

St. Denis Catholic School

April 2024



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DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



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School Begins 9:15 a.m.
Morning Recess 10:45 a.m. -11:00 a.m.
Lunch 12:00 pm -12:40 p.m.
Afternoon Recess 1:40 p.m. -1:55 p.m.
Dismissal 3:25 p.m

Principal's Message

Worship as we Journey Through Lent

Easter is the most significant Feast Day of the Church when we recreate the sacrifice of Jesus, the Paschal Lamb, and His Glorious Resurrection on Easter morning.

We take this opportunity to begin again, in hope and faith and the fresh light of spring. May Easter bring each of us a happy heart



and may our spirits rejoice in the joy of the risen Lord. Remember that whenever we see a cross, let it always be a symbol of life....Life Everlasting.

What better way to celebrate Christ's Resurrection and our call to new life than to learn more about creation, ecological justice, and stewardship throughout this month. At St. Denis Catholic School, we are especially proud of our Eco-School team and their many initiatives like litterless lunches, participating in Earth Hour and recycling, which promotes the entire school community's responsibility to care for God's gift of creation.

April is a month to reflect upon and celebrate the importance of Catholic Education. The students and staff of St. Denis Catholic School are praying and helping others who are in need. As a school community, the St. Vincent de Paul Society appreciates our monetary donations during Lent to assist those in need.

April is a very active month at St. Denis Catholic School! As a school community, we are excited about all the events that are taking place!

Thank you as always for your continued and ongoing support!

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mrs. V. Wegelin

Principal

New Life Prayer

New Life

Lord, it is Spring, and You have performed a glorious miracle of re-birth on the earth. We thank You for the bountiful beauty that Spring brings to us all.

All living creatures speak Your name ever so gently, giving thanks to You. Lord, You are the only one being to hear these praises. During this rejuvenation, we are truly blessed, and we feel Your presence all around. Lord, send Your rays of hope down upon us, so that we may open our eyes and see the new beginning of Spring Life. Fill our hearts and minds with joy and peace.

Amen



Called By Name: Hear My Voice 2024

When Mary Magdalene found Jesus' tomb empty, she cried. She thought someone had taken Jesus' body away. Jesus appeared to her, but she didn't recognize Him until He called her by name. During the sad times of our lives, we call out to Jesus for help. And before we even say His Name, Jesus comes to comfort us, like He comforted Mary and brought her joy. Jesus calls us by name because He knows us and loves us. May the Name of Jesus be ever on our lips. And may our hearts always be open to hear Him call us by name.



[April 2024 Calendar - Click Here](#)



[Niagara Region Public Health Newsletter - Click Here](#)

Monthly Award Winners - March 2024

Every month our teachers recognize a student in their class who has demonstrated excellence in a particular area based on one of the eight Catholic Graduate Expectations. These expectations are; A discerning believer, an effective communicator, a reflective, creative and holistic learner, a collaborative contributor, a caring family member and a responsible citizen. Congratulations to this month's recipients listed below.



MARCH

Mrs. Lee's Class - Harrison C-G.
Ms. Schenck's Class - Johnny B.
Ms. Konieczny's Class - Ginger C. & Jayden N.
Ms. DEttorre's Class - Nolan W. & April R.
Mrs. Foster's Class - Rohanna P.
Mrs. Austin's Class - Keith W.
Mrs. Jackson's Class - Benson S.
Mr. Sutton PTM - Eris W.
Mr. Hasting's Class - Lincoln M.
Mrs. La Valle's Class - Samuel C.
Mr. O'Connor's Class - Santiago G.
Miss MacSporrán's Class - Leucile C.
Mr. Riddell's Class - Marybella S.
Mme Bonin's French Class JR - Rahila P.
Mme Bonin's French Class INT - Jacqueline G.
Mrs. Wegelin - Principal's Award - Sofia K.

Congratulations to all winners! You are amazing!

Friendly Reminder to Parents - Easter Holidays

Friendly Reminders to Parents:



There will be no school on **Monday April 1, 2024** for Easter Monday. We will see you on **Tuesday, April 2, 2024!**



Lent - A Time for Giving! Fundraiser for St. Vincent de Paul Society.

During **Lent** we are called on to perform acts of kindness towards those less fortunate.

Almsgiving is defined as donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes it as "a work of justice pleasing to God."

This Lent the St. Denis Catholic School Community is collecting monetary donations for our St. Vincent de Paul Society in support of their good works.

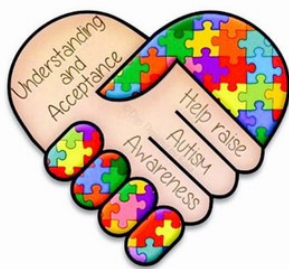
Thank you to all who have donated funds on School Cash Online for our Lenten St. Vincent de Paul fundraiser! So far we have collected **\$146.00**.

We continue to collect funds until Friday, April 5, 2024. We will send these funds to Fr. Stephen and the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Denis.

THANKS AGAIN!!

God Bless.

World Autism Day



World Autism Day

April 2, 2024 at St. Denis Catholic School

World Autism Awareness Day will be held on Tuesday, April 2,

2024. In order to continue to support this event Autism Ontario is inviting all schools across Ontario to celebrate World Autism Awareness Day! Students **have been invited to wear blue shirts as part of their "civvies" attire on April 2nd** to help raise awareness in

support of initiatives to increase understanding and acceptance of people with autism around the world.

P. A. Day

March 8, 2024

A P. A. Day will be held on Monday, March 8, 2024. This is a very special day as the staff of St. Denis will be participating in Faith Day activities and professional development. **There will be no school for students.**



St. Denis Catholic School Council Spring Cha-Ching Fundraiser

March 20, 2024 to April 10, 2024

The St. Denis Catholic School Council is very excited to be hosting the annual St. Denis Spring Cha-Ching Fundraiser! **This fundraiser started in the month of March. Students were sent home tickets to sell for \$5.00 in books of five tickets starting on Wednesday, March 20, 2024. Tickets can be sold and returned by Wednesday, April 10, 2024.**



On Monday, April 15, 2024 we will start drawing a ticket a day for 10 days! The last day of the draw will be on Friday, April 26, 2024. Every day someone will win \$100.00!! Prizes will be given to students who sell the most tickets in each division-primary, junior and intermediate. All funds raised will assist the purchase of more technology for our students and assist with the Grade 8 graduation.

Thank you for your ongoing support!! Spring Cha-Ching!!!

Thank you for supporting St. Denis Catholic School and we appreciate your generosity!

The St. Denis Catholic School Council

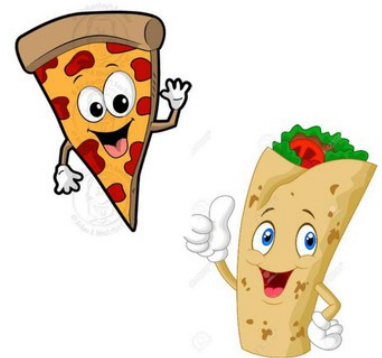
FOOD DAYS FOR APRIL 2024

Pita Day Orders due on **Tuesday, April 9, 2024.**

Pita Day-Friday, **April 12, 2024.**

Pizza Day Orders due on **Monday, April 22, 2024.**

Pizza Day-Friday, **April 26, 2024.**



CHESS TOURNAMENT

April 17, 2024

Our Junior and Intermediate students will be participating in our area tournament being held at St. Mary Catholic School in Niagara Falls. Our team will be competing against ten other school on this day. Thank you to Mr. Hastings for coaching our great teams! Go Saints Go!

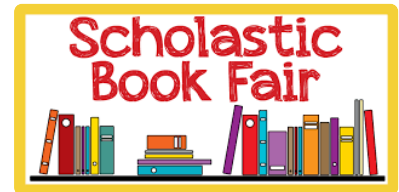


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Book Fair

April 15, 2024 - April 18, 2024

A Scholastic Book Fair will be held at our school in the library from Tuesday, April 16, 2024 to Thursday, April 18, 2024. Students may purchase books when their class visits the fair. The Book Fair hours are 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. except on Thursday where it will end at 11:45 a.m. This is a great way to promote reading to our students. Your participation in our Book Fair is a key part in helping us to obtain new resources for our library. Thank you for your support! Thank you as well to Mrs. Goulet for organizing this for our school.



Mobile Dental Clinic Bus

April 16 - April 18, 2024

Your child received a dental report card from the dental screening held in March 2024. If parents wanted FREE dental services to be done at the school on the Mobile Dental Clinic, consent is required as soon as possible.

You can scan the QR code on the report card or complete this link.
[Mobile Dental Clinic Consent Form \(alchemer-ca.com\)](https://alchemer-ca.com).

Please complete this as soon as possible so that your child can participate in the Mobile Dental Clinic on **April 16, 17 & 18, 2024**.



If you have any questions please call 905-688-8248 ext 7962.

Junior Basketball

April 17, 2024-Girls Junior Basketball Tournament at St. Denis Catholic School

April 18, 2024-Boys Junior Basketball Tournament at St. Denis Catholic School

We are excited that our Girls and Boys Basketball teams will be competing in the Area Tournament at our school. Thank you to Mrs. La Valle and Mr. O'Connor for coaching our great teams!
Go Saints Go!



Class Trip-Grade 2/3 Austin and Grade 3 Jackson

April 19, 2024

The Grade three students are attending the 'Strict But Nice' school program at the Lincoln Museum. This special day will be led by a costumed instructor, in an authentically restored one room school. The students will will have the opportunity to go back in time to experience a 1908 school day.



Earth Day at St. Denis

April 22, 2024

Earth Day School Ground Clean Up

Earth Day is a special time at St. Denis, a time to remember our love of this planet and all of God's creation. School grounds and community clean up events make a difference. These actions, although small, have significant positive impacts on the environment and demonstrate the power of working together. St.

Denis students will be participating in a School Grounds Clean Up campaign on April 22nd to demonstrate our commitment to creating a healthy and sustainable world. Teachers will take their students outdoors to pick up litter on the school grounds. Students will be provided with gloves and bags. Students will be informed of safe and proper procedures for collecting and disposing of litter. Together we can make a difference!



Thank you to Mrs. Jackson and Mr. Quaranta and the St. Denis EcoSchool Team!

Class Trip-Grade 7/8

April 23, 2024

Our Intermediate students will be attending the First Ontario Performing Arts Centre for a presentation titled, "Spirit and Tradition. This is an Indigenous dance company founded over five decades of extensive work of song and dance revitalization. The show layers imagery, soundscape, and Coastal Indigenous masked dance, immersing the audience into the rich ecosystem of the Pacific Northwest Coast.



Krispy Kreme Fundraiser!!! NEW to St. Denis!!

Orders-April 29, 2024-May 3, 2024

Pick Up-May 13, 2024

Orders for a dozen Krispy Kreme donuts will start on Monday, April 29, 2024 and will be taken until Friday, May 3, 2024. Hurry and get your orders in using School Cash Online!! You can order a dozen Krispy Kreme donuts for \$16.00. We can only take 150 orders! First come first served. **Place your orders starting on Monday, April 29, 2024! Pick up your orders on Monday, May 13, 2024 at St. Denis Catholic School and enjoy your fresh Krispy Kreme donuts!** All money raised will support purchasing more technology for our students.



Important Dates to Keep in Mind!



Grade 8 Confirmation

Our Grade 8 students will be making their Confirmation on **Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.** at the Cathedral of Saint Catherine of Alexandria. Thank you to Father Stephen, Mr. Riddell and Miss MacSporran for preparing our students for this important step in their faith journey.

Grade 2 First Communion

Grade 2 students will be making their First Communion on a Sunday that has been selected in advance with Father Stephen. Please contact St. Denis Catholic Church for more information.

EQAO Grades 3 & 6

Our Grade 3 & 6 students will be taking part in the Provincial Assessment from **May 8th to June 12th**. Students will be tested in reading, writing and mathematics. Province-wide assessments provide information that parents, teachers and policy makers can use to help children learn more effectively.

Parents can help ensure that students have a positive experience in the assessments.

- Discuss the assessments with your child. These EQAO assessments help all students to learn and do their best work.
- Try to avoid interruptions in your child's attendance during assessments. Parents are asked to avoid arranging appointments during this period to accommodate testing schedules.

Grade 8 Graduation

Our Grade 8 Graduation will be taking place on **Thursday, June 20, 2024**. Please mark this important date in your calendar. More information will follow as this date gets closer.



NCPIC - Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee

Please see the link below for information regarding NCPIC membership.

Included in the link is the self nomination form.

A great way to be involved in your child's education.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1siJUjUyGTbgUoKSG4v6DDT2e85Iom-U/view?usp=sharing>

Your Child's Education - A Guide to Ontario School System - 10 Languages CLICK

Niagara Catholic Accessibility - An Evening Event in Support of Accessibility Awareness

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The Niagara Catholic District School Board and the Accessibility Planning Committee are pleased to invite parents, guardians, staff and community partners to a motivational evening featuring

Niagara Catholic graduate, public speaker, and activist, [Michael Jacques](#) and disability advocate Charlene VanderGriendt, from The Rick Hansen Foundation.

Public speaker, activist, and author Michael Jaques, has written and self-published his book *Can't Read, Can't Write, Here's My Book* using speech-to-text technology. Michael is diagnosed with autism and an intellectual disability and shares his life experiences to help audiences understand accepting and belonging.

Disability advocate, Charlene VanderGriendt, from The Rick Hansen Foundation will discuss how to speak and interact inclusively. Students with disabilities will share their perspectives on building a culture of acceptance through taped video interviews. The words we use carry meaning and power.

This exciting free event will take place on **Monday, April 15th from 6:00- 8:00 pm** at The Holiday inn and Conference Centre (327 Ontario Street, St. Catharines) and includes light snacks, refreshments and door prizes.

Please click [here](#) for event and registration details.

Registration LINK: <https://forms.gle/Uu4YCCF8e6JUkxA96>

Parking Lot SAFETY Reminders



PARKING LOT SAFETY REMINDER

Just a reminder to all parents, when dropping off or picking up your children, **please ensure you park your car in a parking spot rather than pulling up and letting your children out.** We have many safety concerns and want to ensure that all of our students are safe at the busy times of the day. **Parents of primary children should be escorting them across the parking lot to a safe area within the school playground.** We appreciate your cooperation with this request.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Year 1 Kindergarten Registration

Welcome to
Kindergarten!

Registration will be held all throughout the school year.

Children who will be 4 years old by December 31, 2024 and who live within the St. Denis Catholic School's boundaries are eligible to enroll for Year 1 Kindergarten. Your child's Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate and proof of address are required at the time of registration.

Children who will be 5 years old by December 31, 2024 and who live within the St. Denis Catholic School's boundaries are eligible to enroll for Year 2 Kindergarten. Your child's Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate and proof of address are required at the time of registration. Only students who have not attended Year 1 need to be officially registered. Those students currently attending the Year 1 program will be automatically enrolled in the Year 2 class.

If you know of neighbors and/or relatives who live in our school community, please encourage them to visit St. Denis Catholic School and enroll their children in a Catholic School. Our flourishing community needs active support from its members.

Student Nutrition Program (SNAC)



Niagara Nutrition Partners

We are once again excited to be offering this program at St. Denis Catholic School! Our school will be receiving a grant to provide healthy snacks to our students. This year the program will be a grab and go program with all of the snacks being prepackaged and delivered to the classrooms in the morning as a mid-morning

snack.

Our SNAC Program will continue daily throughout the month.



School Cash Online

Register for School Cash Online

Please click on the button below for instructions to register for School Cash Online. The easy, safe way to pay for school items and events.

School Cash Online Registration Instructions - Click



Safe Arrival / School Messenger

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL WITH ANY CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGES.

Please use the Safe Arrival system to report all absences and lates for your child.

You can report an absence by:

PHONE - 1-844-287-6287

ONLINE: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>

APP: SchoolMessenger



NCDSB Dress Code

NCDSB Dress Code The following serves as a reminder for families as the warmer weather approaches and if dress code purchases are being made. Students must wear the elementary standardized dress code items properly and in compliance with the expectations throughout the school day and at all activities

and events as representatives of the school and/or Board. It is the expectation that students wear the elementary standardized dress code as a condition of attendance in an elementary school within the Niagara Catholic District School Board at a minimum, if the elementary student is not in compliance with the mandatory elementary standardized dress code, parents and guardians will be contacted to bring the required dress code items to school.

At a minimum, every student is required to wear one (1) of the following items:

- Navy Blue sweat pants for students in Early Learning Kindergarten to Grade 3
- Navy Blue Pants (Cargo, Corduroy, Denim, Dress, Kobe styles permitted)
- Navy Blue Dresses or Skorts; or · Navy Blue Capris or Walking Shorts.
- Grade 8 students have the option to wear grey secondary uniform pants purchased through Board uniform suppliers. Pants, skirt or dress length must be appropriate and modest. Only knee length capris or shorts are permitted. All clothing must be in good repair.

At a minimum, every student is required to wear one (1) of the following items:

- Navy Blue or White Oxford shirt (short or long sleeve)
- Navy Blue or White Polo shirt (short or long sleeve); or
- School designed spirit wear polo shirt.

The elementary standardized dress code shirts, either polo or oxford must be buttoned in a respectable manner. Visible t-shirts worn under the elementary standardized dress code top must be either navy blue or white.

In addition, approved sweaters and hoodies embroidered and/or screened with the school logo are permitted to be worn as part of the elementary standardized dress code.

Running shoes are the recommended footwear with a full back and a closed toe. It is recommended that parents/guardians provide a pair of indoor shoes for physical education and indoor wear.

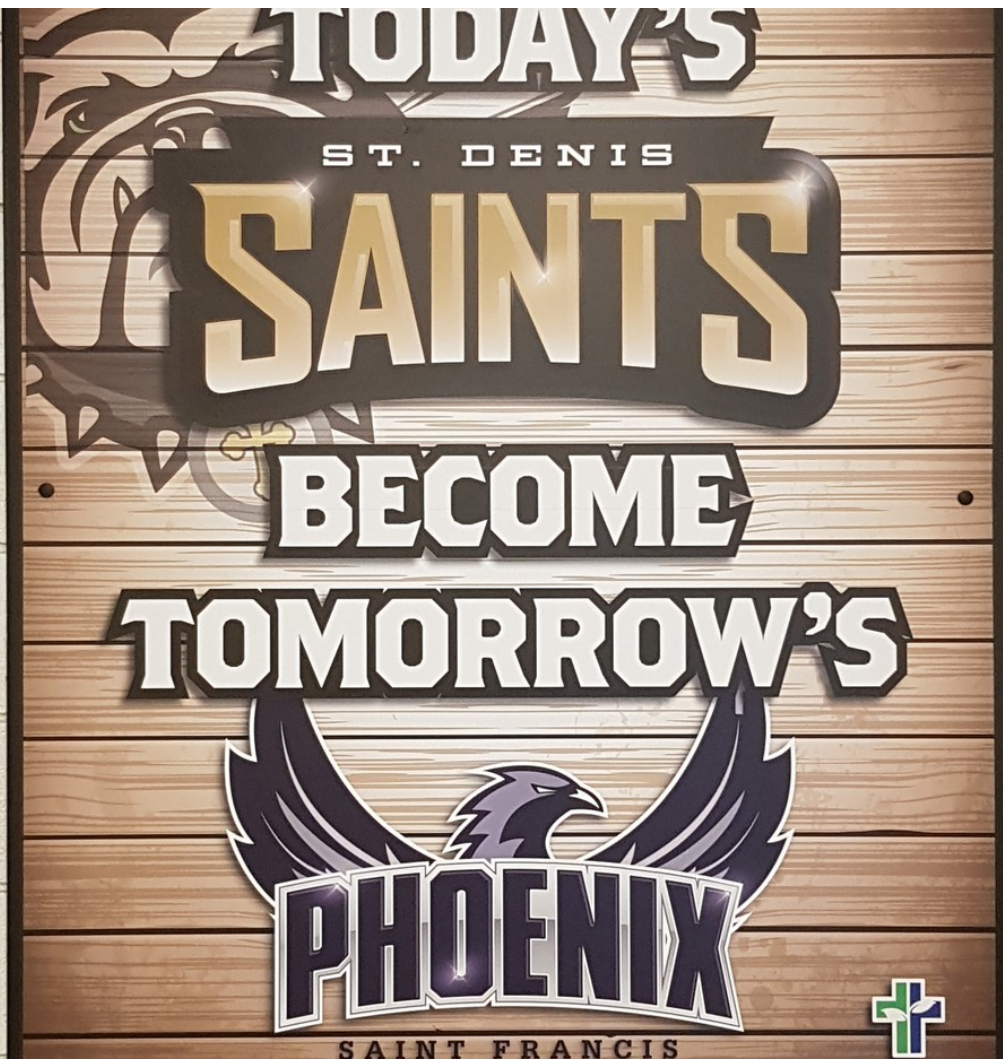
FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: <https://www.niagaracatholic.ca/policies-protocols-docs/policies/> (Elementary Standardized Dress Code Policy)

St. Denis Spirit Wear - Available Now!

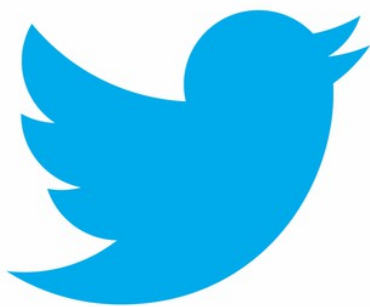
We are very pleased to let you know that Big Bear Spiritwear will be our spirit wear provider and will be supplying our school with customized school dress code "gear". Big Bear Spiritwear is a board approved supplier located in Niagara Falls. Families are able to order single items or many as they would like. Finished product are delivered to the school once every few weeks and the timeline for filling an order is 7-10 business days (sometimes less). Please use the button below which will take you directly to the St. Denis Catholic School Ordering page at Big Bear Spiritwear.



[**Order St. Denis Spirit Wear - Click Here**](#)



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Victoria Wegelin

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