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JUNE 2025

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

In June, the students and staff of Sacred Heart Catholic School will be continuing to engage in quality programming in light of the beautiful weather, end of year class trips, and thoughts of summer. There is much to accomplish over the next four weeks and we anticipate that all classes will continue to engage in the teaching and learning process to the end of the year as we will be focusing on the ways we worship in celebration of our unique gifts and talents. Though all created in God's image, we are all unique and special. The gifts and talents we have express the ways in which God has made Himself known through each one of us and by using the gifts we have been given, we can honour God and thank Him for all that He has given us.

Mr. Romeo

MEDICAL UPDATES FOR 2025-26

In June, parents/guardians of students with anaphylaxis and/or other medical emergency protocol will receive documentation to complete for the 2025-26 school year. This will allow parents time to schedule appointments with their child's physician over the summer break.

Please send updated paperwork (with physician's input and signature) together with applicable medications/EPI pens, etc. to your child's school on the 1st day of school (Tuesday, September 2, 2025). This information will be gathered and used by school staff to update our students' confidential record in September.

Thank you for supporting us in this proactive exercise.

Medical
Update

GRADUATION 2025



Graduation plans for June 2025 are set. A Graduation committee has been selected from interested parent volunteers as well as staff. The date for this year's Graduation 2024 is **THURSDAY JUNE 19, 2025**. The evening will begin with the Graduation ceremony and presentation of diplomas at 5:30 p.m. at Saint Michael Catholic High School in their auditorium and then Graduates will make their way to Betty's Restaurant for dinner thereafter. Many thanks go out to our Gr. 8 Parent Grad Committee for their leadership and assistance in making this night for our Graduates so very special.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH MASS TIMES

- Saturday 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday—11:00 a.m.

SACRED HEART ON SOCIAL MEDIA



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ON THE CALENDAR

PA DAY—Friday June 6, 2025

Friday June 6, 2025 is a professional activity day. There is no school for students on this date.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!! - Friday June 27, 2025

Please note that the last day for students is Friday June 27, 2025. Reminder that the first day of the 2025-26 school year is Tuesday September 2, 2025.

POPCORN SALES



Each Tuesday, the Gr. 8's will make their way through the Primary hallway (Kindergarten through to and including the Gr. 3/4 class) and on Wednesday's they will sell to the Junior / Intermediate Hall (Gr. 4/5 class through to the Gr. 8's)

Please have students bring \$2 in with them if they are interested in purchasing popcorn on their specified day.

HOT LUNCHES & MILK PROGRAM

Hot lunches this month (orders are processed via School Cash Online):

Pizza Day – Thursday June 5, 2025 (orders are due June 2)

Swiss Chalet Day—Thursday June 12, 2025 (orders are due June 9)

Sub Day – Thursday June 19, 2025 (orders are due June 16)



SPRING FUN FAIR—THURSDAY JUNE 5, 2025 (4—7 p.m.)

We are excited to announce the return of our Spring Fun Fair. Many thanks go out to our Catholic School Council and staff members for assisting in the planning and preparation of what we hope is a fun filled night for our families. The Spring Fun Fair will be on Thursday, June 5, 2025.

Please note that food and drink orders have only been placed through School Cash online.

We will be accepting cash at the fair for tickets for raffle baskets, games and the bouncers!! Please plan on being there as it won't be the same without you!



TALENT SHOW



Sacred Heart Catholic students (from Gr. 1 – 8) are being invited to show that they have talent. "Casting Calls" have started and students have been invited to sign up to showcase their talent at our Talent show that is scheduled to take place on Wednesday June 25, 2025. We thank Mrs. Manders and Mrs. Beswick for leading this opportunity for our students. More detailed information including times for each show (Gr. 1-3 acts) & (Gr. 4—8 acts) will be communicated closer to the 25th.

TERM TWO PROVINCIAL REPORT CARD—2025

The provincial report card is only one among several means used by teachers for reporting student achievement to parents and students. Communication about student achievement should be designed to provide detailed information that will encourage students to set goals for learning, help teachers to establish plans for teaching, and assist parents in supporting learning at home. The Term Two Report Card will be made available during the latter portion of the week of June 23, 2025.



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SPORTING & CLUBS NEWS!!!

SPORTS UPDATE



We had a very successful school track and field meet during the first week of May. We have approximately 60 students who will be moving on to the Saint Michael Family of Schools Track meet at Oakes Park on Wednesday June 4, 2025. Those who place (in first) from that Meet will move on to the NCDSB Track meet at the St. Catharines Olympic Club on Thursday June 12, 2025.

We also want to congratulate Mr. Cuviglio on the organization and running of another phenomenal Track and Field meet.



LOOKING AHEAD!

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

We continue to work through the planning process for the 2025- 2026 school year and the specific organization of the school is tentative dependent upon any changes to our enrolment numbers. Due to changes that could happen in enrollment and the possible effect that has on classroom numbers we will not be able to announce classroom and teacher placement at this time. We ask for your patience as this news will be communicated in late August.

How Parents can help with the transition to a different grade...

Talk positively to your child about next year. If your child is with a different group of students discuss relationships and the excitement of making new friends.



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

SACRED HEART SPIRIT WEAR

Please note that Bigbear Spiritwear will now be supplying Spirit wear and dress code items that will be available for sale via their website. Please access [Sacred Heart's](#) direct link.



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](#).

CELL PHONE USE IN SCHOOL & SOCIAL MEDIA ACCESS

To minimize distractions, students who bring their cell phones to school must have the phone stored out of view and turned off or onto silent mode during the instructional day. They may only use it if their teacher permits it for learning, for health or medical purposes, or to support special education needs. Outside of these times, students are expected to keep their phones turned off or on silent and have them stored away.

Social media platforms on school networks and board devices will be disabled. This is intended to limit the number of interruptions in class and to benefit the mental health and well-being of students. Niagara Catholic already blocks access to some social media sites. Now all will be unavailable to students on the board network during the school day.

SCHOOL YEARBOOK 2024-25

The Sacred Heart School Yearbooks are in the process of being collated, constructed and put to print. It commemorates all the wonderful events that have taken place for all students from Kindergarten to Grade 8. Orders are available using School Cash Online only and each yearbook, being produced by Lifetouch Images will cost \$25.



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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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.

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HOME & SCHOOL—QUESTIONS, CONCERNS OR COMPLAINTS

The Ministry of Education has given school boards new requirements on how to communicate with parents who have questions, concerns, or complaints. This information will also be shared on the Parents section of the Board website and school websites in time for the start of the new school year. The process is outlined below:

- Parents/guardians should expect a response to a concern within **two business days**.
- If parents have a question about a classroom-related matter, such as curriculum, homework, classroom behavior, or specific incidents, please contact the child's teacher.
- If the parent cannot resolve the issue at the classroom level and/or have a question about school procedures, extra-curricular activities, or safety concerns, please contact the school Principal.
- For issues unresolved at the school level or issues related to Niagara Catholic policies, procedures, resource allocation, or other concerns, please contact the Superintendent of Education assigned to Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary

MORNING SUPERVISOR REMINDER

Our first bus arrives at 8:35 a.m. Students should not be beyond the gates of the school until 8:35 a.m. Parents are reminded that students should not be at school earlier than 8:35 a.m. Your cooperation is appreciated.

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.

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NIAGARA REGION PUBLIC HEALTH NEWSLETTER

June 2025

THINGS THAT BITE!

Ticks, mosquitos, and rabid animals can be a greater risk as the weather warms up.

Mosquitoes transmit the [West Nile virus](#) to humans after becoming infected by feeding on the blood of infected birds, which carry the virus. To learn how to protect your family, visit [Reduce the Risk of West Nile Virus - Niagara Region](#).

The blacklegged (deer) tick can transmit [Lyme disease and other tickborne diseases](#) to humans after becoming infected by feeding on the blood of small animals which carry the disease. To learn how to protect you and your pets, visit [Protect and Prevent Ticks - Niagara Region](#).

[Rabies](#) is transmitted through saliva from bites and scratches, entering an open cut or wound, or from saliva contacting a mucous membrane, such as those in the mouth, nasal cavity, or eyes. To [reduce the risk of rabies](#), it's best to avoid contact with wild animals such as raccoons, skunks, and bats.

For more information and free tick identification, individuals can visit [e-tick](#). General tick information can be found on our [Niagara Region Public Health website](#) or by contacting a Duty Officer directly at 905-688-8248 ext. 7590.

HEAD LICE—Students are now back into the swing of things and spending lots of time with friends and classmates during school and after school. Lice can spread regardless of a student's age. Head lice are spread by direct head-to-head contact or by sometimes sharing items like combs, brushes, hats, pillows, etc. Anyone can get head lice, it's not a sign of poor personal hygiene or an unclean environment.

Check out School Health's new webpage on head lice for more information: [Head Lice - Niagara Region, Ontario](#)

With warmer weather and summer break just around the corner, more kids will be outdoors taking part in activities, such as biking, skate boarding or roller blading. A [properly fitted and correct helmet](#) can cut the risk of a serious head injury by up to 85%. This means four out of five brain injuries could be prevented if every cyclist wore a helmet.

- Bike [helmets](#) should be replaced after five years **or** a crash where the cyclist has hit their head

- It's not safe to use a [second-hand helmet](#)

- Baseball hats, big hair clips and headphones should never be worn under a helmet

The human skull is just approximately one centimeter thick, so it is important to remind children to always protect their head when being active. To make sure a helmet fits right, follow the 2V1 Rule (image courtesy of [Parachute Canada](#))

As you prepare for the new school year this summer, remember to check if your child's immunizations are up-to-date. If you are unsure, talk to your health care provider or [contact the vaccine team](#) at Public Health. Staying up to date with routine vaccinations helps protect your child from preventable diseases.

If your child needs to get caught up on vaccines, you can:

- Make an appointment with your health care providers
- Visit a walk-in clinic (call ahead to confirm vaccine availability)
- Check availability of Public Health vaccination clinics. Call 905-688-8248, extension 7425 (Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.)

Don't forget to report your child's vaccines to Public Health!

Every time your child receives a vaccine, it must be reported to Public Health. Doctors, child care facilities, and schools don't do this for you.

The fastest and most convenient way to report vaccines (except COVID-19 and flu shots) or request records is through [Immunization Connect \(ICON\)](#), a secure online system for tracking and reporting immunizations.

- For more information on vaccines needed for school, visit: [Baby, Children and Youth Vaccinations](#)

Walking or biking to school is a great way to help kids stay active, healthy, and focused throughout the day and get them out in their communities! Regular physical activity boosts mood, improves fitness, and supports learning by helping kids concentrate better in class. It also helps create safer, less congested school zones by reducing traffic and pollution.

- From **June 2-6**, families across Ontario are encouraged to participate in **Bike to School Week**! Invite your child to ride with friends or family, and join in creating a healthier, happier community. To learn more, visit the [Bike to School Week](#) webpage and see how your school can get involved!