



St. Theresa Tribune

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St. Theresa Catholic Elementary

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Principal's Message

"May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us." Psalm 67:1



The psalm above speaks very much to me as I reflect on my second year in this blessed community. I am so very honoured to serve as your principal. I am very blessed to spend my days teaching and learning alongside with the children and staff here at St. Theresa. I readily see the face of Jesus in our children and in the profound regard and care each staff member has for all students. I am tremendously proud of all the accomplishments of all students. June will be a month of continued commitment to teaching and learning as we celebrate the learning and skill acquisition of all students. Thank you parents, grandparents and guardians for your trust and support this school year.

This school year is full of examples of how we are living our new school motto. The motto is based on our patron Saint's life and ministry "Sowing Seeds of Faith, Blossoming in Knowledge: St. Theresa Guides Us"

During the month of June we will continue our commitment to learning as we refine students' literacy skills, additive reasoning and multiplicative thinking. We encourage all students to remain focused on their learning by arriving to school on time and putting their best effort into all learning and demonstration tasks. Special days or events in June are excellent motivators for working hard during our last month of this school year. Students in Grades 3 and 6 completed the Primary and Junior Division E.Q.A.O. assessments on May 27th- May 31st.

Each class will have a year end trip in the month of June. Parents, please note that all trips have an "Informed Consent" that must be signed in order for children to participate. All of our trips were booked in compliance with the Field Trip policy by Niagara Catholic. The Field Trip policy places further discernment on the types of trips that schools will be able to take. Risk factors and the costs of admission and transportation must be considered when planning trips and consequently affect places we can select.

At this time staffing for next year is tentative and I am still in direct conversations with senior staff for an organization that will best serve our children. A tentative organization will be shared later this month with the whole community.

We look forward to our Grade 8 Graduation, Chaplain visits, book buddy days, Kindergarten Video collection of Learning, extended recesses, play day, and most importantly seeing students' work and skill development in June as a celebration of the year of learning.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Dan Trainor

Mr. D. Trainor, PRINCIPAL

Graduation

Congratulations to all our Grade 8 students on completing the elementary portion of their education. On Monday, June 24th at 5:00 p.m., we will celebrate the graduation Mass and awards ceremony at St. Patrick Church. Graduates are to be at Johnny Rocco's by 7:00 pm for their graduation party. Graduates, as you close this chapter of your life and head on to high school, we would like to wish you Godspeed on your journey. We ask our entire community to continue to pray for our fine young people as they celebrate this time in their lives.



Year End Mass

On Wednesday, June 12th at 9:30 a.m. at St. Patrick Church we will celebrate our year end Mass. Our year end Mass will celebrate the gifts of Catholic Education and the tremendous successes of all our students, staff and community. Please join us at Mass.

Bus Schedules

Bus schedules can be accessed on-line on the Niagara Catholic website and will be available at all Catholic Churches at the end of August. For on-line access, you will need your child's OEN (student #) which is found at the top of the provincial report card. Please confirm your bus route in August, as our school bus routes may be changed over the summer months!

Happy Father's Day

May the day be bright
May the golf swing be perfect
May your favourite team win
And let the barbeque be full of propane
Enjoy your day and cherish your blessed role.
God Bless all dads, granddads, uncles and caring men in our lives.



St. Theresa Instagram Account

The account is **St_Theresa_Merritton**
The account is one way we model and teach our children how to use social media platforms to showcase and highlight positive content. The account is private and will not allow for comments. When you "follow" us on Instagram you will make the request and we will confirm. This extra setting will allow us to keep our followers limited to members of our school community. You have received an email from Permission Click and need to indicate confirmation that pictures of your children can be posted.

Kindergarten Celebration Video

This year we are embracing technology and will be sending home a video collection of pictures capturing the learning of all students in Kindergarten.



St. Theresa Renovations

I am so happy to inform our community that we will be having significant work done at our school this summer. While final start dates are not confirmed, our school will be getting a new front door and a canopy to protect all who enter from the weather elements. Additionally, the front of the school will get an new façade to align it to the canopy. St. Theresa along with all schools slated for new Kindergarten playgrounds to be built this summer are awaiting a hold to be released from the ministry. Phase two of the exterior alterations will include a parking lot extension along the gym for staff and to redesign our current parking and bus lanes. The parking lot redesign is slated for the summer of 2025.

God's Grace in your Farewell

We bid farewell to Ms. Correia, E.A., who has filled in for Ms. Hall's absence. Ms. Correia came out of retirement for us!

We all appreciate your commitment to our students and school and look forward to welcoming you back! We are so hopeful that we are able to keep Mr. Rosano, E.A., with us next year.

At this time his long term assignment ends this June. We thank you for your commitment to our students and for sharing your creative ideas for them too. We wish you tremendous success in your new career. At this time, we do not have any other staffing changes. As those occur we will announce and recognize with the whole community.

EQAO

Grade 3 and Grade 6 were engaged in the assessment on May 27th to May 31st.

Parents, thank you for making sure your children were well rested and started their day with a healthy breakfast during EQAO days. The assessment was completely on-line for both Grade 3 and 6. We know they were well prepared and showcased their best work. The results will be shared in the fall.

Yearbook Orders

We have extended the sale until June 5th. Grade 8 students will receive a yearbook as a Graduation gift from St. Theresa Catholic School Council and staff.

Catholic School Council

Our last meeting was on May 23rd, 2024 for this school year. Thank you to all parents for your time and work on our council this year. Thank you to our co-chairs Lori Knight and Carrie-Ann Csordas. We have begun our preliminary plans for our September Family Barbeque. We welcome all parents to our meetings.

Track & Field - Grades 4 to 8

The Board Meet will be at Niagara Olympic Club on June 3rd. We prepared for track and field in our gym classes so all students could challenge themselves in each event over a series of days and held the racing, shot put and jump events on May 30th. Congratulations to our finalists who will represent us at the board event on Monday, June 3rd.

New Bell Times - Balanced Day Schedule

Our new start time next year. Our entry bell will be at **8:30 am** to accommodate Niagara Catholic's decision to make all our schools follow a balanced day schedule. The balanced day includes two forty minute breaks. A detailed schedule will be emailed to all families the first week of June.

Intermediate Homework Club

Our Intermediate Homework Club has been a huge success this year. We know the students have enjoyed the snacks provided! Students in this club created a productive routine and were able to get assignments completed and work on special projects too. The last day for our club will be **Thursday June 6th**. We will resume the club in September.

Anaphylaxis Awareness and Action Plans



All classrooms at St. Theresa are **peanut, tree nut and milk safe classrooms**. **No peanuts, peanut products, or tree nuts are allowed at any time**. We have **many students** with life threatening allergies to peanuts, tree nuts and peanut products.

Please do not send in any food items for class distribution. We also have a student with dairy allergies and must ensure we handle all dairy food items carefully.

Students who share the classroom with our student with a dairy allergy have been informed and know that they are to wash their hands after lunches and snacks that contain dairy items. Please ensure that your child has thoroughly washed their hands after eating peanuts, peanut products or dairy products for breakfast/lunch at home. We must make every effort to ensure we do not contaminate our learning environment for these students. Please respect the safety of all students.

Remember how you would want your child protected by their school community if your child had a fatal allergy.

Parent Open House Thank you

We thank all parents and grandparents who were able to come to school on May 6th to see our Math Games in action. It was wonderful to show all the amazing math games that our students are engaged in. We loved being able to welcome our parents and grandparents to school!

Grade 6 to 8 Math Clubs

Well things certainly added up in our math clubs!

We had over 25 students and 4 staff participating to our various morning and afternoon Math Clubs.



The clubs focused on fundamental math skills. All students loved the math puzzles and minds-on activities. Our last session will be on June 5th. We are so proud of all the learning our students did during these past 10 weeks. Our eyes will be on all memos next year awaiting the opportunity to start the clubs again!

Intermediate Soccer

Congratulations to our intermediate soccer teams who were excellent representatives of our school. Our girls made it to the finals. We are so proud of them. Our boys also had great success in the tournament playing well in all three of their games. Our teams were gracious when they won and lost a game.



Thank you to Mrs. McDonald and Mr. Webb for all the time and commitment you gave coaching our intermediate soccer teams. Thank you to our parent drivers to the tournament. Our team members are: Bryson A., Al-hameen A., Karlo B., Xavier E., Aiden C., Julian D., Ryan F., Aven J., Ryan M., Jaxson M., Elijah M-L., Lucas M., Keeran R., Easton S., Seyi Y-O., Kayden B., Isabella B., Natalia C., Maegan D., Denovan D., Lilia G., Violet G., Madelene I., Brooklyn I., Bethany M., Ebun O., Jessica S., Jayden S., Demie D., Valery G., and Sofia C., Congratulations to all our players! We are so proud of you!

