strength and grace as
their bodies grow;*

*Wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they
search for understanding;*

and peace and zeal to their hearts.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



**NATIONAL DAY FOR
TRUTH & RECONCILIATION
(ORANGE SHIRT DAY)**

Orange Shirt Day is the story of Phyllis Webstad, an Indigenous woman who shared her experience at an Indian Residential School through the children's book, *The Orange Shirt Story*. By participating in Orange Shirt Day, we recognize the harm done to generations of children by the Indian Residential School system in Canada. The first Orange Shirt Day occurred on September 30th, 2013 as Chief Fred Robbins saw Phyllis' story as a way of bringing together Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. Since that time, Orange Shirt Day has grown into a national awareness among schools, businesses, and communities.

In June 2021, the Federal Government of Canada designated **September 30th** as the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation. While this addresses Call to Action #80 of the Truth and Reconciliations *94 Calls to Action*, it coincides with an established day that was created by Survivors of Indian Residential Schools. As a Board we can acknowledge the Federal statutory day, but for school and student activities, for the present time, it remains "Orange Shirt Day" as a way of respecting the grass root Indigenous movement.



We are proud to be a part of the Lakeshore Catholic Family of Schools.





BUS TRANSPORTATION - NSTS



Please refer to the Niagara Student Transportation Service website (nsts.ca) for information on Back to School Transportation for your child(ren).

Parents/guardians **MUST** notify NSTS that they intend to use transportation in order to receive service. **Students that Opted-In in the previous school year are automatically Opted-In for this school year.** Also, if you **DO NOT** intend to use transportation, please **OPT-OUT** or contact NSTS.

Please sign-in to the parent portal and complete the Opt-In or Opt-Out of Transportation Form. NSTS will also receive your Opt-In or Opt-Out intention over the phone, 905-357-6787, or via email, general@nsts.ca.



ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES & SAFE ARRIVAL

It is an expectation that parents/guardians use the Niagara Catholic Safe Arrival system to report their child's late arrival or absence for part or all of the school day.

The Niagara Catholic Safe Arrival system is accessible to parents/guardians quickly and conveniently in one of three ways:

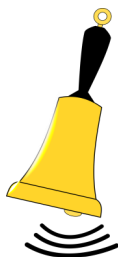
1. Telephone: Toll free number (1.844.287.6287)
2. Parent Portal website: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>
3. Free Smartphone App, "Safe Arrival"

UNREPORTED LATES/ABSENCES

If a student's late arrival or absence is unverified, parents/guardians will receive an automated communication by phone (home and mobile numbers), and/or text message/e-mail as provided and established in the Parent Portal, seeking verification of the late arrival or absence. Parents/guardians may then indicate the reason for the late arrival or absence through the automated system call-out. If the system does not receive a response from parents/guardians, the school secretary will contact as listed in the student information system the parents/guardians and/or emergency contact(s) to verify a student's absence.

OUR SCHOOL BELL TIMES

ARRIVAL:	8:55am - 9:10am
ENTRY:	9:10am - 9:20am
PERIOD 1,2,3:	9:20am - 11:20am
1st Nutrition/Break	11:20am - 12:00pm
PERIOD 4,5	12:00pm - 1:20pm
2nd Nutrition Break	1:20pm - 2:00pm
Period 6,7:	2:00pm - 3:20pm
DISMISSAL:	3:20pm - 3:30pm



CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS



Parents/Guardians are invited and encouraged to attend our first CSC meeting of the 2024/2025 school year on **Tuesday, September 10th at 6:00 p.m at St. Elizabeth School.** If you are Interested in attending the meeting, please email Mrs. Mangiacasale(Julie.Mangiacasale@ncdsb.com) so she can add you to the parent council email list.

2024-2025 ST. ELIZABETH STAFF

Principal:	Mrs. Mangiacasale
Secretary:	Mrs. Scodellaro
Librarian:	Mrs. Butera-Burros
Kindergarten:	Mrs. Ens
DECE:	Mrs. Valente
Grade 1/2:	Mrs. Rossi
Grade 3/4:	Mr. Parisi
Grade 5/6:	Mrs. Dayboll
Grade 7/8:	Mrs. Habjan
PTM:	Miss Marconi
FSL:	Mme. Kish
Itinerant Arts:	Mr. Marrie
Educational Asst:	Mrs. Moreau
Child & Youth Worker:	Mrs. Belcamino



MEET & GREET SOCIAL

Your family is invited to attend a "meet & greet" social on **Thursday, September 12th, from 4:30 - 6:00 pm.** Come out for a casual gathering to meet your child's teacher and the rest of the St. Elizabeth staff. The Staff will be serving up pizza and drinks. We look forward to seeing you again and meeting all of our new Saints family members.



DRESS CODE POLICY

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. See the attached flyer for more information. We will have spirit days, themed days, and "out of dress code" days as well throughout the year. Students are also permitted to wear their spirit wear items, and grade 8 students can wear their grad hoodies if they choose. Thank you for your continued support.

SPIRIT WEAR & GRAD HOODIES

Spiritwear can be ordered through Big Bear through our board website by clicking on schools, St. Elizabeth. Orders are open all year round with free delivery to the school.



STUDENT NUTRITION PROGRAM

This year, the Niagara Nutrition Partners program will begin on **Wednesday, September 4th**. Each classroom will receive a bin containing pre-packaged snacks and whole fruits **every morning**. All students are eligible to participate in this “no charge” program.



TUCK SHOP & MILK PROGRAM



The Tuck Shop is our in-school treat shop that is an initiative of our school Student Senators and Student Council. Items such as ice cream and popcorn are ordered in advance on SchoolCash Online and are delivered in a safe manner to the students classroom every Friday. When there is a holiday, the Tuck Shop item will be delivered on the Thursday of that week. This year the Tuck Shop will start on **Friday, September 27th** and will run **every Friday** for the entire school year.

Our Milk program will start on **Monday, September 30th** and will run every **Monday, Wednesday, Friday** for the entire school year. If there is a holiday on the Monday or Friday, the milk will be delivered on the Tuesday or Thursday of that week. Parents/Guardians can pre-order milk (white or chocolate) for their child(ren) on a monthly basis using SchoolCash Online. *Please note there has been a slight increase due to the rising cost of dairy.



LUNCH DAYS

Our lunch days will run **every Wednesday**, and will start on **Wednesday, September 25th**. You will be able to pre-purchase the lunch using SchoolCash Online. We will offer lunches such as: pizza, subs, pitas, pasta etc. The Catholic School Council will also offer lunch days. Stay tuned for more information.

STUDENT INFORMATION

We will be sending home a Student Information Sheet on the first day of school. Parents/Guardians are asked to update the information and return back to the school by **Friday, September 6th**. It is essential that the school has up-to-date information recorded for every student. Please notify the school immediately of any changes in address; home, cell, email addresses; alternate emergency contact name and numbers, custody or medical concerns.



CHURCH CORNER

We are pleased to have Father Stanley as our spiritual leader, and look forward to celebrating **mass every Wednesday at 9:30 am** at St. Elizabeth Parish. .

TERRY FOX SCHOOL RUN/WALK



Terry Fox represented the best that Canadians have to offer. He was an example of courage, humility, determination, and perseverance. From a young age he exemplified these attributes that made him an inspiration for not only Canada, but the entire world. Terry's personal experience and research led him to a simple conclusion – more money was needed for cancer research. And so, in the modest but motivated style that would prove to be his trademark, Terry started training and planning for his cross-Canada run to raise funds for cancer research. He dipped his artificial leg in the Atlantic Ocean on April 12th, 1980 and proceeded to unite Canadians in a way never before, nor since, seen. The only thing that could have stopped Terry from reaching the Pacific Ocean did. Cancer returned in his lungs and he was forced to stop on September 1st, 1980 after having run 5,373 kilometres.

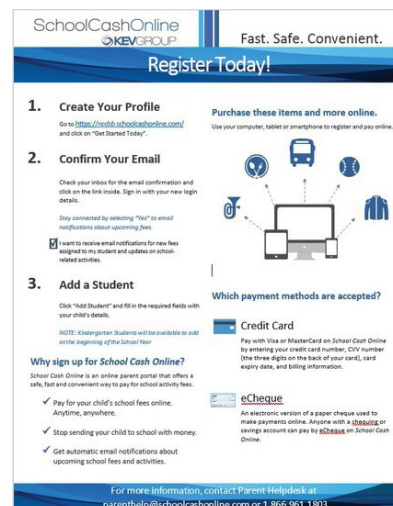
This year, St. Elizabeth School will take part in our annual Terry Fox School Walk on **Friday, September 27th**. To recognize this day, students are being asked to **wear red and white**. **On-line donations will be accepted throughout the month of September** at <https://schools.terryfox.ca/10566>

SCHOOLCASH ONLINE

We are a cash and cheque free school which means all school purchases are done through SCHOOLCASH ONLINE. Please make sure you are signed up today. <https://ncdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

What Is School Cash Online?

School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees. Now, with a few clicks, you can pay for your child's yearbook, class trips and so much more from your own home. All you have to do is register an account, attach your children and then you will be able to make payments online.



SchoolCashOnline KEY GROUP Fast. Safe. Convenient.
Register Today!

- Create Your Profile**
Go to <https://ncdsb.schoolcashonline.com/> and click on "Get Started Today".
Purchase these items and more online. Use your computer, tablet or smartphone to register and pay online.
- Confirm Your Email**
Check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside. Sign in with your new login details.
Stay connected by selecting "Yes" to avoid any future email opt-out options.
 Parents receive email notifications for new fees assigned to my student and updates on school-related activities.
- Add a Student**
Click "Add Student" and fill in the required fields with your child's details.
NOTE: Kindergarten Students will be available to add at the beginning of the School Year.
Which payment methods are accepted?
 Credit Card
Pay with Visa or MasterCard on School Cash Online by entering your credit card number, CVV number (the three digits on the back of your card), card expiry date, and billing information.
 eCheque
An electronic version of a paper cheque used to make payments online. Anyone with a [checking](#) or [savings](#) account can pay via eCheque on School Cash Online.

Why sign up for School Cash Online?
School Cash Online is an online parent portal that offers a safe, fast and convenient way to pay for school activities fees.

- ✓ Pay for your child's school fees online. Anytime, anywhere.
- ✓ Stop sending your child to school with money.
- ✓ Get automatic email notifications about upcoming school fees and activities.

For more information, contact Parent Helpdesk at parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com or 1.866.961.1803



Cell Phone Policy

As we continue to foster a safe and positive learning environment for all students, I would like to remind you of the new regulations regarding cell phone use that have been implemented in Ontario schools.

To minimize distractions and maximize learning, cell phones are only permitted during instructional time when they are being used for educational purposes as directed by the teacher. Outside of these times, students are expected to keep their phones turned off and stored away unless needed for documented learning needs and/or health related requirements. We kindly ask for your support in reinforcing this policy with your children and encouraging them to focus on their studies during school hours.

Your cooperation is essential in helping us maintain a healthy and respectful school environment. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these rules, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Respectful Interactions

St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School is rooted in Catholic and Christian values. Our goal is to create a safe, kind and loving environment for all who work, learn, and assist with our school community.

Aggressive or hostile behaviour or language toward, staff, students or our community helpers will not be tolerated. While we welcome feedback, concerns and opinions it is the expectation that all staff,

students, parents, guardians and community helpers communicate their needs and concerns with one another in a respectful and peaceful manner whether through email, on the phone or face-to-face.

Adherence to this expectation is vital in order to create a community which can solve problems and help one another achieve success.



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 sleeve) or;
- Navy or white collared shirt (short or long sleeve) 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 t-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 (capri, cargo, denim, kobe or corduroy) or;
- Navy skorts, 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 indoor shoes for physical education and indoor wear. Socks must be worn with the elementary standardized dress code pants or shorts at all times.

Nurturing **Souls** & Building **Minds**