

St. Martin Catholic Elementary

June 2025



School Information

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Principal's Message

Our school year is quickly coming to an end. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve the community of St. Martin.

Our students have been provided with numerous opportunities to grow spiritually, academically and socially. Improved student achievement has been our goal in all divisions. We have continued to implement the Literacy Initiatives and Math Strategies throughout the entire school.

Congratulations are extended to the partners who work together in meeting our student needs. We are grateful to Father Chris; for his spiritual guidance and for providing us with opportunities to grow in faith which exemplifies the personal commitment to Jesus.

We thank our parent community for your trust, cooperation and commitment to Catholic Education.

We thank our vibrant, energetic teachers, early childhood educators, educational assistants, secretaries, custodial staff and librarian for your commitment to the students here at St. Martin Catholic School. Heartfelt gratitude is extended to the Catholic School Council Chair(s), Mrs. Forsyth, and Mrs. Wallace and all of the parents and volunteers in our community who have given ongoing assistance and support throughout the year.

Thank you is extended to Mr. Pizzoferrato, our Superintendent, for support and guidance in all of our endeavours. Most importantly, we wish to thank all of the students at St. Martin Catholic School who have worked with us this year to strive for academic excellence, diversity, respect and acceptance of all.



Remember!

Important Dates

Please note the following dates:

- June 2 - 5 - EQAO - Grade 6
- June 3 - Grade 8 Trip
- June 4 - Blessed Trinity Family of Schools Track & Field
- June 5 - Year End Family Social 4:30-8 pm
- June 6 - PA Day - No School For Students
- June 10 - School Mass - Grade 4-8 / 11:30 am
- June 17 - School Mass - K-3 / 11:30 am
- June 18 - St. Martin Talent Show 9:30 am & 12 pm
- June 19 - Grade 8 Graduation
- June 25 - Term II Report Cards
- June 27 - Final Day of School for Students

June Prayer



Year End Social

St. Martin School and Catholic School Council would like to invite all of our families to the Year End Social on Thursday June 5th between 4:30 pm and 8 pm.

A special thank you goes to all of our parent volunteers for all of their hard work organizing this event. It is greatly appreciated.

It will be wonderful to be able to gather as a Catholic School Community.

Please plan on attending our gathering as we end the school year and prepare for a safe, healthy and happy summer with family and friends.



Term II Report Cards

Term II Report Cards will be available in the Parent Portal on Tuesday June 24th by 3 pm. In addition, a hard copy will be distributed on Tuesday June 24th. Please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher with any questions that you may have.

Professional Activity Day

Friday June 6th is PA Day. There is no school for students.



Class Placements For September 2025

All information pertaining to class placements will not be available until late August or early September.



Combined (split) classes are a reality. We will not change a class placement because your child has been placed in a combined class.

They are a result of having too many students for one class and not enough for two. Sometimes combined classes are chosen as the most appropriate classroom organization for program delivery. There will be combined/split classes this September. Every effort will be made to ensure that students who were in a split class this past year will not be in one next year. Please be aware that staff spend many hours compiling class lists and we do our best to ensure every child is placed in the most appropriate class. As you can appreciate, it is not an easy process. Thank you for your understanding and support. Please do not approach teachers with your requests. Students will find out who their teachers are in late August or early September. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Graduation

Congratulations to the Class of 2025.

Graduation will be held on Thursday June 19th at 6 pm. It will be followed by a reception at the West Lincoln Community Centre. A special thank you goes to our graduation committee for all of their hard work to make a memorable event for the Class of 2025



Gift Basket Raffle

Tickets for our gift basket raffle can now be purchased through cashonline. Tickets will be 25 tickets for \$10 or 75 tickets for \$20. The draw will take place at our year end Family Social on Thursday June 5th at 7 pm. You do not need to be in attendance to win.

Many thanks are extended to our dedicated teachers who continue to strive for academic success in our students.

Niagara Region Public Health School Health Newsletter

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](#)



Spiritwear For September

We will be offering St. Martin Spiritwear through Front Row Sports up to June 20th. All orders that are placed in June will be delivered to the school during the first week of September.

Here is the link:

<https://stores.inksoft.com/stmartinschoolstore/shop/home>

National Indigenous Heritage Month

June is National Indigenous Heritage Month in Canada, a time to recognize the rich history, heritage, resilience, and diversity of First Nations, Inuit, and Metis. June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day. This is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. The Canadian Constitution recognizes these three groups as Aboriginal peoples, also known as Indigenous peoples. Although these groups share many similarities, they each have their own distinct heritage, language, cultural practices and spiritual beliefs. In cooperation with Indigenous organizations, the Government of Canada chose June 21, the summer solstice, for National Aboriginal Day, now known as National Indigenous Peoples Day. For generations, many Indigenous peoples and communities have celebrated their culture and heritage on or near this day due to the significance of the summer solstice as the longest day of the year.



Blessed Trinity Corner - June

BT Corner – June 2025

May was another very busy month at Blessed Trinity. Some of the highlights in May included:

- Prom for all of our graduating students
- Boston Trip for our Social Science and Business students
- Catholic Education Week – Catch the Spirit Awards
- Mental Health Awareness Week
- Lots of Spring Sports and NCAA Championships – Flag Football,

Lacrosse, Soccer, Baseball, Slo-Pitch, Track and Field, Rugby

- Spring Music Concert

Teachers and students are starting to wrap up the semester and prepare for final exams. We wish all the elementary teachers and students and great end to another school year.

We are already preparing for next year. At this time, we are starting to put together timetables for all of our students, including our newest grade 9 students. We are also preparing our Orientation Day which will be in the last week of August before school starts. More information will be sent over the summer with details. All of our current grade 8's who will be coming to BT in September should plan to be attend the Orientation Day where they will receive their schedule, locker, tour the school and have some fun with our grade 11 and 12 Thunderstruck-Link Crew leaders.

Please contact Blessed Trinity – Mr. John Cino – 905-945-6706 Ext. 2330 or Mrs. Rose Bianco Ext. 2312, if any Grade 8 parent has any questions.

Happy Father's Day

This year, Father's Day is on Sunday June 15th.



Standardized Dress Code

NIAGARA CATHOLIC **Standardized Elementary Dress Code**

Niagara Catholic has a standardized dress code for students in all of our Catholic elementary schools. All students wear navy blue bottoms and navy blue or white shirts.

OUR DRESS CODE COLOURS

Tops

At a minimum, every student is required to wear one of the following:

- Navy or white Oxford shirt (short or long sleeve) or;
- Navy or white collared shirt (short or long sleeve) or;
- School-designed spirit wear

The elementary standardized dress code shirt must be plain (no logos or advertising) and buttoned in a respectable manner. Visible t-shirts worn under the elementary standardized dress code top must be either navy blue or white.



Bottoms

At a minimum, every student is required to wear one of the following:

- Navy sweat pants (Kindergarten - Grade 3) or;
- Navy pants (capri, cargo, denim, kobe or corduroy) or;
- Navy skirts, skirts or dresses or;
- Navy walking shorts.

Only knee-length shorts, skirts or dresses are permitted. All clothing must be in good repair. Grade 8 students have the option to wear grey secondary uniform pants.



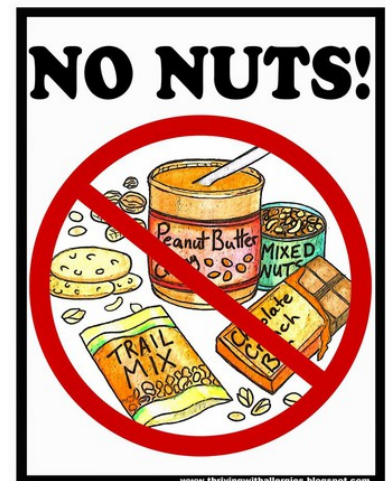
Shoes

For health and safety reasons, running shoes with a full back and closed toe are the recommended footwear. Parents/guardians should provide a pair of indoor shoes for physical education and indoor wear. Socks must be worn with the elementary standardized dress code pants or shorts at all times.

Medications & Allergies

Regulations state that school personnel cannot administer any drugs, without written permission from the parent and a doctor. If there is a need for such medication, please contact the school to obtain the forms which must be filled out and signed by both the doctor and the parent. This record is required by School Board Regulations and must be kept on file. Please notify the school if medication distribution stops so that all medication can be returned to the family as soon as possible.

Please remember that St. Martin School is an Allergen Aware School. Please do not send products with nuts or nut traces with your child.



STUDENT ATTENDANCE and SAFE ARRIVAL

St. Martin Catholic School and all schools throughout Niagara Catholic use the Safe Arrival program to manage student attendance reporting. The Safe Arrival program reduces the time it takes to verify student attendance by making it easier for you to report your child's absence and easier for staff to respond to unexplained student absences. The Safe Arrival program allows parents to report their child's absence quickly and conveniently in one of three ways:

1) Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account using your email address. After logging in, select the

Attendance tab to Report an Absence.

2) Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>). Use your new login information to access your account. Select Attendance to Report an Absence. If you would like to receive attendance notifications on your mobile device please enable Push Notifications in the Settings area of the app. The document Using the SchoolMessenger app will give instructions for using the App.

3) The toll-free number 844-287-6287 will allow you to report your child absent without creating an account.

Signing Students In & Out

Parents are to ensure their child(ren) are at school by 9:00 a.m. Notification will be required for all students leaving school during the day for an appointment. All parents must sign out their child before leaving the school. The sign-in and out book is located just inside the main front door. If you are picking up your child for an appointment, parents are asked to wait in the vestibule or just outside the front door and a staff member will escort your child to you. When possible, parents are asked to please make appointments outside of the school day.

To help minimize the risk of infection to students and staff, access to the building will be limited to staff and essential service workers only.



REMINDER- No single serve plastics available

Parents are reminded to ensure that their child(ren) have the required utensils needed to eat their snacks/lunches as well as a reusable water bottle they can fill at the hydration stations. We are no longer permitted to distribute plastic/styrofoam spoons, forks or cups to students that do not have them.



School Cash Online

Please ensure that use of School Cash online for the purchase/payment of food days, field trips, donations etc. This is a safe and easy-to-use online program that allows you to make convenient and secure payments from the comfort of your own home. To register, please click [here](#)



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