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PILGRIMS OF HOPE: ON THE PATH TO HOLINESS

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May 2026 School Newsletter

Principal's Message

As we welcome the month of May, one of the highlights is Catholic Education Week and Mental Health Week (May 3th to 8th). While we continually strive to highlight important facets of our Catholic faith and to provide supports to our students' mental health and well-being, during this week will serve to enhance those important messages. We join schools across the province in recognizing the gift of Catholic education and the many ways our students grow in faith, knowledge, and service. This year's theme, "Pilgrims of Hope: On the Path to Holiness" invites us to reflect on how we encounter God's presence in our daily lives and how we walk together as a community rooted in hope. Throughout the week, each day will focus on a subtheme that helps guide our prayer, reflection, and classroom activities:

- Day 1: Peace be with you / La paix soit avec vous
- Day 2: God loves you / Dieu vous aime (Dieu t'aime)
- Day 3: Christ saves you / Le Christ vous sauve (Le Christ te sauve)
- Day 4: The Holy Spirit lives in you / L'Esprit Saint demeure en vous (L'Esprit Saint demeure en toi)
- Day 5: Together on the journey / Ensemble sur le chemin

These daily themes remind us of the deep connections we share—with God, with one another, and with the broader community. Our students will engage in prayer, reflection, and activities that help them see how these messages come alive in their own lives.

We look forward to celebrating this special week with your children and hope the themes spark meaningful conversations at home as well. Thank you for walking this journey with us and for all the ways you support our school community. Wishing you a month filled with peace, joy, and continued growth.

God Bless,

H. Graham, Principal

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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



CATHOLIC
EDUCATION
WEEK

MAY 3-8, 2026

Student Transportation is Preparing for September 2026

Moving over the summer? Let transportation know so that your new address is ready to receive services for September! If you are moving over the summer, please let transportation know what your new address is so that they can plan services for you for the new school year. Transportation staff are working over the summer months and are happy to process any changes at that time. The form is available at:

https://transinfobhn.ca/Workflow/Forms/CA_ON_STSBHN/TransportationRequest.aspx?FormVersionId=5fe370df-de79-4771-bcb0-9bb7e60b9bc4

Looking to accessing transportation details for September? Access to the transportation portal, available at: <https://transinfobhn.ca/Login>, will be opened to the public on August 14th, 2026.

If services on the portal are not accurate or if you have questions, please contact transportation directly to discuss. Transportation can be reached by emailing transportation@stsbhn.ca or by calling 519-751-7532. Updates received and processed before August 28th at noon will be in effect for the first day of school.

Don't forget to check out the Chipmunk app this school year. The app is free and allows families to track the path of their bus and to be given notification when the bus is getting close to your assigned bus stop. More information on the app is available by visiting: <https://stsbhn.ca/faqs>



Summer Fun School Guideline Reminders



A reminder to our school families when preparing for school in the morning:

- appropriate dress is always expected as we continue to be role models for others at Notre Dame: short shorts (biker shorts, etc), tank tops that do not have the required '2 finger thickness' straps, hats worn in school, tops/t-shirts with inappropriate wording/pictures, mini-skirts, midriff showing, etc. are not permitted
- we continue to request a change of clothes be available at the school for all students in case of accidents, etc., so we do not need to bother parents/guardians during the day unnecessarily
- for outdoor fun at recess please ensure your child has the necessary gear to enjoy the warmer weather: hat, water bottle for consistent hydration (which can be refilled at the various water stations around the school), sunscreen (applied at home for protection during the day)
- many families have inquired about footwear at school now that the warmer weather has arrived: crocs, sandals, etc. are acceptable, **BUT an indoor pair of running shoes is still required for gym class and outdoor activity planned by the teacher.** *Proper supportive footwear is key in keeping a child safe from accidental falls while having fun in gym class and outside with their peers.*
- the Board's **Extreme Weather Guidelines Policy** outlines the following for outside play during the warmer months:
 - There is an elevated risk to students and staff during excessively hot and humid weather where daytime maximum temperatures are in excess of 30°C and the humidex reaches or exceeds 35°C. Smog alerts combined with higher temperatures further exacerbate the risk. When there is a potential for exposure to excessively high temperatures which may cause heat stress-related illnesses, measures will be taken to limit exposure to excessive heat.

School Cash Online Items for June



Pepperoni & Cheese Pizza slices can be purchased on School Cash Online for the month of June starting May 1st.

Deadline to order is May 20th



Subway Days in June:
June 2 & 16

The deadline to order is May 20th

In the Spotlight

Congratulations

to our Knights who received the Sacrament of First Communion on April 25th & May 2nd

Congratulations to those in Grade 2 in Mrs. Goulding, Mrs. Vellone and Mrs. Porco's classrooms:

Joshua, Vincent, Scarlett, Jaxon, Alayna, Kacey, Oliver, Penny, Addison, Hudson, Olivia M, Bianca, Carter, Jase, Olivia D, Mason, Eva, Ayden, Margaux, and River



Congratulations to those in Grade 2 in Mme Turcotte and Mme Banda's classrooms:

Zanna, Lochlan, Ainsley, Julianna, Lola, John, Antonia, Connor, Josephine, Jacob, Oliver, Abigail, Hope, Vienna, Egypt, Sidney, Easton, William, Spencer, and Sophia

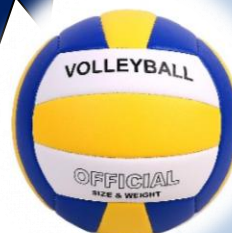


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SR Boys & Girls
Volleyball
Teams
You made
us proud!



Thank you to the SR Boys and Girls volleyball players who gave it their all at this year's HN volleyball tournament. Thank you to the coaches: Mrs. Fitzhenry, Mrs. Gallagher and Mrs. Bookman!

Eliana	Mason
Alexandria	Asher
Ally	Riel
Lorelei	Kaleb
Chloe	Jake
Madison	Gavin
Nevaeh S.	Reed
Isabella	Spencer
Nevaeh W.	Damien



Congratulations to Madison P.

On May 4th the Board celebrates all the Catholic Student Leadership Award winners. This award is given to a student who shows kindness, courage, faith, and a commitment to helping others—someone who truly lives out the values of Jesus every day.

Please join in congratulating Madison for being Notre Dame's Catholic Student Leadership Award recipient. We are so proud of the way you lead by example, treat others with respect, and make our school a better place. Congratulations on this well-deserved honour!

May you continue to shine your light wherever you go.

Congratulations Madison from all of us in the Notre Dame community!

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BIGBOX FUNDRAISING

The Notre Dame Parent Council would like to thank our school community for their incredible support in this fundraiser initiative.

A total of 150 boxes were sold! THANK YOU!

This sales total resulted in:

- For every box sold, the student's name will be placed into a draw to win 1 of 4 \$25 gift cards.
- The top selling class will win a pizza party. Winning classroom to be announced. Date TBD.

CONGRATULATIONS
to our school families!!



On behalf of our staff and students, we want to express our sincere gratitude to our parent volunteers for their incredible dedication this year. Your willingness to jump in, help out, and bring your talents to Notre Dame School is truly appreciated. You have helped us achieve our goals and created wonderful memories for our students.

It takes a village and we're so happy you are part of ours!

God Bless.



May 3 to 8

May 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
27	28	29	30	1 Pizza	2 Grade 2F First Communion 11am	3
4  Catholic Student Leadership Awards	5 Subway Day	6 X-Country Meet Popcorn School Mass	7	8 Pizza Chef a L'Ecole	9	10 Happy Mother's Day 
11	12 Gr 3 EQAO Panzeroli Lunch Kindergarten Orientation 5pm	13 Popcorn	14 Gr 3 EQAO Gr 8 trip to ACS	15 Pizza	16	17
18 Victoria Day Holiday	19 Subway Day Gr 3 EQAO	20 Popcorn	21 Gr 3 EQAO	22 Pizza	23	24
25 School Field & Track Meet @ Cayuga S.S.	26 Gr 7 Immunization 2 nd Dose Gr 6 EQAO	27 Gr 6 EQAO Popcorn	28 Gr 6 EQAO The Sound of Music Play 6pm	29 Gr 6 EQAO Pizza	30 Grade 8 Confirmation 11am	31

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

- June 1 – 3 Grade 8 Year End Trip to Tim Hortons Onondaga Farm
- June 5 PA Day
- June 10 HN Track & Field Day at Holy Trinity S.S.
- June 17 Grade 8 Grad Mass at St. Patrick's Church
- June 23 Term 2 Reports sent home digitally
- June 23 Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony
- June 25 Last Day of School
- June 26 PA Day

