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St. Christopher Catholic Elementary School



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Proud member of the Dennis Morris Catholic High School Family of Schools

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...I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH

Jesus reminded Peter of his identity and importance in Matthew 16:18, "And so I tell you, Peter: you are a rock, and on this rock foundation I will build my church, and not even death will ever be able to overcome it." The name Peter means "a rock or stone" - Jesus knew the destiny of Peter! Peter continued to make mistakes time and again, but Jesus, as is His nature, loved Peter wholeheartedly and continued to use him in His kingdom's work. He gifted Peter his identity, which was the most important thing about him—he belonged to God. We find our identity in Christ and like Peter, our relationship with Christ grows and gains strength. We are called by name and we belong!

D. Smolders

Principal

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 5:00 pm

Sunday - 10:00 am

Pastor: Reverend Chad Grennan



If you are considering having your child baptized or would like them to make any other sacraments that they may have missed, please call the parish main office at: 905-687-6971

A LOOK AHEAD

June
2: Area Track and Field
4: New Kindergarten Orientation
6: PA Day - No School
11: Kindergarten Trip to Niagara Children's Museum
12: 6/7 & 7/8 Trip to Medieval Times
13: 1-3 Trip to Safari Niagara
17: Hold & Secure Lockdown Drill
18: Play Day
19: Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas
Pizza Day
20: Grade 4-8 Niagara River Lions Trip
24: Talent Show

25: Graduation

26: Report Cards Home & Available Online

Out of Dress Code Day

Report Cards Available Online

27: Last Day of Classes

MONTHLY PRAYER

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day, he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

YEAR END MASS

The whole school will be attending mass on Thursday, June 19 at St. Thomas Aquinas. Being able to join Fr. Chad as a whole school community is always enjoyable for the students and we are looking forward to this opportunity to celebrate the Word of the Lord and Holy Eucharist together.

We would like to thank Fr. Chad for all the spiritual guidance and friendship that was offered throughout the year. We are so very blessed to have a priest who is actively engaged in the school community

GRADE 8 GRADUATION

This year's grade 8 graduation will take place on Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at Denis Morris Catholic High School. We will begin with a liturgy at 6:00 followed by the presentation of awards and graduation certificates. Following the ceremony, students will travel to Mandarin Buffet in Niagara Falls and spend some time on Clifton Hill. The evening will end at 10:00pm.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER

Parents and community members with students who were born in 2021 and looking to begin Kindergarten in September are reminded to register their child(ren) online at: niagaracatholic.ca/registration

DRESS CODE CLOTHING

Families are reminded that St. Christopher Catholic School has a dress code in place that requires students to follow while at school. For a full list of acceptable clothing, please click [here](#).

If your child(ren) have outgrown any of their dress code clothing and you would like to donate to other families in the school community, you can send these clean, good condition items to the school. We will ensure that they go to other families who may need them. Once we have these items we will make them available in the office and will let families know that we have them.

DELTA BINGO

Once again we want to take this opportunity to thank Delta Bingo, school staff, and community members who volunteer their time during a two hour shift each month this year. Throughout this school year, the school has received nearly \$10 000. Some or all of the activities that the students have participated in this year, especially throughout the months of May and June have been paid for with funds donated to our school. We continue to thank Delta Bingo and the Ontario Charitable Gaming Association for their generous support of our school community.

If you would like to support our school by volunteering 2 hours of your time during our school's block, please contact the office for more information.

LIBRARY BOOKS

The school library is now closed and books will no longer be in circulation. Please take a look at your house to see if you have any books marked St. Christopher Elementary, NCDSB. If you find any, please have your child return them to the school.

FAM JAM

The Niagara Catholic EarlyON Child and Family Centres and Early Years Team are hosting a FAM JAM Community Event for all families with young children Infants to Grade 2 and newcomer families.

FAM JAM will take place on Saturday, June 14, 2023 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon at Mary Ward Catholic Elementary School, 2999 Dorchester Rd, Niagara Falls. FAM JAM is a free, fun-filled morning of activities for families to enjoy with their young children. There will be EarlyON outdoor play program, book giveaways, StoryWalk, Mobile Closet free shopping, face painting, community resources, and refreshments. Various community partners will be participating in this event to provide information and resources for all families and newcomer families. Some partners include - Mobile Closet, Niagara Falls Public Library, Niagara Region Public Health – Niagara Parents, Niagara Firefighters Association and services available to newcomer families.

PARKING LOT SAFETY

Please drive with caution in the parking lot and near the school. We have many students who are being dropped off and picked up at the same time. They are all at varying places on their learning journey and

may not always remember to look both ways before stepping out into traffic. Please exercise extra caution when driving in the school parking lot.

ON TIME ARRIVAL

This is a reminder that school begins at **8:35 am** each day. We have noticed a number of students who are regularly late. The opening routines and morning lessons are an important part of setting the tone for students for the remainder of the day.

We would greatly appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that your child arrives at school on time each day and staff are on duty at 8:20 am.

SUMMER WEATHER

With the hot summer weather now in full swing, parents are reminded that students need to bring indoor shoes to school for health and safety reasons and to dress appropriately for an educational environment. Additionally, our hydration stations are now open but we heavily encourage all students to bring their own reusable water bottle to cut down on the number of times they need to leave the classroom.

CONCUSSION PROTOCOL

The Niagara Catholic District School Board recognizes concussions as a serious injury which requires appropriate follow-up measures to reduce the risk of potential additional injury. Concussion awareness, prevention, identification and management are a priority for the Board. The implementation of the Board's Concussion Administrative Operational Procedures is another important step in creating healthier schools in the Niagara Catholic District School Board

If staff, in communication with the school principal, suspects head trauma or a concussion might be possible based on signs and symptoms reported by the student, they are required to complete the appropriate documentation, call home and send home a copy of the documentation.

Medical doctors and nurse practitioners are the only healthcare professionals in Canada with licensed training and expertise to diagnose a concussion; therefore, all students with suspected concussions should undergo evaluation by one of these professionals.

ABSENT/LATE STUDENTS

The Safe arrival program is aimed at verifying the location and safety of each child in our school. Parents are asked to report their child's absences or lates before the start of school. The system will call you repeatedly if your child is not present in school once the bell rings.

Absences and lates can be quickly and conveniently reported in one of three ways:

1. Through the School Messenger App available through the Android or iOS app store.
2. By calling the automated telephone system at 1-844- 287-6287 through which absences can be reported.
3. By logging into the website: go.schoolmessenger.ca



SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

St. Christopher continues to move forward using the School Cash Online System and we require all families to make online payments for their children when paying for things like pizza days, field trips, etc. If you have not already done so, please register for an account at:

<https://ncdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM

St. Christopher Catholic Elementary can now be found on Instagram **@st.christopherces**. Please follow us to see what fun and exciting things your children are getting up to while at school.

DONATIONS TO THE SCHOOL

Parents and guardians who would like to make a financial donation to support the many learning and extra curricular activities happening each day at St. Christopher Catholic elementary school are able to do so at any time through <https://ncdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>. Once logged in, you will see a button in the top menu that says Make a Donation. By clicking here, you are able to select the donation amount and the Destination (St. Christopher CES). Once submitted, you will be immediately sent an official receipt for tax purposes.



POPPIN' INTO KINDERGARTEN

Join our Speech and Language Pathologists & Early Years team
for fun, interactive activities
that support meaningful conversation
and oral language development.



The ABA Team will share tips
for a smooth September transition

Caregivers will receive a package of activity ideas

Light dinner provided from 4:00–4:30 p.m.

Event Time: 4:00 – 6:00 PM



Our Lady of Victory – Tues., June 3

Alexander Kuska – Wed. June 4

Saint Vincent de Paul – Wed., June 11

St. Denis – Tues., June 17

Our Lady of Fatima (G) – Wed., June 18

REGISTER NOW BY SCANNING THE QR CODE!





NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

WELCOMING FAMILIES

TO A **FREE** FUN FILLED MORNING!

**Early
ON**
Child and Family Centre

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**JOIN US FOR ONE LAST
NIAGARA CATHOLIC EARLYON ADVENTURE
CELEBRATING OVER 20 YEARS OF PLAY,
LEARNING AND CONNECTION**

**FREE
BOOKS**

**MOBILE
DENTAL
CLINIC**

**SCHOOL BUS
REFRESHMENTS**



**BROKEN SPOKES
FREE REFURBISHED BIKE
GIVEAWAYS**

**PLAY
BALL HOCKEY
WITH
THE ICE DOGS**

**CHILDREN'S
OUTDOOR PLAY
PROGRAM**

**MOBILE CLOSET
FREE SHOPPING!**

SATURDAY JUNE 14 • 9:30AM-NOON
MARY WARD CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2999 DORCHESTER RD., NIAGARA FALLS

