

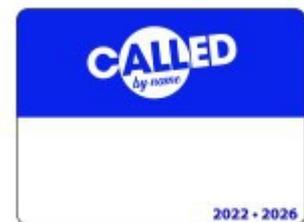
# The Weekly Update

March 3 - 7, 2025



## March Reflection

Speakers often ask, "Do you follow me?" to make sure you understand. You can hear someone speaking, but to truly understand them, you have to listen. We often hear the words of Jesus in the Bible, at school, and during Mass. But are we taking the time to really follow what Jesus is saying? Jesus calls each of us to follow Him. Part of following Jesus means listening to His words, understanding His message, and living it out each day. What's one way you can follow Jesus more closely? How will you start building that habit today?



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## Week at a Glance March 3 - 7, 2025

### Monday, March 3, 2025 - Day 3

Grade 8s to White Oaks

### Tuesday, March 4, 2025 - DAY 4

Shrove Tuesday- Pancake Day

Tuck Shop

### Wednesday, March 5, 2025 - DAY 5

*Ash Wednesday- Liturgy in School Gym @ 10:45am*

### Thursday, March 6, 2025 - DAY 1

Pizza Day

SEAC & NCPIC evening at the Niagara Catholic Board Office

### Friday, March 7, 2025 - DAY 2

Last day of classes before March Break



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## Weekly Update March 3 - 7, 2025

Dear St. Anthony Family,

As we say goodbye to February, we welcome in March tomorrow. Let's hope that with Spring around the corner that Mother Nature is also watching her calendar and bringing us milder weather. We hope it comes in like a lion and out like a lamb. With that being said, this will also be the last week of classes before we begin our March Break. Classes will resume on Monday March 17th and with that being St. Patrick's Day, it goes without saying that it will be an alternate Dress Code Day. If students would like to wear their green that day it is strongly encouraged. It's the one day a year where we are all Irish.

We will be doing some early Spring cleaning this week so we are asking students to please bring home all belongings from their lockers as well as performing a thorough desk cleaning. Gym clothing and all other essential items can be brought back when they return. Please bring a reusable bag in case their belongings do not fit in their school bags.

We want to thank Mrs. Dunkley, Miss Cousineau and coach Dakota for all their efforts in preparing our Intermediate Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams for their Niagara Catholic tournaments this past week. The students played with great effort and represented our school proudly. One host principal even contacted us to say what wonderful sportsmanship and respect our team displayed. Our Girls' team played to a hard fought final but just fell short and brought home a silver medal. Excellent job ladies. Our Boys' Team also made their way to the finals and were able to defeat their opponent, St. Edward, winning the championship. Great work gentlemen. We look forward to one more day of

competition as both the Girls and the Boys will be participating in the Denis Morris Family of Schools Basketball Showcase and All-Star Game on Wednesday March 19, 2025. The coaches will be forwarding more information your way. If you can volunteer to drive our students, please reach out to Mrs. Dunkley or Miss Cousineau. We thank you in advance.

This Tuesday March 4, 2025 is Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Day/Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday. It is the last day before we begin to prepare for the resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday. Traditionally it is the last day of feasting before we begin the Lenten Fast. Once again, this year we would like to thank the generosity of the Knights of Columbus and their volunteers for graciously providing pancakes for our students. Pancakes will be delivered throughout the morning beginning right after morning announcements. We will continue to serve until we get all of our students fed. We will begin with the younger students and work our way up to the Grade 8s. In keeping with our Eco Initiatives, we ask that students please bring in their own forks from home to help reduce the number of recycled materials required. Students can put them in their lunch bags or in a Ziploc bag for safe carrying and return home. Please do not send in any knives. Should our younger students require assistance in cutting, staff will be available to help them do so. If any of our students have any gluten allergies or any allergy to any of the possible ingredients, please let their classroom teacher know by Monday, March 3, so we can plan accordingly. You may also wish to send in an alternative for them.

On Wednesday, March 5, Father Randy will join us in our gymnasium for an Ash Wednesday Liturgy and the distribution of ashes. The ashes are a symbol Catholics use to help them mark the first day of Lent and also to remember that we are all sinners but want to repent and return to God. Lastly, it is a reminder that we came from dust and to dust we will one day return. The distribution of ashes is not a sacrament and therefore all are welcome to receive the ashes if they come forward seeking them. If you wish your child to not participate, please let the classroom teacher know and they do not need to come up to receive them. Also, Tuck Shop which is usually held on Wednesdays will take place on Tuesday this week in order to help observe the solemnity of the day.

Lastly, as we mentioned in last week's update, some families will be getting a letter from Public Health informing them your child's immunization records indicate that they are not up to date on their vaccinations. The school also received a list of students in non-compliance with the policy. Please do not contact the school to notify us of any changes. You must contact Public Health immediately in order to find out what you must do next. Once they receive the information, they will update us daily. In order to avoid a suspension from school issued by Public Health, you must contact them. Only they can lift the suspension. All the information you require was in the letter you received in the mail from Public Health and the email sent out earlier this week by the school. Please look into this now to avoid any problems later on.

Thank you and have a wonderful weekend,

St. Anthony Staff



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**Special Education Advisory  
Committee  
(SEAC)**

## **NCDSB Special Education Advisory Committee Monthly Updates**

Niagara Catholic's Special Education Advisory Committee (**SEAC**) is a group of representatives from community organizations, school board trustees and school board staff. The role of the SEAC is to collaborate on school board policies and programs

related to special education. SEAC advocates on behalf of students with special education needs and their families. SEAC meets monthly. More information on how to join the livestream meeting can be found on the [Niagara Catholic website](#). Over the next several months, a community agency represented on SEAC will be highlighted in the school newsletter and in The Chronicle. Stay tuned to be informed!



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## **Dress Code**

In Keeping with the Niagara Catholic District School Board Dress Code Policy, we ask that all parents please review the flyer attached within this weekly Update. The Board policy is also attached below this message. The Flyer is linked down below and will always be here for you to review. Students are required to abide by the Dress Code policy and select items of clothing that meet the standard requirements. Other than the Navy Blue and White, students are welcome to also wear School Spiritwear which can be purchased through Front Row Sports. With the weather

# DRESS CODE

turning cooler and students wearing additional layers, please remember that hoodies and sweaters must also be Navy Blue, White or school Spiritwear. The link to the Spiritwear provider is also always near the end of the weekly update. Students that are not following the Dress Code will be asked to call home for a change of clothing. If we cannot make those arrangements, students will be provided by the school an item of clothing that meets the guidelines. This item will be returned so that we can wash them and use them again in the future. Thank you for your

cooperation in this matter.

## DAILY SCHEDULE

**MORNING SUPERVISION 8:15 - 8:30**

**MORNING ENTRY 8:30**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS 8:40**

**AM RECESS 10:40-11:00** (Grades 1, 2, 3, 4,5 & Kindergarten RECESS) Grades 6,7,& 8 **NUTRITION BREAK**)

**AM RECESS 11:00-11:20** (Grades 6,7,& 8 RECESS) (Grades 1, 2, 3, 4,5 & Kindergarten **NUTRITION BREAK**)

**PM RECESS 12:40 - 1:00** (Grades 1, 2, 3, 4,5 & Kindergarten RECESS) Grades 6,7,& 8 **NUTRITION BREAK**)

**PM RECESS 1:00-1:20** (Grades 6,7,& 8 RECESS) (Grades 1, 2, 3, 4,5 & Kindergarten **NUTRITION BREAK**)

**DISMISSAL 2:50**



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## Safe Arrival- School Messenger

Please remember to report your child's absence using the [SAFEARRIVAL](#) portal. With the office being a very busy place, you can also put in an **EARLY DEPARTURE**. This will allow us to have your child ready and at the office for the time you have selected. Often when parents call at the last minute, it may be difficult to

get students down at the office due to the large number of calls. Advanced planning will be extremely helpful.

## Lunches

If you are dropping off a lunch or having one delivered to the school, please have your child's first and last name clearly labeled on the package. **Please make sure delivery services have the student's name when dropping off lunches.** Also, please verify in your SchoolCashOnline portal that you ordered lunches on our Specialty Food Days. We do not order extras and will not have additional food in case your child doesn't have a lunch. We do always have additional items in our snack bins and we will do our best to provide food if they cannot contact you. **Please review the new student Nutrition Break times.**



## Public Health



Families are reminded to please update your child/children's immunization records with Niagara Region Public Health. You may do so by clicking this [link](#). For more information please go to [NRPH website](#) if you have vaccine/record review questions or please call your health care provider. Families may also contact Public Health at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425 and ask to speak with a public health vaccine nurse.

## Information Update

We remind you that it is important to keep the office updated with regards to any new information or changes to the information we have on file for your child. This may include new phone numbers, change of address, medical information, custody orders etc.



### St. Anthony Catholic Elementary Spirit Wear

IMPORTANT\*\*\* \*\*\*in NOTES, please include students name and teacher for easier distribution\*\*\* ALL Spirit Wear will OPEN July 2nd for purchasing over the summer. Delivery will be the first/second week of September to the school. Please note that all Spirit Wear orders are NON-REFUNDABLE.

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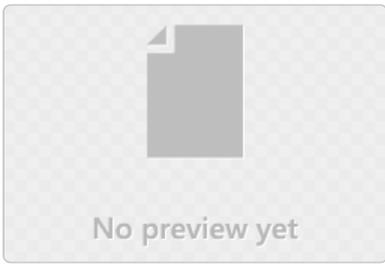
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## STUDENT SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM - Niagara Catholic District School Board

Report an absence to the Student Safe Arrival Program. How to report by phoning, logging in or get the app. Help video included.

[niagaracatholic.ca](https://niagaracatholic.ca)



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## Child Care Registry

We have an online registration system that allows parents to search and apply for all licensed child care programs for children from birth to age 12, including licensed home child care. Submit one application for any licensed child care options and before-and-after school programs that meet your family's needs.

[niagararegion.ca](https://niagararegion.ca)



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