



# April 2024 School Newsletter

## Principal's Message

### A Prayer for our School Community

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it. Amen.

Let us also take the time to pray for those individuals who help to bring hope and healing to others around the world. They help us to know God's love.

Thank you to our staff, students, and our Notre Dame families for their continued trust and support throughout the remainder of this school year.

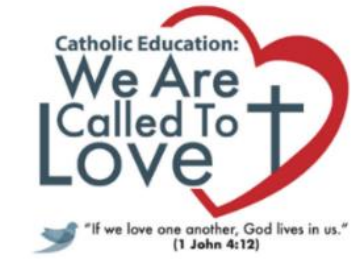
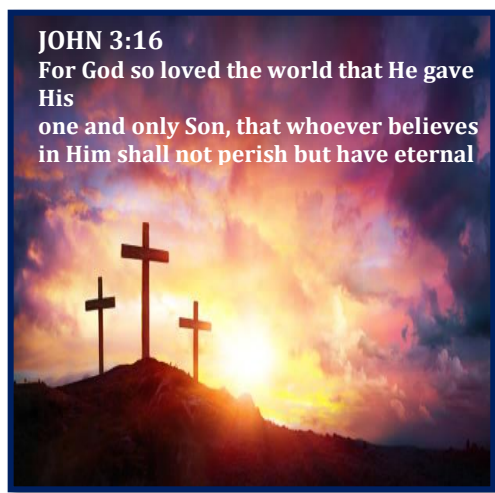
God Bless,

*Mr. Craig Colbert, Acting Principal*

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**BELL TIMES**

**8:55am:** School Begins  
**10:35-11:15am:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Nutrition Break  
**12:55-1:35pm:**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Nutrition Break  
**3:15pm:** School Dismissal





**8th Annual  
Knights of Columbus  
CALEDONIA CHILI COOK OFF**

Let's Help A Neighbour In Need

**WHY?**

**Support Local Families &  
K of C Charitable Initiatives**

**WHEN?**

**Saturday, April 20th, 2024  
from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**WHERE?**

**Riverside Exhibition Centre  
151 Caithness St E, Caledonia, ON**

**Featuring:**

Live  
Music  
By:

**PIPE  
DOWN**

**Little Ray's  
Reptile Zoo**

For more information, contact:

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**info@caledoniacommunitycookoff.ca**

**Interested?**

**24 Chili's To Sample!**

**Lots of Prizes to Win!**

\$5 Admission /

8 Chili Samples for \$20

**SCAN BELOW TO SIGN**



**We are helping**

**Tanika Jacobs**

Age 16 - Caledonia  
Life Threatening Illness,  
3rd lung transplant



**Emily Heaslip**

Age 6 - Hagersville  
Tracher  
Collin's Syndrome



**Gabriella Chinwe**

Age 4 - Caledonia  
Spinal defect, needs  
multiple sugeries



**Avery Webster**

Age 15 - Cayuga  
non-verbal, blind,  
needs wheelchair lift

**Help Make A Difference  
in your community!**

**LOOKING FOR  
CORPORATE SPONSORS  
& PRIZE DONTATIONS**

**CHILI EDITION**







Now that spring has arrived, this is a good time to remind everyone of the importance of following rules and safety tips to ensure safe travel to and from school. It is important that all students understand that taking a 'shortcut' during the warmer months can be unsafe and that they should travel the same route to and from school every day.

## Street Safety

### BE SEEN

Wear bright-coloured clothes and carry a bright-coloured backpack/bag. This will help drivers see you and keep you safe on the way to and from school.

### LOOK FOR TRAFFIC

Watch out for cars and trucks at every driveway and intersection on your walk to and from school. Look for drivers in parked cars. They may be getting ready to move.

### WALK TOGETHER

Younger children should always walk with an adult. If your parents say that you can walk to school on your own, remember these tips:

- Walk with a friend when possible.
- Ask your parents to help you pick a safe route to school; one that avoids possible dangers.
- Stick to the route you picked with your parents. Don't let friends talk you into shortcuts!
- Never accept rides from people not pre-arranged by your parents or without your teacher knowing.
- Obey traffic signs, signals and school crossing guards.

# Strangers

## WHAT DOES A STRANGER LOOK LIKE?

Strangers don't necessarily look mean or scary, but it is important to stay away from them. Always avoid strangers, even if they know your name. If you see a stranger, or feel uncomfortable around someone you don't know, leave the area right away. Remember to trust your instincts. If a situation doesn't 'feel right', leave and find help.

## WHAT DO I DO IF I SEE A STRANGER ON MY WAY TO SCHOOL OR HOME?

If you see a stranger who makes you feel uncomfortable, leave the area and tell a trusted adult. If you see a stranger who is hanging around your walking/busing route, at the playground or around the school, tell a trusted adult. Stay away from cars and trucks and never take something from someone in a vehicle or approach a vehicle if called.

## DOES SOMEONE KNOW WHERE I AM?

Always make sure that your parent/guardian knows where you are, where you are going, and the way you are walking. It is really important to always stick to your regular walking route to and from school and to make sure that you go straight home or to your after-school location when school is out. People who care about you are expecting you at a certain time and will worry if you change your plans without pre-arranging it with your parent/guardian.

## WHAT IF A STRANGER NEEDS MY HELP?

Let adults, and only adults, help strangers. Even if the stranger seems friendly, asks for directions or for something else that you know the answer to, don't respond and leave the area right away.

## WHAT DO I DO IF I'M AFRAID?

If you're afraid, now is the time to be LOUD. If a stranger approaches you and you feel threatened or afraid, run away and use a loud/outside voice to draw the attention of other people in the area to the situation. You are smarter than you think. If something doesn't 'feel right' ... it may not be. Find a trusted adult to help.

For more transportation information...



### SIGN UP FOR AUTOMATIC TRANSPORTATION MESSAGES...

Did you know that you can sign up to receive messages when your child's bus is delayed or cancelled? Visit [www.stsbhn.ca](http://www.stsbhn.ca) to find out how.

### VISIT [WWW.STSBHN.CA](http://WWW.STSBHN.CA)

Bus Cancellations, Delays and Early Dismissals due to Inclement Weather: Procedure 024 ([http://www.stsbhn.ca/documents/Policies\\_Procedures/024.pdf](http://www.stsbhn.ca/documents/Policies_Procedures/024.pdf))



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SCHOLASTIC

# BOOK FAIR

Coming  
SOON!

## IT'S GO TIME!



May 7, 8, 9 & 10

Watch for more details to  
come later this month



St. Patrick's Catholic Church

107 Orkney Street East,  
Caledonia, ON N3W 1C5

Tel. (905) 765-2729

### Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Sunday, April 7, 2024

1:00pm

St. Patrick's Church



# WORLD AUTISM DAY

SAVE THE DATE! TUESDAY **APRIL 2**

On **April 2nd**  
please join us in celebrating  
[#WorldAutismAwarenessDay](https://www.worldautismawarenessday.org/)

We ask our Knights to return to  
school wearing a spectrum of  
**colours** on April 2nd  
to show support for those  
touched by  
Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Thank you!



Pepperoni Pizza slices can be purchased on School Cash Online for the month of May starting April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Deadline to order is April 21<sup>st</sup>**



**BHNCD SB Arts**  
@ARTSbhncdsb

Tickets go on sale at noon on April 10th for the @bhncdsb 2024 Celebration of the Arts. [sandersoncentre.ca](http://sandersoncentre.ca) website or boxoffice. Show date is Tuesday April 30th at 7pm. The show usually sells out quick, so mark it on the calendar. Limit of 4 tickets



Milk is distributed each week of the month on Tues/Wed/Thurs. Milk can be purchased on School Cash Online for May starting April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**The deadline to order is April 21<sup>st</sup>**



Subway lunch is available to students twice a month.

Subway Days in May:  
May 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

**The deadline to order is April 21<sup>st</sup>**



**Our very own  
Notre Dame choir  
members to perform!**

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT



### VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are always needed when arranging school trips, school events, etc. To volunteer at the school you must have:

1. A valid Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC)
2. A Volunteer Confidentiality Agreement completed **annually**
3. For those parents/guardians who have a valid Vulnerable Sector Check, but it is in the 2nd or 3rd year of the 3-year validation period will need to complete a Volunteer Offence Declaration.
4. Completion of an Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities ACT (A.O.D.A.) certificate.

Thank you for your continued support of Notre Dame Catholic School. \*A school letter (to obtain a new VSC) can be requested from the school office.

# 2024

April 8th Total Solar Eclipse

**PA DAY  
CHANGE NOTICE**





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	Easter Monday 1	World Autism Day-Spectrum of Colours Milk 2	Milk Popcorn 3	Milk 4	Pizza Gr2 trip to St. Pat's Church 5	6
Gr.2 Sacrament of 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion St. Pat's Church 1:00pm 7	PA Day Solar Eclipse 8	Milk Subway Day SR Boys/Girls Volleyball Tourney Celebration of the Arts Rehearsal 9	Milk Popcorn 10	Milk 11	Pizza 12	13
14	15	Milk 16	Gr 8 Grad Photos Milk Popcorn 17	Milk 18	Pizza 19	20
21	22	Milk 23	School Mass Milk Popcorn 24	Gr. 7 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dose Vaccinations Milk 25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

**UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:**

- May 5 – 10 Catholic Education Week
- May 7 – 10 Scholastic Book Fair
- May 9 Talent Show
- May 15 Kindergarten Orientation Night (TBD)
- May 20 Victoria Day (No School)
- May 27 Field Day Events at NDC
- May 28 School Track Meet at McKinnon
- June 3 PA Day
- June 6 HN Track & Field Meet at Holy Trinity
- June 14 to 17 Grade 8 Camp Celtic Year End Trip
- June 19 Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony
- June 24 Term 2 Reports Sent Home Digitally
- June 27 Last Day of School

