



# St. Andrew Catholic School

June 2024



## School Information

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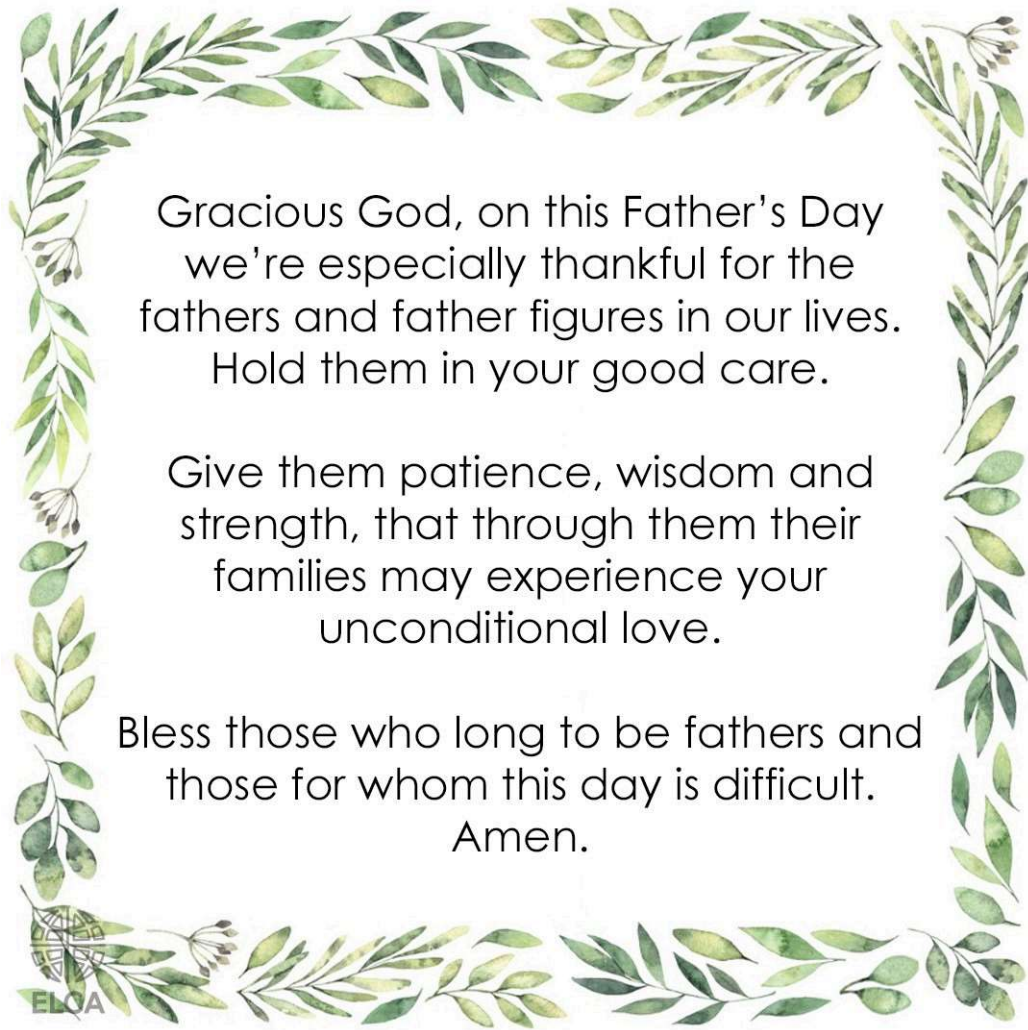
## Principal's Message

As we step into the month of June, we are greeted with warm weather and a sense of anticipation. June is a month filled with excitement and celebration, making it a memorable time for everyone in our school community. One of the highlights of June is Father's Day, a special day dedicated to honouring and appreciating our amazing dads, stepdads, grandfathers, and uncles. It's an opportunity to express our love and gratitude for the strong and caring fathers who play such an important role in our lives. Whether it's through heartfelt cards, thoughtful gifts, or quality time spent together, Father's Day reminds us to cherish the bond we share with our fathers and celebrate the positive impact they have on our lives.

The end of June also marks the end of the school year, bringing a mix of emotions for students, teachers, and parents alike. As we bid farewell to another academic year, we reflect upon the growth and achievements we have witnessed within our classrooms. It's a time to recognize the hard work and dedication of our students, the commitment of our teachers, and the support of our families. As we embark on the last month of school, let's take a moment to celebrate the successes, friendships, and memories made throughout the year.

Wishing you all a joyful and fulfilling June!

Mrs. Ruggi Dietsch



Gracious God, on this Father's Day  
we're especially thankful for the  
fathers and father figures in our lives.  
Hold them in your good care.

Give them patience, wisdom and  
strength, that through them their  
families may experience your  
unconditional love.

Bless those who long to be fathers and  
those for whom this day is difficult.  
Amen.



### Important Dates

Please note the following dates:

- June 4- Family of Schools Track and Field
- June 5- Walk or Bike to School Day
- June 6- Hamburger Day
- June 7 PA Day- No School
- June 12- Intermediate Softball
- June 14- Year End Mass- All welcome
- June 14- Pasta Day
- June 16- Father's Day
- June 20-Grad Luncheon
- June 21-National Indigenous Peoples' Day
- June 21- Kindergarten Celebration of Learning 10 am - Gym
- June 21- Pizza Day
- June 24- Play Day-Out of Dress Code Day
- June 25-Grade 8 Graduation 6:00pm - Notre Dame
- June 26- Talent Show- 9:30- Gym- Out of Dress Code
- June 26- Report Cards available on Parent Portal
- June 27- Last Day of School- Out of Dress Code

### Report Cards

Term 2 Report Cards will be available in the Parent Portal on Wednesday, June 26th by 3 pm. If you would like a hard copy of the Report Card, please reach out to your child's teacher.



### **Wooden Medicine Wheel Bracelets Workshops**

On June 5th, Grade 4-8 students at St. Andrew CES will be participating in Wooden Medicine Wheel Bracelets workshops. While making bracelets made up of the traditional colours of the medicine wheel, students will be discussing what a medicine wheel is. As well as going over each teaching within the Medicine Wheel. These teachings have been handed down from generations of Haudenosaunee people and can differ from nation to nation.

### **Kindergarten Registration**

Kindergarten Registration Register online at [niagaracatholic.ca](http://niagaracatholic.ca)

If you have a child that was born in 2020, they are eligible to begin school in September 2024.

Click on the link above to register your child and join our St. Andrew Family!

In order to be fully registered to start school in September, all documentation must be submitted. A completed registration package must include:

- Online registration form (if that has not been completed yet, you can do so [here](#))
- Copy of your child's birth certificate
- Copy of a baptismal certificate (the child's or from either parent)
- Proof of address (ex. utility bill, etc.)

Please submit any documentation by visiting the school office or by emailing us at



### **Grade 8 Graduation**

Our Grade 8 Graduation is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25, 2024.

Students and their families will gather at Notre Dame College School for a Graduate Blessing and Award Ceremony.

We are looking forward to gathering to celebrate these wonderful young adults! More information to follow.



## St. Andrew Parish Vacation Bible Classes

St. Andrew the Apostle Church will once again provide Vacation Bible Class to students the week of July 8 - 12. Classes will be 9:00 am to 3:00 pm daily. The program fee is \$45.00 if prepaid or \$10.00 a daily. Materials, snacks and lunches are included. Registration form below. Registration Forms must be completed by June 20th with Registration fee of \$10.00. For more information contact the church at (905)732-5046 or [www.saintandrewchurch.com](http://www.saintandrewchurch.com)



Bible School Registration.pdf

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## New Schedule - September 2024

As we continue to work together as a Catholic community of learners, this letter is to notify you that all Niagara Catholic elementary schools will be on a Balanced School Day schedule effective

September 3, 2024. A Balanced School Day is a modified elementary school schedule designed to enhance learning, foster healthy habits, and encourage daily physical activity.

This schedule comprises three instructional blocks interspersed with two nutritional breaks of approximately 40 minutes, allowing 20 minutes for a nourishing lunch and an additional 20 minutes for indoor and/or outdoor physical activity.

A typical Monday to Friday Balanced School Day at St. Andrew would be:

TIME	
Entry 9:15-9:25	<b>Announcements</b>
Period 1 9:25-10:05	
Period 2 10:05 – 10:45	
Period 3 10:45 – 11:25	
Nutrition Break 11:25 - 11:45	
Recess 11:45 - 12:05	
Period 4 12:05-12:45	
Period 5 12:45-1:25	
Nutrition Break 1:25-1:45	
Recess 1:45-2:05	
Period 6 2:05-2:45	
Period 7 2:45-3:25	
Dismissal 3:25-3:35	<b>Announcements</b>

### Class Placements For September 2024

All information pertaining to class placements will not be available until late August or early September.

Combined (split) classes are a reality. We will not change a class placement because your child has been placed in a combined class.

They are a result of having too many students for one class and not enough for two. Sometimes combined classes are chosen as the most appropriate classroom organization for program delivery. There will be combined/split classes this September. Every effort will be made to ensure that students who were in a split class this past year will not be in one next year. Please be aware that staff spend many hours compiling class lists and we do our best to ensure every child is placed in the most appropriate class. As you can appreciate, it is not an easy process. Thank you for your understanding and support. Please do not approach teachers with your requests. Students will find out who their teachers are in late August or early September. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



# VOLUNTEER FAMILIES NEEDED!

- ✓ Want to make a BIG difference in your community?
- ✓ Will you have a 2 - 4 month old by October?

## WHAT'S INVOLVED?

- Your baby becomes a 'Tiny Teacher' for a classroom in your community!
- Nine classroom visits to your local school over the entire school year
- Help the children learn all about your baby and through this, learn more about themselves and each other!



[www.rootsofempathy.org](http://www.rootsofempathy.org)

  
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## Niagara Region Public Health School Health Newsletter

### Check your Immunization Records and Travel Health Notice

If you are planning to travel, add these actions to your planning checklist to help make your trip a healthy one.

1) Make sure you and your children are up-to-date with vaccinations.

Staying up-to-date with vaccinations is important all year round. It is especially important before travelling.

- When travelling, you may be at risk for vaccine preventable illnesses.

Check your immunization records or talk to your health care provider.

- Learn more about where to get vaccinated. Remember to report vaccinations to Public Health for children 0 – 17 years of age. Report online or call 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425

2) Review the Public Health Agency of Canada's travel health notices. These notices outline potential health risks to Canadian travelers and ways to help reduce them. Stay informed as you plan your travel.

### Information on Ticks

Ticks, mosquitos and rabid animals can be a risk as the weather warms up.

- Mosquitoes transmit the [West Nile virus](#) to humans after becoming infected by feeding on the blood of birds, which carry the virus.
- The black- legged (deer) tick transmits [Lyme disease](#) to humans after becoming infected by feeding on the blood of small animals which carry the disease.
- [Rabies](#) is transmitted through saliva from bites and scratches, entering an open cut or wound, or from saliva contacting a mucous membrane, such as those in the mouth, nasal cavity or eyes.



For more information and [tick identification](#), individuals can contact a Duty Officer directly at 905-688-8248 ext. 7590. General tick information can be found on our [Niagara Region Public Health website](#).

## Head safety – for bikes and other wheels

With warmer weather and summer break just around the corner, more kids will be outdoors taking part in activities, such as biking, skateboarding or roller blading. A properly fitted and correct helmet can cut the risk of a serious head injury by up to 85%. This means four out of five brain injuries could be prevented if every cyclist wore a helmet.

- Bike helmets should be replaced after five years or a crash where the cyclist has hit their head
- It's not safe to use a second-hand helmet
- Baseball hats, big hair clips and headphones should never be worn under a helmet

The human skull is just approximately one centimeter thick, so it is important to remind children to always protect their head when being active. To make sure a helmet fits right, follow the 2V1 Rule (image courtesy of Parachute Canada)



## Food Literacy

Want to get your kids excited about food? Food literacy is more than just what's on your plate. It's about loving everything to do with food! Picture your child confidently picking out fresh veggies, cooking healthy meals, and knowing how to keep food safe and budget-friendly. Food isn't just about eating—it's about enjoying different kinds of food, tasting delicious flavors, and making special memories with family.

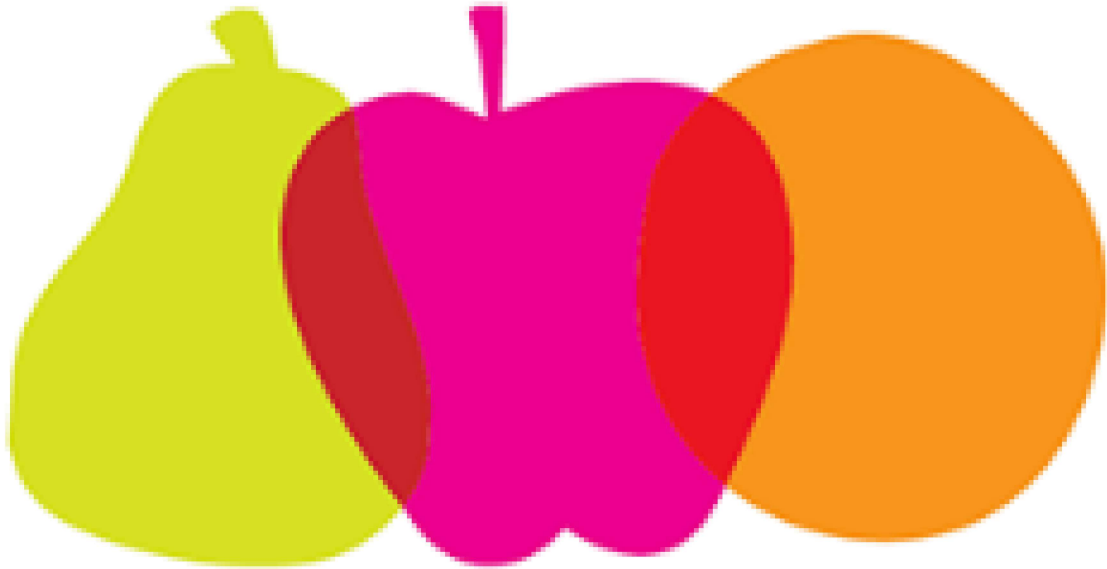
Here are some fun things you can do with your kids this summer to help them learn more about food:

- Kitchen Adventures: Cook together, try new recipes, and let your kids help with chopping, stirring, and tasting.
- Grocery Store Scavenger Hunt: Turn a trip to the grocery store into a game where you

look for foods from different groups or colors.

- Grow Your Own Garden: Start a small garden and teach your kids about planting, taking care of plants, and harvesting their own veggies.
- Food Tasting Party: Have a party where your kids can try new fruits, veggies, cheeses, and talk about how they taste and feel.
- Cultural Food Tours: Explore foods from around the world through virtual or real tours, learning about new flavors and cooking styles.
- Visit a Local Market: Take a trip to a farmers' market, where your kids can meet the vendors and learn about where food comes from.

These activities not only teach kids about food but also make them love cooking, eating, and discovering new foods!



# Niagara Nutrition Partners

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At St. Andrew School, we offer breakfast every morning and snacks to all students throughout the school day. Thank you to our Niagara Nutrition Partners for their support each year!

Please consider donating to this great cause so we can continue to sustain and help maintain this program throughout the year. Please Donate through School Cash Online. This will be open on School Cash Online all year.

## Called By Name

Our Niagara Catholic's new theological theme for 2022-2026 will be "Called by Name". Our theological theme will direct us through daily prayer, faith formation sessions and school and system faith-centered events for the upcoming years:

2022-2023 Called by Name: You are Mine

**2023-2024 Called by Name: Hear My Voice**

2024-2025 Called by Name: Follow Me

2025-2026 Called by Name: Go and Make Disciples





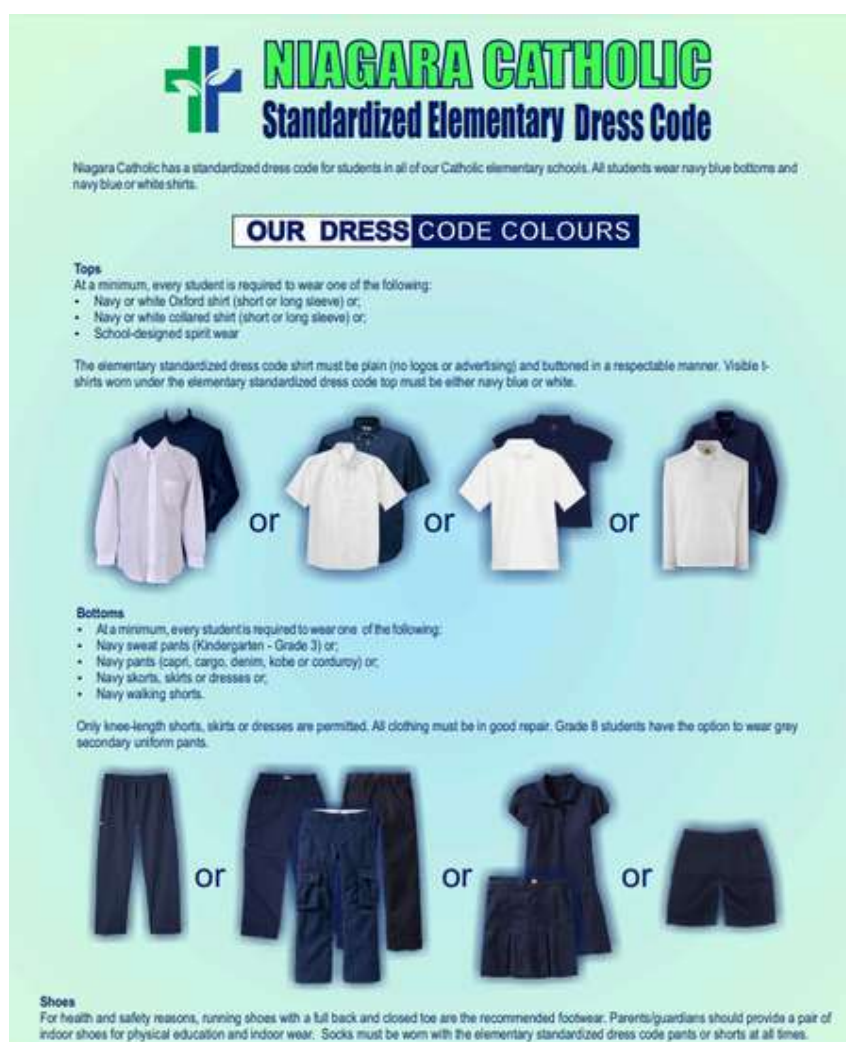
Have you ever tried talking to someone in another room? It can be difficult to hear what the other person is saying because of all the walls and obstacles in the way. Sometimes we put obstacles up that make it hard for us to hear God's voice. God never moves away from us, but we can turn away from Him. Even still, God is never far from us. He loves us and wants to lead us back home. One of God's ways of removing these obstacles is by forgiving us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The words we hear from the priest are the words of Jesus: "I absolve you of your sins." Let us give thanks to God for His mercy and take advantage of this great gift of God's forgiveness.

## Standardized Dress Code

A reminder that students are expected to adhere to Niagara Catholic's Standardized Dress Code. An additional copy of the Dress Code is attached below. According to the Standardized Dress Code, the following items are **not permitted**:

- Black Pants
- T-shirts of any kind (spiritwear exempt)
- Faded or torn Jeans. (Jeans must be dark blue and in good condition)
- Shorts and Skirts must be knee length

Your cooperation is important and appreciated.



**NIAGARA CATHOLIC**  
**Standardized Elementary Dress Code**


Niagara Catholic has a standardized dress code for students in all of our Catholic elementary schools. All students wear navy blue bottoms and navy blue or white shirts.

**OUR DRESS CODE COLOURS**

**Tops**  
At a minimum, every student is required to wear one of the following:

- Navy or white Oxford shirt (short or long sleeve) or;
- Navy or white collared shirt (short or long sleeve) or;
- School-designed spirit wear


The elementary standardized dress code shirt must be plain (no logos or advertising) and buttoned in a respectable manner. Visible t-shirts worn under the elementary standardized dress code top must be either navy blue or white.



**Bottoms**  
At a minimum, every student is required to wear one of the following:

- Navy sweat pants (Kindergarten - Grade 3) or;
- Navy pants (capri, cargo, denim, kobe or corduroy) or;
- Navy skirts, skirts or dresses or;
- Navy walking shorts.

Only knee-length shorts, skirts or dresses are permitted. All clothing must be in good repair. Grade 8 students have the option to wear grey secondary uniform pants.



**Shoes**  
For health and safety reasons, running shoes with a full back and closed toe are the recommended footwear. Parents/guardians should provide a pair of indoor shoes for physical education and indoor wear. Socks must be worn with the elementary standardized dress code pants or shorts at all times.

## Indoor Shoes

Please ensure that your child(ren) have a pair of indoor running shoes at school. Students **are expected to change their footwear when they enter their classroom**. This will not only keep the floors dry but also clean. Students that do not have indoor running shoes will not be permitted to participate in gym.

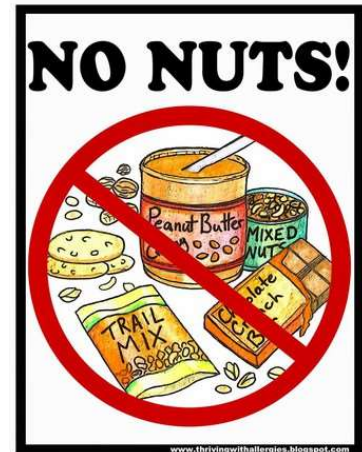
## Student Supervision

Students are able to come into the school at 9:00 am. Please note that supervision is not provided prior to this time.

## Medications & Allergies

Regulations state that school personnel cannot administer any drugs, without written permission from the parent and a doctor. If there is a need for such medication, please contact the school to obtain the forms which must be filled out and signed by both the doctor and the parent. This record is required by School Board Regulations and must be kept on file. Please notify the school if medication distribution stops so that all medication can be returned to the family as soon as possible.

Please remember that St. Andrew Catholic School is an Allergen Aware School. Please do not send products with nuts or nut traces with your child.



## STUDENT ATTENDANCE and SAFE ARRIVAL

St. Andrew Catholic School and all schools throughout Niagara Catholic use the Safe Arrival program to manage student attendance reporting. The Safe Arrival program reduces the time it takes to verify student attendance by making it easier for you to report your child's absence and easier for staff to respond to unexplained student absences. The Safe Arrival program allows parents to report their child's absence quickly and conveniently in one of three ways:

- 1) Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account using your email address. After logging in, select the Attendance tab to Report an Absence.
- 2) Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>). Use your new login information to access your account. Select Attendance to Report an Absence. If you would like to receive attendance notifications on your mobile device please enable Push Notifications in the Settings area of the app. The document Using the SchoolMessenger app will give instructions for using the App.
- 3) The toll-free number 844-287-6287 will allow you to report your child absent without creating an account.

**REMINDER- No single serve plastics available**

Parents are reminded to ensure that their child(ren) have the required utensils needed to eat their snacks/lunches as well as a **reusable water bottle** they can fill at the hydration stations. We are no longer permitted to distribute plastic/styrofoam spoons, forks or cups to students that do not have them.



## School Cash Online

Please ensure that use of School Cash online for the purchase/payment of food days, field trips, donations etc. This is a safe and easy-to-use online program that allows you to make convenient and secure payments from the comfort of your own home. To register, please click [here](#)



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