

St. Thérèse Catholic School

Back to School Newsletter

School Information

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NEW Bell Times for the 2025-2026 - BALANCED DAY TIMETABLE

8:50-9:05- Student Arrival

9:05 -9:15 - Entry Bell - Prayers, Announcements, Attendance

Periods 1 and 2

✓**10:35 -10:55 FIRST BREAK - outdoor play**

✓**10:55 - 11:15 SECOND BREAK - indoor snack**

Periods 3, 4 and 5

✓**1:15 - 1:35 THIRD BREAK - indoor lunch**

✓**1:35-1:55 FOURTH BREAK - outdoor play**

Periods 6 and 7

3:15 - 3:25 - Prayers, Announcements, Packing Up

3:25 - Dismissal Bell

A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer.

Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year.

Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy.

Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

Principal's Message

Dear St. Thérèse Families,

Welcome back to another exciting school year at St. Thérèse. We look forward to seeing your children and hearing about their summer adventures. On behalf of the staff, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of our families for entrusting your children to our care in a faith filled environment that fosters the excellence of each student through spiritual, academic and social pursuits within a Christ centred community.

We are pleased to welcome several new staff members (listed below) to our amazing group of educators. We wish to welcome all of our new students to our Titans Family and look forward to seeing all of our return Titan students and families.

We are also looking forward to welcoming Father Michael to our school community and the St. Thérèse Parish as we continue to on our faith journey this school year. In addition to our masses at the church, Father Michael will also be celebrating mass with us at the school several times a month.

Our construction project is almost fully complete! We are awaiting the arrival of our skylights and our cross! These final touches will take place in mid to late September!

An email to parents regarding updates procedures for pick up and drop off will be sent out by email. Please ensure you review this information carefully as our procedures have changed from our construction model and previous school years.

Have a wonderful long weekend! See you on Tuesday morning at our new arrival time of 8:50am.

Yours in Catholic Education,
Mrs. Turcotte

St. Therese Staff 2025-2026

Classroom Teachers

Kindergarten: Mrs. Rossi - ECE - Mrs. Tedesco

Kindergarten: Mrs. Nadeau - ECE Mrs. Doddridge

Grade 1/2 - Mrs. Anderson

Grade 1/2 - Mrs. Recine

Grade 2/3 - Mrs. Buccione

Grade 3/4 - Miss Breton

Grade 5/6 - Mrs. Sadowski

Grade 6/7 - Mrs. Loeffen

Grade 7/8 - Mr. Frey

Additional Teaching Staff

FSL/PTM - Madame Fijavz

PTM - Mrs. Saltarelli

ERT - Mrs. Barnes

Itinerant - Mrs. Tham - Day 1 & 5

Educational Assistants:

Mrs. Elsie

Mrs. Stivoric

Mrs. Piazza

Mrs. Flagg

Mr. Thompson

Support Staff:

Secretary - Mrs. Anoquot-Smith

Librarian - Mrs. Golding - Day 3 & 4

CYW - Mrs. Annunziata - Day 5

CYW - Mrs. Sadonoja - Day 2

Custodial Staff:

Head Caretaker: Mr. Scalzo

Cleaner: Mr. Badaway

Administration:



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GREEN STUDENT VERIFICATION FORM

On **Friday, September 5th** you will be receiving a double-sided **green Student Verification Form**. It is imperative that you review this information that we have on file for your child(ren), make any changes to your email, emergency contacts, allergies, phone numbers, address, etc to ensure we have the most up to date information for each child.

Please ensure you review **BOTH sides** of the document, indicate if you have a child beginning kindergarten in 2026 and **SIGN the document** (whether you have made changes or not) and return the form to school by **Tuesday, September 9th**.

Thank you for your attention to this task and adhering to our tight timelines as we require this information for our child's safety.

SACRAMENTAL SAVE THE DATES

To help families prepare for the sacraments of **First Communion**, **First Reconciliation and Confirmation**, Father Michael will be coming to our Grade 2 and Grade 8 classes to speak with the students, he will also be attending our Meet the Staff night on Thursday, September 18th.



SAVE THE DATES:

First Reconciliation - Wednesday, April 25th at 6pm

Confirmation - Sunday, April 12th at the 9am Mass

First Communion - Sunday, April 26th at the 9am Mass

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 on sale through School Cash Online and will be handed out to students when we see the purchase online.

Grade 8 Graduation - SAVE THE DATE

Our **Grade 8 Class** will celebrate their **Graduation** at 6pm on **June 18th, 2026** at Lakeshore Catholic Secondary School. All are welcome to attend the Graduation Ceremony to support our graduates on their big day! A Graduation Celebration will immediately follow the ceremony (for Graduates only!) at Lakeshore Catholic.



Kinder Celebration of Learning - SAVE THE DATE

Each year we have a celebration of learning to celebrate our Kindergarten students. For your planning purposes our **Celebration of Learning** will be on **Friday, June 19th** in the afternoon.



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

Meet the Staff Night

We are happy to welcome all of our families to attend our **Meet the Staff Night on Thursday, September 18th from 4:30pm - 6:00pm.**

Our evening will begin with an opportunity for all families to visit their child's classroom, meet their teachers and see their lockers. We will conclude the evening with a pizza social in our school gymnasium so family can mingle and enjoy each others company to begin our school year! **Please note: Pizza and beverages MUST be purchased ahead of time through School Cash Online.** There will be a limited number of extra items for sale on a first come, first serve basis. Plans are being made to have ice cream sold that night, this can be purchased directly from the vendor if you wish.

Orange Shirt Day - National Day of Truth and Reconciliation Day

Orange Shirt Day is the story of Phyllis Webstad, an Indigenous woman who shared her experience at an Indian Residential School through the children's book, The Orange Shirt Story. By participating in Orange Shirt Day, we recognize the harm done to generations of children by the Indian Residential School system in Canada. The first Orange Shirt Day occurred on September 30th, 2013 as Chief Fred Robbins saw Phyllis' story as a way of bringing together Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. Since that time, Orange Shirt Day has grown into a national awareness among schools, businesses, and communities.



In June 2021, the Federal Government of Canada designated September 30th as the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation. While this addresses Call to Action #80 of the Truth and Reconciliations 94 Calls to Action, it coincides with an established day that was created by Survivors of Indian Residential Schools. As a Board we can acknowledge the Federal statutory day, but for school and student activities, for the present time, it remains "Orange Shirt Day" as a way of respecting the grass root Indigenous movement.

Niagara Catholic has organized an orange shirt sale with proceeds being shared between the Orange Shirt Society and the Woodland Cultural Centre. Shirts can be ordered through Pegasus School Images - [ORDER HERE](#) - Shirts are \$15 including tax.

At the time of placing orders, parents/staff will be asked to select:

- The shirt size
- quantity
- Name of the School where the shirt is to be delivered (best to add PC to our name)

All shirts must be ordered by midnight, **Monday, September 15th** for all shirts to be delivered to our school on time.

Catholic School Council Nominations and Elections

Our **St. Thérèse Catholic School Council (CSC)** is accepting self-nominations for our upcoming school year. The nomination form will be emailed home through School Messenger on **Friday, September 6th**. If you are interested in being a part of our parent/guardian group and giving back to our school community we welcome you to complete the nomination form and email it st.therese@ncdsb.com by **Monday, September 16th**.

Our first Catholic School Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 24th at 6pm in our school library. All are welcome to attend!

Standardized Dress Code

Reminder that students are expected to follow dress code expectations daily. Navy pants, shorts or skirts are acceptable bottoms, while collared white and blue shirts are acceptable tops. Our Grade 8 Students are also able to wear their GRAD Hoodies! Sweaters or cardigans must be solid navy or solid white and free from logos and other graphics.

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

Thank you for your continued support.



Melissa Turcotte

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