



# St. Patrick Catholic School

May Newsletter 2024

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**Kindergarten Open House and Registration on Thursday May 23, 2024 from 4:00  
to 5:00**

Please let friends and family know!

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**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

Principal: Mrs. MK Kalagian

Secretary: Mrs. D Handley

Superintendent: Mr. J Zaroda

Website: [niagaracatholic.ca](https://www.niagaracatholic.ca)

School location: 266 Rosemount Ave Port Colborne, Ontario

Phone: (905) 835 1091



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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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## **St. Patrick Staff for 2023 - 2024**

### PRIMARY TEAM:

Kindergarten - Mrs. Allen & Mrs. Christopher (ECE)

Grade 1/2 - Mrs. Hornak

Grade 2/3 – Mr. Salterelli

### JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE TEAM:

Grade 4/5 - Mrs. Murdoch

Grade 5 - Mrs. Peazel

Grade 6/7 – Mr. Perrotta

Grade 7/8 - Mr. Caldwell

### PTM/IA/FSL/ESL STAFF

PTM - Madame MacPherson (Kindergarten, Grade 1/2, 2/3) FSL - Grade 4/5 and Grade 5

FSL – Madame Battersby - Grade 6/7 and 7/8

### SUPPORT STAFF

ERT- Ms. DeLuca

EAs - Mrs. D'Uva and Mrs. Schooley

CYW - Ms. Stutz

Librarian - Mrs. Trasatti (Day 1)

Secretary - Mrs. Handley

Custodian – Mrs. Nuccitelli and Ms. Otlu

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## **St. Patrick Catholic School Has Talent**

Students from St. Patrick School will be sharing their gifts and talents on Wednesday May 8 at 12:15 in the gym. We invite family and friends to come and see the show.

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## **Niagara Catholic District School Board CATHOLIC EDUCATION & MENTAL HEALTH**

Niagara Catholic elementary and secondary schools will be celebrating Catholic Education Week (CEW) with the theme "We Are Called to Love", in conjunction with Mental Health Week (MHW), from Monday, May 6, to Friday, May 10, 2024. This is an opportunity to highlight the strong

connection between our Catholic faith and mental health and well-being in Niagara Catholic schools.

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## Star Wars Day at St. Patrick

What is the meaning of May the fourth be with you?



The date originated from the pun "May the Fourth be with you", a **variant of the Star Wars catchphrase "May the Force be with you"**. Even though the holiday was not created or declared by Lucasfilm, many Star Wars fans have chosen to celebrate this day. A student in our Grade 2 class asked if we could celebrate this day at St. Patrick. May 4 happened to fall on a Saturday so we are going to dress up and celebrate on Friday May 3. Dress in any Stars Wars cloths that you have on Friday May 3rd.

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## Toys from Home

Please keep toys at home unless it is for a show and share and then the students will be encouraged to put it away so that it is safe. Sometimes items from home are brought to school and they get broken at school unintentionally. It causes grief for the student who owns the broken object and for the student who may have broke it. Recess is a wonderful time for students to run around and have fun. We provide class balls and on many days there are other activities for students to participate during recess time. We ask that you please leave toys from home at home.

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## Student Senate

Our student senate will continue to sell 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.



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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

Goods Sports Excellence

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## **Our School Bell Times and Schedule**

Daily Schedule:

8:20 am - 8:35 am - Supervision & arrival

8:35 am - Morning Bell - School Starts - students arriving after 8:35 am are marked late.

10:05 am -10:20 am - Morning Recess

11:20 am - 11:40 am - Outdoor Lunch Recess for Kindergarten to Grade 5 while Grade 6, 7 and 8's eat indoors

11:40 am - 12:00 noon - Indoor Lunchtime for Kindergarten to Grade 5 and outdoor lunch time for Grades 6, 7 and 8

1:40 - 1:55 pm - Afternoon Recess

2:45 pm - Dismissal



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## **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](http://ncschoolconnects.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.schoolcashionline.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.aiaa.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

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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**

Mary is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

