



# St. Patrick Catholic School

March Newsletter 2025

**Registered Families will receive weekly updates through school messenger.**

**Contact the school if your email, phone or address has changed.**

St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School Port Colborne

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## Welcome to St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School

Checklist Check Transportation Details for your child at NSTS <https://www.nsts.ca/>

Register for Safe Arrival to receive school messages and report your child's attendance

<https://niagaracatholic.ca/safearrival/>

St. Patrick Church Pastor Fr. Wes 905-834-6426 [parishstpatrick@gmail.com](mailto:parishstpatrick@gmail.com)

Register for School Cash Online to make purchases from the school

<https://ncdsb.schoolcashionline.com/> Have your dress code ready to go (see below)

Please visit our school website anytime for links to School Cash Online and School Messenger/Safe Arrival

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## Thank you to all who participated in our 28 Days of Giveaways!

Congratulations to our winners:

Bonus prize: Trenton Tonnos - Ticket #106

1. Shawn Bukovac- Ticket # 405
2. Diana Handley - Ticket # 295
3. Ella Bolan - Ticket # 320
4. [Lincoln](#) Risadore -Ticket # 390
5. Ashley Alexander - Ticket #141
6. Brody Huneault - Ticket # 29
7. Ashton Kaine - Ticket # 227
8. Easton Tyminski - Ticket #171
9. Rowlen O'Sullivan - Ticket #343
10. Lochlan Lannan - Ticket #79
11. William Heaton - Ticket # 278
12. Ryan Adams - Ticket # 399
13. Bob Culig Ticket # 302
14. Ellan Bolan - Ticket #331
15. Brody Huneault - Ticket #24
16. Leah Lambie - Ticket #354
17. Lola Farnan - Ticket #269
18. Addyson Mae Sherar-Murrell - Ticket #371
19. Brody Huneault - Ticket #24
20. Henley Trevisonn - Ticket #53
21. Bodee Murphy - Ticket # 426
22. Aurora Martin - Ticket # 205
23. Natalie Stivoric - Ticket #268
24. Colbie Sutherland - Ticket #37
25. Aiden Maloney - Ticket #277
26. Lincoln Risidore - Ticket #104
27. Fallyn Roesch - Ticket # 5
28. Jacob Farnan - Ticket #1

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## Shrove Tuesday

Tuesday March 4 is Shrove Tuesday. Every student will receive a FREE pancake lunch. Many thanks to Stacked Restaurant for providing our students with the delicious pancakes. Please feel free to bring fruit or other items to add to your pancakes.



## Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday March 5th our school be be attending Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Patrick Church for the 10:00 am mass. Ash Wednesday is the start of Lent. Lent is a period of prayer, fasting, and giving for Christians. Christians who observe Lent will abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday. Please feel free to join us at the 10:00 am mass.



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## Hawaiian Dance a thon Friday March 7, 2025

Our student senate is hosting a Hawaiian Dance a thon for all the students on Friday March 7, 2025. We encourage all the students to dress in their creative Hawaiian outfits. Every student will receive a lei necklace, a special cool treat, a glow bracelet, and the gym will be filled with fun decorations to dance around. We ask that parents support our student senate by making a donation through school cash on line to help the student senate cover costs for this fun day. A donation of \$5.00 will give you a raffle ticket for the Great Wolf Lodge **Merchandise** Grand Prize.



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## Monday March 17, 2025 is St. Patrick's Day

We are excited to celebrate St. Patrick's Day this year at school. This is a special event for our school. The student senate has many surprises and treats that will be free to all the students. Students are invited to dress in their best green outfits.



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## St. Patrick Catholic School will support Earth Hour on Friday March 21, 2025 from 9:15 to 10:15

Each year, Earth Hour has a different theme that they centre the event around. For Earth Hour 2025, the theme is: 'Create the Biggest Hour for Earth.



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## Toys from Home

Please keep toys at home unless it is for a show and share and then the students will be encouraged to put it away so that it is safe. Sometimes items from home are brought to school and they get broken at school unintentionally. It causes grief for the student who owns the broken object and for the student who may have broke it. Recess is a wonderful time for students to run



around and have fun. We provide class balls and on many days there are other activities for students to participate during recess time. We ask that you please leave toys from home at home.

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## **Trivia Night on Friday May 2, 202 at the Italian Hall in Port Colborne**

We are excited be able to offer our Grade 7 and 8 students the opportunity to travel to Camp Medeba from June 2nd to June 5th, 2025 with four other schools from the Lakeshore Area.

The schools travelling together are:

St. Elizabeth, St. Patrick PC, St. Therese, St. Joseph and Our Lady of Victory.

The cost of the trip is \$410 per child.

MEDEBA, is an adventure Learning Camp which provides a safe atmosphere of encouragement and unconditional acceptance. All programs and facilities meet rigid safety standards. All students that attend will experience challenges such as zip lining, wall climbing, ropes courses and other outdoor activities. These activities are custom designed to teach skills such as co-operation, communication, trust, and problem solving.

Our school will be having a Trivia Night so that we can make enough money to pay for every student going to camp. The tickets will be \$30 per ticket. This will include admission into the event for 8 rounds of Trivia and each table will receive a pizza half way through the night. Doors will open at 6:00 pm and the Trivia will begin at 7:00 pm. There will be a cash bar and drinks and pop can be purchased that evening. You are also invited to bring your own snacks for the evening. In the end we would like all 300 tickets sold and the tickets will be sold by first come first serve basis. The profit from this event will be divided equally by the number of kids going to camp. Each student will receive an equal amount off their trip.

This event is intended to bring our community together to help the kids going to camp and to have fun!

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Kay Kalagian at St. Patrick Catholic School.

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## **Student Senate**

Our student senate will continue to sell popcorn every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for \$2.00 a bag. There different flavours like: salt and vinegar, dill pickle, cheddar and sweet and salty. Bring your toonie to buy a bag.

Our student senate has taken the lead to plan all the fun activities like the Hawaiian Dance a thon. We hope that you are able to make a donation to help our student senate cover costs of this event.

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## **Dress Code Required for all Students**

Niagara Catholic Elementary students wear a dress code. The details can be found at Niagara Catholic website under policies. Please make sure your child has a navy or white polo shirt (must have a collar) and navy bottoms - not black (pants, skirt and dark jeans). Students can wear any

type of shoes; we do recommend a second set of shoes for indoor use. If your child arrives to school out of dress code we may provide the student with items to wear for the school day. If you need assistance with dress code items, please notify the school.



### **Order Dress Code and Spirit Wear items from Goods Sports Excellence**

[https://goods.gearware.com/Shop/Store.aspx?](https://goods.gearware.com/Shop/Store.aspx?sid=1&ssid=9B9304633347DBA9D92A545851A3529FFDDE4A61)

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Colin Gillespie

Goods Sports Excellence

[goods\\_sporting@yahoo.ca](mailto:goods_sporting@yahoo.ca)

## **ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES - SAFE ARRIVAL SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM**

The Safe Arrival Parent Portal allows parents to conveniently report their child's absence and allows school staff to respond to an unexplained absence quickly.

Absences can be reported via: -Internet ([http:// nc.schoolconnects.com](http://nc.schoolconnects.com))

Smart Phone App (search keyword "safearrival" school messenger)

Automated Telephone System (toll free 1-844-287-6287)

Full Day Absences and late arrival must be reported prior to 8:25 am or you will receive a call out from the school. It is important to have a consistent routine for getting to school and home each day. It is recommended that if your child will be taking the bus home, that this is the form of transportation they will use on a daily basis. This is to ensure consistency and safety for both your child and teachers. Should your contact information change (email, phone number, address) during the school year, please contact the office so we can update which is in turn available to NSTS, otherwise you may miss important information.



## **School Cash Online**

We endeavor to be a cash and cheque free school which means all school purchases are done through SCHOOL CASH ONLINE. Please make sure you are signed up today.

<https://ncdsb.schoolcashionline.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 in no time you will be able to make payments online

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## Parent Portal

What is the parent portal and what is it for? The Niagara Catholic Parent Portal allows parents access to information regarding their child including report cards, alternative report cards and timetable and your child's classroom teacher for the following school year. How do I login to the parent portal? Use this helpful guide and follow the instructions. <https://cdn.niagaracatholic.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Niagara-Catholic-Maplewood-ParentPortal-Instructions-Sept-2020.pdf>

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## St. Patrick and Dominos

Dominos has offered our school some wonderful fundraising opportunities for our school.

Just a reminder this Wednesday March 6 is St. Patrick Day at Dominos. Please tell your family, friends and neighbours go to Domino's and purchase a large cheese or pepperoni pizza for \$12:99, \$5 from every pizza sold that day will come directly back to St. Patrick. All you have to do is let them know that you are with the St. Patrick Catholic School so please share this message with family and friends.



Thanks to Domino's for offering our school this opportunity!

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## Allergy Aware School - Nut Safe-Anaphylaxes

Within our school community, there are several students who have a life-threatening allergy (anaphylaxis) to foods, predominantly to peanuts and tree nuts (e.g. almond, cashew, hazelnut, pistachio).

The best way to reduce the risk of accidental exposure to these students is to respectfully ask for the co-operation of the parents/guardians within this school community to avoid sending peanut butter or products with peanuts listed in the ingredients.

There is a wide range of nutritious foods available to pack for your child. Visit <http://www.eatrightontario.ca> for suggestions. For more information on anaphylaxis, visit <http://www.anaphylaxis.ca> or <http://www.aaia.ca> We are working hard at preventing accidental exposure. It is also important that we have common routines throughout the entire school. There are many shared areas (washrooms, fountains, gym, library, computers, etc.) students could come in contact with allergens. The teachers will explain the importance of the following health and safety routines to the students in their classrooms:

1. Wash your hands with soap and water before and after eating.
2. Do not bring food that contains peanuts/tree nuts.





3. Do not accept food from other students especially if you have food allergies.
4. Snacks are not permitted outside in the schoolyard.
5. Dispose of all food waste properly

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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.

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**Mary Kay Kalagian**

Mary is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters