

St. Denis Catholic School

September 2025



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St. Denis Bell Times



BALANCED SCHOOL DAY

School Begins 9:10 a.m.

First Break 11:20 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Second Break 1:20 p.m. -2:00 p.m.

Dismissal 3:30 p.m

Principal's Message

Welcome back to all students, parents and staff from a summer holiday that hopefully provided rest, relaxation and enjoyment. We welcome everyone back to a new year at our school! A special welcome to our new Kindergarten students and to those students and families new to the school this year.

It is an honor to serve this community as Principal. I am looking forward to working with such an enthusiastic and dedicated community. This year promises to be successful as we focus on



working collectively and cooperatively for our children. I would like to thank the entire staff for preparing the school for our students. This year we are continuing with some changes that needed to be implemented safely. I would also like to thank the caretaking staff of St. Denis School and the Plant Department staff of the Niagara Catholic District School Board for their hard work over the summer months maintaining our school.

Together as we begin a new school year, we are reminded that Catholic Education is the interrelationship of the "Triad" - home,

church, and school. Working together we can provide the best Catholic Education for your children. We look forward to Father Stephen Bruzzese's guidance for our students and staff this year.

I am very excited about working together with all of the partners in Catholic Education, and I look forward to a positive and productive year at St. Denis Catholic School. In closing, may our school always be a home of Catholic faith, truth, wisdom and goodwill to all. May God Bless us all as we begin the 2025-2026 school year!

Yours in Catholic Education,
Mrs. V. Wegelin

First Day of School Prayer

Lord God, your Spirit of wisdom fills the earth and teaches us your ways.

Look upon our students.

Let them enjoy their learning and take delight in new discoveries.

Help them to persevere in their studies and give them the desire to learn all things well.

Look upon our teachers.

Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience and endeavor always to bring the truth to eager minds.

Grant that students and teachers alike may follow Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life, forever and ever.

Amen.

Best wishes for a blessed and happy school year!



Called By Name: "Go and Make Disciples"



Called My Name 2022 - 2026

Niagara Catholic District School Board Theological Theme
Background 2022-2026

"Called My Name: Go and Make Disciples" Focus

Jesus doesn't just know your name. He calls you by it! In Matthew 28:19, Jesus tells us to "go and make disciples of all nations." But, He doesn't send us out as strangers. He calls each of us by name.

He asks us to join this great mission. Just like Jesus called Simon by name and made him Peter, He calls you by your name too. He sees the special gifts you have. You aren't just another face in

the crowd. You are called by name to help others follow Jesus right where you are. As we start this school year, let's listen for Jesus calling our name and answer Him in love!

September 2025 Calendar - Click Here

School Supervision



Students will be supervised on the yard at recess and during the following time:

8:55 a.m. - 9:10 a.m. Before school

11:20 a.m.-12:00 p.m. First Break (11:20 a.m.-11:40 a.m. indoors/11:40 a.m.-12:00 p.m. outdoors)

1:20 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Second Break (1:20 p.m.-1:40 p.m. indoors/1:40 p.m.-2:00 p.m. outdoors)

3:30 p.m. - 3:35 p.m. After School

Staff begin morning yard duty at 9:00 a.m. and are in the yard until the bell rings at 9:10 a.m. **Parents are reminded that students should not be dropped off earlier than 9:00 a.m. at the school as they will be unsupervised at this time.** Your cooperation is appreciated. Just a reminder to all parents that you must remain off the school yard at all times. **The school yard is only for students and staff members for safety purposes.**

Bell Times 2025-2026

School Begins 9:10 a.m.

First Break 11:20 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Second Break 1:20 p.m. -2:00 p.m.

Dismissal 3:30 p.m.

At the end of the school day, teachers will dismiss students at the sound of the bell. Parents are encouraged to have a meeting place outside of the building. Students are not allowed to enter the playground area at the end of the day.



Bus Transportation

NCDSB provides transportation for students as outlined in Board Policy. Routes have been established according to home addresses.

Bus schedules can be located on the Internet at www.nsts.ca. You can email them at: general@nsts.ca.



Bus Safety is a Shared Responsibility

NSTS and school boards acknowledge that safety is a shared responsibility.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities:

- If a student lives within the walk zone of the school, or outside of the school boundary, parents/guardians are responsible to determine the appropriate means to get their child to and from school safely.
- If a student lives within the bus zone of the school, parents/guardians are responsible to get their child(ren) to and from the bus stop safely, provide appropriate supervision at the bus stop and reinforce school bus rules at the bus stop, around the bus and on the bus.
- Provide the school with pick-up and drop-off address information, as well as any information relevant to your child's ability and health that may require accommodation on the school bus.
- Make a plan in the event of a service disruption such as a bus delay or inclement weather.

Student Responsibilities:

- To follow the school bus rules including remain seated, facing forward at all times on the bus and avoid anything which might disturb the driver or interfere with the safe operation of the vehicle.
- To exercise care, caution, good manners, consideration for others and obey promptly the instructions of the driver.
- To refrain from smoking, vaping, drugs, alcohol and from using obscene language at the bus stop and on the bus.
- To keep all parts of the body inside the vehicle at all times and to refrain from throwing articles or shouting inside the bus or out a window.

Please review with your children expectations for behaviour when waiting for and riding the bus with your child . Riding on a bus is a privilege that we extend to our students and may be revoked if the privilege is abused.

NSTS Bus Delays APP

Bus Driver Update & Delay Notifications

At the present time, NSTS has a driver for every route and a complement of spare drivers to cover absences of route drivers. Over the last year Operators have trained and licensed well over 100 new bus drivers. Please help us support these new school bus professionals to grow into their new responsibilities. Any delays to service will generate an email notification that is sent to the general school email inbox.

Please download the BusPlanner Delays app to receive notifications directly to your mobile device notifications. 1. Download the free BusPlanner Delays app via the Apple or Android app stores.

2. Choose either your school board or transportation authority:

- Niagara CDSB
- Niagara STS
- OR enter a Quick code NSTS

3. Select "Specific Schools and all related Bus Routes"

4. Select the school(s) from the list. You will receive notifications for every bus run to the school(s) selected, including all AM and PM runs.

<https://apps.apple.com/ca/app/busplanner-delays/id1217589960>

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.busplanner.delaysu0026hl=en_CAu0026gl=USu0026pli=1

More information is available on the NSTS Website.

<https://www.nsts.ca/policy-service/busplanner-web-user-instructions>

Bus Loading & Parking Lot

As we continue to ensure our parking lot is a safe and secure area for our students to enter and exit the school, we appreciate and request your diligence when picking up your children. School staff will continue to supervise the parking lot area in addition to the playground, however, drivers are required to be extra cautious when picking up, especially during peak traffic times. The school front and church parking lots are very busy and congested during these times and our students can be hidden behind vehicles.

On the church side parking lot parents must park their car and walk their child to the sidewalk that leads into the school. You may also drive up and allow your children to get out of your vehicle and walk into the yard via the sidewalk. Please remember to not park in the handicap parking spots unless you have an authorized card to do so. Kindly use precaution at all times. Parents are not to use the handicap parking spots as areas to drop off their children before or after school unless you have the proper authorization to do so.



Crossing Guards



Students are reminded to cross the road with the crossing guard at all times. Parents, please be aware of the location of the crossing guards at the corner of Lake and Carlton streets. Crossing guards will be in place for morning and afternoon travel. There will not be crossing guards during the lunch hour. Please exercise caution when driving in that area.

St. Denis Catholic School Staff 2025-2026

Parish Pastor Father Stephen Bruzzese

Staff

Principal - Mrs. V. Wegelin
Secretary - Miss P. Ribeiro/Mrs. D. Korsmit
Kindergarten - Mrs. T. Lee
Kindergarten - Mrs. A. Jackson
Grade 1 - Ms. B. D'Ettorre
Grade 1/2 - Ms. P. Konieczny
Grade 2 - Ms. M. Foster
Grade 3 - Mr. J. Biamonte
Grade 3/4 - Mrs. I. Mani
Grade 4 - Mr. C. Hastings
Grade 5 - Mrs. J. La Valle
Grade 6 - Mr. J. O'Connor
Grade 7 - Miss S. MacSporran
Grade 8 - Mr. J. Riddell
PTM - Mr. P. Sutton
ERT - Mrs. J. Zanon
ERT- Mrs. D. Nardilli
FSL - Mrs. E. Bonin
MLL - Mrs. J. McIntosh
E.A.-Miss B. Ellens
E. A. -Mrs. K. Kowal
E.A. -Mrs. E. Maingot
E.A. -Mrs. I. Macias
E.A. - Ms. P. Pinkus
E.A.- Mrs. T. Saporito
ECE - Ms. A. Covello
ECE - Mrs. J. DeCicco
CYW - Mrs. A. Tunbridge
Itinerant Arts - Mrs. L. Bilechi
Librarian - Mrs. A. Goulet
Caretaker - Mr. P. Turcotte
Cleaner - Mrs. M. Costanzo

St. Denis is very blessed to have such an exceptional staff to serve the students of our community!

Farewell

We are very sad to say goodbye to Ms. Farrell, Mrs. Clapp, and Mr. Lanteigne who were Educational Assistants at our school. We are also very sad to say goodbye to Miss Kardas our wonderful secretary. We will miss all of them greatly but wish them all the best at their new schools.



Welcome to St. Denis Catholic School!

A warm welcome to Mrs. I. Mani our new Grade 3/4 teacher, our new Educational Resource Teacher Mrs. D. Nardilli. We also welcome our new secretary Miss P. Ribeiro. We welcome our new Educational Assistants-Miss Ellens, Mrs. Kowal, Mrs. Macias, Ms. Pinkus, Mrs Saporito, and Mrs. Tunbridge our new Child and Youth Care Worker. We welcome them to our St. Denis Catholic School family!



Emergency Information Package

You will receive a copy of the Student Information Form and 2 Consent Forms (double sided). These forms must be completed for every child that attends St. Denis Catholic School.

These forms will be stored in the office and only staff will have access to this vital and confidential information. Please fill in the information on the forms and return it to the school by Friday, September 12, 2025.

It is very important that we have the correct information about where we may reach you or whom you designate as a contact if you are not available during school hours. It is imperative that we have a contact number on file and that there is someone available to pick your child up when called. Please check with the emergency contact to make sure these arrangements are suitable.

Anaphylaxis Alert

As you are aware, the Niagara Catholic District School Board has in place a policy concerning ANAPHYLAXIS – i.e. life threatening allergies. We have children in our school who suffer extreme allergic reactions to bee stings and certain foods (including peanut butter, dairy products, eggs). Specifically, we have several students in our school who will begin to suffer an extreme reaction by just touching a surface that has a trace of peanut butter/oil product.

Our community is encouraged to be sensitive to the real threat that products containing peanuts, peanut butter or nut oil products pose to these children. While there is no Board wide ban on peanuts or peanut butter, we would appreciate your cooperation in not sending peanut products in lunches and snacks with your children. We are a nut safe school. We look for your support in making our school environment safe for all of our children.



Respectful Interactions

St. Denis Catholic School is rooted in Catholic and Christian values. Our goal is to create a safe, kind and loving environment for all who work, learn, and assist with our school community.

Aggressive or hostile behaviour or language toward, staff, students or our community helpers will not be tolerated. While we welcome feedback, concerns and opinions it is the expectation that all staff, students, parents, guardians



and community helpers communicate their needs and concerns with one another in a respectful and peaceful manner whether through email, on the phone or face-to-face.

Adherence to this expectation is vital in order to create a community which can solve problems and help one another achieve success.

Voicemail

Due to a school's fast paced day, callers may get the voice mail recording. Please leave your name, number, the time of your call and a brief reason for the call. If the message is urgent, please continue to phone until someone answers. Calls will be returned or forwarded to the appropriate staff member, on the secretary's return to the office. Please do not leave information regarding student pickup or emergency information on the answering machine after 2:00 p.m. We do not guarantee that this information will be received before dismissal.



Attendance Procedure-Safe Arrival Program

Please be advised of the Ministry Regulations related to Attendance Procedures. A note must be sent to the school when your child/ren are leaving the school early for any reason. Parents/guardians will need to call the Safe Arrival System. This is a necessary safety procedure and another means of ensuring the safety of and Visitors to the School



Please remember if you need to drop something off to your child, you must ring the doorbell. Please wait for the secretary and explain to her what you are dropping off and which student the item is going to be given to in the school. Please make sure that the item has your child's name on it and their grade. This will help the office distribute items easily.

Parents are encouraged to wait for their children outside of the school. Please do not feel offended if you have to wait for the secretary to answer you as if she is on the phone assisting someone else, you may have to wait. Please inform grandparents, aunts and uncles of this routine as well.

We have accountability for all of our students. Students arriving at school late will not be admitted to class without stopping by the office. If you are picking your child up for an appointment, please ring the doorbell and wait for the secretary to call your child down to the office. You will need to wait outside until your child arrives to greet you at the front door. All students need to be entered into the Safe Arrival System before your child will be released. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Visitors to the School

Please remember if you need to drop something off to your child, you must ring the doorbell. Please wait for the secretary and explain to her what you are dropping off and which student the item is going to be given to in the school. Please make sure that the item has your child's name on it and their grade. This will help the office distribute items easily.

**ALL PARENTS
& VISITORS**

Please report to office
during school hours.

In the past we have lunches dropped off by different agencies such as Uber Eats etc. This is very difficult for the office as the drivers do not know the child's name or grade that they are delivering for at the school. We encourage you if necessary to drop off your own child's lunch in the manner addressed above as it is easier to ensure that your child gets the correct lunch and on time. We cannot guarantee that lunches will be delivered on time if sent this way.

Parents are encouraged to wait for their children outside of the school. Please do not feel offended if you have to wait for the secretary to answer you as if she is on the phone assisting someone else, you may have to wait. Please inform grandparents, aunts and uncles of this routine as well.

Open Communication

As parents, your support is critical to the success of your child(ren). Open and continued communication is key. We encourage families to provide the office with an updated email address. We send parents current information regarding daily events, school closures and reminders via email. In addition, our school newsletter and calendar are posted on our school's website and also sent via email. **This year we continue to encourage you to**

follow us on Instagram(st.denis_ces) as we endeavor to provide up to the minute information.

Thank you for your continued support, as we work together to ensure a strong partnership between home and school



Parent Consent Student Personal Information NEW Format!!

Every year parents/guardians are required to give consent for their child/ren's photos/videos/certain information to be disclosed to either the local church, school/board media sites or newsletter. NEW this year is a Consent form is now available in SchoolCash Online. Please look for **Parent Consent Student Personal Information**. This is a no cost item. Parents will need to complete the form and click on **Add to Cart**, **Review Answers**, then **Complete Order**. This will be ready to complete on September 2, 2025. Thank you for your cooperation!



Reminder For This School Year!!

It is important for parents to understanding changes coming to all schools within the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

Earlier this spring, the Ministry of Education issued new requirements for school boards to follow to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of everyone in our schools.

The revised PPM 128 addresses issues including the use of cell phones and vaping. PPM 170 outlines the Ministry of Education's expectations for communication between home and school.

All Niagara Catholic schools will follow these Ministry of Education directives.

Cell Phone Use in Schools

When the new school year begins in September, new rules will be in place regarding the use of personal cell phones in class. 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.

If a teacher sees a cell phone that is not stored out of view, students will be required to hand in their device in for the instructional day. The cell phone will be placed, by the student, in a secure storage area designated by the principal.

If a student refuses to hand in their personal mobile device, the Ministry requires that the student be sent to the principal's office. Consequences for failing to hand in their phone is at the principal's discretion.

School boards are now required to disable access to social media platforms on school networks and board devices. This is intended to limit the number of interruptions in class and to benefit the mental health and well-being of students. Niagara Catholic already blocks access to some social media sites. Now all will be unavailable to students on the board network during the school day.

Cigarettes, Vaping, or Nicotine, Cannabis, or Alcohol Use at School

Another measure coming into effect in September to protect the health and well-being of students is the installation of sensors to detect vaping in schools.

The Smoke-Free Ontario Act bans the use of any tobacco, nicotine, or e-cigarette (vape) on school property. The changes to PPM 128 strengthen the enforcement of consequences for students who use or share cigarettes or other tobacco products, nicotine products, e-cigarettes (vapes) at school.

Anyone under the age of 19 is prohibited from buying or possessing alcohol or cannabis. These substances, and any illegal drug, are prohibited on school property.

The new rules require school boards to develop a policy to handle any prohibited items that are surrendered, if one does not exist already. The policy must comply with federal and provincial regulations. To ensure compliance with the provincial regulations Niagara Catholic's Facilities Services team will install equipment to detect the use of cigarettes or e-cigarettes in schools this year. These expectations are outlined in the Board's Electronic Communications Systems Administrative Operating Procedures for students, and the Board's Code of Conduct AOP.

We ask parents to please speak to your children about these new provincial rules and support your child's teacher(s) and Principal in enforcing them.

Questions, concerns, or complaints: Understanding the process

Finally, the Ministry of Education has given school boards new requirements on how we communicate with parents who have questions, concerns, or complaints.

This new guidance builds upon our established practice for resolving issues, including giving parents a timeline for a response. This is outlined in the process below. This information will also be shared on the Parents section of the Board website and school websites in time for the start of the new school year.

Niagara Catholic's Multi-Year Strategic Plan prioritizes transparency in communication with families and stakeholders as a key priority. Our Complaints Resolution Policy, first passed in April 1998, addresses the steps families must take to resolve an issue at their child's school. PPM 170 ensures commitments the provincial government made in Your child's education: A parent guide to our school system are fully addressed.

Parents/guardians should expect a response to a concern or complaint within two business days. If an inquiry needs more time, you will be given an estimated time for a detailed response at the end the second day.

If you have a question about a classroom-related matter, such as curriculum, homework, classroom behavior, or specific incidents, please contact your child's teacher.

If you cannot resolve the issue at the classroom level and/or have a question about school procedures, extracurricular activities, or safety concerns, please contact the school's Vice-Principal or Principal.

For issues unresolved at the school level or issues related to Niagara Catholic policies, procedures, resource allocation, or other concerns, please contact the Superintendent of Education assigned to your child's school.

In keeping with the Board's commitment to accessibility, parents and guardians have a right to expect information will be delivered in clear, easy-to-understand language.

Electronics

The Electronic Communications Systems Policy states that phones, tablets, laptops, audio or video recording devices are eligible for use by students in all Niagara Catholic elementary and secondary school classrooms as only approved by staff for instructional or co-instructional purposes. The expectation is that students will use NCDSB's electronic communications systems for educational purposes, to enhance learning through responsible access to global information and communication. Students who carry cell phones when travelling to and from school, for safety reasons, are reminded they are not allowed to use their cell phones to call home or text message once they are on school property. **All cell phones must remain off and put away during the school day unless noted by the classroom teacher! Students are asked to please use the student phone in the office if they are not feeling well or wish to call home.**



Catholic School Council



The St. Denis Catholic School Council is currently seeking nominations for parents to sit on the 2025-2026 Catholic School Council. The Ministry of Education's Policy on School Councils mandates that a council be in place within the first thirty calendar days of the start of the school year. If you wish to be a part of this year's council, please complete the nomination form accessed on the button below and return it to school.

The council is responsible for providing advice to the Principal on a number of issues affecting the school. These issues include the following:

- The Catholic Character of the school

- School Community events and functions
- Promoting the best interest of the school community
- Curriculum topics
- Policy reviews

Each voting member of School Council is required to attend meetings which at this point will be held virtually four times a year. Please consider getting involved and helping to build our school community.

Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.. More information will follow. Please return the form by Friday, September 12, 2025.

Catholic School Council - Nomination Form

Cobs Bread Fundraiser!!

September 15, 2025-September 27, 2025

The "Loaf per Month" Card entitles you to get one complimentary loaf of bread at COBS Bread Ridley Square every month for a year! The card is valid for one "Complimentary" loaf of any kind in the bakery every month for a year-12 loaves in total. The cards will be valid for 14 months after purchase. The card can only be used at COBS Bread Ridley Squared location in St. Catharines. One card can be used per person per day. Every month when you choose any loaf your card will be stamped at that time and you will not be charged for the loaf. This will repeat until the card has been stamped for every month.



The cards cost \$25.00 for 12 loaves of bread!! This works out to just over \$2/loaf of fresh bread! "Loaf per Month" Cards make great Christmas gifts!!

All orders may be placed using School Cash Online by **Saturday, September 27, 2025**. All money raised from this fundraiser will support the purchase of new technology and resources at St. Denis Catholic School. Purchased cards will be sent home with your child.

St. Denis Catholic School Meet and Greet Open House September 18, 2025

A Meet and Greet Open House will be happening on Thursday, September 18, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Please put this date down in your calendar and plan on attending! Teachers will be in their classrooms to meet their parents from 5:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m. There will then be a gathering in the gym for parents to meet the entire staff from 5:45 p.m.-6:30 p.m. More information to follow!



P. A. Day

September 19, 2025

On Friday, September 19, 2025 a P. A. Day will be held. There will be no school for students on this day. Staff members will be engaging in professional development on this day.



Terry Fox Walk

September 26, 2025



We will be participating in this event to honour this Canadian hero. More information will follow. Students are encouraged to wear red and white on this day to show their Canadian spirit!! They are also encouraged to wear their sneakers on this special day! This will be an alternate dress down day for staff and students.

Orange Shirt Day EVERY CHILD MATTERS

September 30, 2025

We invite all St. Denis staff and students to wear an ORANGE shirt on Monday, September 30, 2025. Orange Shirt Day is a day when we honour the Indigenous children who were sent away to residential schools in Canada and learn more about the history of those schools.



Food Days 2025-2026

Each month we will be having two food days starting in October. Orders can be placed using School Cash Online. We will be having pizza and pita days. Other food days are being considered as well!



Milk Program 2025-2026

Our milk program will begin in October. More information will be coming regarding ordering of milk at school.



St. Denis Catholic School Spiritwear

Families can order Grad Hoodies and St. Denis spirit wear through the Big Bear Spirit Wear Website. Usually the orders are delivered to the school to hand out to students. All orders are to be done by going to Big Bear Spirit Wear website. New this year, clothes can be purchased in physical education classes.



LINK TO ORDER SPIRIT WEAR ITEMS WILL BE SENT HOME NEXT WEEK.

Grade 8 GRAD HOODIE - Link to Order Class of 2026

Reminder for Pets



This is a reminder to all families that dogs are not allowed on school property. Many of the younger children are afraid of dogs of any size. If you are picking up your child and you have your dog with you, please wait off school property.

Student Nutrition Program (SNAC)



We are once again excited to be offering this program at St. Denis Catholic School! Our school will be receiving a grant to provide healthy snacks to our students. This year the program will be a grab and go program with all of the snacks being prepackaged and delivered to the classrooms in the morning as a mid-morning snack. The SNAC Program will start on Monday, September 15, 2025.

Our SNAC Program will continue daily throughout the month.

Niagara Region Public Health Elementary Newsletter

EcoSchool Information

Wednesday Waste Free Lunches

Every Wednesday, we are asking for families to try to reduce the amount of garbage that we create from our lunches. Also, just a friendly reminder to bring a reusable water bottle to school.

We continue to be aware of how we can help keep our school environment clean.

Thank you to Mrs. Jackson and Mr. Biamonte for organizing this on behalf of our school!



Indoor Shoes

Every child should have indoor shoes that can be left at school. These should be labelled with the child's name. Indoor shoes will be worn every day inside the classrooms and if they have white rubber soles or non-marking soles, they can also serve as gym shoes. This provides for the comfort, safety and well being of our students and the cleanliness of the school. **Please note "wheelie"**

shoes will not be permitted on the school grounds for safety reasons. Crocs are not encouraged as outdoor recess shoes.



Register for School Cash Online



School Cash Online

Please click on the button below for instructions to register for School Cash Online. The easy, safe way to pay for school items and events.

School Cash Online Registration Instructions - Click

Safe Arrival/ School Messenger

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL WITH ANY CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGES.

Please use the Safe Arrival system to report all absences and lates for your child.

You can report an absence by:

PHONE - 1-844-287-6287

ONLINE: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>



NCDSB Dress Code Revised May 22, 2025



NCDSB Dress Code The following serves as a reminder for families as the warmer weather approaches and if dress code purchases are being made. Students must wear the elementary standardized dress code items properly and in compliance with the expectations throughout the school day and at all activities and events as representatives of the school and/or Board. It is the

expectation that students wear the elementary standardized dress code as a condition of attendance in an elementary school within the Niagara Catholic District School Board at a minimum, if the elementary student is not in compliance with the mandatory elementary standardized dress code, parents and guardians will be contacted to bring the required dress code items to school.

At a minimum, every student is required to wear one (1) of the following items:

- Navy Blue sweat pants for students in Early Learning Kindergarten to Grade 3
- Navy Blue Pants (Cargo, Corduroy, Denim, Dress, Kobe styles permitted)
- Navy Blue Dresses or Skorts; or · Navy Blue Capris or Walking Shorts.
- Grade 8 students have the option to wear grey secondary uniform pants purchased through Board uniform suppliers. Pants, skirt or dress length must be appropriate and modest. Only knee length capris or shorts are permitted. All clothing must be in good repair.

At a minimum, every student is required to wear one (1) of the following items:

- Navy Blue or White Oxford shirt (short or long sleeve)
- Navy Blue or White Polo shirt (short or long sleeve); or
- School designed spirit wear polo shirt.

The elementary standardized dress code shirts, either polo or oxford must be buttoned in a respectable manner. Visible t-shirts worn under the elementary standardized dress code top must be either navy blue or white.

In addition, approved sweaters and hoodies embroidered and/or screened with the school logo are permitted to be worn as part of the elementary standardized dress code.

Running shoes are the recommended footwear with a full back and a closed toe. It is recommended that parents/guardians provide a pair of indoor shoes for physical education and indoor wear.

Socks must be neutral in colour and worn with the elementary standardized dress code items at all times.

Head Coverings: With the exception of a head covering as part of a religious observance, hats, hoods are prohibited.

Piercings and Tattoos: Visible facial piercing (excluding a small nose stud), excessive piercing, ear expanders and visible tattooing and branding containing an offensive message, advertisement, or slogan are prohibited.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: <https://www.niagaracatholic.ca/policies-protocols-docs/policies/> (Elementary Standardized Dress Code Policy)

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Follow us on Instagram at st.denis_ces



Victoria Wegelin

Victoria is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters