

# St. Thérèse Catholic School

April 2025

## School Information

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## School Bell Times

***8:40-8:55 - Student Arrival***

***8:55 -9:05 - Entry Bell - Prayers, Announcements, Attendance***

***10:25-10:45 - Recess***

***10:45-11:05 - Nutrition Break***

***1:05-1:25 - Nutrition Break***

***1:25-1:45 - Recess***

***3:05 - Prayers, Announcements***

***3:15 - Dismissal Bell***

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## Principal's Message

Dear Families,

With the Lenten season quickly coming to an end, we look forward to the celebration of Easter and the joy and hope that it represents. At Easter, Jesus brings so much light into the world. Light has

overcome darkness. The liturgical colour changes from purple to white for Easter to represent this light! During the month of April, let us see each person in our lives as a gift. Let us focus on caring for all of the families in our lives: at home, at school, at church and the world at large, making the school, community, and world better places to be!

Throughout the month of April we also focus on our Eco School initiatives continuing with our weekly Wasteless Wednesdays, our annual Clothing collection and our celebration of Earth Day through a yard and community clean up as well as Friendship Friday activities.

Looking forward to another exciting month at St. Thérèse.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mrs. Turcotte

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## A Blessing in Spring

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful,  
Where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name.  
Every blessing you pour out may we turn back to praise of you,  
O God when the sun's shining down on us when the world's 'all as it should be'

Blessed be your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Blessed be your name.

You give and take away our hearts will choose to say Lord,

Blessed be your name.

St. Thérèse, pray for us. Amen.



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## Theological Theme - Called By Name - Come Follow Me

### Our Monthly Reflection

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. By identifying and surrendering these parts of our hearts, we allow Jesus to transform us from within.



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## SPRING FEST

**SPRINGFEST is happening - Thursday, June 5th 4:30-7pm**

Once again our Scholastic Book Fair will be happening during this time in our library!

We are looking for volunteers to help make our Spring Fest event a success. If you would be willing to help us BBQ, hand out food or sell raffle tickets, we would love to have you!

Please call the school to let us know if you can help!

More details to follow!



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## HELP - Can you save the boxes from your cases of pop or water?

To help transport food during our Spring Fest event, we are looking for the bottom boxes of cases of pop or water! We will use these as serving trays for families at the BBQ! From now until June if you could kindly save and send to school any boxes like this, we would greatly appreciate it!



## Upcoming Dental Screener

Niagara Region Public Health Dental Program will be offering dental screening to grades JK, SK, 2, 4 and 7 on **Tuesday, April 15, 2025.**

A registered dental hygienist will take a quick look in the child's mouth using a sterilized dental mirror and light. The [Healthy Smiles Ontario](#) program may financially assist children who do not

have access to dental care.

If you do not want your child(ren) to take part in the dental screening, you **MUST** complete the online [School Dental Screening Opt-Out Form](#) or call the Dental Health Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399 each school year.

If your child(ren) is not in one of the grades listed above, they may have the opportunity to participate in the dental screening. If you would like your child to be screened, please complete the [School Dental Opt-In Form](#).



## World Austims Awareenss Day

Every April, Autism Speaks celebrates World Austim Month, beginning with World Autism Awareness Day on April 2nd!

We are encouraging all of our students to wear tie-die or lots of colours to recognzie the day!



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## Gift Card Calendar Raffle

THANK YOU to our school community for supporting our Grade 8 Gift Card Calendar Raffle! We have a limited number of tickets left for sale. Please let us know if you are interested in purchasing a ticket for \$10! Calendars/Tickets are available on a first come, first serve basis and will remain on sale until we sell out!

Our draws begin on Tuesday, April 1st at 10:15am!

Each day at 10:15am a Grade 8 student will draw the winner and announce it over our school PA System. The winner will be called by the office and will be posted in our May newsletter. We will also share the winner in our stories on our Instagram account each day!

Good luck everyone!

THANK YOU to all of our Grade 8 Families who gathered, purchased or donated all of the gift cards to our fundraiser! Thank you also to:

\$25.00 LCBO – **donated by Brooke Fleming – Revel Realty**

\$25.00 Old Navy/Athleta/Banana Republic/Gap – **donated by Mark Lemay - ReMarkable!**

### **Renovations**

\$25.00 Dollarama – **donated by Mark Lemay - ReMarkable! Renovations**

\$50.00 Market Café – **donated by Stephanie Schaeffer and Jay Kalryzian of The Real Team**

### **Niagara @ Revel Realty**

\$50.00 Ultimate Dining – **donated by Brian Charters – Vision Construction**

\$50.00 Red Lobster – **donated by Angelo Kollaras – Powercoat Ontario**

\$50.00 Cineplex – **donated by Angelo Kollaras – Powercoat Ontario**

\$250.00 Certificate for Dog Training at **Over the Rainbow Dog Academy**

\$50.00 **Joes Feta's Greek Village**

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## 30 Days of Giveaways – Calendar Raffle Draw – April 2025

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ST. THÉRÈSE CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 \$35 Our Corner Cafe \$50 Cineplex \$50 Joe Feta's	2 \$100 Ultimate Dining Card \$25 Nintendo	3 \$100 Falls Chevrolet Oil Change (\$120) \$10 Tim Hortons	4 \$25 Tim Hortons \$75 Ultimate Dining \$30 Subway	5 \$50 Skip the Dishes \$50 Golf Town \$25 LCBO
6 \$65 Ultimate Dining \$50 Swiss Chalet \$25 Super Mario's	7 \$50 Creative Knitter \$100 Benedict's Breakfast & Lunch	8 \$25 A & W \$25 Beer Store \$50 Petro Canada	9 \$250 Over the Rainbow Dog Academy \$25 Toys R Us	10 \$100 Walmart \$50 Canadian Tire	11 \$50 LCBO \$50 Esso \$25 Drifters	12 \$50 McDonald's \$50 Tim Hortons \$25 LCBO
13 \$20 McDonald's \$50 Cineplex \$50 The Keg	14 \$100 Benedict's Breakfast & Lunch \$25 SIR Dining Card	15 \$50 Starbucks \$50 Joe Feta's \$50 Petro Canada	16 \$50 Any Card (E Gift) \$50 Market Cafe \$25 Sephora	17 \$50 Cineplex \$100 Amazon	18 \$100 Lottery \$25 MasterCard \$25 Pizza Pizza	19 \$100 Petro Canada \$25 Dollarama \$25 Tim Hortons
20 \$100 Amazon \$25 PlayStation \$25 Tim Hortons	21 \$25 Starbucks \$250 Beyond the Willow Photography	22 \$25 Dollarama \$50 LCBO \$40 McDonald's	23 \$25 Manicure \$30 Tim Hortons \$50 Food Basics \$30 Netflix	24 \$100 Benedict's Breakfast & Lunch \$50 Indigo	25 \$25 Indigo \$50 Starbucks \$60 Bath & Body	26 \$25 Old Navy \$50 Cineplex \$50 Axe Throwing
27 \$50 Sephora \$50 Walmart \$50 Cineplex	28 \$30 Tim Hortons \$250 Shirley Cove Photography	29 \$50 Red Lobster \$100 Bass Pro Shops	30 \$30 Subway 2 Adult Helicopter Rides (\$406)			Total of Calendar: <b>\$4781</b>

Our school newsletter can be found online at [www.niagaracatholic.ca](http://www.niagaracatholic.ca)

## Textile Collection

The **St. Thérèse Eco Warriors** will be hosting our annual textiles collection that will be donated to Value Village. The collection will occur from **Tuesday, April 1, 2025 until Tuesday, April 22, 2025**. Please drop off any donations to the school during this time frame. Thank you for helping us to reuse and recycle!

### Accepted Textile Items:

- Accessories and bags
- Clothing (all types)
- Curtains
- General cloth items - bedding and bath items
- Shoes and boots
- Sleeping bags





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### Upcoming Sacraments

CHANGE OF DATE: Our Grade 8s are celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation on **Sunday, May 11, 2025** at 9am.

Our Grade 2s are celebrating the sacrament of First Communion on **Saturday, May 10th** at 4:00pm.

Thank you to Father Danielle, Mr. Frey, Mrs. Anderson, and Mrs. DiBartolomeo for helping prepare our students for these sacraments. We look forward to their upcoming retreats to help them on their spiritual journey.

### Reminder to Save the Date

Our **Grade 8 Graduation** will take place on **June 19th, 2025** at Lakeshore Catholic.

**CLASS OF  
2025**



School Apparel - Gradhoodies

### St. Thérèse SPIRIT WEAR - NEW ITEMS!

St. Thérèse Spirit Wear is available for purchase year round! Items are shipped directly to the school with your child's name on the package for easy delivery! Be sure to check out their website where you can see all of our new items!

Please check out [Big Bear Spiritwear's website](#) for more information - Click on Schools to find our shopping link!

### Earth Day

Earth Day is an annual event dedicate to raising awareness and inspiring action to tackle the various environmental challenges facing our planet. This day is also a time to celebrate those who

have done a lot to help the environment. Over 190 countries celebrate Earth Day around the globe, with more people getting involved each year.

Did you know that Earth Day is marked by more than a billion people a year?

Yes, a billion! This year's theme for Earth Day 2025 is OUR POWER, OUR PLANET, inviting everyone to unite behind renewable energy.

How? Join in Earth Action Day, encouraging all to take action. Pledge your Earth Action on social media using #EarthActionDay.

For more information about Earth Day and how you and your family can support Earth Day initiatives, go to [earthday.org](http://earthday.org)



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## What Are Our Students Involved in This Month?

March continues to be action packed with many opportunities for our students to enrich their school life! Here is a quick overview of some of the activities our students are involved in!

- Student Council
- Eco Warriors
- Healthy Heroes
- Spirit Squad
- Faith Ambassadors
- Eastside Fresh Market (We will have another one in May and June)
- Intermediate Badminton
- Junior Handball
- PALS (our older students run games and activities for our younger students at recess)



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## Reusable Water Bottles & Utensils

Please ensure that your child comes to school each day with a reusable water bottle. This will not only help keep our children hydrated but will also help our environment. We ask that if your child needs a fork or spoon to eat their snacks or lunch that you please place one in their lunch pails. As we continue our Eco Schools Initiatives we will be moving away from single-use plastics and want to educate our students about sustainable actions they can take as stewards of our earth.

## Niagara Nutrition Partners

Thank you to our Niagara Nutrition Partners for all their support this year. Each class has a bin and tongs filled with delicious and nutritious food items such as yogurt tubes, fruits, fruit bars, and individually baked goods. These items vary from day to day. All students are welcome to pick a snack to compliment their own snacks.




## Standardized Dress Code

Reminder that students are expected to follow dress code expectations daily. We have provided a graphic below as a reminder of the colour and items of clothing that students can wear to school. Our Grade 8 Students are also able to wear their GRAD Hoodies!

All students can also wear St. Thérèse Spirit Wear or Lakeshore Catholic Spirit Wear!

Thank you for your continued support.



# 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.



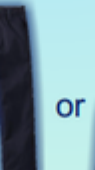




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**Bottoms**  
At a minimum, every student is required to wear one of the following:

- Navy sweat pants (Kindergarten - Grade 3) or;
- Navy pants (capri, cargo, denim, kobe or corduroy) or;
- Navy skirts, 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.



or or or or

**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



## Morning Drop Off

Please remember - staff supervision begins at **8:40 a.m.** each morning. Students should not be dropped off or arriving to school earlier than this time.

Starting at 8:40 a.m. we have supervision staff who are helping students so they can walk to their entrances both at the front and back of the school **before 8:55 a.m.** Once the bell goes, students must enter through the westdoors of the school which are serving as our front doors for now.

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## Safe Arrival - Reporting Your Child's Attendance

To report your child absent, please use one of the 3 methods listed below:

1. Use the SafeArrival website: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account using your email address on file with the school. After logging in, select the Attendance tab to Report an Absence.
2. Using your mobile device, download and install the School Messenger App (blue logo) from the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store. Use your new login information to access your account. Select Attendance to Report an Absence. If you would like to receive attendance notifications on your mobile device, please enable Push Notifications in the Settings area of the app.
3. The toll-free number 844-287-6287 will allow you to report your child absent without creating an account.

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## Toys at School

We remind all our students and parents that although toys are fun to play with during recess times, it is difficult to keep track of whose toys belong to whom. Often students bring and play with their toys during class time. We ask that you please consider not sending toys or labelling the toys and speaking to your child about when is an appropriate time to use them.

Please do not send Pokémon cards to school as students are not permitted **to trade** playing cards of any kind.

Thank you for your support!



**Melissa Turcotte**

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