

JUNE 2019 NEWSLETTER



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IMPORTANT JUNE DATES

9	Confirmation @ Guardian Angels Church 11:00 a.m. Mass Choir @ St. Francis 9:30 Mass
10–12	Kandalore Field Trip
10	JR. Track & Field Day @ Twin Lakes S.S.
11	SR. Boys Baseball–Area Tournament McDonald’s French Trip -Gr. 6 (Mrs. Lynch-Marwick’s Class) Rain Date–Jr. Track & Field Day @ Twin Lakes S.S.
12	Rain Date–Sr. Boys Baseball–Area Tournament School Retreat @ Martyr’s Shrine. Grades 1–7
13	Wonderland Field Trip GirlStrong Final Run @ Tudhope Park 4:00 p.m.
14	Water Safety Presentations 9:00–10:30 a.m. Dental Fluoride Treatments 9:00–12:00 p.m.
16	HAPPY FATHER’S DAY
17	Lacrosse @ Foley C.S. 12:30–2:30 p.m. McDonald’s French Trip–Gr. 6 (Mrs. McKenzie’s Class)
18	Girls 3 Pitch–Barrie (All Day) Primary Play Day 9:00-11:00 a.m.
19	Boys 3 Pitch–Barrie (All Day) Rain Date–Primary Play Day
20	SK Celebration @ 1:00 O.E.L.C. Field Trip
21	Y.L.C.C. Field Trip
24	Tiffin Field Trip
25	Graduation Mass @ 9:30 a.m. Report Cards Go Home Gr. 8 Graduation–HawkrIDGE Golf & Country Club @ 6:30 p.m.
27	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
28	P.D. Day–NO Classes

SUMMER PRAYER

Creator God,
you are the Lord of all things,
and you are always with us.
May we embrace all our new experiences
in our break from school.
Help us to listen to you, source of all truth,
and go for to new adventures,
cherishing the love that we’ve shared this year.
Amen

A Message from Mr. Piitz

Hello everyone,

With this being our last newsletter of the year, I wanted to express my sincere appreciation for the efforts and work by the entire Notre Dame community. The 2018 - 2019 school year was very busy at Notre Dame for our community. But I feel I am safe in saying that we continue to grow stronger as a community as we face our challenges head on and celebrate our accomplishments with the respect and integrity deserved.

With the end of the year comes change. I would like to say goodbye and best wishes to Mrs. D. Webb. Mrs. Webb has served our students and community for many years. She has always put the needs of the students under her care before those of her own. Mrs. Webb has earned her retirement and we wish her all the best. We want to thank Mrs. Angliss for her dedication and service to our community. As this year ends Mrs. Angliss will be pursuing other educational opportunities. We look forward to working with Mrs. Angliss in the future should the opportunity to present itself. Good luck to Mrs. Ellis. Although with our community for a shorter period, it was evident that Mrs. Ellis has a love for teaching and cares for her students tremendously. Her contributions to Notre Dame were immeasurable. Good luck to each on their future endeavours.

Finally, all the best to you and your family over the summer. I look forward to seeing everyone in September 2019.

Preparing For Next Year

We have already begun to plan for the next school year. We spend a lot of time and take great care in placing students in classrooms that will help promote academic and personal success.

Although we take many factors into consideration, parents often have information that may be important for us to consider when placing students. Parents are asked to put any special considerations for their child’s classroom placement in writing and submit it to the office prior to June 14th. All letters should be labeled “confidential” and addressed to Mr. M. Piitz, as the Principal finalizes all class lists. All requests will be reviewed in confidence but are not guaranteed.

A Message from Mrs. Laframboise

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,

It has been a blessed year here at Notre Dame. Our Catholic School Community Council, staff, students, volunteers, parents, and caregivers have all actively participated in making this a vibrant school community nurturing the intellectual, spiritual, physical, and emotional development and well-being of our students. I have been grateful to have been a part of it this year and I look forward to another great year at Notre Dame next year.

If you are planning on driving around with your family this summer, here are a few activities to promote numeracy and to pass the time in the car... especially if you decide to have some “unplugged time”:

Math on the road:

- When you are travelling in a car or sitting on a bench, take turns with your child calling out licence plate numbers (driver excluded for safety reasons).
- Have your child record the licence plate numbers.
- Make the largest three-digit number possible from the plate numbers.
- Ask younger children to name the largest single-digit number and the smallest single-digit number and to call out the numbers in order from smallest to largest. Some children may just name each number.
- Compare the value of a licence plate number with the value of another licence plate number. Is the second number greater than or less than the first number?
- Find the sum of the numbers in a licence plate.
- Ask children to find ways to make a target number between 1 and 20 (depending on ability and the requirements of the curriculum expectations) with any of the numbers in a licence plate, using addition and/or subtraction.
- Ask young children to double each digit in the licence plate number.
- Have older children choose any number as a factor. Every time they see their number, they multiply it.



For example, if they choose 6 and spot a number 6 on a licence plate, they multiply the two 6’s and get 36. The next time they see 6, they multiply 36 x 6 and get a new answer of 216. They continue until you reach your destination. You may want to keep a calculator in the car. As a treat, have someone open the car door for the person who scores the highest number.

- The next time you fill up your car with gas, let your child read the different numbers on the pump. Ask him or her to estimate the distance between where you are and where you are going. Have your child estimate how much gas will be needed to travel that distance.

May God bless you and your family,

BOOK AMNESTY

If you happen to find any NOD readers or textbooks around your house please feel free to drop them off at the school with your child’s teacher. We always appreciate returned books no matter how long they have been missing.

DID YOU KNOW

That when you sell/purchase a new home/house your school support taxes revert back to the English Public Board. To ensure that your property taxes help support your local catholic school, in this case the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board, please contact your child’s school when you move into your new home. We can provide you with the proper paperwork to change your address officially with the School Board/School and at the same time start the process of having a portion of your property taxes directed to the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board. Thank you.

LOST & FOUND

Please come in and check out our Lost & Found before the school year ends. We have sweaters, hoodies, and lone shoes (one only). The Lost & Found is in our front foyer for easy access.

On the last day of school, if there are any remaining items, we will be donating them to St. Vincent Du Paul at Guardian's Angels Church.

WRESTLING

The Notre Dame Varsity Wrestling Team had an absolutely incredible season this year. After two and a half months of hard work and many gruelling practices, the team pulled off the best possible season for an elementary school. On April 27 the team tackled the 8 other Orillia schools, and went on to dominate the field and bring home the city banner.

With 3 days of rest, the team went on to compete in the Simcoe County Championships against the county's 16 best school teams. After 114 matches, Notre Dame was top team and brought home our first County Wrestling banner! Congratulations to the team!

FEEDER SCHOOL BAND

By now you may have heard, that the concert performed at Patrick Fogarty on May 23 and the Feeder Band was outstanding. They really sound great. Students started work in January under conductor Sami-Jo Whalen. They worked hard to get ready for the night's performance in the Patrick Fogarty gym, in the middle of the high school's Spring Concert. The song they played was called 'Stormchasing'.

The students involved from Notre Dame were: Thea R., Brianna R., Raelen G., Jacqui C., Emma C., Abbi A., Sophie L., Katrina J., Lucas P., Brooklyn A., Lea K. Anna L., Buzz M. and Chloe C.

They were joined by former Notre Dame student Annie S.



DRESS CODE

With the warmer weather upon us, we would like to remind all parents/guardians/students to adhere to the school dress code.

Some simple guidelines to follow are:

- Slogans or images on t-shirts, hats or any other accessories must not take away from the dignity of any individual or conflict with Christian values. Images portraying alcohol, sexual connotations, racism and violence are not acceptable.
- Strapless or revealing tops are not permitted. Students **in all grades** may not wear tops with spaghetti straps. Shoulder straps must be at **least two fingers in width**.
- Shorts, skirts, skorts and dresses must be no shorter than mid-thigh.
- Clothing must cover the midriff, i.e., Tops and bottoms must overlap at all times—sitting, standing, moving bending, etc.
- Net, sheer or muscle shirts are not allowed.
- Hats, toques, hoods and sunglasses must be removed upon entry into the building or classroom.

SCHOOL AREA & TRANSPORTATION ELIGIBILITY.

Have you moved? Do you know someone who is moving into the Orillia area?

Are you wondering what your school district would be and if your child is eligible to ride a bus to/from school?

Follow these instructions to find the answers to your questions:

****scstc.ca website**

****Click on the School Eligibility tab (this will let you know which school your child would attend)**

****To the right of the map is a link “View Transportation Eligibility”, (this will let you know if your child would ride bus or not).**

MEDIEVAL TIMES MUSEUM

Mrs. Collins' Grade 4 students held a Medieval Times Museum where they displayed many different artefacts that they created from materials from home or from school. Some of the artefacts included castles, weapons, a noble's house, hand-sewn dresses, crowns and even a Knight's helmet! They worked very hard over several weeks and were proud to show off their hard work!



ROBOTICS 2019

Notre Dame's Robotics Teams travelled to Barrie this week to take part in the Board's Robotics Championship with 14 schools from around our Board. The robot, "Motorized Mayhem", designed by William S., Owen A., and Sam B. brought home the Amaze Trophy for top performing robot. The robot, "Hub Smashers", designed by Luke S., Kolton J., and Tristan C. brought home the Skills Trophy for top combined programming and driving skills challenge score. It was an amazing day of collaboration and competition!



WYE MARSH

The Grade 4's went to Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre on May 23. It was a rainy morning but that didn't stop them from having a wonderful day! They went dip netting in the marsh, roasted bannock over the fire and fed the chickadees!



SEPTEMBER BACK TO SCHOOL

A back to school supply list will be given to your child in September by their new classroom teacher. Do come prepared with indoor shoes, a health lunch/snacks and a refillable water bottle.

UPCOMING SUMMER DATES

July 1	Canada Day
August 26	School Registration 9:00-12:00 a.m.
August 27	School Registration 9:00-12:00 a.m.
September 3	First Day of School. SK to Grade 8