

Weekly Update

September 1 - 5, 2025



SEPTEMBER Reflection

Listen and hear my voice; pay attention and hear what I say" (Isaiah 28:23) Have you ever stopped to think about how much noise there is in our lives today? We are bombarded from morning to night with so many voices calling out for our attention. God tells us to "listen" and to "pay attention." His voice is not a loud voice, but a voice that speaks to us in the silence (1 Kings 19:11-13). God doesn't want to be one voice among many. He wants His voice to be our guiding light. He doesn't want a part of our heart. He wants our whole heart, because He has made our hearts to find joy in Him. What are the loud voices in your life that make it hard to find times of silence for prayer? What can you do today to make more time for God?



WEEK at a glance

Monday September 1

Labour Day holiday - enjoy !

Tuesday September 2 - DAY 1

First day of School!

Wednesday September 3 - DAY 2

Thursday September 4 - DAY 3

Friday September 5 - DAY 4

Father Steven visits classrooms



WEEKLY UPDATE

Parents/Guardians,

Hello families! I am so happy to be the new principal of St. James Catholic Elementary School! I look forward to meeting families and students and feel so blessed to serve this school community.

This will be the new weekly newsletter format - sent to families every week as a way to stay connected and updated. It combines the monthly newsletter and a weekly update. Once sent out each week, it will also be posted on our school's website.

I sincerely hope that all families enjoyed a well-deserved summer break with time for friends and family. Our staff is ready to go for next week! Classrooms are looking great - warm and welcoming, hallways are clean, and we are all looking forward to seeing the students back at school! Our gym is still under construction and will be out of use until further notice. Updates will be given as needed. As such, Physical Education classes will be outside (weather permitting), so please be mindful of this when planning for student attire.

First day of School - we will look forward to welcoming back our students next Tuesday, September 2nd. A reminder that families can drop off students in the recess yard (left of the school entrance) and staff will be there to greet and welcome students with class lists. Kindergarten students can go directly to the Kinder area on the right side of the building.

Thank you,

Mr. Tolomeo
Principal



ST. JAMES CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A proud member of Saint Francis Catholic High School Family of Schools

September 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 LABOUR DAY 	2 Day 1 Welcome back Skyhawks! 	3 Day 2	4 Day 3	5 Day 4	7
St. Denis Catholic Church Masses: 8:00am & 10:00am 						<u>School Day:</u> Supervision begins @ 8:50am. PLEASE do not drop off your child/children before this time. Start time: 9:05am Dismissal: 3:25pm Dismissal for ELKP—3:15pm
7	8 Day 5 International Literacy Day 	9 Day 1	10 Day 2	11 Day 3	12 Day 4	
St. Denis Catholic Church Masses: 8:00am & 10:00am 						
14	15 Day 5	16 Day 1	17 Day 2	18 Pizza Day Day 3	19 PD DAY	NO SCHOOL
St. Denis Catholic Church Masses: 8:00am & 10:00am 						
21	22 Day 4	23 Day 5 Milk Program & Toonie Tuesdays start up—See School Cash on-line for more details	24 Day 1 St. James Open House 4:30-6:00pm	25 Sub Day Day 2	26 Red & White Day 3 Out of dress code Day Terry Fox School Run Red & White Day 	27
St. Denis Catholic Church Masses: 8:00am & 10:00am 						
28	29 Day 4	30 National Truth and Reconciliation Day 	Please report your child's absence or lateness or early dismissal in Safe Arrival: 1-844-287-6287 OR on the app: "School Messenger" OR On-line @ go.schoolmessenger.ca On-line Payments for lunches, milk, etc: https://schoolcashionline.com			
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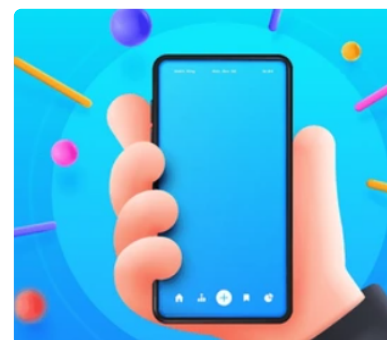
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Student Cell Phones - Reminder

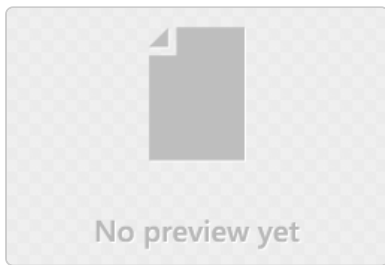
CELL PHONE USE IN SCHOOLS

To minimize distractions, students who bring their cell phones to school must have the phone stored out of view and turned off or onto silent mode during the instructional day. They may only use it if their teacher permits it for learning, for health or medical purposes, or to support special education needs. Outside of these times, students are expected to keep their phones turned off or on silent and have them stored away.

Social media platforms on school networks and board devices will be disabled. This is intended to limit the number of interruptions in class and to benefit the mental health and well-being of students.



Below is the link to purchase BIG BEAR spiritwear for St. James



St. James Catholic School

St. James Skyhawks 2026 Gradhoodie Embroidered – #STJAMES-JLH-2026

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Classroom Placements

Classroom placements are complete and are available on the Parent Portal. An email has been sent centrally to families on how to access them. A great deal of time and effort has been given during the process of building class placements. We do attempt to consider parent requests and do our best to listen to parent input, however, some requests may not be possible. The opportunity for this work occurred in the spring of the past school year. As a result, we do not make changes to established class lists. These placements will remain intact upon beginning the school year on September 2.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Orange Shirt Day

Students and staff are encouraged to wear the colour orange on Tuesday, September 30th, 2025, in support of Orange Shirt Day. We encourage all schools order shirts from this provider, as all proceeds will be shared between the Orange Shirt Society and Woodland Cultural Centre. If any school wishes to design their own logo through their own vendor, please ensure that all shirt designs are approved by Gary Parker prior to production. Please contact Gary Parker at gary.parker@ncdsb.com

To order orange shirts through Pegasus School Images – Pegasus Order Form Shirts are \$15 including tax. Families are encouraged to place their orders online through Pegasus School Images. A credit card is required. At the time of placing orders, parents/staff will be asked to select:

- 1) The Shirt Size
- 2) Quantity
- 3) Name of the School where the shirt is to be delivered.
- 4) All orders must be placed by midnight, Monday, September 15, 2025 in order for all shirts to be delivered to schools on time.



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Allergy Alert

Please remember that St. James is a Nut-Free environment. Please refrain from sending any products to school that contain peanuts or tree nuts. Also, we ask that you refrain from sending in any food items that are to be shared with other students.

All classrooms at St. James are **peanut, tree nut, sesame, seafood, coconut pineapple, avocado and egg safe classrooms**. No peanuts, peanut products, tree nuts or raw/cooked eggs are allowed at any time. We have many students with life threatening allergies to peanuts, peanut products and/or eggs. Please ensure that your child has thoroughly washed their hands after eating peanuts, peanut products or eggs for breakfast/lunch at home.



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.



DRESS CODE

All students are reminded to arrive at school dressed in full Dress Code. Information is noted in the pdf. below.

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.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.



302.6.10 - Elementary Standardized Dress Code Policy AOP.pdf

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Updated-DressCode-Flyer.pdf

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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 [link](#). For more information please go to [NRPH website](#) 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.



SAFE ARRIVAL

Please remember to report your child's absence using the [SAFEARRIVAL](#) portal. You can also put in an EARLY DEPARTURE.





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