



# St. Patrick Catholic School

April 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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## Autism Awareness Day is on Wednesday April 2, 2025!

What color is autism Day?

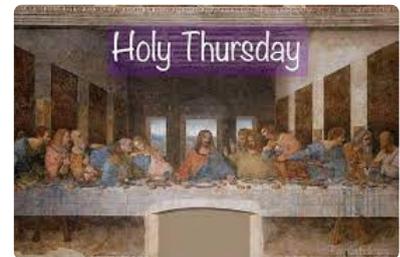
When we wear **blue**, it's not only about keeping that conversation going about autism but, it's also making sure that those with autism and their families don't feel alone. So on April 2nd and throughout World Autism Month in April please wear blue, and have others do the same.



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## Holy Thursday

Holy Thursday is commemorated annually on the Thursday before Easter and takes place on Thursday April 17, 2025. Its name varies, also being called Maundy Thursday, Green Thursday (in Germany), or Sheer Thursday.



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## Good Friday

Good Friday is a Christian holiday commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary. It is observed during Holy Week as part of the Paschal Triduum. It is also known as Holy Friday, Great Friday, Great and Holy Friday, and Black Friday



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## Easter Sunday

Easter, also called Pascha or Resurrection Sunday, is a Christian festival and cultural holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day of his burial following his crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary c. 30 AD.



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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, 2025 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 4 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 \$420 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 goal is to raise enough money to pay for all the students trip to Camp. Each ticket is \$30 per ticket and will give you admission into the event for 8 rounds of Trivia. 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.

This event is intended to be fun and in the process pay for our Grade 7 and 8's trip to Camp Medeba.

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 and other treats on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. There different flavours of popcorn 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 many fun activities around the school. Many thanks to all of them!



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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.



**New Spirit Wear Options from Maddalena Sports Here is the link for Spirit Wear from Maddalena: <https://www.maddalena-uniforms.com/collections/st-patrick-catholic-elementary-spirit-wear-portcolborne>**

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

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## 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://ncschoolconnects.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 8:35 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.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 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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## 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.aiaa.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.



**Mary Kay Kalagian**

Mary is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters