

# St. Patrick Catholic School

October Newsletter 2024

## Celebrating 65 years at St. Patrick Port Colborne

A 65th birthday or anniversary is a celebration, but it often focuses more on what has been than what is yet to be.



But at St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School in Port Colborne, celebrating 65 years was a chance to look back on an incredible history of Catholic education in the city, and to look toward the future.

That's exactly more than 120 people did on September 19, when the school hosted its 65th anniversary celebrations. Past and current students and staff, including students who started at the school



when it opened in 1959, stopped by to walk the halls, sharing stories and memories about their time at St. Patrick. As part of the celebrations, Fr. Wieslaw (Wes) Woloszyn blessed the school, and current students and staff received special 65th anniversary t-shirts, which they can use as spirit wear.

"It was a real community event," said Mrs. Kalagian - Principal of St. Patrick Catholic School

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## Past and Present Student

This is a great photo of Thalia Kramer (nee Ottaviano) Graduate of St. Patrick Catholic School 2004 and current student Thalia Foster will be a graduate in 2033 just chatting at the end of the school day....beautiful moment!



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## ***Registered Families will receive weekly updates through school messenger.***

**Contact the school if your email, phone or address has changed.**

St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School Port Colborne

Principal: Mrs. MK Kalagian

Secretary: Mrs. D Handley

Superintendent: Mr. J Zaroda

Website: [niagaracatholic.ca](http://niagaracatholic.ca)

School location: 266 Rosemount Ave Port Colborne, Ontario

Phone: (905) 835 1091



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## **Welcome to St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School**

Checklist Check Transportation Details for your child at NSTS <https://www.nsts.ca/>

Register for Safe Arrival to receive school messages and report your child's attendance

<https://niagaracatholic.ca/safearrival/>

St. Patrick Church Pastor Fr. Wes 905-834-6426 [parishstpatrick@gmail.com](mailto:parishstpatrick@gmail.com)

Register for School Cash Online to make purchases from the school

<https://ncdsb.schoolcashonline.com/> Have your dress code ready to go (see below)

Please visit our school website anytime for links to School Cash Online and School Messenger/Safe Arrival

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## **St. Patrick Staff for 2023 - 2024**

PRIMARY TEAM:

Kindergarten - Mrs. Allen & Mrs. Christopher (ECE) & Mrs. Hornak

Grade 1/2 - Mrs. Gillespie

Grade 2/3 – Mr. Salterelli

JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE TEAM:

Grade 4/5 - Mrs. Murdoch

Grade 6 - Mrs. Peazel

Grade 6/7 – Mr. Perrotta

Grade 8 - Mr. Caldwell

PTM/IA/FSL/ESL STAFF

PTM- Ms. DeLuca

PTM and FSL- Madame MacPherson PTM and FSL

FSL – Madame Battersby - Grade 6/7 and 8

SUPPORT STAFF

ERT- Mrs. Kalagian

EAs - Mrs. D’Uva and Mrs. DeCicco

Librarian - Mrs. Trasatti (Day 3&4)

CYW – Mrs. Belcamino (Day 1 & Day 2)

Secretary - Mrs. Handley

Custodian – Mrs. Nuccitelli and Ms. Otlu

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## Thanksgiving Lunch - Wednesday October 9, 2024

All students will enjoy a Thanksgiving lunch: turkey, gravy, stuffing, mashed potatoes, corn and dinner roll. Many thanks to Lemayzzz Meats in Port Colborne for making the lunch for our students.



Special thanks to **Brandon's No Frills in Port Colborne** for donating the plates, napkins, juice boxes and dessert for this celebration. Brandon, your generosity is greatly appreciated!

**Anyone who can volunteer to serve lunch please be at the church hall for 10:30.**

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## Student Senate

Our student senate will be selling popcorn and other items every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for \$2.00 a bag. There different flavours of popcorn like: salt and vinegar, dill pickle, cheddar and sweet and salty. Bring your toonie to buy a bag.



Student Senate is also planning a monthly raffle where they will be selling tickets on a themed basket. This month the theme will be Halloween. The value of the monthly basket will be \$75 to \$100 in value. Tickets will be sold during their lunch run every Monday, Wednesday and Friday and cost \$2.00 per ticket or 3 for \$5.00. The winner will be drawn on Friday October 25.

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## If you are interested in keeping our Port Colborne Urgent Care open please read below

The link will take you to a petition to keep the Port Colborne urgent care open, spearheaded by Jeff Burch.

Below is a link that can be used to sign a petition /send a letter to government, urging them to consider keeping it open.

<https://jeffburch.ontariondp.ca/port-colborne-urgent-care>

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## Lakeshore Catholic Corner

### Welcome Future Gators and Parents!

#### Upcoming Dates

Complete Google form for FUTURE Gator Day (Open from Thursday, Sept. 26-Wednesday, Oct 2nd).

**Tuesday, October 8th-** FUTURE Gator Day 10-1:30pm

**Monday, October 21- Wednesday, October 23rd-** Welcome Visits with Principal and Guidance/2025 T-shirts

**Friday, October 25th-** Gatorwalk Invitation

**Thursday, November 21st-**Gr 8 Open House @ 6pm

**Tuesday Dec 3-** Transitioning To High School Night (OSSD Requirements) & APP Information Lakeshore Catholic @ 6pm ALL GRADE 8 PARENTS WELCOME

**Wednesday, Dec. 4- Friday Dec. 13th-**Course Selections [www.onmyblueprint.com](http://www.onmyblueprint.com) Plan with your parents ahead of time.

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## Dress Code Required for all Students

Niagara Catholic Elementary students wear a dress code. The details can be found at Niagara Catholic website under policies. Please make sure your child has a navy or white polo shirt (must have a collar) and navy bottoms - not black (pants, skirt and dark jeans). Students can wear any type of shoes; we do recommend a second set of shoes for indoor use. If your child arrives to school out of dress code we may provide the student with items to wear for the school day. If you need assistance with dress code items, please notify the school.



### Order Dress Code and Spirit Wear items from Goods Sports Excellence

<https://goods.gearware.com/Shop/Store.aspx?>

[sid=1&ssid=9B9304633347DBA9D92A545851A3529FFDDE4A61](https://goods.gearware.com/Shop/Store.aspx?sid=1&ssid=9B9304633347DBA9D92A545851A3529FFDDE4A61)

Colin Gillespie

Goods Sports Excellence

## Terry Fox

Congratulations St. Patrick Catholic School Community on another successful Terry Fox assembly and it was a gorgeous day to walk around the community in Terry's honour.

So far we raised \$475.00 with all your generous donations.

Thank you!



## St. Patrick Prepares for the Terry Fox Walk

School Assembly



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## October 5 is World Teachers Day!

Teacher's Day is one such event to which students and teachers equally look forward. The Day is important for the students as it gives them a chance to understand the efforts put in by their teachers to ensure that they get a proper education. It is a special day to thank teachers for everything that they do!

## October 24 is Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day!

This day recognizes the commitment, hard work and dedication of Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) and staff who work with young children. ***We thank Miss. Christopher for all that she does to support our students!***

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## Happy Halloween!

Thursday October 31 the students and staff will be celebrating Halloween. It is an out of dress code day so students can come dressed in costumes all day. The student senate will be having a Halloween dance for the students during designated times in the gym. Weather permitting, we will parade around the neighbourhood after lunch to share our costumes with our community. Please remember that there are no weapons allowed to accompany any costumes. We want this to be a fun day for everyone!

If you are sending in snacks or treats for the class, we ask that they be individually wrapped or packaged so that students can take items home that they don't eat in the class. This will ensure less waste of food in the classroom.



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## Our School Bell Times and Schedule

Daily Schedule:

8:10 am - 8:25 am - Supervision & arrival

8:25 am - Morning Bell - School Starts - students arriving after 8:35 am are marked late.

10:35 am -10:55 am - First Break - Kindergarten to Grade 5 outside; Grade 6 to 8 indoors nutrition break

10:55 am - 11:15 am - Kindergarten to Grade 5 indoor nutrition break and outdoor time for Grades 6, 7 and 8

12:35 pm -12:55 pm - Second Break - Kindergarten to Grade 5 outside; Grade 6 to 8 indoors nutrition break

12:55 pm - 1:15 pm - Kindergarten to Grade 5 indoor nutrition break and outdoor time for Grades 6, 7 and 8

2:45 pm - Dismissal



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## ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES - SAFE ARRIVAL SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

The Safe Arrival Parent Portal allows parents to conveniently report their child's absence and allows school staff to respond to an unexplained absence quickly.

Absences can be reported via: -Internet (<http://ncschoolconnects.com>)

Smart Phone App (search keyword "safearrival" school messenger)

Automated Telephone System (toll free 1-844-287-6287)

Full Day Absences and late arrival must be reported prior to 8:35 am or you will receive a call out from the school. It is important to have a consistent routine for getting to school and home each day. It is recommended that if your child will be taking the bus home, that this is the form of transportation they will use on a daily basis. This is to ensure consistency and safety for both your child and teachers. Should your contact information change (email, phone number, address) during the school year, please contact the office so we can update which is in turn available to NSTS, otherwise you may miss important information.



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## School Cash Online

We endeavor to be a cash and cheque free school which means all school purchases are done through SCHOOL CASH ONLINE. Please make sure you are signed up today.

<https://ncdsb.schoolcashionline.com/> What Is School Cash Online?



School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees. Now, with a few clicks, you can pay for your child's yearbook, class trips and so much more from your own home. All you have to do is register an account, attach your children and in no time you will be able to make payments online

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## Parent Portal

What is the parent portal and what is it for? The Niagara Catholic Parent Portal allows parents access to information regarding their child including report cards, alternative report cards and timetable and your child's classroom teacher for the following school year. How do I login to the parent portal? Use this helpful guide and follow the instructions. <https://cdn.niagaracatholic.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Niagara-Catholic-Maplewood-ParentPortal-Instructions-Sept-2020.pdf>

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## Allergy Aware School - Nut Safe-Anaphylaxes

Within our school community, there are several students who have a life-threatening allergy (anaphylaxis) to foods, predominantly to peanuts and tree nuts (e.g. almond, cashew, hazelnut, pistachio). The best way to reduce the risk of accidental exposure to these students is to respectfully ask for the co-operation of the parents/guardians within this school community to avoid sending peanut butter or products with peanuts listed in the ingredients.

There is a wide range of nutritious foods available to pack for your child. Visit <http://www.eatrightontario.ca> for suggestions. For more information on anaphylaxis, visit <http://www.anaphylaxis.ca> or <http://www.aiaa.ca> We are working hard at preventing accidental exposure. It is also important that we have common routines throughout the entire school There are many shared areas (washrooms, fountains, gym, library, computers, etc.) students could come in contact with allergens. The teachers will explain the importance of the following health and safety routines to the students in their classrooms:

1. Wash your hands with soap and water before and after eating.
2. Do not bring food that contains peanuts/tree nuts.
3. Do not accept food from other students especially if you have food allergies.
4. Snacks are not permitted outside in the schoolyard.
5. Dispose of all food waste properly



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Aggressive or hostile behaviour or language toward, staff, students or our community helpers will not be tolerated. While we welcome feedback, concerns and opinions it is the expectation that all staff, students, parents, guardians and community helpers communicate their needs and concerns with one another in a respectful and peaceful manner whether through email, on the phone or face-to-face. Adherence to this expectation is vital in order to create a community which can solve problems and help one another achieve success.



**Mary Kay Kalagian**

Mary is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters