



NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
The Niagara Catholic District School Board, through the charisms of faith, social justice, support and leadership, nurtures an enriching Catholic learning community for all to reach their full potential and become living witnesses of Christ.

# JUNE 2025



## Called by Name: Come, Follow Me

Dear Saints Families:

As our school year comes to a close and we reflect on our journey over the past months together, the St. Elizabeth staff would like to acknowledge and celebrate the many wonderful learning experiences and friendships that have been formed. Thank you to all parents and guardians for your ongoing support throughout this year. We could not offer such an enriching faith-based education to our students without the continuing effort and support that you give.

Through our Catholic values and ministry we embrace our passion in nurturing a learning community in which our children can thrive and flourish as living witnesses of Jesus Christ. We believe that Christ is our model for prayer, service, and building positive and loving relationships that will last a lifetime. Together, let's continue to demonstrate and model our hope and faith, by putting ourselves into the hands of the Lord, and pray that God will bless us and our families.

As our Grade 8 students begin a new chapter in their Catholic educational journey, I would like to remind them of the three "S's" of Success: "Smiling, Searching, and Striving." This is the model for school life at St. Elizabeth, and will continue with you at Lakeshore Catholic High School, as you officially become Gators! Motivation, determination, and commitment will be paramount in fulfilling your goals as Catholic Secondary School students. Always remember, the highest reward for a person's work is not what they get for it, but what they become of it. Your years at St. Elizabeth have brought many memorable moments that will last a lifetime. You have left a plethora of memories that will remain in the hallways of St. Elizabeth forever! So always remember, "Yesterday is history, Tomorrow a mystery and Today a Gift!" Best wishes to all of you!

As the 2024-2025 school year concludes, and the summer months approach us, let us take time to recognize God's continued presence and appreciate the gifts He has given to us. May your summer be filled with outdoor play, and lots of fun and laughter. Enjoy a safe and relaxing summer!

God Bless,  
Mrs. J. Mangiacasale

### PRAYER TO END A SCHOOL YEAR

*God of Wisdom*

*Thank you for the gifts you have given us throughout this school year.*

*We praise you for giving us life, for saving us in Christ and for choosing us to be your people.*

*As we come to the end of this school year, we voice our gratitude for the good things you have done for us and we praise you for all who have shared in the work of this school.*

*We ask you to bless them in your love and give them refreshment and peace.*

*We praise you, God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns forever and ever.*

Amen



### **NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH**

June is National Indigenous History Month. This is a time to recognize and honour the heritage, cultures and valuable contributions to society by First Nations, Inuit and Métis. **Each year in Canada on June 21st, National Indigenous Peoples Day is celebrated.** The date was chosen for its important symbolism to many Indigenous people as the summer solstice (the longest day of the year).



**School resumes on  
Tuesday, September 2, 2025**

*We are proud to be a part of the Lakeshore Catholic Family of Schools.*



# St. Elizabeth NEWS

**SPORTS NEWS**

On Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> the intermediate girls participated in the board-wide Flag Football Tournament held at the Youngs Sportsplex in Welland. With Zoey as quarterback, the team played well and showed resilience against opposing teams. Receivers Emma and Ciara scored numerous touchdowns to lead the team into third place. Emily, Nevaeh, Trinity and Sophie shut down offenses on defense, making incredible stops and forcing turnovers. Bella, as running back, put the team in positions to score points and gain first down yards. The team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall in their division. Special thanks to all the families in attendance for their support and encouragement and to the team for their wonderful sportsmanship and attitude. Big Thanks to Coach Dayboll for assisting the team!

**Until next year...Go Saints!!**



**SPRING CARNIVAL**

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our Spring Carnival. It was a huge success, but more importantly it was a time where families and community came together and enjoyed an evening of food and fun activities despite the rain.

Thank you to Ms. Habjan and the grade 7/8s along with parent council members for helping to organize such a wonderful event.



**GRADE 8 GRADUATION**

This year our grade 8 graduation will take place on **Thursday, June 19**, at St. Elizabeth. The evening will begin with a liturgy at 5:00pm, followed by an awards ceremony and dinner.

Students will then enjoy an evening of celebration from 8:00pm - 10:00pm in the school gymnasium. We want to congratulate all our graduates and wish them luck in their future endeavors.

**We will miss you!**



**PLAY DAY - JUNE 24th**

Students will be participating in a fun-filled morning with organized games. Please ensure your child dresses for the weather - gym attire recommended, hat, sunscreen, sunglasses if needed and extra hydration (ensure a refillable bottle is sent to school on this day). These games are student-led and will be supervised by staff.

Thank you to all who participated in organizing this day!



**THANK YOU!!!**

Special thanks to **Father Stanley** for his continued spiritual leadership throughout the school year. We are truly grateful for the preparation of sacraments, for our weekly masses, and for sharing God's words that help guide us to our purpose. We are very blessed to call Father our "Shepherd" as he leads us, his "Flock" through prayer and building our relationship with God.

To the **Catholic School Council**: On a daily basis, we have so many reason to say thank you! We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful group of parent volunteers. It is a true blessing to collaborate alongside our Council, who take time to discern the needs of all our students and who are truly committed in assisting to ensure the success of all our students, in a caring and nurturing manner.



**REPORT CARDS**

Parents/Guardians will have access to the electronic versions of Kindergarten Communication of Learning Observations Reports and the Grade 1 - 8 Report Cards for their child(ren) in the **Parent Portal on Monday June 23rd after 12:30 pm.**



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!

