



ST. JAMES NEWS

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Safe Arrival

To report your child absent please use one of the three methods listed below:

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 (blue logo) 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

1-844-287-6287

will allow you to report your child absent without creating an account.

The Niagara Catholic District School Board, through the charisms of faith, social justice, support and leadership, nurtures an enriching Catholic learning community for all to reach their full potential and become living witnesses of Christ.

Principal's Message

Dear St. James Families,

Welcome back! We hope you had a great summer and are anticipating another great year here at St. James Catholic Elementary School. A very warm welcome to our new full day Kindergarten students and new students and families joining our community.

This year is filled with many opportunities for our students, as we embark on this journey together making a commitment to provide engaging, meaningful and spiritual opportunities, combined with special events, clubs, activities and athletic teams. Go Skyhawks!

The staff at St. James look forward to a very positive and productive year together. We value the connection between home, parish and school. Your parental support in your child's education and active participation is essential to driving student achievement. Our doors and minds are always open to support our St. James students.

We look forward to working with you as we navigate another successful year at St. James Catholic Elementary School.

Yours in Catholic Education,
Mr. K. Lococo, Principal

Class Placements 2024-2025

The name of your child's classroom teacher for September will be made available in the Niagara Catholic Maplewood Parent Portal at <https://niagaracatholic.ca/reportcards/> the week of August 28th. The homeroom and assigned teacher will be visible on the main page.

Balanced Day School Schedule 2024-2025

Supervision Begins at 8:50 a.m.

Before School	8:50 a.m.—9:05 a.m.
Period One	9:15 a.m.—9:55 a.m.
Period Two	9:55 a.m.—10:35 a.m.
Period Three	10:30 a.m.—11:15 a.m.
AM Nutrition	11:15 a.m.—11:35 a.m. Kindergarten—3/4 Eating, Grades 4-8 Outdoor Recess
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Period Four	11:55 a.m.—12:35 p.m.
Period Five	12:35 p.m.—1:15 p.m.
PM Nutrition	1:15 p.m.—1:35 p.m. Kindergarten—3/4 Outdoor Recess, Grades 4-8 Eating
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Period Six	1:55 p.m.—2:35 p.m.
Period Seven	2:35 p.m.—3:15 p.m.
Dismissal	3:25 p.m.

Fire and Lockdown Drills

Fire drills will be conducted at a minimum of six times throughout the duration of the school year; three per term at various times of the day. Lockdown drills will be conducted at a minimum of two times throughout the duration of the school year; on per term.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in ensuring the safety of all our students .



Emergency Information

All parents and guardians will be receiving a copy of the student emergency information sheet. Please fill in the information on the form and return it to the school by **Wednesday, September 25th, 2024**. It is very important that we have the correct information as to where we may reach you or who you wish us to contact if you are not available during school hours.

It is imperative that we have a contact number on file and that there is someone available to pickup your child when called. Please check with the emergency contact to make sure there arrangements are suitable.

STAFF LIST 2024-2025

Mr. A. Soukop	Full Day Kindergarten
Mrs. P. O'Rourke	Full Day Kindergarten
Mrs. C Smith	Grade 1
Mrs. C. McInerney	Grade 2/3
Mrs. J. Timmins	Grade 3/4
Mrs. C. Martinelli	Grade 3/4
Mrs. D. D'Andrea	Grade 5/6
Mrs. L. Buordolone	Grade 6/7
TBD	Grade 7/8
Mr. E. Sabatini	ERT
Mrs. D. Howe	French
Mrs. M. Oresta	PTM
Mrs. A. Goulet	Library Technician
Mr. G. Worden	ESL
Mrs. F. Frisoli	Educational Assistant
Mrs. A. Warren	Educational Assistant
Ms. S. Pali	Educational Assistant
Ms. B. Voth	Educational Assistant
Mrs. K. Ali	ECE
Ms. A. Tunbridge	Child Youth Worker
Mr. J. Slobodian	Custodian
Mr. S. Hecimovich	Custodian
Mrs. C. Dionne-Taylor	Administrative Assistant
Mr. K. Lococo	Principal
Ms. J. Meffe	Public Health Nurse

Stay Informed. Be Connected

Effective home and school communication is key to the growth and success of our entire St. James' family. In order to continue and build upon communication between home and school, please provide us with an existing email address. Through email, you will conveniently receive newsletters, calendars, event announcements and friendly reminders to keep you up to date and well informed!

Newsletter

Again this year, St. James' families are invited to access the Newsletter and Calendar online through the Niagara Catholic District School Board's website at www.niagaracatholic.ca. They will also be emailed through our School Messenger System.

School Cash Online

To login to SchoolCash Online to make payments or complete various forms go to:

<https://ncdsb.schoolcashionline.com>

If you setup an account in the previous school year that account will work for the new school year. The document called Become a SCO Member will give instructions to create a new SchoolCash Online account and information about that account.

Reporting Dates 2024-2025

Progress Reports—Week of November 18, 2024
Term One Reports—Week of February 10, 2025
Term Two Reports—Week of June 23, 2025

Reusable Water Bottle

In an effort to promote and teach students about sustainability, we ask students to avoid bringing disposable plastic water bottles to school. Thank you for your concern and cooperation for the environment.

Cell Phone Expectations as per Provincial Policy Memorandum 128

Dear Parent/Guardian(s),

As we continue to foster a safe and positive learning environment for all students, I would like to remind you of the new regulations regarding cell phone use that have been implemented in Ontario schools.



To minimize distractions and maximize learning, cell phones are only permitted during instructional time when they are being used for educational purposes as directed by the teacher. Outside of these times, students are expected to keep their phones turned off and stored away unless needed for documented learning needs and/or health related requirements.

We kindly ask for your support in reinforcing this policy with your children and encouraging them to focus on their studies during school hours. Your cooperation is essential in helping us maintain a healthy and respectful school environment.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these rules, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Kiss 'N' Ride

We ask drivers to please “kiss and drive” straight through the outside lane of our school lot to avoid blocking the arriving and departing busses.

If you are using the “Kiss 'N' Ride” drop off lane **Do Not exit your vehicle.** This is strictly meant to pull up so that your child(ren) can exit the vehicle and you can drive off thereby ensuring a continuous flow of traffic.

If you need to assist your child(ren) out of the car, please park your vehicle in a parking spot and walk them across the parking lot.

When entering the parking lot, please Reduce speed. Remember to keep children close to you when walking in the parking lot. It is very busy and we want to make sure everyone is safe.

Last year we had a designated cross area painted in front of the school. Staff monitor this designated crossing so please utilize this crossing rather than walking between parked and moving cars in the designated drop off lanes.

Everyone's safety is of utmost importance. Crossing moving traffic between cars poses a safety risk to all.

MEDICATION

For safety reasons, no child is to bring any form of medication to the school.

If medication is necessary there is a form that must be filled out by your Doctor to indicate dosage, instructions, etc., and the prescription container clearly labelled with the names (child, parent, doctor), phone numbers and must be left at the office.

Please contact the school to address individual student needs in this regard.

Anaphylaxis Awareness and Action Plans

All classrooms at St. James are **peanut, tree nut and egg safe classrooms.**
No peanuts, peanut products, tree nuts or raw/cooked eggs are allowed at any time.

We have many students with life threatening allergies to peanuts, peanut products and/or eggs.

Please ensure that your child has thoroughly washed their hands after eating peanuts, peanut products or eggs 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.

St. James Skyhawks Class of 2025 Gradhoodie

Price:
Sizes XSM-3XL
\$63.00 tax included
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- Embroidery & Twill Appliqué Decoration on Front
- Embroidery & Gold Twill Appliqué GRAD on Back

Name Options Available:

1/2" High Embroidered Name on hood. Included in price of the Gradhoodie

- At Big Bear Spiritwear we don't have minimums, deadlines, or surcharges for late orders, you can order your Gradhoodie online anytime. However, to insure that you receive it in September, and with free shipping, place your order by July 31st, 2024.

- 3 Shipping Options Available:

- a) Pick up in store, no charge.
- b) Delivery to your school, \$3.50 plus tax per order.
- c) Delivery to your home, Canada Post rates, typically \$20.00 in the Niagara Region.

- No Refunds or Exchanges on Decorated or Personalized Products



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You can also order in person at: 6182 Dixon Street, Niagara Falls, ON, L2G 2L6 | Ph: 905-357-7132 | email: csr@bigbearspiritwear.com