

# ***THE WEEKLY UPDATE***

SEPTEMBER 2-5, 2025



Happy  
Back  
to  
School

A large, stylized red apple with a green leaf and a brown stem is positioned to the right of the text "Back to School". The apple has a white outline and a small white cross-like shape on its surface.

September Reflection

Jesus doesn't just know your name. He calls you by it! In Matthew 28:19, Jesus tells us to "go and make disciples of all nations." But, He doesn't send us out as strangers. He calls each of us by name. He asks us to join this great mission. Just like Jesus called Simon by name and made him Peter, He calls you by your name too. He sees the special gifts you have. You aren't just another face in the crowd. You are called by name to help others follow Jesus right where you are. As we start this school year, let's listen for Jesus calling our name and answer Him in love!



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### **Week at a Glance September 2-5, 2025**

**Monday September 1, 2025 - Labour Day**

No School Today

**Tuesday September 2, 2025-DAY 1**

First Day of School-Welcome Back

**Wednesday September 3, 2025- DAY 2**

**Thursday September 4, 2025-DAY 3**

**Friday September 5, 2025-DAY 4**





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## **WEEKLY** **| Update**

### **Weekly Update September 2-5, 2025**

Dear St. Anthony Knights,

Welcome back to St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School, home of the Knights! We're excited to start a new school year together.

At St. Anthony, we believe in growing in faith, learning new things, and caring for one another. We want every student to feel safe, supported, and ready to succeed.

A special welcome to all the new families joining our school this year. We're happy to have you with us and look forward to learning and growing together. We hope you had a fun and relaxing summer with your loved ones.

As we begin the 2025–2026 school year, we're happy to welcome some new staff members to our St. Anthony team as we said goodbye to some as well. Below are the classrooms and teachers assigned to those classes:

- Kindergarten- Miss D'Amico
- Kindergarten-Mrs. Amiss & Mrs. Hendriks
- Kindergarten – Mrs. Murphy & Mrs. Chamberlain
- Gr. 1- Mrs. McLean
- Grade 1/2 – Mrs. Tiller
- Grade 2- Mrs. Cipro-Balanowski
- Grade 2/3 – Mrs. Candeloro
- Grade 3- Mrs. Pingue
- Grade 3/4 – Mrs. Phelan

- Grade 4 – Mr. Lukacs
- Grade 5 – Miss Muracco
- Grade 5/6 – Miss Cousineau
- Grade 6 – Mr. Poulin
- Grade 7 – Mrs. French
- Grade 7/8 – Mrs. Dunkley
- Grade 8 – Mrs. Weber
- Secretary -Miss Inksater
- Librarian – Mrs. Kelly
- FSL – Mrs. Magaro
- FSL/PTM – Mrs. Thur-Millar
- PTM-Miss Giancaterino
- Education Resource Teachers- Mrs. Baranoski and Mrs. Masales
- Education Assistants-Mrs. Caplan, Ms. Carmichael, Mrs. Gracie, Mr. Gunn, Ms. Marcheterre, Mrs. Morse, Mrs. Tassone
- Caretakers: Mr. Dellavecchia, Ms. Ribeiro Mercier, Mr. Davidson
- Vice Principal- Mrs. Kish
- Principal – Mr. Sacco

We're excited to start the new school year with our amazing staff.

As we said goodbye to many staff members back in June, we did not get the opportunity to say goodbye and thank you to Mrs. Gerden. Over the summer, Mrs. Gerden made a difficult decision to retire. We wish her all the best and let her know that she is always welcome to come back. Once a Knight, always a Knight.

Class placements were shared yesterday, Thursday, August 28, and can be found on the Niagara Catholic Parent Portal. At this time, we aren't able to make changes to class placements. Please know that our staff worked carefully to make the best decisions for each student. Once the dust settles and our registrations come to an end, we will know better what our class configuration will be. There may be some movement, but we will do our best to minimize the number of disruptions.

Our teachers and staff have been working hard to get everything ready for the new school year. We're here to support your children as they grow in their learning, friendships, and faith.

For more details about what's coming up, please check out the September Calendar and Newsletter linked below. Note a change to the original calendar sent out last week.

We hope the first day of school is full of excitement and smiles. May this year be filled with learning, kindness, and joy.

God bless you and your families,  
Mr. Anthony Sacco  
Principal  
St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School



# PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

PRESERVE A MOMENT IN TIME WITH OUR **HIGH-QUALITY PORTRAITS**  
THAT MAKE FOR MEMORABLE KEEPSAKES AND GIFTS



**NO MONEY WILL BE COLLECTED ON PHOTO DAY**

YOU WILL BE ABLE TO VIEW YOUR PORTRAIT PROOF PRIOR TO MAKING A PURCHASE



**PHOTO DAY | SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>**

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# ORANGE + DAY

A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS WILL BE PROVIDED TO INDIGENOUS ASSOCIATIONS

## ORANGE SHIRT DAY T-Shirt Orders

Students and staff of all the schools in Niagara Catholic are encouraged to wear the colour orange on Tuesday, September 30th, 2025, in support of Orange Shirt 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.

If you would like to order an Orange t-shirt similar to the one in the banner above you can click [here](#) and order online. All orders must be placed by midnight **Monday September 15, 2025** to ensure delivery to St. Anthony School before September 30.



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### Dress Code

In Keeping with the Niagara Catholic District School Board Dress Code Policy, we ask that all parents please review the flyer attached within this weekly Update. The Board policy is also attached below this message. The Flyer is linked down below and will always be here for you to review. Students are required to abide by the Dress Code policy and select items of clothing that meet the standard requirements. Other than the Navy Blue and White, students are welcome to also wear School Spiritwear

which can be purchased through Maddalena Uniforms. With the weather turning cooler and students wearing additional layers, please remember that hoodies and sweaters must also be Navy Blue, White or school Spiritwear. The link to the Spiritwear provider is also always near the end of the weekly update. Students that are not following the Dress Code will be asked to call home for a change of clothing. If we cannot make those arrangements, students will be provided by the school an item of clothing that meets the guidelines. This item will be returned so that we can wash them and use them again in the future. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### DAILY SCHEDULE

**MORNING SUPERVISION 8:15 - 8:30**

**MORNING ENTRY 8:30**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS 8:40**

**AM RECESS 10:40-11:00** (Grades 1, 2, 3, 4,5 & Kindergarten  
**RECESS**) Grades 6,7,& 8 **NUTRITION BREAK**)

**AM RECESS 11:00-11:20** (Grades 6,7,& 8 **RECESS**) (Grades 1, 2, 3,  
4,5 & Kindergarten **NUTRITION BREAK**)



**PM RECESS 12:40 - 1:00** (Grades 1, 2, 3, 4,5 & Kindergarten **RECESS**) Grades 6,7,& 8 **NUTRITION BREAK**)

**PM RECESS 1:00-1:20** (Grades 6,7,& 8 **RECESS**) (Grades 1, 2, 3, 4,5 & Kindergarten **NUTRITION BREAK**)

**DISMISSAL 2:50**



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### Safe Arrival- School Messenger

Please remember to report your child's absence using the [SAFEARRIVAL](#) portal. With the office being a very busy place, you can also put in an **EARLY DEPARTURE**. This will allow us to have your child ready and at the office for the time you have selected. Often when parents call at the last minute, it may be difficult to

get students down at the office due to the large number of calls. Advanced planning will be extremely helpful.

### Lunches

If you are dropping off a lunch or having one delivered to the school, please have your child's first and last name clearly labeled on the package. **Please make sure delivery services have the student's name when dropping off lunches.** Also, please verify in your SchoolCashOnline portal that you ordered lunches on our Specialty Food Days. We do not order extras and will not have additional food in case your child doesn't have a lunch. We do always have additional items in our snack bins and we will do our best to provide food if they cannot contact you. **Please review the new student Nutrition Break times.**



### Public Health

Families are reminded to please update your child/children's immunization records with Niagara Region Public Health. You may do so by clicking this [link](#). For more information please go to [NRPH website](#) if you have vaccine/record review questions or please call your health care provider. Families may also contact Public Health at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425 and ask to speak with a public health vaccine nurse.

### Information Update

We remind you that it is important to keep the office updated with regards to any new information or changes to the information we have on file for your child. This may include new phone numbers, change of address, medical information, custody orders etc.



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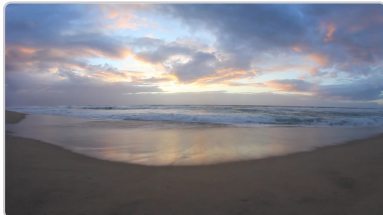




### St. Anthony Catholic Elementary Spirit Wear

IMPORTANT\*\*\* \*\*\*in NOTES, please include students name and teacher for easier distribution\*\*\* ALL Spirit Wear will OPEN July 2nd for purchasing over the summer. Delivery will be the first/second week of September to the school. Please note that all Spirit Wear orders are NON-REFUNDABLE.

[maddalena-uniforms.com](http://maddalena-uniforms.com)



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### SchoolMessenger

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SchoolCash Online

[ncdsb.schoolcashionline.com](http://ncdsb.schoolcashionline.com)



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[nsts.ca](http://nsts.ca)



### Child Care Registry

We have an online registration system that allows parents to search and apply for all licensed child care programs for children from birth to age 12, including licensed home child care. Submit one application for any licensed child care options and before-and-after school programs that meet your family's needs.

[niagararegion.ca](http://niagararegion.ca)







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