



St Joseph Phoenix

JUNE 2024

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Like I said in September, "Wow...that was fast!" It's hard to believe we are nearing the end of this school year. June is upon us, and we all know how fast this month goes. We have so many exciting things happening across all the grades. We have class trips, Track & Field meets, a play-day, and of course our grade 8 graduation! I will be an exciting last few weeks of school.

One special event I want to make sure you are all aware of is our annual Family Fun Fair. It is on Wednesday, June 12th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. It was such a great event last year and we look forward to seeing even more of you this year!

As I reflect on this school year, I am extremely proud of the accomplishments of our students. So much growth has occurred in body, mind and spirit. I am equally proud to work with such a dedicated and loving staff! You children are truly in great hands and it is a pleasure to be here. I hope everyone has a fantastic month of June, and if I don't get a chance to say so in person, have a safe and restful summer!

Yours in Catholic Education

T. Atkinson, Principal



Due Dates:

As June is such a busy month, we thought we recap some important dates for you!

- PA Day > Friday, June 7th
- School Closing Mass at St. Joseph Church > June 14th @ 12:30 pm
- Grade 8 Graduation > June 19th



Due Dates:

- Pita Lunch Ordering > June 5th
- Fun Fair Food Orders > June 6th
- Fun Fair Raffle Tickets > June 12 @ noon (more will be available to purchase at the Fair)
- Fun Fair Raffle Baskets "Items" due to the class > June 6th (so we have time to organize and wrap)

Year End Field Trips and Activity due dates:

- Gr 1 & 1/2 trip payment due > June 10th
- Gr 4/5 trip payment due > June 10th
- ELKP in-school event payment due > June 17th
- Gr 3 & 3/4 trip payment due > June 17th

All payments are to be made at > <https://ncdsb.schoolcashonline.com/> <

- Fun Fair Raffle Basket **Items** to bring in > June 6th (as we need time to sort and wrap the baskets)

Kindergarten Orientation

The Kindergarten Parent Orientation is on Wednesday, June 12th at 5:00 pm. The program is for ***new*** registrants to Kindergarten. The Kindergarten Parent Orientation is a 'drop-in' in our Kindergarten room. Please call our secretary, Mrs. Humphreys, at 905-945-4955 to RSVP. You are also welcome to join us at our Fun Fair that

evening from 5:00–7:00 pm. There will be a BBQ, Face Painting, an Obstacle Course, Popcorn, and lots of other activities and food. Due to limited parking we ask that you park in the Municipal lots off Ontario Street or park on Robinson Street in parking zones.

And... It's not too late! We are continuing to accept registrations for the Kindergarten Program, for students born in 2020.



St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School

Fun Fair

Wednesday, June 12

St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School
5 Robinson St. N, Grimsby

5:00 - 7:00PM



**BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS
FOR A FUN EVENING
WITH YOUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY**

BBQ	ACTIVITIES
GAMES	ICE CREAM
RAFFLES	FACE PAINTING
SILENT AUCTION	UNIFORM SWAP



Food ordering information to follow
All proceeds go towards St Joseph School

2024-2025 School Year Calendar

The calendar for the 2024-2025 School Year may be viewed on our Board website.

[2024-25 School Year Calendar](#)

Grade 8 Graduation

Our Grade 8 Graduation Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, June 19th @ 5:00 pm. Presentation of diplomas and awards will take place following the Mass at St. Joseph Church.

Special thanks to Mrs. Morrison and the Parent Grad Committee for organizing what promises to be a memorable and enjoyable evening for the graduates. On behalf of Mr. Atkinson and the Staff of St. Joseph School, we wish our graduates the best of luck in all their future endeavors.



National Indigenous History Month

June is National Indigenous History Month in Canada, a time to recognize the rich history, heritage, resilience and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis.



June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day. This is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of [First Nations](#), [Inuit](#) and [Métis](#) peoples. The Canadian Constitution recognizes these three groups as Aboriginal peoples, also known as Indigenous peoples. Although these groups share many similarities, they each have their own distinct heritage, language, cultural practices and spiritual beliefs.

In cooperation with Indigenous organizations, the Government of Canada chose June 21, the summer solstice, for National Aboriginal Day, now known as National Indigenous Peoples Day. For generations, many [Indigenous peoples and communities](#) have celebrated their culture and heritage on or near this day due to the significance of the summer solstice as the longest day of the year.

Term 2 Reports

Term 2 Report Cards will be available to view in the Parent Portal on Wednesday, June 26, 2024.

2024-25 Class Placements

We are in the process of creating our class lists for next year. This is a reflective process that focuses on many factors to best meet the needs of all students. Parental requests cannot be invited as we must create balanced classes based on learning profiles, social, emotional strengths and needs and behaviour. Teaching staff know the learning needs of all our students and must create classes based on the teaching and learning goals for our children. You will be able to see your child(ren)'s class placement in the Parent Portal the week of August 26th. Thank you for trusting our professional judgment.

Niagara Region Public Health News

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.

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. To learn how to protect your family, visit Reduce the Risk of West Nile Virus - Niagara Region.
- 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. To learn how to protect you and your pets, visit Protect and Prevent Ticks - Niagara Region.
- 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, skate boarding 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

- **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!

BT CORNER

May was another very busy month at Blessed Trinity. Some of the highlights in May included:



- Chicago Trip for our Social Science and Business students
- Catholic Education Week – Catch the Spirit Awards
- Mental Health Awareness Week
- Lots of Spring Sports – Flag Football, Lacrosse, Soccer, Baseball, Slo-Pitch, Track and Field, Rugby
- Spring Music Concert

Teachers and students are starting to wrap up the semester and prepare for final exams. We wish all the elementary teachers and students a great end to another school year.

We are already preparing for next year. At this time, we are starting to put together timetables for all of our students, including our newest grade 9 students. We are also preparing our Orientation Day which will be in the last week of August before school starts. More information will be sent over the summer with details. All of our current grade 8's who will be coming to BT in September should plan to be attend the Orientation Day where they will receive their schedule, locker, tour the school and have some fun with our grade 11 and 12 Thunderstruck-Link Crew leaders.

Please contact Blessed Trinity – Mr. John Cino – 905-945-6706 Ext. 2330 or Mrs. Rose Bianco Ext. 2312, if any Grade 8 parent has any questions.



Holly Humphreys

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