

ST. NICHOLAS SCHOOL

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Every year, our Board chooses a spiritual theme. For the 2019-20 school year, our theme is “Called To Be Our Story”.

Over the past year, we have been reflecting on the history of Catholic education in our part of Ontario. Each of our school communities has a unique story that we are proud of and will serve to guide us confidently into the future.

We also share a collective story within our school board - it is the story of God’s love for our world, and the story of Jesus’ life, teaching, death and resurrection. Through baptism, each one of us becomes an important part of that story, and we make it our own.

In our world today, it is not enough to just hear about Jesus; we must also live his story every day through our actions and the choices we make. We can talk about God’s love, mercy and care, but what can we do to put his words into practice so that it is more than just a story? This year’s theme challenges us to be that story - to take what we hear and what we learn and make it a way of life.

Our Christian story becomes more convincing and meaningful when we ourselves demonstrate love, generosity, forgiveness, prayer and honesty. When we let Jesus’ example transform us, our lives become the message we proclaim. Being that story is what we are called to do as baptized Christians, each and every day.

School Day

Entry Bell	8:57am
Start Time	9:00am
Recess	11:00am – 11:15am
Lunch	11:55am – 12:55pm
Recess	2:15pm – 2:30pm
Dismissal	3:30pm



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SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES:

- SCHOOL YEAR THEME
- SCHOOL DAY
- SAFE WELCOME
- ALLERGY ALERT

Due to Severe Allergies:



We have extreme allergies at our school. All staff, students, parents and visitors to the school are not to wear fragrance when coming to our school. If fragrance is detected, we will have to ask that you leave the school, or wait outside if you are coming to pick up a student. Other extreme allergies are nut and shell fish. In addition there are several food allergies and for this reason, students are unable to bring in foods to share with students for special occasions. An alternative would be to pick up pencils/erasers or other dollar store type items if you wish your child to celebrate with the students in their class.

St. Nicholas Staff List

JK/SK	Mrs. Albanese / Mrs. Lawrence	Gr. 7/8	Mrs. J. Hussey
JK/SK	Mrs. Gilliland / Mrs. Monkman		
Gr 1	LTO		
Gr 2/3	Mrs. Raposo	FSL	M. S. Raymond
Gr. 3/4	Ms. Torrance	R.R.	Ms. K. Palombi
Gr. 3/4	Mrs. Keery	SERT	Mrs. D. Moreira
Gr. 4/5	Mme. A. Greene	PREP	Mr. J. Martel
Gr. 6/7	Mr. Ross / Ms. Palombi		
Gr. 7/8	Mr. Goodeill		

Educational Assistants

Mrs. DaLuz
Mrs. Taylor

Section 23 Class

Mrs. Boncardo/Mrs. Babcox/Mrs. Kenning
Mrs. Martin/Mrs. Parker/Mrs. Kennedy

Principal Ms. Toth
Chief Custodian Ms. Mercier

Office Administrator Mrs. Barks
Night Custodians Mr. Simpson & Ms. Handy



SIMCOE MUSKOKA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES:

- IMPORTANT DATES
- AGENDAS
- TERRY FOX RUN
- OPEN HOUSE
- VOLUNTEER IN THE SCHOOL
- BREAKFAST



IMPORTANT DATES



Tuesday Sub Days (Commencing September 17th)
Thursday Pizza Day (Commencing September 19th)

Sept 11	School Day Sub/Pizza or Deadline is Wednesday, September 11th
Sept 17 & 19	Sub and Pizza lunches begin
Sept 16	6:00pm CSCC Parent Council Meeting & Elections in the Library
Sept 23	2:00pm Laura Secord Chocolate Bar Fundraiser Kick-Off
Sept 24	10:00am Mass at St. Nicholas
Sept 25	6:30pm First Holy Communion Registration at Holy Spirit Parish (Gr 2)
Sept 26	Terry Fox Run
Sept 26	5:30pm to 7:00pm Open House - Please pick up your chocolates!
Sept 27	P.A. Day - no school for students
Sept 30	12:55pm Good News Assembly
Oct 2	6:30pm Confirmation Registration and Meeting at Holy Spirit Parish (Gr 7)
Oct 10	Picture Day. Bring your smiles!
Oct 14	Happy Thanksgiving - Schools Closed
Oct 16	10:00am Thanksgiving Mass in the Gym
Oct 21	PA Day School Closed

*thankful
&
blessed*

AGENDAS

Your child will have received their student agenda. Please go on **School Day** to pay the fee of \$6.00 for each agenda.... greatly appreciated. Thank you very much!

TERRY FOX RUN

September 26th will be our Annual Terry Fox Run. Toonies for Terry will be collected from September 23th to 30th. This year, we are pleased to be able to help sponsor Mr. Will Dwyer, who is a local area resident who has ran for Terry for 36 years. Mr. Dwyer can be seen knocking on the doors of Barrie, Springwater and other local areas each year looking for donations for his Annual Terry Fox Run. At the age of 94, Will is looking to reach his personal goal of \$1Million in donations and he is within reach now at \$971,000. St. Nicholas School will be doing just that by making our donation in his name. You can check out his online donation information at [Will Dwyer's collection page](#).



OPEN HOUSE

Students are invited to bring their parents in to meet their teachers and tour the school on Thursday, September 26th between 5:30pm and 7:00pm. This is a great opportunity to meet the teacher and see your child's class. We are also holding a Pizza-Q in the gym if you wish to purchase pizza in advance and have a pizza dinner with your family. You can order your family pizza on **School Day** online. Don't forget to bring your own water bottle drinks! Also Parent Council has decided that our fundraiser will be Laura Secord Chocolates. There will be a box ready for each family in the front foyer so that you can pick them up and bring them home. Happy Selling!



VOLUNTEERING IN THE SCHOOL

If you plan to volunteer in the school you must have a current Criminal Background Check on file. It can take up to 6 weeks for the form to be completed by the local police detachment. Please contact Mrs. Barks for the appropriate CBC Request Form. If you have a current CBC on file, we will require the Annual Offence Declaration to be completed by yourself. Again, please contact Mrs. Barks for the form.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The following outline is from the School Councils Guide for Members:

Purpose

2. (1) *The purpose of school councils is, through the active participation of parents, to improve pupil achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents.*

(2) *A school council's primary means of achieving its purpose is by making recommendations in accordance with this Regulation to the principal of the school and the board that established the council.*

We are fortunate to have a dedicated group of parents however, we do require more parents on our Council. If you are new to our school, or have not attended a Council Meeting, **come to our first meeting and election to be held on Monday, September 16, 6:00 p.m. in our school library. We would love to see you!**



Office Notes

School Pizza & Subs

Sub lunch will start on Tuesday September 17th and pizza lunch starts on Thursday, September 19th. You can order subs and pizza on **School Day**. Subs can be refrigerated for one day and will be available to students the following day in event of absence. **Please note that if your child is absent on pizza day we are unable to save their slices to the next day, as this is a cooked item, we are unable to save the pizza. Refunds will not be given when students are absent on pizza and sub days as our food orders are pre-ordered and cannot be changed.**

School Visitors and Safe Welcome

As part of Safe Schools, all doors are locked. We ask for your patience when using the intercom as we may be away from our desks, dealing with a sick or injured child or on the telephone. Once in the school, please come to the office so that we may further assist you.

Safe Arrival

If your child is going to be late or absent, we ask that a parent call the school at (705) 737-9082 and leave a message on our answering machine. It is important that we receive a call from a parent/guardian and not the child or older sibling. If we don't receive a call that your child is away, we will attempt to reach parents/guardians using the numbers we currently have on file. If you have changed home, cell or business numbers over the summer, please advise the office of your new contact information.

Students Leaving School Property at Lunch

Please remember, only students in Grades 7 and 8 will be permitted to leave school property at lunch. **They must have a dated note written and signed by a parent/guardian each time.** The note is good for the date on the signed note only. Students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 can go out at lunch only when they are picked up by a parent.

Early Pick Up/Change of Plans

If you are picking your child up for an appointment, we ask that you allow extra time as we will call students to the office after you arrive. **The office and classroom are busy places. After 3:00pm students cannot be called to the office for early dismissal or contacted to advise of changes in pick up arrangements.**

Transportation

Bused students are expected to go on their bus every night, unless we have been notified in writing of a change in plans. Students are unable to call from the school to make alternate transportation arrangements. Bus drivers are unable to pick up or drop off students at different locations without advance notice from the school. Walkers are not permitted to ride the school bus at any time. In the event of bus cancellations or bad weather, listen to the local radio stations, B101 FM or Rock 95.7 FM. You can sign up on the Simcoe County Transportation Consortium website for alerts for your child's bus by going to our school website and clicking on the link <http://main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/>

Cell Phones and Electronic Devices

Cell phones and iPods are not to be brought to school. Parents of students from grade 4 to 8 will have received a **School Day** notification in regards to cell phones. This notification needs to be acknowledged online and please ensure you have reviewed with your child the cell phone notification and responsibilities in regards to use of cell phones at school. Children who leave the school property to go to the corner plaza for lunch will not be given their cell phones.

Prescription Medications

All prescription medications for students must be maintained at the school office. If your child requires prescription medication throughout the school day, please contact Mrs. Barks so that she may forward the appropriate forms for your completion. Medications cannot be kept in student backpacks, except for asthma puffers. Medications must be in original packaging with the drug store prescription label and cannot be given to students without the correct forms. For life threatening allergies or illnesses, the school will complete a Medical Plan after consultation with parents.

MedicAlert - No Child Without

The Canadian MedicAlert Foundation created the *No Child Without* Program to provide students from the age of 4 until their 14th birthday with the 24 hour protection of MedicAlert emergency information services, at no cost. Please advise the office if you would like to enrol your child in the program and the brochure can be sent home with your child. When you enrol, your child will receive one free custom-engraved MedicAlert ID for the specified medical emergency condition and the benefits of MedicAlert membership.



SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES:

- SUB & PIZZA
- SAFE WELCOME
- SAFE ARRIVAL
- LUNCH HOUR INFORMATION
- PICK-UP



"I have given you an example, so that you also should do just as I have"





STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school premises or during school activities. Some injuries incur medical, dental or other expenses that are not covered by provincial healthcare or employer group plans. As a parent or guardian, you become responsible for those expenses.

We do make available the insuremykids® Protection Plan for students exclusively through Reliable Life Insurance Company. Participation in such a programme is voluntary and the costs are to be paid by the parent or guardian. The Student Accident forms are being sent home with this newsletter.

This program offers a variety of plans and benefits at affordable prices. Benefits included are:

- Dental expenses (resulting from an accident)
- Total and permanent disability
- Paralysis/loss of use
- Special disability benefits
- Eye glasses repair/replacement due to accident

Purchasing Student Accident Insurance is strongly recommended especially if your child participates in athletic or other co-curricular activities on or off school property. All students participating in extra-curricular teams, will need to sign a waiver that outlines whether they have purchased the insurance or are choosing not to purchase the insurance. All rates are on-time annual premiums. Numerous plans are available to fit any family's budget. Family rates for 3 or more children are offered. Purchase online in the first month of the school year and save further with the 3-Year and 5-Year plans.

The insurance agreement is between you and Reliable Life Insurance Company. To subscribe, apply 24/7 directly online at: www.insuremykids.com If you have any questions please visit the "Frequently Asked Questions" page at the above website or contact Reliable Life Insurance Company direct toll free at: 1-800-463-KIDS (5437)

School Activities

Greene Team

Mme. Greene's Grade 4/5 class will be leading our environmental/recycling program here at St Nicholas this year. Yes, we can actually call it The Greene Team!! Remember to send reusable containers and water bottles to school for snacks and lunches. A special thank you to Isabella S and Sophia S, our dedicated Green Team Supervisors this year!

Cross Country Running

Cross Country Running will be starting soon. Notes will go home for those that are interested in joining our team. Runners will be practising in the neighbourhood. Cross Country 'runs' until the end of October. Thank you to Mrs. Moreira and M. Raymond for leading our team this year.

Junior Volleyball (Grades 4-6)

Both the boys and girls teams will begin their season shortly. Try-outs will be start soon. Students should listen to the announcements for details. Skill development and knowledge of the game will be the focus. I'm looking forward to a great volleyball season! Ms. Torrance.

Intermediate Boys Volleyball (Grades 7-8)

Tryouts for the team will be held in the near future. Boys should have proper footwear and be prepared to demonstrate a positive attitude while further developing their volleyball skills and gaining a better understanding of the sport. I look forward to coaching the boys this year. Ms. Torrance.

Flag Football

Flag Football tryouts have started for our intermediate students. Mr. Martel & Ms. Palombi are this years coaches!



Intermediate Girls Basketball

Tryouts are also starting for grade 7&8 girls. Stay tuned for more info.....



Social Justice

Thank you to Mrs. Keery for once again running the Social Justice Committee. You will find out more information about this committee as the year progresses.

A big thank you to all of our coaches and leaders who are volunteering their time on our various sports and school teams!



OUR STORY - OUR JOURNEY

