The Weekly Update

February 10 -14, 2025







February Reflection

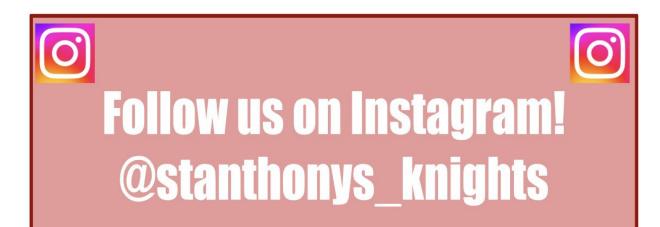
"Come, follow me!" These words of Jesus are an invitation for each and every one of us. How

can each of us better follow Jesus right where we are today? How can we become missionaries

encouraging each other to look up from the table, let go of our sins and see the finger of Jesus



pointing at each of us personally beckoning us to hear the command call?: "Come, follow me!"



Week at a Glance February 10 -14, 2025

Kids Helping Kids Week (February 10 - 21) Monday, February 10, 2025 - DAY 5 **Divisional Colour Day** Tuesday, February 11, 2025 - DAY 1 You-Be-You Day Grade 8 Graduation Picture Day Wednesday, February 12, 2025 - DAY 2 Twin Day Tuck Shop Lezlie Harper- Niagara Outbound Tours Presentations Thursday, February 13, 2025 - DAY 3 Valentine's Day (Red, White and Pink Day) **Bus Presentations** Pita Pit Day Valentine Candy Grams and Cookies delivered today Friday, February 14, 2025 - PD DAY- No School Happy Valentine's Day

WEEK AT A Glance

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Weekly Update February 10-14, 2025

Dear St. Anthony Family,

January disappeared quickly and February has rolled in. Let's hope Wiarton Willie was right and we will see an early spring. We also

welcomed in Black History Month. Our students will be engaged in learning of the history of Black Canadians and their journey to the North. They will also be learning about the various contributions of different Black historical figures, both Canadian and international. We have a variety of presenters visiting our school and the Grade 4-6 students will be traveling to the Perfoming Arts Centre to view STEPAFRIKA. We also have a variety of events planned for our "KIDS HELPING KIDS" campaign. Look for the attached outline so that students can plan ahead.

This week we have amalgamated the Red (Route 4212) and Black (Route 4216) busses into one new route. It will be called Black bus when we call the students and will remain Route 4216. A letter has been sent home through email by student transportation along with a paper copy from the school. This will begin on Monday, February 10, 2025. Please check for a possible new pick-up time and drop-off times.

Grade 8 students will be having their graduation pictures taken this Tuesday February 11, 2025. Picture proofs will be sent home once completed and you will have an option to purchase a Grad Photo as well as a composite photo featuring all of the Grade 8 Graduating class. The purchase is optional but we ask for all students to be present so that they can be featured on our Grad Wall with past alumni.

We understand that there are still some families having difficulty with SchoolCashOnline. We urge you to try to get registered as the site is not only used for purchasing of items, but it is also used from time to time to complete permission/consent forms. There is a link near the bottom of the page where you can find the direct link to the portal. If you still experience any difficulty, please come into the office and one of us will gladly help you. The same for our SchoolMessenger app. All you need is your cellphone and we will get you going. It is very easy and convenient.

Our parking lot continues to be an area of concern. We are limited in parking spaces and at times it gets a little congested. We do our best to keep the flow of traffic moving. The ice and snow make it a little bit more hazardous. We ask that you please practice patience as we try to maintain a safe environment for our students, staff, and family members. When interacting with one another, please remember our NCDSB Code of Conduct, and let's all practice civility and respect toward one another. If there is a concern, please bring it to the office and we can assist with any problems.

We are an early-starting school, and the first bell rings at 8:30. Announcements usually begin around 8:45, and at that time, attendance is taken in the classes. Please do your best to arrive by the entry bell, or if you know your child is going to be late, please put it in the system. This saves a great deal of time in the office, as we must call all families who have not reported their absence or lateness.

Friday, February 14, 2025, is Valentine's Day as well as a PD Day. Since Valentine's Day falls on the PD day, we will be acknowledging Valentine's Day on Thursday, February 13. Students are encouraged to wear Red, Pink, and white. They can bring in their valentines to share with their peers, but please remember that due to our Nutrition Policy, we ask that families do not send in any treats or food items to be shared among friends and classmates. We have many allergies and we cannot always ensure the items brought in are free of those allergens. Non-food treats are always encouraged (pencils, stickers, etc.). There is no school for students on Friday as well as Monday, February 17, 2025. Monday is Family Day across Ontario and a holiday for all.

Have a great weekend,

St. Anthony Staff



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NCDSB Special Education Advisory Committee Monthly Updates

Niagara Catholic's Special Education Advisory Committee **(SEAC)** is a group of representatives from community organizations, school board trustees and school board staff. The role of the SEAC is to collaborate on school board policies and programs related to special education. SEAC



Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) advocates on behalf of students with special education needs and their families. SEAC meets monthly. More information on how to join the livestream meeting can be found on the <u>Niagara Catholic</u> <u>website</u>. Over the next several months, a community agency represented on SEAC will be highlighted in the school newsletter and in The Chronicle. Stay tuned to be informed!



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Dress Code

In Keeping with the Niagara Catholic District School Board Dress Code Policy, we ask that all parents please review the flyer attached within this weekly Update. The Board policy is also attached below this message. The Flyer is linked down below and will always be here for you to review. Students are required to abide by the Dress Code policy and select items of clothing that meet the standard requirements. Other than the Navy Blue and White, students are welcome to also wear School Spiritwear

which can be purchased through Front Row Sports. With the weather turning cooler and students wearing additional layers, please remember that hoodies and sweaters must also be Navy Blue, White or school Spiritwear. The link to the Spiritwear provider is also always near the end of the weekly update. Students that are not following the Dress Code will be asked to call home for a change of clothing. If we cannot make those arrangements, students will be provided by the school an item of clothing that meets the guidelines. This item will be returned so that we can wash them and use them again in the future. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

DAILY SCHEDULE

MORNING SUPERVISION 8:15 - 8:30 MORNING ENTRY 8:30 ANNOUNCEMENTS 8:40 AM RECESS 10:40-11:00 (Grades 1, 2, 3, 4,5 & Kindergarten RECESS) Grades 6,7,& 8 NUTRITION BREAK) AM RECESS 11:00-11:20 (Grades 6,7,& 8 RECESS) (Grades 1, 2, 3, 4,5 & Kindergarten NUTRITION BREAK) PM RECESS 12:40 - 1:00 (Grades 1, 2, 3, 4,5 & Kindergarten RECESS) Grades 6,7,& 8 NUTRITION BREAK) PM RECESS 1:00-1:20 (Grades 6,7,& 8 RECESS) (Grades 1, 2, 3, 4,5 & Kindergarten NUTRITION BREAK) DISMISSAL 2:50



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Safe Arrival- School Messenger

Please remember to report your child's absence using the **SAFEARRIVAL** portal. With the office being a very busy place, you can also put in an **EARLY DEPARTURE.** This will allow us to have your child ready and at the office for the time you have selected. Often when parents call at the last minute, it may be difficult to

get students down at the office due to the large number of calls. Advanced planning will be extremely helpful.

Lunches

If you are dropping off a lunch or having one delivered to the school, please have your child's first and last name clearly labeled on the package. **Please make sure delivery services have the student's name when dropping off lunches.** Also, please verify in your SchoolCashOnline portal that you ordered lunches on our Specialty Food Days. We do not order extras and will not have additional food in case your child doesn't have a lunch. We do always have additional items in our snack bins and we will do our best to provide food if they cannot contact you. **Please review the new student Nutrition Break times.**





Public Health

Families are reminded to please update your child/children's immunization records with Niagara Region Public Health. You may do so by clicking this <u>link</u>. For more information please go to <u>NRPH website</u> if you have vaccine/record review questions or please call your health care provider. Families may also contact Public Health at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425 and ask to speak with a public health vaccine nurse.

Information Update

We remind you that it is important to keep the office updated with regards to any new information or changes to the information we have on file for your child. This may include new phone numbers,

change of address, medical information, custody orders etc.





St. Anthony Catholic Elementary Spirit Wear

IMPORTANT*** ***in NOTES, please include students name and teacher for easier distribution*** ALL Spirit Wear will OPEN July 2nd for purchasing over the summer. Delivery will be the first/second week of September to the school. Please note that all Spirit Wear orders are NON-REFUNDABLE.

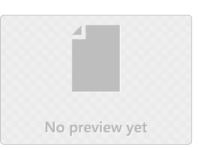




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STUDENT SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM - Niagara Catholic District School Board

Report an absence to the Student Safe Arrival Program. How to report by phoning, logging in or get the app. Help video included.

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Child Care Registry

We have an online registration system that allows parents to search and apply for all licensed child care programs for children from birth to age 12, including licensed home child care. Submit one application for any licensed child care options and before-andafter school programs that meet your family's needs.

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