



# Catholic Education | **PILGRIMS OF HOPE:** ON THE PATH TO HOLINESS



for all



## February 2026 School Newsletter

### Principal's Message

Dear Families,

February brings a wonderful mix of learning, reflection, and celebration to our school community. Even though it's the shortest month of the year, it's filled with meaningful moments that help our students grow both academically, spiritually and socially.

Throughout the month, our classes will continue exploring themes of kindness, inclusion, and belonging. As part of Black History Month, students will engage with stories, achievements, and contributions that deepen their understanding of diversity and help them appreciate the richness of our shared history.

This month also marks an important time for many in our faith community. Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten season invite reflection, compassion, and acts of service. Our school will support students in understanding the significance of this season in age-appropriate ways. To continue our call as Pilgrims of Hope we will be collecting items for the local Food Bank.

We are also looking forward to celebrating Valentine's Day, the 100th Day of School, and Family Day—all wonderful reminders of connection, gratitude, and the joy of learning together.

As winter weather continues, thank you for helping ensure students come prepared for outdoor play, ensuring they have a change of clothing (labeled) and extra mittens to keep their hands warm, and an extra pair of socks is never a bad idea. Fresh air and movement remain an important part of our day.

I'm grateful for your ongoing partnership and the many ways you support your children and our school. February may be short, but it's full of opportunities to learn, grow, and care for one another.

God bless,

*Heather Graham*, 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





## ONLINE REGISTRATION for September 2026

The Parent Portal will be accessible for online registrations for **NEW** students to attend  
Notre Dame Catholic School  
starting **January 5 to February 20**  
Please visit: [www.bhncdsb.ca](http://www.bhncdsb.ca)

Spread  
the Word



Notre Dame Catholic School continues to offer a French Immersion program.  
In September 2026 the French Immersion stream will be available for students to Grade 8.  
*For the 2026-27 school year a cap is in place for the kindergarten registration in the French Immersion Pathway stream.*  
Please visit [www.bhncdsb.ca](http://www.bhncdsb.ca) to access the online registration portal.

We are currently registering kindergarten students for the 2026-2027 school year. If you know of any families within our boundaries that are looking for a Catholic Education in English or French Immersion for their child, please let them know that our school is now accepting registrations online. More information can be found on the board website: [www.bhncdsb.ca](http://www.bhncdsb.ca)

### TERM 1 REPORT CARDS

Report cards go home electronically, Monday, February 9th. Please take the time to review the report with your child, looking for the achievement of skills and the next steps to move learning forward.

There are no scheduled interviews associated with these reports, however, please feel free to contact your child's teacher to arrange a time to discuss the report if necessary.

### School Parking Lot Safety Reminders

We have many systems in place for our student's safety in the parking lot: one-way traffic flow lot; street parking ONLY for drop off/pick up at 8:55am/3:15pm; Kiss & Drop Off protocol; staff supervision starting at 8:40am/2:50pm. Parents are asked to assure everyone's safety by abiding/using the measures in place daily. Thank you.

## Free Throw Champions

Congrats to  
our ND  
Free Throw  
Champs!  
District Finals  
on Feb 7th





# Notre Dame Elementary School

Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> 2026



We're raising funds to support meaningful class trips and the transportation that makes them possible. Together, we can help every student enjoy a richer school experience.

**[www.RiffWhims.com/notredame](http://www.RiffWhims.com/notredame)**

School Cash Online Accepting

- Jam Session Glow Sticks can be purchased by the deadline of February 5<sup>th</sup>
- Event fundraised donations from family & friends: Submit by the deadline of February 10<sup>th</sup>

**Riff Whims** *...our musical adventures await!* **JAM**  
**SESSION**  
*School Fundraiser*



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

**Deadline to order is February 19<sup>th</sup>**



Subway lunch is available to students twice a month.

March Subway Days have been scheduled on March 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

School Cash Online is accepting orders for February starting January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Deadline to order is February 19<sup>th</sup>**

Panzeroli lunch is available to students on March 3<sup>rd</sup>

School Cash Online is accepting starting February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Deadline to order is February 19<sup>th</sup>**



# Panzeroli®

## SCHOOL LUNCH

**5 PANZEROLI + DIPPING SAUCE-  
\$7.00**

**PIZZA DOUGH STUFFED WITH MOZZARELLA CHEESE,  
TOMATO SAUCE & PIZZA SPICES.  
SERVED WITH MARINARA SAUCE FOR DIPPING.**

A PORTION OF ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO YOUR SCHOOL

**IF YOU LIKE PIZZA... YOU'LL LOVE PANZEROLI!**

*\* nut free \* certified Halal cheese \* cooked in 100% canola oil \* vegetarian \**



## IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Our Lenten season begins February 18<sup>th</sup>. We are blessed to begin this important liturgical season as a school community with Father Jerome celebrating in our Ash Wednesday mass at the school. Lent is a very important season for us in our faith. It is the season where we spend 40 days preparing our hearts to celebrate the joy and hope of the Resurrection! During Lent, we practise fasting, praying and almsgiving. Choosing to go without something reminds us of our dependence on God and of the sacrifice Jesus made for us. It also teaches us to live in solidarity with our neighbours in need. Praying allows us to grow closer to God. Giving enables us to share what we have. Lent invites us to think about how we can help to create a more socially just world.

We are blessed to have pancakes on Shrove Tuesday as a form of symbolism of using up our rich foods like eggs and milk before the 40 days of fasting during the Lenten season. Thank you to Parent Council and volunteers who are giving of their time to make this event happen.

During the liturgical season of Lent, we are naturally drawn to the call of Almsgiving. Within our school, we will continue our conversation and learning with our students of 'why' it is important to support others during the season of Lent. We are called to put our faith into action to help our neighbours in need. What we message out, display, pray and teach can foster this learning and further the understanding of our Catholic call to action. Again this year, we will participate in a collection of caring where donations will support the Caledonia Food Bank. **We will be collecting the following items during the season of Lent: cereal (e.g., boxed cereals, oatmeal, etc.), pasta (e.g., spaghetti/noodles, Kraft Dinner, etc.), canned goods (e.g., soup, canned vegetables, etc.) and toothbrushes and toothpaste. As well, you may wish to make a cash donation via SchoolCash online. Please give as generously as your situation allows.** May God continue to bless each of your families this Lenten season.



# February



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 Popcorn	5	6 Pizza	7 Free Throw Championship District Level
8	9 Term 1 Reports Sent Electronically	10 Subway Day	11 Riff Whims Jam Session Glow Dance Popcorn	12	13 Pizza Pink, Red & White Day for Valentine's	14
15	16 Family Day (No School)	17 Shrove Tuesday/ Pancake Tuesday	18 <b>LENT</b> Begins Ash Wednesday School Mass Popcorn	19	20 Pizza	21
22	23	24 Subway Day	25 Popcorn	26	27 Pizza End of Month Assembly	28



## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

- March 16 to 20 March Break
- April 15 Grade 8 Grad Photos
- April 25 Grade 2E Communion~11am at St. Patrick's Church
- May 2 Grade 2F Communion~11am at St. Patrick's Church
- May 8 HN Cross Country Race
- May 26 Grade 7 Vaccine Clinic (Dose#2)
- May 30 Grade 8 Confirmation ~ 11am at St. Patrick's Church
- June 10 HN Track & Field
- June 22 Term 2 Report Cards sent digitally
- June 25 Last Day of School

**On February 13<sup>th</sup>  
we'll be celebrating  
PINK, RED & WHITE Day  
on  
Valentine's Day!**

**Students are welcome to distribute  
Valentine cards and/or NUT FREE  
treats to their friends in class.**

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