



# St. Patrick Catholic School

December Newsletter 2025

**Registered Families will receive weekly updates through school messenger.**

**Contact the school if your email, phone or address has changed.**

St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School Port Colborne

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Secretary: Mrs. D Handley

Superintendent: Mr. Pat Rocca

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## Welcome to St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School

Checklist Check Transportation Details for your child at NSTS <https://www.nsts.ca/>

Register for Safe Arrival to receive school messages and report your child's attendance

<https://niagaracatholic.ca/safearrival/>

St. Patrick Church Pastor Fr. Wes 905-834-6426 [parishstpatrick@gmail.com](mailto:parishstpatrick@gmail.com)

Register for School Cash Online to make purchases from the school

<https://ncdsb.schoolcashionline.com/> Have your dress code ready to go (see below)

Please visit our school website anytime for links to School Cash Online and School Messenger/Safe Arrival

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## Christmas Bingo

Gift Card Christmas Bingo Fundraiser for the school Go to school cash on line to purchase your tickets for:

🎁 Gift Card Bingo Night

📅 Friday, December 5, 2025 Croatian National Home – 6 Broadway Ave Join us for a fun-filled evening where each Bingo game gives you the chance to win \$150 in gift cards!

Gift Cards From: Winners • Marshalls • HomeSense • PC Gift Cards • McDonald's • Beer Store •

Dairy Queen • Starbucks • 3 Great Tastes • A&W • Shoppers • Boston Pizza • Swiss Chalet • Indigo • Roots • Old Navy

🎫 Tickets: \$30 – Includes 10 Bingo games You can seat 8 to 10 people per table

🍕 Pizza served to every table after Game 5

🍷 Bring your own snacks

🍷 Cash Bar Available

🕒 Doors Open: 6:00 PM

🕒 Bingo Starts: 7:00 PM

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**Special thanks to Brandon the owner of the Port Colborne No Frills who donated Christmas treats to our school to help us celebrate Christmas!**



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## The Spirit of Christmas

The students are excited to perform various Christmas songs at

The Spirit of Christmas on Tuesday November 16, 2025

9:00 to 10:00 Please attend if your last name begins with name A to L

1:15 to 2:15 Please attend if your last name begins with name M to Z

This is just a suggestion so that we can give everyone an opportunity to attend. If you can't come during the allotted time then come to the other time slot. We just want to make sure that there is room for everyone.

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## Student Senate

Our student senate will be selling popcorn every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for \$2.00 a bag. There different flavours like: salt and vinegar, dill pickle, cheddar and sweet and salty. Bring your toonie to buy a bag.

Student Senate is encouraging students to get in the Christmas spirit by accessorizing their dress code with a Creative Christmas items the first week of December with reindeer antlers, Santa hats, elf hats or any other Christmas accessories. Be creative!



During the first 2 weeks of December we are asking to students to bring in non-perishable foods, mittens, hats and toys that we will donate to Port Cares on December 15.

On Thursday December 18 the Student Senate is hosting a movie and inviting students to wear their favourite cuddly clothing. Students will receive popcorn and are asked to bring their own water bottle.

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This period includes December 6, [Canada's National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women](#) (White Ribbon Day) which commemorates the 14 women killed specifically because they were women in the horrific 1989 Montreal Polytechnique massacre.



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## Dress Code Required for all Students

Niagara Catholic Elementary students wear a dress code. The details can be found at Niagara Catholic website under policies. Please make sure your child has a navy or white polo shirt (must have a collar) and navy bottoms - not black (pants, skirt and dark jeans). Students can wear any type of shoes; we do recommend a second set of shoes for indoor use. If your child arrives to school out of dress code we may provide the student with items to wear for the school day. If you need assistance with dress code items, please notify the school.



**Order Dress Code and Spirit Wear items from Goods Sports Excellence**

<https://goods.gearware.com/Shop/Store.aspx?>

[sid=1&ssid=9B9304633347DBA9D92A545851A3529FFDDE4A61](https://goods.gearware.com/Shop/Store.aspx?sid=1&ssid=9B9304633347DBA9D92A545851A3529FFDDE4A61)

Colin Gillespie

## ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES - SAFE ARRIVAL SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

The Safe Arrival Parent Portal allows parents to conveniently report their child's absence and allows school staff to respond to an unexplained absence quickly.

Absences can be reported via: -Internet (<http://nc.schoolconnects.com>)

Smart Phone App (search keyword "safearrival" school messenger)

Automated Telephone System (toll free 1-844-287-6287)

Full Day Absences and late arrival must be reported prior to 8:35 am or you will receive a call out from the school. It is important to have a consistent routine for getting to school and home each day. It is recommended that if your child will be taking the bus home, that this is the form of transportation they will use on a daily basis. This is to ensure consistency and safety for both your child and teachers. Should your contact information change (email, phone number, address) during the school year, please contact the office so we can update which is in turn available to NSTS, otherwise you may miss important information.



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## School Cash Online

We endeavor to be a cash and cheque free school which means all school purchases are done through SCHOOL CASH ONLINE. Please make sure you are signed up today.

<https://ncdsb.schoolcashonline.com/> What Is School Cash Online?

School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees. Now, with a few clicks, you can pay for your child's yearbook, class trips and so much more from your own home. All you have to do is register an account, attach your children and in no time you will be able to make payments online



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## Parent Portal

What is the parent portal and what is it for? The Niagara Catholic Parent Portal allows parents access to information regarding their child including report cards, alternative report cards and timetable and your child's classroom teacher for the following school year. How do I login to the parent portal? Use this helpful guide and follow the instructions. <https://cdn.niagaracatholic.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Niagara-Catholic-Maplewood-ParentPortal-Instructions-Sept-2020.pdf>

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## Allergy Aware School - Nut Safe-Anaphylaxes

Within our school community, there are several students who have a life-threatening allergy (anaphylaxis) to foods, predominantly to peanuts and tree nuts (e.g. almond, cashew, hazelnut, pistachio).

The best way to reduce the risk of accidental exposure to these students is to respectfully ask for the co-operation of the parents/guardians within this school community to avoid sending peanut butter or products with peanuts listed in the ingredients.

There is a wide range of nutritious foods available to pack for your child.

Visit <http://www.eatrightontario.ca> for suggestions. For more information on anaphylaxis, visit <http://www.anaphylaxis.ca> or <http://www.aaia.ca> We are working hard at preventing accidental exposure. It is also important that we have common routines throughout the entire school. There are many shared areas (washrooms, fountains, gym, library, computers, etc.) students could come in contact with allergens. The teachers will explain the importance of the following health and safety routines to the students in their classrooms:

1. Wash your hands with soap and water before and after eating.
2. Do not bring food that contains peanuts/tree nuts.
3. Do not accept food from other students especially if you have food allergies.
4. Snacks are not permitted outside in the schoolyard.
5. Dispose of all food waste properly



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.



**Mary Kay Kalagian**

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