

ST. EDWARD OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Home of the Kings



Proudly part of Denis Morris and Blessed Trinity High Schools

Principal Jeff Moccia

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A Prayer of Thanksgiving

"Lord, I pray that the message of Christ and his sacrifice is the root of gratitude in my heart. That His gracious gift leads me to thankful living, setting an example for my children. That they will have their own relationship with Jesus one day, and that You would grow gratitude in their hearts out of the acceptance of Jesus as their Savior. Lead us to do everything in the name of Jesus and give thanks to You through Him."

Dates to Remember in October

- October 5 Catholic School Council Meeting 5pm
- October 6 Cross County at Southward Park
- October 7 Denis Morris visit for grade 8s
- October 9 Tuck Shop Day
- October 12 Thanksgiving Day
- October 14 Grade 7/8 class going to DM football game
- October 16 Pizza Day

- October 21 Popcorn Day
- October 23 Tuck Shop Day
- October 25 BT and DM pilgrimage.
- October 26 Professional Activity Day no school for students
- October 29 Howell's Pumpkin Patch trip grade 1-3 classes
- October 29 Spirit Assembly 2:10 in our gym
- October 30 Halloween Parade 9:30am
- October 30 Pizza Day

Nut Allergies and Safety

We do have students who are allergic to nuts and ask that parents are vigilant in packing lunches and sending in snacks that are school safe. With Halloween approaching, please be mindful of treats that may contain nuts and keep them at home so we continue to keep our students safe. Thank You



Terry Fox Walk

St. Edward participated in the Terry Fox Walk on September 26th. Your continued generosity in supporting this worthwhile endeavor is greatly appreciated. This year we are proud to have collected a little over \$325 for cancer research.



Transition Events

Throughout the school year, both Blessed Trinity and Denis Morris high schools will be providing our grade 8s with fantastic transition opportunities to become more familiar with their future home next year. Sporting events, school visits and days spent in the high school will be part of the transition plan for our grade 8s. We look forward to connecting with staff and students so our Kings are ready to become Reds and Thunder next year and get excited for the next chapter in their education. Please stay tuned for those events as they are scheduled. In addition to these events

both schools do a great job getting to know our students through transition meetings where we discuss all the great things our students will be bringing to their high schools.

School Safety

As mandated by the Ontario Government Code of Conduct, all schools under the Safe Schools Act are to have sign in procedures in place. The Act also requires school boards to ensure that no one other than regular school staff and students be allowed to enter a school building without signing in at the Main office and wearing a visitor's badge. For continued safety of all students the Niagara Catholic District School Board requires all elementary school entrances be kept locked during the school day. All visitors must visit the main entrance which is equipped with a video camera and voice intercom/bell. If you are dropping off any items for your child during the school day, please leave them with our secretary and we will get them to your child at an appropriate time.

REPORTING YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE

The Niagara Catholic Safe Arrival system is accessible to parents/guardians to report their child's late arrival or absence quickly and conveniently. Use the Safe Arrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account using your email address. After logging in, select the Attendance tab to Report an Absence. Using your mobile device, download and install the School Messenger app (blue logo) from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>). Use your new login information to access your account. Select Attendance to Report an Absence. If you would like to receive attendance notifications on your mobile device please enable Push Notifications in the Settings area of the app. The document Using the School Messenger app will give instructions for using the App. The toll-free number 1-844-287-6287 will allow you to report your child absent without creating an account.

Updated Information

It is vital that we have the most updated information in our system so you can be reached and continue to receive updates from the school about upcoming events and opportunities. In the first week of school you will be receiving information sheets with phone numbers, emergency contacts and email addresses. Please review them and update any information that is not correct so we can make those changes in our system. Please return any forms that are still outstanding from all verification sheets that were sent home at the beginning of the school year

Thanks

Pets on School Property

Just a reminder that NCDSB limits pets, with the exception of service animals, from being brought onto school property. While the nicer weather invites more walking, please leave your dog at home when picking up or dropping off your child. Some of our students have deep seeded fears of dogs, which is why the board has communicated its position in prohibiting pets from its school grounds. Thank you for your co-operation.



Classroom Communication

Classroom teachers will set up a method of communication that works best for each classroom. Please keep in touch with classroom teachers to ensure we are keeping the lines of communication open and healthy. We believe that being informed is best practices for our students and our community to make it a great year. You can also always call the school if you have any questions or concerns or email us at St.Edward@ncdsb.com

Drop Off and Pick Up

In an effort to keep our schools safe and avoid any issues of privacy, we are asking all parents who are dropping off items to ring the bell and inform our secretary who needs the items and we will get them to the classrooms. No visitors will be able to go past the office doors and into the hallways without office permission. We value the safety that our schools are able to provide with all doors locked and all visitors being kept at the office only. We thank you for your understanding and help in keeping this a priority.

Spirit Wear

We will be offering spirit wear throughout the year through our supplier Maddalena Uniforms. Please access items on their website www.maddalena-uniforms.com



Be On Time

It is imperative for the benefit of our children's progress and learning that they are at school each day on time. Coming into class late, disrupts classroom routines and students miss out on important information. Our school day starts at 9:10am and ends at 3:30pm.



School Communication and Updates

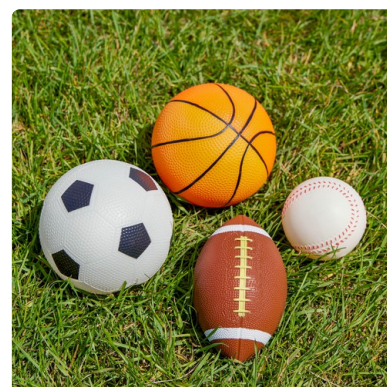
We will do our best to keep our parents informed and up to date with the events happening within our school. Monthly newsletters and calendars will be sent home at the end of each month. Call outs and email updates about upcoming events will also happen when needed. Please listen to these calls and read the emails so you are up to date with any changes or additions that may take place that the calendar do not reflect.

Extra Curricular Events

This year our St. Edward sports teams will go back to a model that we previously had where we will be playing with the St. Catharine's Family of Schools in a large school and small school model. What

that means for St. Edward is that we will now be playing with schools that are similar to us in size and not larger schools where teams are often chosen among a larger population often resulting in our teams not being able to compete at that level. This is a welcomed change for us bringing more excitement and opportunity

for our teams to not only have fun, but to compete at a much more even competition level. Stay tuned to upcoming dates for events as they are being planned, we always welcome our families to come cheer our teams on.



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