

ST. THÉRÈSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

June 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 - Inside Eating

1:05-1:25- Inside Eating

1:25-1:45- Recess

3:05 - Prayers, Announcements

3:15 - Dismissal Bell



Father's Day Prayer

Dear Lord,

We thank You for the gift of fatherhood. Bless all fathers with strength, wisdom, and love. May they reflect Your grace and guidance in their journey of raising and nurturing their children. Surround them with Your peace, and let Your joy fill their hearts each day.

In Jesus' name, we pray,

Amen.



Called By Name: "Come, Follow Me"

Our Monthly Reflection

In the Bible, Jesus invites us with the words "Come, follow me." This means He wants us to join Him on a journey of love, kindness, and faith. Just like a good friend who shows us how to be our best selves, Jesus is asking us to follow His example. When we help others, show compassion, and make good choices, we're following Him and living the way He taught us. It's like being part of a special team where everyone works together to make the world a better place. So, when we hear "Come, follow me," it's Jesus asking us to be His helpers and to spread His love to everyone we meet.

Principal's Message

Dear St. Thérèse Families,

As we countdown the school days remaining in the 2024-2025 school year, we are amazed by the accomplishments of our students this year. June promises to be full of field trips, our Annual Spring Fest, Play Day, Grade 8 Graduation and many other exciting events.

We are also very excited to announce our school construction projects are almost complete. We only have a couple windows left to be replaced, the ceiling of the front entranceway is almost done, our front landscaping is complete and there are a few more final touches needed on our roof. We are working hard to try to have the front doors of the school OPEN for use on the night of Spring Fest. While the front hoarding fenced off area will be removed for Spring Fest so our families can see all of our progress, the fencing will be put back in place the following week so the workers can safely complete the remaining work. The final phase will be the installation of they skylights some time in August or September. We are very excited to show our school community all the updates to our school.

Reflecting on our school year thus far, we have

Looking forward to another fun-filled month at St. Thérèse.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mrs. Turcotte



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SPRING FEST INFO!

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

We are so excited to welcome our families back to our Annual Spring Fest event! New this year we have a special photobooth from "Betty Loo Photobooth" Company where you can print or text your pictures! We can't wait for you to capture some memories!

Interested in volunteering your time? Why not consider helping out our staff and Catholic School Council by volunteering for a one hour time slot! Please call the school if you are available to help!

Our new Kindergarten Orientation is taking place on June 9th but we have invited all of our new kindergarten students to attend Spring Fest so they can experience our school community ahead of time. Be sure to welcome our new JKs when you see them!

Our front doors will be open for use the night of Spring Fest!! When you come inside the school you will find our AMAZING prizes for our raffle (we have a separate special draw for a brand new bike!!), you will see our cookie decorating, our Scholastic Book Fair AND you will be able to

purchase food item tickets in the front entrance of the school if you did not order ahead of time on school cash online.

Did you order in advance? Your ticket package will be available outside near the BBQ station.

PLEASE NOTE: You can purchase from the Scholastic Book Fair using debit or credit however all other transactions (e.g. penny sale, bike raffle, food items, cotton candy etc) are only available for purchase with cash. Consider bringing small bills or loonies and toonies to ensure we can make change.

Be sure to check out special presentations by our Dance Team, the Lakeshore Catholic Drumline and the Canadian Customs Drug Dog.

We are so excited to see you at Spring Fest

BROKEN SPOKE at Spring Fest

The Broken Spoke Repair Shop is one of our community partners attending Spring Fest once again this year! Do you have any bikes you are looking to get rid of? Why not bring them to Spring Fest and donate them to Broken Spoke!



Are you familiar with the Broken Spoke?

Their Mission:

Engage students in the understanding and benefits of refurbishing bicycles to provide enjoyment and transportation for themselves and those less fortunate.

EASTSIDE MARKET

Our final EASTSIDE MARKET will take place on **June 11th!** Mrs. Loeffen's Grade 6/7 class did a fabulous job planning, organizing and distributing our produce each month! The "pun" filled announcement and fruit costumes were a HUGE hit with the students and staff!



June 2nd is the **LAST DAY** to order your own produce bag or pay it forward for \$5 through School Cash Online! Due to the generous donation from United Way - this next market will be our best one yet!

We would like to wrap up our Eastside Fresh Market experience with a survey so we can gather feedback. Please keep your eye out for our survey coming soon!

Dress Code Donation

The last day of school, **Friday, June 27th, is a dress down day!!** Families are invited to drop off gently used dress code clothing at the school between 8:30am and 3:30pm. Please ensure that the clothing is clean and free from rips or holes. We LOVE having extra dress code items available for our students just in case of an accidents, spills or families in need.

During the last week of August, families who would like to access gently used dress code clothing will be invited to the school to pick up items for their children. More details will be forthcoming in our end of school year newsletter!

McDonald's Night

We are hosting a **McDonald's Night** on **Thursday, June 12th** at the Port Colborne McDonald's from **3:30-6:00pm!** This location provides our pancakes each year on Shrove Tuesday and also lends us their coffee urns for our hot chocolate on Gingerbread House night.



We invite families to come for a snack, for dinner, for a dessert anytime between 3:30-6:00pm and 10% of all sales will go directly back to the school. Mrs. Turcotte and some staff members will be at McDonald's "working" to serve our Titan families.

If your family is interested in attending - please reserve a McDonald's ticket through school cash online. These are **FREE** - but the ticket is needed to ensure your purchase goes towards the St. Thérèse Fundraiser!

Want to invite other friends, family or neighbours to pop by for something to eat? You can also reserve a ticket for them as well! This can be done through School Cash Online!

Our school will receive 225 tickets which will be available on a first come, first serve purpose. Any extra available tickets we will bring that evening for anyone who can attend.

Reusable Water Bottles

To help ensure your child comes to school each day with a reusable water bottle we have designed our very own St. Thérèse Water Bottle!

Water bottles are available on School Cash Online for most of June and again in September.



Board Track and Field Meet

Our students have successfully competed in our St. Thérèse Track and Field Meet! Several athletes then moved on to our Lakeshore Catholic Family of Schools Track Meet - pictures can be found on our school instagram account!



While we are still awaiting confirmation of all the results, some of our students will be moving on to the **Board Track and Field Meet** taking place on **Thursday, June 12th** with the raindate of **June 17th**. Families of successful athletes will be contacted individually.

We are so proud of all of our Grade 4-8 students for their great sportsmanship and participation at Track and Field this year! We look forward to Mrs. Loeffen's Grade 6/7 Class organizing and running our Primary Track and Field Meet later this month!



Grade 8 Graduation

Our **Grade 8 Class** will celebrate their **Graduation** at **6pm** on **June 19th, 2025** at Lakeshore Catholic Secondary School. All are welcome to attend the Graduation Ceremony to support our graduates on their big day! Pictures can be taken in the lobby with friends and family and a group picture of our graduates will be taken on the stairs! A Graduation Party will immediately follow the ceremony (for Graduates only!) at Lakeshore Catholic until 9pm. Our students will have dinner together and a whole lot of fun!!

FREE PIZZA DAY

On our final THURSDAY of the school year - all of our students and staff will receive two free slices of pizza from the Belmont!

We want to thank Alex and his staff at the Belmont for a wonderful school year with delicious pizza days on Thursdays! We also appreciate how well they organize our Fish and Chips day on Holy Thursday each school year!

We hope everyone enjoys their pizza to celebrate the end of the school year!



National Indigenous People's Day & Indigenous History Month

In cooperation with Indigenous Peoples' national organizations, the Government of Canada has designated **June 21 as National Indigenous People's Day**, a celebration of Indigenous Peoples'

culture

and heritage. This date was chosen because it follows the Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year, and because for generations, many Indigenous Peoples' groups have celebrated their culture and heritage at this time of year. Please click on the link below for additional information on [National Indigenous History Month.](#)

Kindergarten Registration for September 2025

Online registration for September 2025 is open! Students who have reached the age of four by December 31, 2025 are eligible for our Kindergarten Program (YEAR 1).

Online registration for NEW KINDERGARTEN students is available online at [www.NiagaraCatholic.ca/Join-Us.](http://www.NiagaraCatholic.ca/Join-Us)



We currently have 26 students registered for Kindergarten in September!!!

Students currently in school are not required to register again for next year. If you know of families in our school area who have young children, please invite them to register their child. When online registration has been completed, families will be contacted by the school.

Please be ready to scan and submit the following documents electronically:

- Copy of child's Birth Certificate or Birth Registration Form
- Copy of Baptismal Certificate (Parent's Certificate is acceptable)
- Proof of full address (eg. Utility bill)
- Any relevant custody order documents

FREEZIE DAYS

We will be hosting FREEZIE DAYS on **June 10th, 17th and 24th** to help keep our kids cool!!

JUMBO FREEZIES are available for \$1.

1/2 JUMBO FREEZIES are available for 50 cents!



Please ensure you send quarters and loonies as our Grade 7/8 class will be selling our freezies in the classroom on Tuesdays!

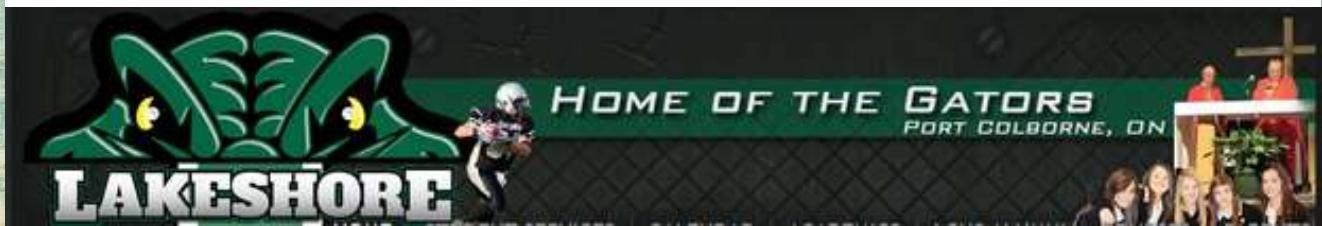


School Apparel - Gradhoodies

St. Thérèse SPIRIT WEAR

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!

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



We are a proud member of the Lakeshore Catholic Family of Schools

Scholastic Book Fair

We are excited to host our annual Scholastic Book Fair the first week of June! On Monday, our Library Assistant Mr. Whitwell will be setting up the Book Fair! The Tuesday is for students to preview the fair.



On Wednesday and Thursday, students will be able to purchase items during their classroom visits! The book fair will remain open throughout Spring Fest on Thursday evening for families to purchase items! Please check it out and support our school library. All proceeds go towards purchases more books for our students!



Pride Flag

By flying the Progress Pride flag at our schools and sites, Niagara Catholic is creating a visible symbol of acceptance and safety for our students who identify as part of the LGBTQ2S+ community, and for their families and allies.

Knowing that their school is a safe and accepting place contributes to the mental health and well-being of our students. Due to our ongoing construction, our flag will be hung on our west-side entrance from June 2nd - June 30th.

Kindergarten Celebration of Learning

On **Friday, June 20th**, we invite our Kindergarten Parents to join us in our gymnasium for a special celebration of learning. Our event will take place following last recess with doors opening at 1:45pm. There will be light refreshments following the presentation and you are welcome to take your child home with you following the event!

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.



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.

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Melissa Turcotte

Melissa is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters