



# Notre Dame Catholic School



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## April 2025

### Principal's Message

Dear Notre Dame Families,

In April, our Lenten journey will be completed. We look forward to the growth and renewal that arrives with spring.

*In this season of renewal, we pray in thanksgiving for the many blessings You give us. May our words and deeds today, and always, serve as reminders of the transformative power of Your love. Amen.*

Wishing everyone a month full of good health, laughter and great memories.

All the best,

E. Roussos

### Theological Theme Called by Name: Follow Me



In Mark's Gospel, we read about Jesus and the rich man, who asked what he had to do to inherit eternal life. The rich man explained that he had kept all the commandments, but "Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me'" (Mark 10:21). The rich man chose not to follow Jesus because he loved his many possessions. Our hearts were made for God. In order to follow Jesus, we need to set aside the things that take His place in our hearts. Jesus wants to be the King of our whole heart, not just part of it. Like his call to the rich man, Jesus asks each of us to let go of everything that gets in the way of us following Him. Take a moment today to pray and ask Jesus to reveal any areas of your heart that need His healing touch and to help you fully entrust them to Him.

### Notre Dame on Social Media

Follow Notre Dame on Instagram to get the latest updates:



@notredamenf

### Our Lady of the Scapular Parish

Website: [www.scapular.ca](http://www.scapular.ca)

Mass Times:

Saturday - 5:00 PM & Sunday - 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

\*Please contact your child's teacher for their class monthly mass time



### Registrations - Join Our Family!

We are always welcoming those families who want to join the Notre Dame Catholic School Community! Please register online at the [Niagara Catholic DSB webpage](#) or by clicking [here](#).

**We are proud to be a part of the Saint Paul High School family of schools!**

### Niagara Catholic District School Board Mission

*We are a Christ-centred Catholic faith community that celebrates diversity and fosters spiritual growth, inspiring all to reach their full potential in mind, body and spirit.*

JUSTICE ♦ COMPASSION ♦ STEWARDSHIP ♦ ACCOUNTABILITY ♦ COMMUNITY ♦ INTEGRITY ♦ FAITHFULNESS

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## ON THE CALENDAR

### Alternate Lunch Days

Families will have the option to order lunch for students on select days each month. In April, we will offer the following alternate lunch days:

- April 2 - Little Caesar's Pizza
- April 9 - Pasta Fresca
- April 16 - Far East
- April 23 - Subway
- April 30 - Swiss Chalet

**All orders can be placed through SchoolCash Online.** Thank you in advance for your participation.

### World Autism Awareness Day

World Autism Awareness Day will be held on **Wednesday, April 2**. In support of Autism awareness, students and staff will engage in activities that promote awareness and understanding of students with Autism.

### Book Fair

The school will be hosting a book fair in the school library from April 14-17. Students will preview the selection of books with their classes and make a "wish list". Each class will be assigned a time for students to purchase books. If parents wish to come in to the school and purchase books, they can do so during school day hours. A message will be sent to the community closer to the date as a reminder.

### Delta Bingo School Night

Delta Bingo has been our school's main source of fundraising. Funds received from the bingo have allowed us to purchase classroom technology, learning tools and equipment to use in physical education classes and recess. On Friday, **April 25**, the Notre Dame Catholic community has the opportunity to give back by playing some Bingo. The evening will run from 7-9:30 PM. For your advanced planning, the cost to play Bingo starts at \$5, according to the [Delta Bingo website](#). As a note, the school will not receive any extra proceeds other than our usual allotment for anyone that shows up to play.



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### Saint Paul High School Transition Activities



#### Saint Paul High School Transition Activities

Our Grade 8 students have started their transition from being part of the Notre Dame family to joining the Saint Paul family. Students have been visited by school administrators Mrs. Majka, Mr. Folinazzo and Mrs. Piroosko to introduce students to the excellence they can expect when attending Saint Paul. Notre Dame students will be experience the Patriot culture and level of excellence by attending a variety of events.

## Kindergarten

#### Kindergarten Registration

Register online at [niagaracatholic.ca](http://niagaracatholic.ca)

If you have a child that was born in 2021, they are eligible to begin school in September 2025. **Click on the link above** to register your child and have them join the Notre Dame Family!

To complete the registration process, families are asked to provide their child's **registration documents** to the school, by either dropping them off at the main office or emailing them to the school at [notre.dame@ncdsb.com](mailto:notre.dame@ncdsb.com).

#### Kindergarten Open House

For those families that did not have a chance to stop by the school for our Open House, it's never too late to see the great learning happening in our Kindergarten classrooms. Please contact the school to make arrangements for a visit. Please look for information about our **Kindergarten Spring Orientation Evening** later this school year.



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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Our Lady of the Scapular Roman Catholic Church **LENT 2025**

*Deepen your experience of Lent by considering these suggestions.*



#### Ash Wednesday

March 5 8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

#### Sunday Eucharistic Celebrations

Saturday Vigil 5 p.m.,

Sunday 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

#### Weekday Mass

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday,  
Friday, Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday Evening Mass 7:00 p.m.

**New During Lent - Friday Evening 7:00 p.m.**

March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4 & 11

#### Stations of the Cross

Fridays in Lent @

9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11

Good Friday April 18

@ 7:00 p.m.



#### Day of Reconciliation & Adoration



in every parish in the diocese

**Saturday, April 5**

**10 a.m.—2 p.m.**

at every parish in the diocese a priest will be available to  
celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation (confession)

#### Parish Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, April 9 @ 7:00 p.m.

followed by individual confessions



#### Blessing of Easter Baskets & Food

Saturday April 19 @ 12:00 p.m.



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#### Confessions

Monday 8:30—8:45 a.m.

Tuesday 6:15—6:45 p.m.

Wednesday 8:30—8:45 a.m.

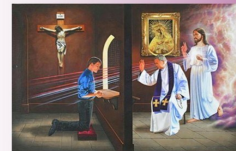
Thursday 8:30—8:45 a.m.

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Saturday 8:30—8:45 a.m. (except April 19)

Saturday 9:30—10:00 a.m. (except April 19)

Saturday 4:30 to 4:45 p.m. (except April 19)



Holy Thursday April 17 8:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.

Good Friday April 18 10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

Saturday April 19 9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.



#### Palm Sunday

Saturday April 17 @ 5:00 p.m.

Sunday April 18 @

8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

#### Holy Thursday

Thursday April 17 @ 7:00 p.m.

#### Good Friday

Friday April 18 @ 3:00 p.m.

#### Easter Vigil

Saturday April 19 @ 8:00 p.m.

#### Easter Sunday

Sunday April 20 @

8:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.





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### Notre Dame Spirit Wear



Notre Dame Catholic School spirit wear has been given a refreshed look. All spirit wear items will be accepted as part of the Notre Dame Catholic School standardized dress code. Families can purchase items directly through our supplier, Big Bear Spiritwear, on their website [here](#).



### Elementary Standardized Dress Code



The Niagara Catholic DSB has a Standardized Elementary Dress Code in place for students in elementary schools. All students are to wear navy bottoms and navy blue or white shirts. For more detailed information, please view the NCDSB flyer [here](#).

### Thank you Delta Bingo!

Our students and staff are thankful for all that Delta Bingo gives back to the school. Students have benefitted from equipment purchased for both recess & PE, as well as learning materials and classroom technology. We look forward to continuing our school fundraising efforts through our partnership.

The school is always looking for parent volunteers to assist during our assigned time at Delta Bingo (Tuesday afternoon). If any parent would like to assist with fundraising, please contact the school.



### Student Consent Forms

Each year students have the opportunity to join in many learning activities here at school or on educational field trips. The school is asking that parents complete the following consent forms ([found on School Cash Online](#)), to ensure the school has the necessary information to keep your child/children safe.

**Parent Consent - Student Personal Information (all K-8 students)** - This form allows us to know parent preferences when it comes to using a child's information (ie. images, etc) in school publications such as social media posts, class photos and the school yearbook.

**NCDSB Athletic Participation /Acknowledgement of Risk Form (Gr. 4-8 students only)** - This form explains risks associated with participation in activities happening on school property and allows parent to indicate preferences regarding a child's participation in day-to-day activities (ie. intramurals, sports team tryouts, etc).

Educational Field Trips and activities happening off school property will have a separate consent form sent home.





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### Emergency Medical Protocols

At Notre Dame, we work cooperatively with families in order to provide a safe, inclusive, and healthy educational environment for all students. We recognize that students who are at risk because of medical concerns such as **allergic reactions, diabetes, epilepsy, intolerances, asthma and/or seizures** require an intervention plan for their needs to be met and to reach their full potential at school.

If your child requires a specific plan of care, please contact the school at your earliest convenience so we can ensure his or her safety while in our care.

### SchoolCash Online Payment for School Activities

As activities and educational field trips are being scheduled for our students, we ask that parents sign up for our convenient payment program, SchoolCash Online. This is an excellent way to pay for student activities without sending money to school.

To register, please go to:  
<https://ncdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

### School Messenger - Safe Arrival

One of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely to school each and every day. School Messenger allows parents to report their child's absence quickly and conveniently using the **mobile app**, a **website**, or an **interactive toll-free phone line** to report an absence, late arrival or early departure, in advance. This process allows the school to verify student attendance and notify parents of an unreported student absence efficiently.

If your child is marked absent and the absence hasn't been explained in advance, our SafeArrival system will contact you to get a reason for the absence. Calls will continue until you choose an option to explain your child's absence.

**PLEASE** use the following information to report your child's absence: mobile app, online at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/#/home> or by calling 1-844-287-6287. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

### Student Aware Internet Filter

This is just a reminder to families that all Niagara Catholic schools use a software program called "Student Aware". This program enables schools to monitor its student internet traffic while using Board internet devices. The "Student Aware" program will be identifying and notifying school staff when students access online websites related to suicide, violence, abuse and/or other dangerous activities that could be injurious to themselves and/or others. When high-risk incidents are identified, the occurrence will be investigated and school administration will respond accordingly to support student mental health and well-being.