



Loretto Catholic Elementary School

June 2025



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Principal Message

As we wrap up another incredible school year, we want to extend our deepest gratitude to our entire school community—our dedicated staff, supportive families, and inspiring students.

To our **staff**: Thank you for your commitment, creativity, and care. Your hard work and passion have made this year a success and a meaningful experience for every student.

To our **families**: Your partnership, encouragement, and involvement have been invaluable. Thank you for trusting us and for being such an important part of our school's journey.

To our **students**: You are the heart of our school. Your curiosity, resilience, and enthusiasm have brought life to our classrooms and joy to our halls. We are so proud of all you've accomplished this year.

Wishing everyone a safe, restful, and joyful summer. We look forward to welcoming you back for another exciting year ahead!

Thank you

L. Spadafora & M. Kelly

Please see the June calendar at the end of the newsletter



Happy Father's Day

To all of our Father, grandfathers, godfathers and special men in our lives, Happy Father's Day.



Communication

Loretto Catholic is rooted in Catholic and Christian values. Our goal is to create a safe, kind and loving environment for all who work, learn, and assist with our school community.

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.

We continue to focus on "**Bee-ing part of our Loretto Catholic Hive**", we all play a role in order for our Hive to be successful. We can Be Kind, Be Caring, Be successful, Be Nurturing, Be workers, Be Faithful...

As we work through this year students and staff will work on the importance of Team work and how our Hive is a collective group



that helps to make each one of us better and stronger spiritually, emotionally and intellectually.



Organization 2025-2026

We will be starting to plan for the 2025- 2026 school year and the specific organization of the school is tentative dependent upon any changes to our enrolment numbers. As well, due to our enrolment numbers, we know that combined classes are a reality for many of our grades.

We will continue to follow the direction set in the past several years, **and will not be accepting requests**. As the experts in education, we will base all student placement decisions on what is in the *best interest of the entire student community at Loretto Catholic*. These decisions are made in good faith and based on, but not necessarily limited to, the following considerations: individual needs of students; academic strengths and needs; social and emotional needs of students; resource support requirements and personnel allocation; and classroom teacher strengths.

Please continue to remember that changes to classes can and will continue to be made until the end of September.

Combined classes such as but not limited are Grades 3/4, 6/7 and 7/8. We have very large numbers in certain grades and combined classes will be a reality.

Those classes will not be altered until September even if we continue to receive enrollment for new classes.

******We will not be making any adjustments or changes to class lists or homerooms until the end of September should enrollment increase or decrease.**

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. Letting them know that we have many opportunities to see all their friends at recess, trips etc. That new experiences build resiliency and enhance our learnings skills like collaboration, independence, initiative to name a few.



SAVE THE DATE

Our 2025 - 2026 Open House/Meet the Teacher night will be Thursday October 2nd 2025. The later date is at accommodate possible class changes due to enrollment over the summer.



Parking Lot Safety

Just wanted to take a moment to thank all our families who are following the **Kiss'n Ride process both before and after school.**

We are asking parents to only use the front area designated as a Kiss'n 'Ride- to not park and leave your car or exit your car in this area. Student(s) exit the car only with their belongings and cross with the supervisor to the school property. We are asking that GR 4-8 if being picked up use the KSD/Loretto side parking lot by the Soccer Turf. Students can walk out through the back blacktop.

We also ask that parents do not park in front of the stop signs along the exit path as this blocks traffic and flow and the entry of the afternoon busses.

Parents/Guardians we ask that you not block the entrance way at the end of the day as the busses are struggling to get into our parking lot or to have to try and maneuver around cars.

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 8:45 a.m.** Once the bell goes, students must enter through the front doors.

We ask that cars proceed **slowly** as we have had a few very close calls with students. Cars need to **STOP** and check that the crosswalk is clear where students and families are walking to cross.

Should parents want to park- then please use the side entrance at the KSD side (Kalar Soccer Park) and enter through the back gates after 8:35 and at the end of the day after 3:05 at dismissal so KSD can dismiss.

Families are asked not to park on the side of Loretto Catholic where the gate and portables are at any time as this is an Emergency Lane, as well we have been asked not to use the Avondale Parking lot or the Dental Office as a pick up zone.

Your support and assistance in ensuring our students' safety are very important to all of us.

EQAO

Our students in Grade 3 and 6 are once again participating in EQAO. Once again, the assessment is completed using computers, the focus remains on Reading, Writing and Math. Students will have an opportunity to show off their gifts based on the Ontario Curriculum which they have been diligently working on throughout the year.

This year our Grade 3 students will be writing over two days - May 27 & 28 and Grade 6 students will write on June 2 & 3 - the

assessment times are less than in previous years so we will only need two days. Students will be given extra time if needed or if they miss any of the days.



Students will have the opportunity to complete the assessment and do their very best.

Balance Day schedule

A Balanced School Day is a modified elementary school schedule designed to enhance learning, foster healthy habits, and encourage daily physical activity.

A typical Monday to Friday Balanced School Day at Loretto Catholic would be:

- **845- 8:55 a.m. -Bell rings/Announcements & Attendance**
- **8:55–10:55 a.m. – 120 instructional minutes**
- **10:55-11:35 a.m. – 40 minutes nutrition break (20 mins eating/20 mins physical activity break)**
- **11:35-12:55 p.m. – 80 instructional minutes**
- **12:55–1:35 p.m. – 40 minutes nutrition/physical activity break**
- **1:35–2:55 p.m. – 80 instructional minutes**
- **2:55-3:05 p.m. - Prayers/Announcements & Dismissal for all students**

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Playground Safety

Parents, we have noticed lots of excessive physical play during our outdoor and after school times. Often, it is a simple misunderstanding or because feelings were hurt. Students are saying very unkind words over a loss of a game or showing poor sportsmanship. We are asking for your support as we continue to work with our students on being kind to each other, walking away, going to a teacher for help, asking the other student to stop. These are some of strategies we are using. Our students can communicate their feelings afterward and are always remorseful and willing to work through to a solution and restore the relationship. We will continue to develop and work on students regulating their emotions with the Zones of Regulations.

We thank you in advance for addressing this at home as a family as well.

Big Bear Spirit Wear

Families are able to purchase Spirit Wear through Big Bear Spiritwear - **please visit the website by clicking on the banner above with their name.**

Our new **FRESH** Loretto Catholic Logo for our Spirit Wear.

Students may continue to wear existing spirit wear. Just a reminder that Spirit Wear T-shirts are not part of the daily dress code as collar shirts must be worn.

Please see the items below that are available throughout the year to purchase.

****To order- Link to Big Bear website- click schools- click Niagara Falls - click on Loretto Catholic**

School dress code is in effect. Collared shirt is either blue or white- no logos. Pants, skirts, shorts are blue. Denim is dark denim and in good repair, not faded or with holes.

All sweaters are blue unless they are Loretto Catholic Spirit wear which are blue and/or grey and have our school logo on it.

Grad hoodies are reserved for our students in Grade 8 only. As well as St. Michael's HS current spirit wear on Wednesdays.

In the winter months students, please have students layer and wear blue dress code sweaters. Please be mindful that running shoes are necessary for gym classes and for outside play.

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. If you have purchased a Lynx T-shirt in previous years, student can continue to wear them on Spirit Wear day and during gym class.

As the warmer months have arrived, please be mindful that dress code remains in effect, collar shirts, appropriate length shorts(no short short), skorts, skirts (with shorts underneath), no tank tops or ripped waded jeans. **Sweaters remain as dress code.**

Thank you for your continued support.

LORETTO LYNX 2023 SPIRITWEAR

Gildan DryBlend 9.4 oz. 50/50 Jersey Polo

Embroidered with Loretto Lynx Logo on Left Chest



Youth #8800B \$18.79
Adult #8800 \$20.49

Available Colours: Navy & White

Core 365 Dri-Fit 100% Polyester Polo Shirt

Youth #88181Y Ladies' #78181 Adult #88181



\$27.50

Available Colours: Navy & White

50/50 Pull-Over Hooded Sweatshirt, 13.0 oz.

Printed with Full-Size Loretto Lynx Logo on Front



Youth #18500B \$32.49
Adult #18500 \$33.95

Available Colours: Navy & Dark Heather

50/50 Pull-Over Hooded Sweatshirt, 13.0 oz.

Full-Size Embroidery & Appliqué Decoration on Front



Youth #18500B \$36.95
Adult #18500 \$38.49

Available Colours: Navy and Dark Heather

Dynamic Heather 2-Tone Lightweight Polyester Hoodie

Printed with Full-Size Loretto Lynx Logo on Front



Youth #Y2047 \$64.95
Adult #F2047 \$64.95

Available Colour: Charcoal Dynamic Heather/True Navy

50/50 Full-Zip Hooded Sweatshirt, 13.0 oz.

Embroidered with Loretto Lynx Logo on Left Chest



Youth #18600B \$38.95
Adult #18600 \$42.49

Available Colours: Navy and Dark Heather

ATC™ Mid Profile Twill Ball Cap

Embroidered with Loretto Lynx Logo Front

100% cotton twill 6-panel Adjustable hook and loop closure



Youth Size Adjustable #Y130 \$14.49
Adult Size Adjustable #C130 \$14.95

Coal Grey Navy

Acrylic 12" Pom Pom Toque

Embroidered with Loretto Lynx Logo on Front



#SP15 One Size \$14.50

Dark Heather/Navy

Acrylic Beanie-Style Winter Toque

Embroidered with Loretto Lynx Logo on Front



One Size #102 \$12.95 + tax

Charcoal Grey Navy

Tax is NOT included in the Prices shown.

Order On-Line at www.bigbearspiritwear.com

No Refunds or Exchanges on Decorated or Customized Products

Sizing Charts available at each product online | Delivery to your School option available

New Design!





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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.



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.



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

Electronics

The Electronic communication Systems Policy states that cell phones or smart phones, tablets, laptops, audio or video recording devices are eligible for use by students in all Niagara Catholic Elementary schools (Grades 6-8) **as approved only by staff for instructional or co-instructional purposes**. The expectation is that students will use NCDSB's electronic communication systems for educational purposes, to enhance learning through responsible access to global information and communication. Students who carry cell phones when travelling to and from school, for safety reasons, are reminded they are not allowed to use their cell phones to call or text home once they are on school property or during the school day/recess/lunch.

All cell phone must **remain off/silent** and **put away** during the school day unless noted by the school staff.

Students are asked to use the school student phone located in the office if they need to call home or are not feeling well.

We thank you in advance for your support in ensuring students stay safe from social media during the school day.

[School Cash online](#)

Payment for School Activities- School Cash Online

Parents/Guardians are asked to sign up for our convenient payment program - SCHOOLCASHONLINE. This is an excellent way to pay for student activities/lunches without sending in money to school.

To register, please go to:



SchoolCashOnline.com: Welcome

Why Use SchoolCash Online? Convenient Make secure payments 24/7 from the comfort of your home Easy To Use Online shopping with various payment methods Safe Your child won't be carrying cash or checks to and from school Saves Time Manage your school expenses and view payment history in one place

schoolcashonline.com

Lynx Water Bottles

We will continue to sell our Loretto Lynx 24- ounce reusable Sports Water bottles with our Loretto Lynx logo on it as well as a spot to write your child's name on it. Water bottles are BPA-free sports bottles that are made with a polyethylene (PET) material that's phthalate-free, non-toxic and lead-free. It features a twist-on lid with push/pull drinking spout. Its translucent bottle colour matches its lid color. Bottles can be purchased through School **Cash Online for \$8.00 each or 2 for \$14.00. We will begin selling as of mid September until late May.**



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.

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.



We also want to thank our families for donating to this great cause so we can continue to sustain and help maintain it throughout the year.

Please continue to help by donating through School Cash Online.

Items Left At School

We know it is the season when we have many student belongings at school like hats, mittens, sweaters, coats, indoor/outdoor shoes and boots at school. Often items are not labelled and it is

hard to know who they belong to. We do have a lost and found for students to check in the vestibule in the main entrance to the school. Unfortunately, should items go missing and/or are lost when students have left them at school a reminder that we, the school, are not responsible for any lost items or items left at the school. We will do our best to help our students find their items. We ask that items are all labelled as many items are similar or from the same stores.

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.

Although students are encouraged **not to trade** playing cards of any kind i.e. Pokémon, we are not responsible for traded, lost or misplaced cards.

Thank you for your support

Pets on School Property

Parents, we kindly ask that your pets do not come on to school property at arrival and dismissal. Many of our areas are already congested with families at pick up and some of our families and students are a little uncomfortable.

We appreciate your support.

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Do you have a little one starting Kindergarten?



Public Health works in partnership with teachers, support staff, students, and parents to build a healthier school community.

Check out our [School Health webpage](#) for some important links and supports:

- [Childhood illnesses and diseases of public health significance](#)
- [Non-reportable illnesses and exclusion periods](#)
- [Dental screening](#)
- [School-aged vaccines](#)

Parents and legal guardians of junior and senior kindergarten registrants and students new to Ontario are asked to report their vaccinations to [Public Health](#).

Niagara Region Public Health School 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 safety – for bikes and other wheels

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](#))



Make Immunizations Part of Your Summer Checklist!

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.

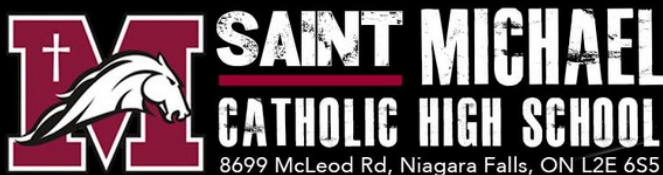
For more information on vaccines needed for school, visit: [Baby, Children and Youth Vaccinations](#)

Bike to School Week 2025



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!



- MIND
- BODY
- SPIRIT

We are a proud member of the Saint Michael Highschool Family of Schools



Loretto Catholic Elementary School

Called By Name

June 2025



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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 Mass St. Thomas More Church 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm | 2 Day 4 EQAO Grade 6 | 3 Day 5 EQAO Grade 6 Freezies on sale \$2.00 full/1.00 half Gr. 1 & 2 Year End Trip Jellystone Park | 4 Day 1 Gr. 3 Science Workshop Track and Field St. Michael's FOS Gr 4-8 Finalist | 5 Day 2 Closing Mass K-8 STM 10:00 am Families welcome Kindergarten Open House 5:00 pm—6:15 pm | 6 PA Day | 7 Mass St. Thomas More Church 5:00 |
| 8 Pentecost Sunday Mass St. Thomas More Church 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm | 9 Day 3 Taekwondo: 3/4V, 4P, 1/2M Gr. 3 Year End Trip Clifton Hill Pickleball: 4P, 4VR, 5P, 8C | 10 Day 4 Taekwondo: 2J, 2/3D, K's Grade 8 Year End to Wonderland Pickleball: 5G, 6/7G, 6J Freezies on sale \$2.00 full/1.00 half | 11 Day 5 Water Safety Presentation Gr. 3-6 9:30 am Pickleball: 7C, 7FS, 8M | 12 Day 1 NCDSB Track and Field @Niagara Olympia Club | 13 Day 2 Pickleball: 6/7M, 8M, 8C | 14 Mass St. Thomas More Church 5:00 pm |
| 15 HAPPY Father's DAY Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity | 16 Day 3 Pickleball: 7C, 7FS, 8M | 17 Day 4 Track and Field NCDSB Rain Date Gr 8 Grad Mass with OLMC @ STM 10:15 Freezies on sale \$2.00 full/1.00 half | 18 Day 5 Alt Dress Day Black & Yellow Day | 19 Day 1 Kindergarten Year End Trip McBain Centre Grade 6 & 7 Year End Trip-Adventure Village | 20 Day 2 Play Day Kinder- Grade 8 Appropriate Athletic Wear | 21 National Indigenous Peoples Day Mass St. Thomas More Church 5:00 |
| 22 Mass St. Thomas More Church 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm Solemnity of Corpus | 23 Day 3 National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism Play Day Rain Date | 24 Day 4 Grade 8 Graduation Ovation Hall 5:30 pm Freezies on sale \$2.00 full/1.00 half | 25 Day 5 St. Michael HS Graduation | 26 Day 1 | 27 Day 2 Red & White Day LAST DAY of SCHOOL! HAVE A GREAT SUMMER! | 28 Mass St. Thomas More Church 5:00 pm |
| 29 Mass St. Thomas More Church 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm | SAFE ARRIVAL Student Absent Reporting before 9:00 a.m. of the current day Please call 1-844-287-6287 or visit go.schoolmessenger.ca | | Every Wednesday is Waste free Wednesday | June is National Indigenous History Month | | |

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Ms. Spadafora