



**ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023  
AGENDA**

---

---

**A. ROUTINE MATTERS**

**1. Land Acknowledgement - David Forte**

*We begin this meeting by acknowledging the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples and acknowledging reminds us that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people.*

**2. Opening Prayer - David Forte**

*Lord, we are meeting today to conduct matters of business related to St. John Catholic School. Guide our hearts and our minds in the spirit of fairness, right thought and speech. Impart Your supreme wisdom upon our activities, so that our affairs may reach a successful conclusion. Thank You for being our source of guidance today.  
Amen.*

**3. Roll Call:**

<b><u>Staff &amp; Community Representatives:</u></b>	<b><u>Parent Representatives:</u></b>
David Forte (Principal) Lauren Swindley (Teaching staff member) Elizabeth Bennie (Teaching staff member) Sarah Dobrindt (Non-teaching staff member) Andrew Natale (St. Joseph Parish representative)	

**Those who have expressed their regrets:**

4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Disclosure of Interest

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

1. Presentation of Bylaws
2. Election of Chairperson
3. Catholic School Council Annual Commissioning

**C. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
Nil.

**D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

- 1) Catholic School Council Fundraising Financial Report
- 2) [St. John Catholic School Google Website](#)
- 3) St. John Spiritwear & Grade 8 GRAD Hoodies
- 4) Thanksgiving Food Drive
- 5) Annual Terry Fox Walk
- 6) Orange Shirt Day (Every Child Matters)
- 7) Halloween at St. John
- 8) School Lunch Days
- 9) Class Photos / Composites
- 10) Parent Engagement Funds
- 11) School Fundraising:
  - ✓ *Dance-a-Thons*
  - ✓ *Wine Fundraiser (Fall/Winter)*

**E. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- 1) Students Demonstrating Symptoms of Illness
- 2) Recesses at St. John
- 3) Practice Fire & Lockdown Drills:
  - ✓ *Fire drills* will be conducted at a minimum of six times throughout the duration of the school year, all at various times of the day.
  - ✓ *Lockdown drills* will be conducted at a minimum of two times throughout the duration of the school year.
- 4) Kiss n' Ride Drop-Off
- 5) Kiss n' Ride Pick-Up
- 6) Park & Pick-Up/Drop-Off
- 7) Visitors to the School
- 8) Student Accident Insurance

- 9) **Niagara Catholic Virtual Learning Environment (NCVLE)**
- 10) **Student Absences & Late Arrivals**
- 11) **'SchoolMessenger'**
- 12) **'SchoolCash' Online**
- 13) **Parish News:**
  - ✓ ***Opening School Year Mass***
  - ✓ ***First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion***
  - ✓ ***Confirmation***
  - ✓ ***Confirmation Preparation Program***
- 14) **On-going School Initiatives:**
  - ✓ Consideration of planting trees to provide a shade canopy near outdoor classroom.
  - ✓ Continue to develop technological resources in the school with a goal of one Chromebook for every one student in Grades 1 through 8, and replacing non-functional Smartboards and LCD projectors with interactive TVs.

**F. CHAIRPERSON REPORT:**

- 1) ***Wine Fundraiser (Fall/Winter)***
- 2) ***Family Advent Mass***
- 3) ***Niagara Ice Dogs Night***
- 4) ***Family Fun Night (June)***

**G. REVIEW OF KEY DATES AND DATES OF INTEREST:**

- ✓ Catholic School Council meetings will take place four times per year and will be held in-person in the school's Library Information Centre. If the Ontario Government decides that it is no longer safe to gather in-person, then meetings will be held virtually.
- ✓ ***Meeting Dates (tentative):***
  - 1) Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>
  - 2) Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>
  - 3) Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>
  - 4) Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ ***Dates of Interest:***
  - TBD First Holy Communion @ St. Joseph Catholic Parish
  - TBD Confirmation @ St. Joseph Catholic Parish
  - TBD Grade 8 Graduation

**H. NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

**J. CLOSING PRAYER** - David Forte

*Heavenly Father,*

*As we come to the end of our time together, we thank You for what has been accomplished here today. May the matters discussed serve as a catalyst to move us forward, and cause us to advance and see growth in all areas of our lives. May we leave here recognizing You are the God of all wisdom and You are willing to lead us forward. This we pray in the name of the Lord Jesus.  
Amen.*