



October 2023 School Newsletter

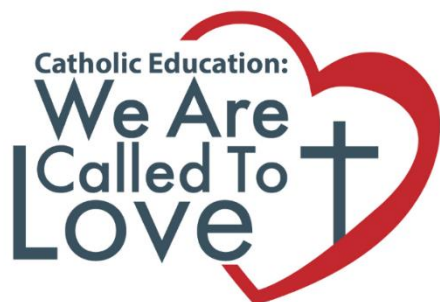
Principal's Message

A Prayer for Thanksgiving

Loving God,
 We turn our hearts to you on this day for giving thanks, mindful of your many gifts.
 For each one, we are grateful.
 For each one, we are blessed.
 For each one we are opened to the abundance of your love.
 May this Thanksgiving Day offer a reminder to be generous with others,
 As you are with us.
 We praise you.
 We rejoice in you.
 We give you thanks.
 Amen.

May we experience Christ's blessings during this time of year.
 Happy Thanksgiving! God Bless the staff and students of
 Notre Dame Catholic School and their families.

Mary Leonard, Principal



*"If we love one another, God lives in us."
 (1 John 4:12)*



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BELL TIMES

8:55am: School Begins

10:35-11:15am:

1st Nutrition Break

12:55-1:35pm:

2nd Nutrition Break

3:15pm: School Dismissal



SCHOOL HOURS FOR BALANCED DAY

8:55 am School begins

10:35 – 11:15 am

First Nutrition Break

12:55 – 1:35 pm

Second Nutrition Break

3:15 pm School Dismissal

Please note staff are **NOT** on duty until **8:40 am**.

*Staff will be on duty to receive students off the bus. *Upon dismissal at the end of the day **ALL walkers must leave school premises promptly.**

Calls from the School

If you've missed a call from the school, please ensure you listen to your voice mail, so you know who called and what it was about before calling the school back. Those details are important as staff could be making calls from anywhere in the school, and the front office won't necessarily be aware of it.

Late Arrivals & Early Departures

Promptness & regularity are necessary attendance traits that contribute to a child's overall success at school. When students arrive late or leave early, they are disrupting school and classroom routines, missing out on receiving classroom instruction & important information.

Children will not be called from class for early dismissal prior to a parent/guardian's arrival as there is no one to supervise them outside of their classrooms. Please build this into your timeline.

Calls to the School

Last minute dismissal changes must be called in before 2:30pm. The office cannot guarantee that new details will be received and teaching staff are unable to check emails for changes. It is best if your child is aware of the end of day plan (taking bus, pick up, etc.) before they start the school day.

Subscribe to the School Website:

notredamecaledonia.ca

Subscribe to the Transportation Website to Receive the Latest Bus Updates:

www.transinfobhn.ca
www.stsbhn.ca

Visitors/Volunteers:

Parents/Guardians must sign in at the office.

Thank you.

Are you SUBSCRIBED to Receive the Latest Updates for your Child's Bus Route?

Visit transinfobhn.ca and click on the **Parent Portal** Link. If you are a first-time user, click on **Create Account** beside the **Log In** button. You can create a new account by providing the portal with an email address and password. The system will email you a verification notice (check your junk email folder in case the message was flagged by your email provider).

Once you have verified your email address, go back to the Parent Portal and use both credentials to log in. Once logged in, you can add your child(ren) to your account by clicking on **Add Student** (you will need to have your child(ren)'s OEN* available, Street Number (just the number), the school's name and your child's grade. *Contact the office if you need any information.

We appreciate your patience as Student Transportation continues to experience delays with many routes due to bus driver shortages, etc. The school does not have the information about your child's bus route. By subscribing to the website, you will always have up-to-date information.

A valuable bus tracking app which is now available to parents is the **Chipmunk app**, accessible in both the **Apple App Store** as well as the **Google Play Store**. Available on systems which run in iOS and Android platforms and entirely free of charge. Detailed information on how to access, login and use the app are available by visiting www.stsbhn.ca/faqs

If the bus is delayed either in the morning or afternoon, please call the bus company directly:

First Student Ancaster (905) 522-3232

Bus 753
Bus 792
Bus 796
Bus 797

Voyageur Transportation Services (519) 787-2202

Bus 822
Bus 830



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FUNDRAISING

SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER!

Buy Mabel's Labels waterproof, durable labels to help reduce classroom mix-ups and keep your items coming home!



Go to campaigns.mabelslabels.com and search for

Notre Dame (Caledonia)

Mabel's Labels are perfect for labelling all your child's belongings.

Thanks to our school community for your continued support with this fundraiser. It truly makes a difference!



The School's First Fundraiser of the Year

We thank you for your continued support throughout the years. **Fresh from the Farm** has been a popular fundraiser supporting our school initiatives as well as the local farmers!

Through **School Cash Online** you have a choice of purchasing 2 fresh bundles:

- 14lb Vegetable Bundle: \$22.00
- 8lb Apple Bundle: \$24.00

Order payments to be submitted by Oct. 10th. Order forms have been sent home (1 per family). Please retain these for your distribution reference.

Produce delivery will be either Nov 6 or Dec 7. Families will be notified of the confirmed delivery date.

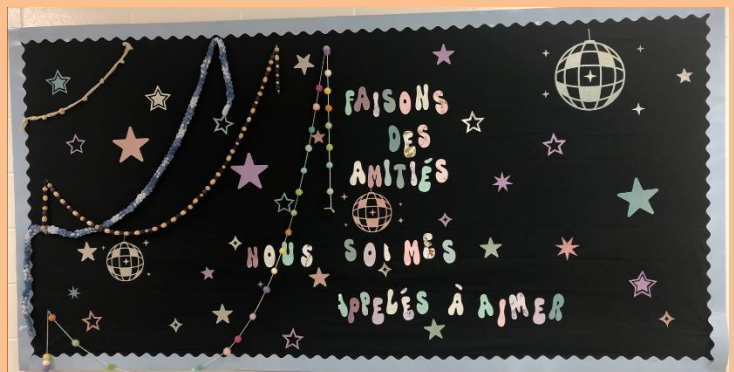
[#AutismAwarenessMonth](#) happens in October.

We are challenged to spread the importance of learning about autism as well as acceptance & understanding of those identified as having autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

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Kindness Matters





Pepperoni Pizza slices can be purchased on School Cash Online for the month of November starting October 1st.

Deadline to order is October 20th.



The Milk Program will start October 4th (Due to the PA Day on Oct 3rd.)
Milk is distributed each week of the month on Tues/Wed/Thurs. Milk can be purchased on School Cash Online for November starting October 1st; **the deadline is October 20th.**



Subway lunch is available to students twice a month.
School Cash Online is accepting orders for November starting October 1st.
Deadline to order is October 20th.



Popcorn bags can be purchased on School Cash Online starting October 1st for November distribution.
Deadline to order is October 18th.

**A new item to be available January 2024 in School Cash Online to purchase popcorn for the next distribution in February 2024.*

Communication With Your Child's Teacher

Parents/Guardians will be encouraged to communicate with school staff through email or phone calls.

Any concerns should be communicated to the teacher first, then the Principal if additional attention is needed.



In the Spotlight

Congratulations to our Knights & the Coaches who worked hard, braved the elements, and made us proud at this year's BHNCD SB Co-ed Soccer Tournament on September 20th.

JR Boys/Girls team:

Mason A. Riel	Asher Addison	Jackson Mason C.
Kaleb Lily	Nicholas Lexi	Reed Ruby
Wyatt Grayson	Isabella M. Alieda	Isra'el Brian
Alyssa Nevaeh W.	Nevaeh S. Lyla	Isabella V.

SR Boys/Girls team:

Marley Jane Stella	Liliana Jude Justin	Rocco Jake Xavier
Cohen Sophie	Porscha Elora	Ava Neven
Julian Evan	Jace	



Notre Dame 2023-24 School Year

Immunization Clinic (Hep B/HPV/Meningitis) – October 30th and April 25th

Dental Screening (JK, SK, Gr. 2) – December 11th and December 12th

Vision Screening (SK only) – December 12th

www.hnhu.org/schoolhealth

Report Your Child's Vaccinations

All children attending school in Ontario are **required by law to report their vaccination status** to the local health unit

Contact your child's **health-care provider** to obtain records, or to get missing vaccinations



You can **report your child's immunizations by phone, email or online**. You will require your child's Ontario Health Card Number when reporting their vaccines online

The local health unit offers **routine vaccination clinics** to catch up, visit our website for upcoming dates



Report by PHONE 519-426-6170 ext. 3214 or FAX 519-426-9246 or
EMAIL vpd@hnhss.ca or WEBSITE hnhu.org/immunization-reporting/

**Health and
Social Services**
Halldimand and Norfolk

Eye Health

Did you know that all children and youth, 17 years and younger are eligible for free eye exams in Ontario?

- 👁 Vision problems are common among school-aged children but are not always easy for parents to detect.
- 👁 Vision problems can lead to challenges in school, play and every day activities
- 👁 The Health Unit offers school-based vision screening to senior kindergarten students each year.
- 👁 Vision screening does not replace the need for a full exam by an eye doctor.



Some optometrists in Ontario participate in the Eye See, Eye Learn program which provides free glasses to children in junior and senior kindergarten. Visit <https://optom.on.ca/esel/> for details

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Catholic District School Board

2023-27 | STRATEGIC PLAN

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Our Vision

Our faith-based communities inspire life-long learning and service to others.



Our Motto

Excellence in Learning – Living in Christ.

Our Values

Cultivating healthy, respectful, faith-filled Catholic learning and teaching environments.

We cultivate healthy, respectful, faith-filled environments for all by:

- nurturing ongoing faith formation and personal relationships with Jesus to develop a Catholic worldview.
- recognizing the possibility within all learners and responding with personalization and precision.
- advocating through a Catholic lens and ensuring everyone feels supported, seen, and heard.

Building support through collaboration, partnerships, and connected communities.

We build support for all by:

- engaging active partnerships with all including students, staff, families, parishes, and community partners.
- working in solidarity with partners to build strong, authentic, resilient communities that support all individuals.
- building a culture of collaboration and connectedness through relationships.

Inspiring and nurturing curiosity, development, success, and stewardship.

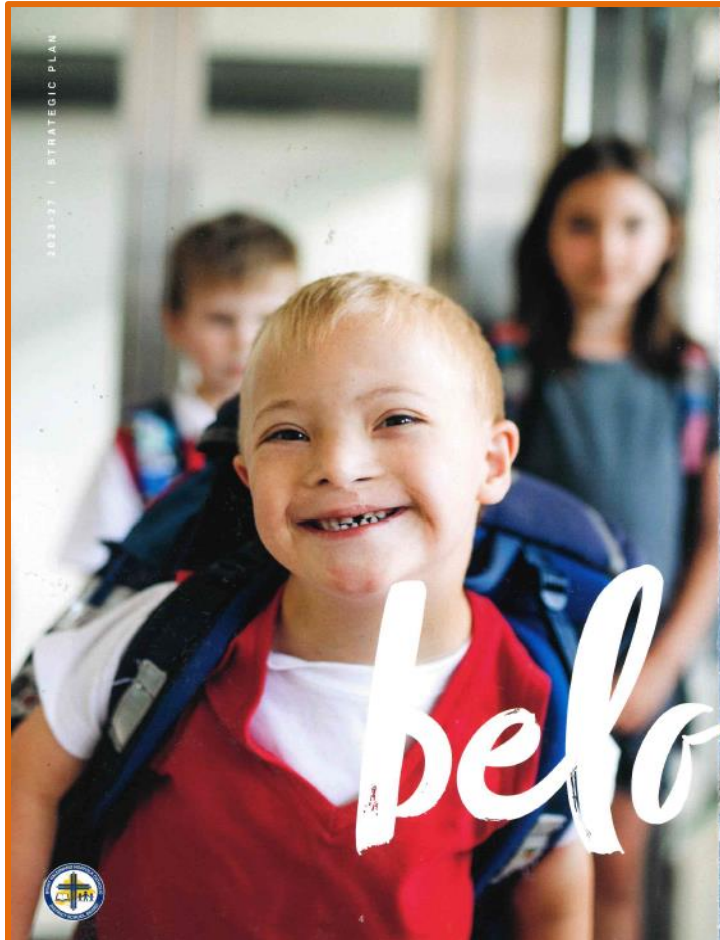
We inspire and nurture all by:

- pursuing innovative and evidence-based practices in teaching, learning, and faith formation.
- developing learners as local and global citizens who embrace their responsibility for the wellbeing of our common home.
- recognizing the possibility within all learners and responding with personalization and precision.

Reaching every individual and honouring their contributions, values, and goals.

We reach all by:

- through our faith, advocating for equity, inclusion, and social justice.
- honouring the voices of staff and students through acknowledgement, response, and action.
- recognizing the importance of our integrated experience in the promotion of prioritizing wellbeing.



2023-27 | STRATEGIC PLAN



COMMITMENT

Ensuring a safe, inclusive, equitable, and welcoming environment for all to foster engagement and faith formation.

GOALS

Students

- Provide safe spaces for acceptance, curiosity, opportunities for growth, and development of resilience.
- Ensure student voices are welcomed, heard, supported, and responded to.
- Recognize and celebrate differences and unique talents.

Staff

- Provide meaningful opportunities for staff to share innovative ideas and initiatives.
- Recognize staff actions that celebrate positive relationships and inclusion.

- Provide equitable and timely opportunities for staff growth and Catholic leadership.

Community

- Recognize the importance of and provide opportunities for all to share their voice.
- Foster strong partnerships with community support agencies.
- Increase access to and the availability of supports for our Catholic learning community.

October 2023

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1	2 SUBWAY Socktober Begins	3 PA DAY	4 Milk	5 Milk	6 Pizza Milk	7
8	9 Thanksgiving	10 Choir Starts Fresh From the Farm Orders Due	11 Milk	12 Milk	13 Pizza Milk	14
15	16	17 SUBWAY Milk	18 Milk	19 Milk	20 Pizza	21
22	23	24 Milk SAC Mtg Virtual 6:00pm	25 Milk	26 Milk Cross Country	27 Pizza	28
29	30 Gr.7 Vaccination	31 Halloween Fun	BOO			

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

- November 4 Grade 8 Confirmation ~ 11am
- November 6 Progress Reports Go Home
- November 6 Photo Re-Take Day/Class Group Photos
- November 17 PA Day
- December 11 & 12 Dental & Vision Immunization Screening
- December 23 to Jan 7 Christmas Break
- March 11 to 15 March Break

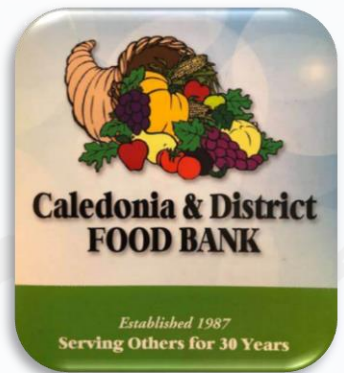
Halloween Fun

Tuesday, October 31st is **Halloween Fun** Day!

Your child is encouraged to wear their costume to school to celebrate Halloween. *(Please do not send your child to school wearing a costume mask or with costume accessories that may get misplaced.)*

This year students are free to hand out & enjoy some **NUT FREE** treats with their friends.

**This day will be recognized as one of our 10 exempt days.*



As Catholics, we are called to help those in need.
We are excited to support the Caledonia & District Food Bank in
October, November & December

- ***SOCTOBER** (occurring in **October**) will aim to collect socks to help keep those in need warm during the coming winter months. **This collection begins October 1st.**
- ***FIGHTING HUNGER 1 DAY AT A TIME** (occurring in **November**) will aim to provide support for those less fortunate than us. Each day in November a different food or personal care item can be donated at the school (see the list below). All donations will be delivered in early December. Thank you for your ongoing support!
- ***TREE OF WARMTH** (occurring in **December**) will aim to collect hats, scarves, and mittens. Our Tree of Warmth will be set up in the foyer for your contributions beginning **December 1st.**

Thank you for your efforts in helping to bring warmth and comfort to those less fortunate this year.

Fighting Hunger 1 Day at a Time

November 1	Box of Cereal	November 16	Shampoo
November 2	Peanut Butter	November 20	Canned Peas
November 3	Cake Mix	November 21	Box of Crackers
November 6	Macaroni & Cheese	November 22	Package of Rice
November 7	Canned Beans	November 23	Peanut Butter
November 8	Canned Fruit	November 24	Package of Pasta
November 9	Canned Veggies	November 27	Spaghetti Sauce
November 10	Canned Tuna	November 28	Shampoo
November 13	Oatmeal	November 29	Soup
November 14	Jar of Applesauce	November 30	Toothpaste
November 15	Canned Potatoes		