

# St. Augustine Catholic Elementary School



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*“We are proud to be part of the Notre Dame Catholic Family of Schools”*

Principal: Mr. Paul Moccia

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***St. AUGUSTINE: A School where we “build minds and nurture souls”***

## PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

This school year is just flying by and it is hard to believe we are entering our final month of the school year. St. Augustine Catholic Elementary School is full of people working together for the academic, emotional and spiritual growth of our students. This was most certainly evident during this entire school year, where the staff, students and parents worked tirelessly throughout.

It is a well-known fact that good schools become even better schools when there is a strong connection with parents. Parents play a vital role in their children’s development and education. Involved parents increase a child’s self-confidence and also have a major impact on school success and children’s attitudes towards school.

St. Augustine Catholic Elementary School is fortunate to have all of our “partners in Education” working together to meet the needs of our students. St. Augustine Catholic Elementary School truly is a partnership where everyone works together, “to foster academic, social and spiritual growth according to the teachings of Jesus Christ.”

As we conclude this year, I just want to thank the following:

I would like to first of all thank all the parents for entrusting us with your most valuable treasure, your children. Your support and faith has enabled us to learn, grow and accomplish a great deal. During their time at school, your children were very blessed to be nurtured and cared for by our dedicated and awesome staff at St. Augustine Catholic Elementary school.

I would also like to thank our dedicated Catholic School Council. Under the leadership of our chair, Ms. Policella and co-chairs, Mrs. Costabile and Mr. Levesque, as they worked together as a team to ensure that many events and initiatives occurred from the start of the year.

I would also like to thank our custodial staff, Mrs. Nenadovich, who day in and day out, worked tirelessly in ensuring that our school is clean.

Thank you to Ms. Infantino, our school secretary, who goes above and beyond in all that she does. She continues to work tirelessly in meeting the needs of all of our students and staff.

Thank you to the dedicated teachers who day in and day out, nurture and work together for the academic, emotional and spiritual growth of all of our students.

Thank you to Father Ray who has deepened our understanding of our Catholic faith and personal sense of spirituality and continues to lead all staff and students on their spiritual journey.

THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR ENRICHING OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Many blessings and adventures to you and your families this summer!

## THANK YOU ST AUGUSTINE COMMUNITY

While it is a busy time of year, with a variety of activities and events still to unfold and plans for the 2025-2026 school year, it is also a time to reflect on the past year's journey. I want to acknowledge the Professional Catholic Learning Community of St. Augustine Catholic Elementary School and share my sincere thanks and gratitude for all their efforts in making this a very productive and successful school year.

St. Augustine Catholic Elementary School is truly a wonderful school. We're a family here at St. Augustine. We care for one another, we laugh with each other, we cry with each other, but most of all we learn each and every day with each other. The students, staff, parents, and community are truly committed to making our school a place of excellence where the people who walk the halls reflect Christ in all that they do. However, these accomplishments represent the dedication and unwavering work ethic of our students and staff. We have so much to be proud of.

As the Principal of St. Augustine Catholic Elementary School, perhaps what I am most proud of, is our daily commitment to gospel values. Whether it is a moment when I see a student supporting a friend, or the many social justice and eco initiatives that we complete with such generous results, I am continuously filled with wonder and awe that Christ is alive and well in the hands, feet, actions, and hearts of the entire St. Augustine Catholic Elementary School Community. We are so blessed that we get to profess our faith and turn that faith into action that reflects in assisting so many people near and far that need our help. Our students and staff hear that call and respond with kind and generous hearts every time. We are so fortunate to have these gifts as part of our daily ministry to Catholic Education.

On behalf of all of the staff, please accept our most sincere thanks and appreciation for your on-going support, advocacy and love of your children.

## FATHER'S DAY June 15th

We are wishing all of our fathers, grandfathers and uncles a very Happy Father's Day on **June 15th**. Thank you for all that you do each and every day.

## LIBRARY NEWS

A Friendly Reminder to All Staff and Students

All library resources must be returned to the school library on/before **Wednesday, June 4**.

## GRADE 8 GRADUATION 2025

Our grade 8 graduates come to the final days of their time at St. Augustine Catholic Elementary School. Their journey has been a good one. Graduation for the grade 8's will take place on **Wednesday, June 25th at 5:30 p.m. here at St. Augustine school**.

## SCHOOL ORGANIZATION 2025-2026

The staff has begun preliminary class assignments for students. We have developed a list of criteria to assist in appropriate placement(s). Teachers and staff take this responsibility very seriously and I ask that you respect their professional judgment. Request for specific classroom and teachers and friendship groupings can at times be difficult to ensure.

As we work to develop class lists, teachers and administration use the following criteria to select students:

- Student achievement in literacy/numeracy
- Number of boys & girls in each class
- Social skills/independent learning skills
- Student interests

Here are the **TENTATIVE** grades for next year:

**Kindergarten: Mrs. Berardocco & Mrs. Cercone Ponting**

**Grade 1/2: Mrs. Giancola**

**Grade 2/3: Mrs. Diogo**

**Grade 3/4: Ms. Di Iorio**

**Grade 4/5: Mr. Kuczera**

**Grade 5/6: TBD**

**Grade 7/8: Ms. Smodis**

**Grade 8: Mrs. Gaspar**

**ERT: Mrs. Ricci-Perrotta**

There are still some staffing assignments to be completed and will be communicated to all of you once confirmed.

**N.B. All student class assignments will be communicated out prior to the start of the school year.**

Please note that the above assignments are tentative at this point in time and may be subject to change.

## ST AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Over the course of the school year, our St. Augustine Catholic School Council has been very active in a number of initiatives and supports for our school. We are better because of their efforts and sincerely thank them for their advocacy and commitment.

Aside from fundraising, the St. Augustine Catholic School Council has been diligent in bringing a variety of ideas to the school. We are indeed fortunate. Blessings and huge appreciation go out to our Catholic School Council Chair-Ms. Policella and Co-chairs Mrs. Costabile and Mr. Levesque. They have been outstanding chairpersons and have worked very hard in their role as an advocate for all students and parents.

Thanks for a great year!

## WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CONCUSSIONS

Concussions are particularly common among children and youth who are active in sports and recreational activities, but can also occur from falls, motor vehicle collisions, or violence. The young brain - especially the adolescent brain - is more susceptible to concussion and takes longer to recover, compared to adults.

It's important for parents to know how to recognize the signs and symptoms of a concussion and know what to do when one has occurred.

## ECO NEWS 2025

Once again, the Eco team was busy keeping our school green this school year. Our students of St. Augustine did a tremendous job recycling and spearheading many Eco projects this year. Our efforts did not stop here. Our efforts went beyond recycling and the many different Eco projects. I would like to thank the Staff and Students of St. Augustine for their cooperation and guidance for another successful school year in being certified as an Ontario Eco School. Thanks goes out to Mrs. Berardocco, our Eco team leader for all of her efforts and time with the Eco club.

## DRESS CODE AT ST AUGUSTINE

We ask for your continued support for the Niagara Catholic dress code. If you have any specific questions in regards to the dress code policy, please speak to me. Thank you for your continued support in making sure our students are dressed appropriately each and every day.

Please tell students not to wear flip flops or crocs to school. These can be dangerous and are not a safe option to wear at school.



## ST AUGUSTINE SENATORS 2024-2025

We are very happy to announce that Abigayle W and Maddison H will represent St. Augustine next school year with other Family of School representatives.

Thank you to Ava H as our out-going senator, we wish you all the best next year.

## SCHOOL START AND END TIMES SEPTEMBER 2025

The official start time starting in September will be:

**8:35 am: FIRST BELL**

**2:55 pm: DISMISSAL**