



St. Joseph NEWS

We are proud to be a part of the Lakeshore Catholic and St. Michael Family of Schools.

June 2025

We are all called by name to grow with God!



June Reflection:

In the Bible, Jesus invites us with the words “come, follow me.” This means He wants us to join Him on a journey of love, kindness, and faith. Just like a good friend who shows us how to be our best selves, Jesus is asking us to follow His example. When we help others, show compassion, and make good choices, we’re following Him and living the way He taught us. It’s like being part of a special team where everyone works together to make the world a better place. So, when we hear “Come, follow me,” it’s Jesus asking us to be His helpers and to spread his love to everyone we meet.

It’s June - already! As we approach the end of this academic year, we take a moment to reflect on a journey filled with accomplishments, challenges, and growth. Our students have not only achieved academic milestones but have also embraced opportunities to learn from their mistakes—an essential part of the learning process. This year has reminded us that school is more than just a place of learning—it is a home where students grow, explore, and build lasting relationships. It is a community where every experience, whether a success or a setback, contributes to shaping resilient and curious minds. We also recognize the vital role families play in reinforcing learning beyond the classroom. Your support, encouragement, and involvement have been instrumental in helping our students thrive. As we look ahead, we remain committed to nurturing a supportive and inspiring environment for every learner.

As we look back upon all the blessings of this school year, we are grateful for the commitment, the compassion shared and the work of the entire St. Joseph family. To our students, thank you for entrusting us throughout your journey in Catholic education. Seeing the world through your eyes is a rewarding challenge! Our appreciation is extended to all school and parent volunteers, who gave so freely of their time in so many different ways. Thank you to Father Stewart from St. Joseph Parish for celebrating with us during our liturgies. To the entire staff, thank you for all that you do! Your tireless efforts and commitment to your students is a blessing to the entire St. Joseph family!

Our challenge now is to take all the wisdom, graced moments, cherished memories, and new learning from this year into the summer. May we grow closer to God next year as we journey together as a faith family, a faith community.

Blessings to all our St. Joseph families! Mrs. Walsh



A Fathers Day Prayer:



God bless all the fathers in the world. Father we ask that You guide them to be good role models
and loving to their children. We also ask that You help them to be a father like You are.

Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way. Amen

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Warm Weather Is Here



With the hopes of sunny, warm weather ahead, please take a moment to review the following warm weather reminders with your child(ren). Please apply sun-screen and bug repellent before they leave to come to school. Hats should be worn outdoors, and refillable water bottles would be greatly appreciated.

For safety concerns, running shoes are preferred in the school yard. Flip flops and sandals are not appropriate for active running children. Please continue to ensure that your child is dressed in the Elementary School Dress Code clothing:

- White or navy shirts with a collar. No halter tops or thin strapped sundresses.
- Navy Blue Shorts (**just above the knee**) and pants.

Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre

It's turtle season! Be on the lookout for turtles crossing the roads.

Please call the Turtle Conservation right away if you find an injured



or recently deceased turtle **anywhere in Ontario.**

Injured Turtle Hotline: 705-741-5000



Volunteers

Police Vulnerable Sector
Check (PVSC)

If you wish to volunteer at St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School (School excursions, Volunteer driving, Volunteering at school-run events), we will welcome you with open arms. Important to note, all volunteers within Niagara Catholic are required to submit to the school a **Vulnerable Sector Check prior to volunteering**. Please contact the school to get your letter of application from Mrs. Walsh and if you have any questions and need further assistance. Summer is a perfect time to get your Vulnerable Sector Check

News and Events for June

- June 2nd - 5 - Camp Medeba for Gr 7/8
- June 3rd - GR 4, 5/6 Year end trip to White Oakes
- June 6th - PA Day **NO** School
- June 9th - Year Book Orders Close
 - ALL Food Orders Close for June
 - GR 7 Immunization
 - Carousel Players (Primary)
- June 10th - CSC Meeting @ 6 - Social Graces
- June 15th - Father's Day
- June 16th - Indigenous Presentation
- June 19th - Isla's Choice Spirit Day— Throwback Thursday
- June 20th - First Day of Summer
- June 23rd - Grade 8 Graduation 6:00 pm
- Week of June 23rd - Report Cards Available on the Parent Portal
- June 24th - Kinder Celebration of Learning 1:00
- June 25th - Mathalon Celebration - FREE Dominos Pizza Day
- June 26th—Play Day/Addison's Choice of Spirit Day: Class Colour Wars
- June 27 - Last Day of School...





From Public Health

Things that Bite!

Ticks, mosquitos, and rabid animals can be a greater risk as the weather warms up.

- Mosquitoes transmit the [West Nile virus](#) to humans after becoming infected by feeding on the blood of infected birds, which carry the virus. To learn how to protect your family, visit [Reduce the Risk of West Nile Virus - Niagara Region](#).
- The blacklegged (deer) tick can transmit [Lyme disease and other tickborne diseases](#) to humans after becoming infected by feeding on the blood of small animals which carry the disease. To learn how to protect you and your pets, visit [Protect and Prevent Ticks - Niagara Region](#).
- [Rabies](#) is transmitted through saliva from bites and scratches, entering an open cut or wound, or from saliva contacting a mucous membrane, such as those in the mouth, nasal cavity, or eyes. To [reduce the risk of rabies](#), it's best to avoid contact with wild animals such as raccoons, skunks, and bats.



For more information and free tick identification, individuals can visit [e-tick](#). General tick information can be found on our [Niagara Region Public Health website](#) or by contacting a Duty Officer directly at 905-688-8248 ext. 7590.

Head safety – for bikes and other wheels

With warmer weather and summer break just around the corner, more kids will be outdoors taking part in activities, such as biking, skate boarding or roller blading. A [properly fitted and correct helmet](#) can cut the risk of a serious head injury by up to 85%. This means four out of five brain injuries could be prevented if every cyclist wore a helmet.

- Bike [helmets](#) should be replaced after five years **or** a crash where the cyclist has hit their head
- It's not safe to use a [second-hand helmet](#)
- Baseball hats, big hair clips and headphones should never be worn under a helmet

The human skull is just approximately one centimeter thick, so it is important to remind children to always protect their head when being active. To make sure a helmet fits right, follow the 2V1 Rule (image courtesy of [Parachute Canada](#))



Make Immunizations Part of Your Summer Checklist!

As you prepare for the new school year this summer, remember to check if your child's immunizations are up-to-date. If you are unsure, talk to your health care provider or [contact the vaccine team](#) at Public Health. Staying up to date with routine vaccinations helps protect your child from preventable diseases.

If your child needs to get caught up on vaccines, you can:

- Make an appointment with your health care providers
- Visit a walk-in clinic (call ahead to confirm vaccine availability)
- Check availability of Public Health vaccination clinics. Call 905-688-8248, extension 7425 (Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.)

Don't forget to report your child's vaccines to Public Health!

Every time your child receives a vaccine, it must be reported to Public Health. Doctors, child care facilities, and schools don't do this for you.

The fastest and most convenient way to report vaccines (except COVID-19 and flu shots) or request records is through [Immunization Connect \(ICON\)](#), a secure online system for tracking and reporting immunizations.

For more information on vaccines needed for school, visit: [Baby, Children and Youth Vaccinations](#)



Bike to School Week 2025



Walking or biking to school is a great way to help kids stay active, healthy, and focused throughout the day and get them out in their communities! Regular physical activity boosts mood, improves fitness, and supports learning by helping kids concentrate better in class. It also helps create safer, less congested school zones by reducing traffic and pollution.

From **June 2-6**, families across Ontario are encouraged to participate in **Bike to School Week!** Invite your child to ride with friends or family, and join in creating a healthier, happier community. To learn more, visit the [Bike to School Week](#) webpage and see how your school can get involved!

