

# *St. Denis Catholic School*

June 2024



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## ***St. Denis Bell Times***



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***

It is hard to believe that the 2023-2024 school year has passed! We have had a productive year at St. Denis Catholic School and I would like to thank our families for supporting the numerous activities that took place throughout the year.

Thank you to Father Stephen for his spiritual guidance. Our St. Denis Catholic School Council spearheaded by our Co-Chairs Mr. Foster and Mrs. Iorio and the many parent volunteers that have worked very hard to serve our community! This positive group of parents accomplished so much this year! We thank them for their dedication to all of our students.

Congratulations to all our students, especially our Grade 8 graduates. We look at this as taking another step on the path called life, not an ending but a new beginning. Whether you are a part of the St. Denis family or the St. Francis family you can rest assured that wherever you are, you are still part of God's family. May God bless you on your journey!

Congratulations to the amazing staff of St. Denis Catholic School. Your dedication to your vocation is a reflection of the spiritual, academic and physical achievements of the students under your care. Have a well deserved summer break!

At this time I would like to wish Mrs. Perry a very happy retirement! We are so thankful for all that she has done for our students over the many years while at St. Denis Catholic School. We greatly appreciate all of her kindness and all of her caring ways to make our school a better place for all! May God bless Mrs. Perry on this new phase of life!

We wish for a summer that brings you fun, sunshine and enjoyable times with friends and family. Thank you for a great year at St. Denis Catholic School!

Yours in Catholic Education,  
Mrs. V. Wegelin



## A "Farewell for Summer" Blessing

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Go now, children and know that the Spirit of Jesus will be watching over you.

Go now, and enjoy God's summer gifts of warm sun, cooling waters, and long, light evenings.

Go now, children with the gift of faith, that you might see God's hand in all your work and play.

Go now with the gift of hope, that you might know God's guidance, which is keeping you safe.

Go now with the gift of love, that you might offer love and care to all you meet.

Go now with the gift of knowledge, remembering all that you have learned. With God's help, live it.

Go now, children with these words of Jesus in your hearts:

"I will not leave you alone; I am with you always."



## Called By Name 2024: Hear My Voice

Jesus reminded Peter of his identity and importance in [Matthew 16:18](#), "And so I tell you, Peter: you are a rock, and on this rock foundation I will build my church, and not even death will ever be able to overcome it." The name Peter means "a rock or stone" - Jesus knew the destiny of Peter! Peter continued to make mistakes time and again, but Jesus, as is His nature, loved Peter wholeheartedly and continued to use him in His kingdom's work. He gifted Peter his identity, which was the most important thing about him—he belonged to God. We



find our identity in Christ and like Peter, our relationship with Christ grows and gains strength. We are called by name and we belong!

## June 2024 Calendar

### ***Bouquets***

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank those many individuals whose contributions make St. Denis Catholic School a very special school!

Thank you to....

- Our Superintendent of Education, Mr. Joe Zaroda who continues to support our St. Denis Community.
- Father Stephen Bruzzese for his spiritual guidance this year.
- The Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate for visiting our school sharing God's wonderful word to our students.
- Members of the Catholic School Council for their tireless efforts and support of our school and community, which is very much appreciated.
- To our students who have worked hard and created many special moments for us throughout the year!
- The teaching staff for their dedication in providing the best possible Catholic Education for your children.
- To Mrs. Goulet for maintaining an organized and easily accessible library.
- Mr. Turcotte and Mrs. Costanzo for their maintenance of the school.
- Mrs. Korsmit, our awesome secretary for her administrative assistance in everything that happens at this school.
- To our Educational Assistants and Child and Youth Care Worker who always ensured the safety and academic success of all our students.
- All of our parents/guardians who take the time to support our efforts and continue to work with all of us as a unified team.

God Bless you! Once again we thank you and we look forward to your continued support next year!



### ***Happy Retirement Mrs. Perry!***

A very special happy retirement to Mrs. Katherine Perry our Child and Youth Care Worker. She has been at St. Denis for numerous years ensuring that our students get top notch care! We always appreciated everything that Mrs. Perry did for our students. She will be greatly missed by all the students and staff! May God bless you!



### ***May 2024 Monthly Award Winners!***

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.

Mrs. Lee's Class - Bodhi S.

Ms. Schenck's Class - Zayn C.

Ms. Konieczny's Class - Rafaela L. & Max S.

Ms. D'Ettores Class - Nash B. & Kiara C.

Mrs. Foster's Class - Thomas C.

Mrs. Austin's Class - Hudson C.

Mrs. Jackson's Class - Mariia B.

Mr. Sutton PRIMARY - Shein S.

Mr. Hasting's Class - Piper B.

Mrs. La Valle's Class - Grace G.

Mr. O'Connor's Class - Rae-lynn K.

Miss MacSporrans Class - Tunmise A. & Silvana S.

Mr. Riddell's Class - Mason B.

Mme Bonin's French Class JR - Ava L.

Mme Bonin's French Class INT - Anna-Rose S.

Mrs. Wegelin - Principal's Award - Santiago G.

Mrs. Biletski's Music Class - Grace D.

**Congratulations to all winners! Keep Shining!**

## ***SPRING CHA-CHING Winners & Top Sellers***

Thank you to all St. Denis families for your amazing enthusiasm and participation in our Spring Cha-Ching Raffle Fundraiser!! It was a great success!!



We would like to announce all the winners for our Spring Cha-Ching Raffle and our Top Seller Prizes. Join us in congratulating all of the winners:

Day 1 - Serena Penner-Woelk

Day 2 - Nancy Ferron

Day 3 - Yuliya Shatalina

Day 4 - Delilah Deschamps

Day 5 - John Myers

Day 6 - Adam Warnock

Day 7 - Jennifer Crabbe

Day 8 - Neil Solidarios

Day 9 - Christine Daly

Day 10 - Kim Janes

Top Family Seller - Primary Division - Locke Family

Top Family Seller - Junior Division - Thibault Family

Top Family Seller - Intermediate Division - Galipeau Family

Sold 3 Books or More Draw - Colledge Family

# COMMUNITY CREW LUNCH PROGRAM

Announcement!!

The last day for the Community Crew Lunch Program this year will be Thursday, June 20 2024.

We would like to thank Community Crew and their volunteers for their ongoing support of St. Denis Catholic School Students!!

We would also like to thank our many student volunteers who give their time at school to help make the program so smoothly!!



## EcoSchool Information



The St. Denis school community is proud to announce our **Platinum Certification** through Eco Schools. The dedication of staff and students contributed to this great success. Thank you to all school community members who participated in our Eco events including: Waste Free Wednesdays, Plastic Bottle Initiatives, The Great Gulp, and all the other activities which contributed to this huge accomplishment. Our actions inside and out of the classroom made a huge impact on our global footprint and mission to save God's earth. Thank you to Mrs. Jackson and Mr. Quaranta and our EcoSchool team for all of their hard work this entire year! We are extremely proud to win the highest level possible!!

## Flag Football Tournament

### Flag Football

Congratulations to our first ever flag football co-ed intermediate team! They participated in an invitational tournament on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 in Welland. We are very proud of our team and the great sportsmanship they displayed at this event. Our team members include: Jacqueline C., Nicole B., Rylee K., Elizabeth M., Josephina A., Marybella S.G., Elissa G., Maverick C.W., Austin R., Mason B.S., Ayden M., Atticus H., and Adam W.



Thank you to Mr. Riddell for coaching our great team! Go Saints go!

## Intermediate Girls and Boys Soccer Tournament

### Intermediate BOYS Soccer

A big congratulations to the Intermediate Boys soccer team on a job well done at the St. Catharines Tier 2 tournament on May 29, 2024. The boys played well, demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and phenomenal team spirit! They won their first game against St. Nicholas but unfortunately were defeated by St. James and finished off the day with a tie game against St. Christopher. Thank you to Juan Andres N. M., Juan Diego O.H., Mason B.S., Adam W., Joshua A.,

Kaidyn L., Ayden M. , Edrick O., Austin R., Atticus H., Maverick C.W, Isaac O. A., Luca L.P., Joshua W., Ethan M., Pathrose A. for playing your absolute best and representing St. Denis!

We also extend our thanks to the team coach Mrs. La Valle!! Thank you for your dedication to our students!



### **Intermediate GIRLS Soccer**

Congratulations to our Intermediate Girls Soccer Team for representing St. Denis at the tournament on May 28, 2024. The girls played extremely well and gave it their all! The girls demonstrated grit, perseverance, and a positive attitude. they won their first game against St. Nicholas 6-0 and then triumphed again against St. James with a close game of 3-2. The third game against St. Christopher resulted in a 2 - 0 loss. The day ended with a shoot against St. Theresa. Congratulations to all team members: Nicole B., Jacqueline G., Gabrielle G., Miley H., Tahlia M., Josephina A., Annalise J. M., Leucile C., Silvana S. G., Elizabeth M., Shyla L., Abby L., Giselle M.V. , Marybella S G., Anna Rose S. Well done!! A big thank you to the team coach and Mr. Riddell! Thank you for your dedication and excellent coaching skills!

## **E.Q.A.O**

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**May 27, 2024 - May 31, 2024 Grade 3**

**May 21, 2024-May 27, 2024 Grade 6**

Grade 3 and 6 students will be participating in the Provincial Assessments. Grade 3 and 6 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. Working together, parents and educators can help ensure that students have a positive experience by discussing the assessment with them. Parents are asked to avoid interruptions in their child's attendance during the assessment. Scheduling of appointments during this time is not encouraged. We thank you for your support.

**Education Quality and  
Accountability Office**



## **Library Book Reminder**

**June 14, 2024**

This is just a reminder that all library books need to be returned to the school by **Friday, June 14, 2024**. Overdue notices will be sent out to ensure that all of our books are returned before the end of the year. Thank you to our school librarian, Mrs. Goulet who will be completing an inventory of our library.



## **Track and Field Meets!**

**Area Track and Field Meet**

**June 3, 2024**

Junior and Intermediate students have been preparing for this upcoming event. **Students who placed at our school meet will be travelling to West Park for this event by school bus.** Students will need to bring a lunch, lots of water and sunscreen. More information will follow as the date gets closer

## Board Track and Field Meet

June 13, 2024

Junior and Intermediate students who placed at our area meet will be competing in this meet with all the schools in Niagara Catholic District School Board. Students will need to bring a lunch, lots of water and sunscreen. More information will follow as the date gets closer.



## Food Days for June 2024

Pita Day Orders due on **Monday, June 3, 2024.**

Pita Day - **Thursday, June 6, 2024.**

Pizza Day Orders due on **Monday, June 10, 2024.**

Pizza Day - **Friday, June 14, 2024.**



## P. A. Day!

June 7, 2024

On **Friday, June 7, 2024** a Professional Activity Day will be held. There will not be any school for students. School staff will be working on assessment and evaluation on this day.



## Play Day!



June 17, 2024

On Monday, June 17, 2024 at St. Denis Catholic School we will be having Play Day! Students are reminded to wear comfortable athletic wear, running shoes and a hat! Remember to bring lots of water for the day! Students will be participating in fun outdoor activities.

Our Catholic School Council will be making lunch for the entire school! Students will be able to have a hamburger and a juice box on this day! Thank you to all of our Catholic School members for organizing and providing this lunch for free for all of our students!

## Class Trips

Students will be participating on various class trips throughout the month of June. Please remember to dress accordingly to the weather forecasted on the day of the school trip. Running shoes are the required footing for outings.

**Wednesday, June 12, 2024** - Grade 4H, 5L & 6O - PALS @ Brock U

**Wednesday, June 12, 2024** - Grade 7/8M & Grade 8R - Trip to Niagara Falls

**Thursday, June 13, 2024** - Grade 1D, 1/2K & 2F - PALS @ Brock U

**Friday, June 14, 2024** - Grade 2/3A & 3J - PALS @ Brock U

**Thursday, June 20, 2024** - Grade 1D & 2F - Safety Village

**Friday, June 21, 2024** - Grade 1/2K, 2/3A & 3J - Safety Village

**Friday, June 21, 2024** - Kindergarten Lee/DeCicco and Kindergarten Schenck/Covello - Safari Niagara



## **Dress Code Trade Day**



On Monday, June 10th, 2024 we will hold our annual Dress Code TRADE DAY!!

Please submit items your child(ren) may have outgrown between June 1 - June 6. You will receive 1 ticket for each item you donate. On Trade Day you can use your tickets to exchange for items in the size you need. One ticket for one item.

## **Grade 8 Graduation**

**June 20, 2024**

Our Grade 8 Graduation Liturgy will take place on Thursday, June 20 at 5:30 p.m. at St. Denis Catholic School gym. Parents are encouraged to join us for this special celebration. After the liturgy service, diplomas and awards will be presented to the students. The Graduation dinner and dance will take place at Coppola's Restaurant. It begins at approximately 5:30 p.m. and ends at 10:00 p.m. Congratulations to our students who will be graduating this year and best wishes for their continued success as they begin the next step of their education. May they remember that God's love and grace will always guide them on their journey! Thanks to our Catholic School Council and Grade 8 parents with the setup for the evening. Thanks to our Catholic School Council for supporting our graduates!



## **Term Two Report Cards**

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**June 26, 2024**

Term 2 report cards will be posted in the parent portal. Parents are encouraged to read and review with their child their academic progress to date. Parent/Teacher interviews will be by request this term.



## **Last Day of School!**

**Wednesday, June 26, 2024**

This is an out of dress code day. "Tacky Tourist Day"

**Thursday, June 27, 2024**

This will be the last day of school for students! We wish everyone a very happy and safe summer!



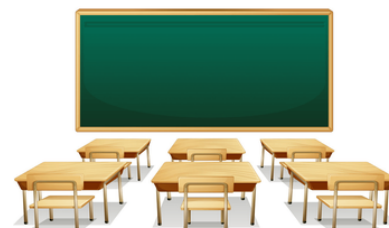
Friday, June 28, 2024

This day will be a Professional Activity Day. There will not be any school for students.



## Class Lists

How are students assigned to classes? A great deal of time and effort is spent determining the composition of classes. Teachers meet and examine students' progress and student learning styles. Having made tentative lists, consideration is then given to factors such as class size, gender ratio, previous placement in combined classes and student needs. Students are generally placed with classmates with whom they will be most successful. Information regarding student placement for September has not yet been finalized.



## Student Registration Reminder!



Registrations for Kindergarten are still being accepted at St. Denis Catholic School. If you know anyone of eligible school age, please encourage them to register. Remind them to bring their child's baptismal and birth certificate and proof of address when they come in to register. The sooner all registrations are received, the faster classroom placements can be made.

## Kindergarten Registration

### Year 1 Kindergarten Registration

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.

Welcome to  
**Kindergarten!**

## No Dogs on School Property

Just a reminder to all parents that dogs are not allowed on the school property. We have children and staff members who are anxious around dogs. In the best interest to keep everyone safe, please keep your dogs at home or in the car when it is drop off or pick up time at school. We greatly appreciate your cooperation with this request.



### FAM JAM Event Saturday, June 22nd

FAM JAM will take place on Saturday, June 22, 2024 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon at the MacBain Community Centre, 7150 Montrose Rd, Niagara Falls. FAM JAM is a free, fun-filled morning of activities for families to enjoy with their young children. There will be EarlyON outdoor play program, book giveaways, StoryWalk, Mobile Closet free shopping, face painting, community resources, and refreshments. Various community partners will be participating in this event to provide information and resources for all families and newcomer families. Some partners include - Mobile Closet, Niagara Falls Public Library, Niagara Region Public Health – Niagara Parents, Niagara Firefighters Association and services available to newcomer families.

[FAM JAM POSTER - CLICK HERE](#)

## NIAGARA REGION PUBLIC HEALTH

Niagara Region Public Health wants children to have a successful, healthy start to their education now more than ever. With every vaccination received, children are protected from serious diseases. To protect the health of our community, all students attending schools in Ontario are required to be vaccinated for nine childhood illnesses: Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella, and Meningococcal disease.

· **If your child is in Kindergarten or new to Ontario, remember to submit their vaccination records or a valid exemption to public health.**

· There are three ways to report a child's vaccines directly to public health:

o Online at [www.niagararegion.ca/vaccines](http://www.niagararegion.ca/vaccines)

o By phone: 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425

o Fax: 905-688-8225



## New to Kindergarten OR to Ontario - Report Vaccines

## NRPH - School Health Newsletter - JUNE 2024

### ***Woo Hoo, the Sun is Back!***

The sun is shining and it's time to get outside to play! But before you run outside, make sure you remember your 5 S's....

**Slip:** on some clothes that will protect your skin from the sun (loose-fitting and tightly woven are best).

**Slop:** on some sunscreen that is at least SPF 30 and filters UVA & UVB rays (broad-spectrum). Put sunscreen on 20 minutes BEFORE you go outside so it can soak in. Don't forget your ears, nose and feet if you are wearing sandals! Lips should also be protected with SPF 30 lip balm.

Note: Please note that teachers are NOT PERMITTED to apply sunscreen onto your children.

**Slap:** on a wide-brimmed hat to protect your face, ears and neck.

**Seek:** shade when outside between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

**Slide:** on some sunglasses that have 100% UVA & UVB filters.

Attention moms, dads, coaches and caregivers: Sun damage can happen quickly, so make sure youth remember sunscreen for lunch break, gym class, track and field and other outdoor activities. Think it's safer to use a tanning bed? Think again! No tan is a safe tan. Tanning beds have a mixture of UVB and/or UVA rays. The UVA rays can be up to 5 times stronger than the summer sun at its strongest!



### ***EcoSchool Information***

#### **Wednesday Waste Free Lunches**

Every Wednesday, we are asking for families to try to reduce the amount of garbage that we create from our lunches. Also, just a friendly reminder to bring a reusable water bottle to school.



We continue to be aware of how we can help keep our school environment clean.

Thank you to Mrs. Jackson and Mr. Quaranta for organizing this on behalf of our school!

### ***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

## 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

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.

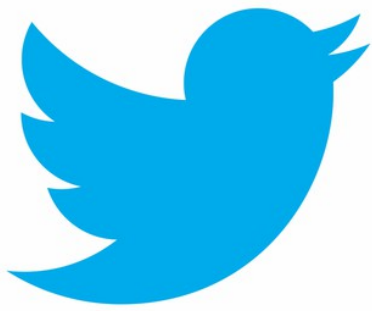
In addition, approved sweaters and hoodies embroidered and/or screened with the school logo are permitted to be worn as part of the elementary standardized dress code.

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)



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