



June 2025 School Newsletter

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that the school year is just about over. This year provided us with many unique experiences, and it has been an exceptional year at Notre Dame. I would like to thank the parents, staff, students and volunteers for making this school a vibrant place of learning where students are nourished academically, emotionally, physically and spiritually.

Just as one chapter closes and another begins, this is true for some of our staff: Mlle Mulligan (grade one Immersion), Mlle Rongits (1/2 Immersion), Mlle Gracey (5/6 Immersion), Mr. Granby (Resource Teacher), Mr. Rowan (FSL Teacher), Mme Fernandes (FSL Teacher) and Mlle Scime (ECE). We wish to thank these educators for all they have done for the students and staff of Notre Dame school during their time here. Your new schools will be lucky to have you, and we wish you the very best in your future.

Special congratulations to Mrs. Cimadamore on her retirement at the end of June. Her dedication to the students, Notre Dame school and Catholic education has been outstanding. Although she will be greatly missed, we wish her much joy and happiness as she enters the next chapter of her life.

I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to the many volunteers (e.g. Parent Council, Strong Start etc.) who have been an important part of our school year. We appreciate all you've done for our students and staff.

Wishing each of you and your families a safe and happy summer holiday season. Be kind to yourselves.

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



BOOK FAIR

 SCHOLASTIC

Hooray! **Thank you** to all our families for such amazing support during our Book Fair. We were able to surpass our goal of \$6,500 ~ this year we sold \$9,000 worth of books and fun stuff! We look forward to adding to our favourite series, growing our French collection, and finding more cool books with interesting information.

Mrs. Davies would like to extend a special thanks to our volunteers for their math skills and willingness to jump in and lend a hand.

We look forward to doing it all again next year.

We Did It!



Thank you to the students and staff volunteers for providing our Knights and the school community with an incredible stage performance this year!

We thank our families for their support of our talented students with their attendance that evening with their door donations (\$600 +) and concession stand purchases of \$119. These funds will be used for the purpose of providing our school community future stage performances in support of the arts.



Swim to Survive®
Lifesaving Society

What is Swim to Survive (+)?

There are three aspects to the Lifesaving Society's Swim to Survive program:

- #1 At the POOL:** Three hours of in-water lessons
- #2 In the CLASS:** Three in-classroom curriculum-based lessons
- #3 At HOME:** Parent education about Swim to Survive

Swim to Survive (for Grade 3 Students)

The Society defines the minimum skills needed to survive an unexpected fall into deep water.

These are expressed in a skill sequence in the Canadian Swim to Survive standard:

- **ROLL** into deep water
- **TREAD** water for one minute
- **SWIM** 50 metres

Swim to Survive Plus (for Grade 7 Students)

The Society defines the minimum skills needed to survive an unexpected fall into deep water. These are expressed in a skill sequence in the Canadian Swim to Survive+ standard:

- **How to ROLL, TREAD and SWIM (with long sleeve shirt and pants on, depending on ability)**
- **How to help a friend in deep water without putting themselves in danger (TALK, REACH, THROW)**
- **Basic physical fitness concepts through interval training and a fitness swim**

The Schedule:

June 16 & 17: Grade 3 students in Mrs. Porco, Mrs. Haddow, Mme Banda & Mme Turcotte's classes

June 18 & 20: Grade 7 students in Mr. Goulding's class

Dear Families,

Currently, we are in the planning stages about placing students in classes for the 2025-2026 school year. It has been my practice that this important year-end procedure be best accomplished through a team effort to create the most dynamic classes possible – ones that include a variety of student learning strengths, needs, talents, and gifts. Please trust that my staff and I put a great deal of careful thought and effort into the placement of each and every student.

It has also been my practice to try to accommodate parent requests as much as possible before the new school year begins. If you feel that you need to advocate for your child's needs, contact me via email by **no later than June 11th**. Although I cannot guarantee that your request be granted, I can guarantee that it will be seriously considered during our staff discussions. Please note that I will not take requests or make changes after that date. It is my belief that our staff places your child in the best possible class scenario for the coming school year. Our children understand that sometimes disappointment happens in life (e.g. not getting the teacher they want; or not being with a certain friend) and it is in our children's best interest to continue to teach them to successfully cope with disappointment and be able to move forward with the mindset that "everything will be okay if I allow it to be okay". As the adults in their lives when we model that for them, it helps them develop the necessary resiliency to cope with bigger disappointments.

Children will be notified who their teacher is just before school begins (late August). As we are an area of changing dynamics, many staffing and class organization changes can still be made late in August, which is one of the reasons why we do not disclose class lists until near the first day of school.

Finally, it is possible that our current draft organization for next year could change. Please know that Notre Dame staff is committed to providing your child with the best possible learning opportunities regardless of whether he/she is in a straight class or split class.

Thank you for your continued support through this journey. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Sincerely,

H. Graham,
Principal
hgraham@bhncdsb.ca



DRAFT School Organization - September 2025

Classes and staffing within the Board and Notre Dame have **begun** to be established. Staff changes and classroom re-organization are always possible. Here is what we know currently:

Immersion
ELKP
ELKP
Grade 1
Grade 1/2
Grade 2
Grade 3/4
Grade 4/5
Grade 5/6
Grade 6/7
English
ELKP
Grade 1/2
Grade 2
Grade 2/3
Grade 3/4
Grade 4/5
Grade 5/6
Grade 7/8
Grade 7/8

2025-2026





We are proud to celebrate the
Class of 2025

Amelia
Emily
Lucas B.
Charlotte
Cynthia
Lily
Lorenzo
Rocco
Jude
Abigail
Griffin
Faryn

Nevaeh
Clara-Mya
Darius
Noah
Juliana
Sophie
Lucas R.
Nita
Porscha
Kailyn
Logan
Nathan



Thank you for your contributions to
Notre Dame School over the past
years.

We wish you much success as you
begin secondary school in
September.

The Staff at
Notre Dame School



REMINDERS

Thank You

S.A.C. 'Ready for Summer' Fundraiser

Don't miss out on getting your hands on the coolest fashion must have for the summer!

You can purchase this **Notre Dame CROC charm** by accessing the item on School Cash Online.

The deadline to purchase is June 15th!



Supervision

An important reminder that supervision at the school does not begin each day until 8:40am. At 8:40am students are allowed to be dropped off; if raining, students will be taken inside the building and make their way to their classroom.

At 3:15pm students who do not attend the aftercare program and do not travel home by bus must be collected by a parent or permitted guardian from their exit door.

SafeArrival



SafeArrival is an absence management system that improves student safety and makes it easy for you to let the school know about your child's absence.

You are asked to report your child's absence in advance whenever possible using one of these convenient methods:

SchoolMessenger Home App (free)

Get the app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (search for SM Home or visit <https://home.schoolmessenger.ca/> and using one of the linked app download buttons)

Web and Mobile Web: home.schoolmessenger.ca

Interactive Toll-free Phone

Call the toll-free, interactive telephone system. **1-844-445-4381**

Moving Over the Summer? New Contact Information? Please Call Us

If you are planning to move over the summer, if for any reason your child will not be returning to Notre Dame, or you have a new phone number, please advise the office. This is vital information for planning and communication purposes.

Thank you for your co-operation. 905-765-0649

Tick Season has Arrived...

If you are concerned, or would like to learn more about ticks, please visit the Grand Erie Health Unit or the website below to review some very important information about Lyme disease, symptoms and diagnosis.

Checking your child daily for ticks is always a good idea.

[Lyme Disease | HealthUnit Haldimand-Norfolk](#)

Message from Student Transportation

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/TransportationRequestV2.aspx?FormVersionId=66a06590-83cc-4c0e-ba9b-29f0a2d09efc

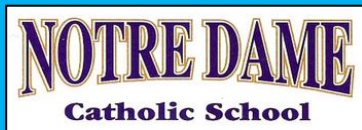
Looking to access transportation details for September? **Access to the transportation portal, available at: <https://transinfobhn.ca/Login>, will be opened to the public on August 6th, 2025.**

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 27th 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>





Balanced School Day Schedule for 2024-25

Morning Bell 8:55 am

1st Nutrition Break 10:35 -11:15 am

2nd Nutrition Break 12:55-1:35 pm

Dismissal Bell 3:15 pm

ALL Students

Please update the office of any changes to the end of the school day normal routine (ie. early dismissal, etc.) before 2:30pm.
Thank you!



The Before and After School program continues to be offered at Notre Dame School.

Contact Jackie Forbes or Mary Anne Whitford for updates and additional information.

Please call (905) 765-1975.



S.A.C Update

We want to thank our co-chairs and committee members for their support this year. We want to invite families to come out to SAC next year. Every year SAC pays a portion of the Christmas Turkey Lunch expense, Play Day freebies, etc. Fundraising continues for the outdoor playground equipment project. Spending decisions are made with discussions and ideas that happen at these meetings. Parent volunteers are encouraged to attend. All are welcome! Please watch your email inbox for information that will be sent about our first scheduled meeting in the new school year.

School Update

We would like to thank you for your on-going support throughout the year. The monies from pizza, milk, subway and Professor Jamz Fundraiser benefited our students again this year. We had funds to pay for all busses to the church and sporting events with no cost to our students. Monies also covered teacher expenses for classroom purchases and instructional needs.

Volunteers and Police Checks

Volunteers are important to a school and your valuable time is appreciated.

A valid Vulnerable Sector Check (a.k.a. Police Check) is required by ALL volunteers who wish to help at the school. ***If you have a police check from another venue you still MUST have one for BHNCD SB Notre Dame as this is Board policy. They are free.*** Police checks are valid for three (3) years from the original issue date. Documents you require for the online application at **opp.ca**:

- A **school letter** (please request by email): A school letter will include your personal information: **FULL LEGAL NAME** (first, middle, last) and **DATE OF BIRTH**. Please email cwoods@bhncdsb.ca this personal information when requesting a school letter be prepared. This letter will be emailed to you for your online application submission at **opp.ca**.
- A signed **Volunteer Confidentiality Form** is required annually
- A signed **Declaration** (stating you have not acquired a police record since the official police check) is required annually by each volunteer. This document is required once the police check in our records is more than a year old.
- **Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (A.O.D.A.)** training must be completed by all volunteers at the school. It is a **ONE-TIME online** training module that can be accessed on our school website in the section: School Information; tab: Volunteer. Once the training is completed the school receives notification directly.

The school office will compile a list of volunteers whose police checks will expire by September 2025. This information will be shared with those effected parents/guardians by the end of the school year.




June

2025

NATIONAL
INDIGENOUS
HISTORY
MONTH



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Y/E Trip to Activate: 4/5E & 4/5F	3 School Field Day Milk	4 School Field Day Rain Date Milk	5 Pizza Milk Y/E trip to Amazing Adventures: FTK Y/E trip to Warrior Factory: 3/4E & 2/3F Water & Sun Safety Presentation	6 PA Day	7
8	9 Y/E Trip to Activate: 6E & 5/6F	10 HN Track Meet Subway Milk	11 Track Meet Rain Date Milk School Mass	12 Milk Gymmies Visit: K1E	13 Grade 8 to Camp Celtic Pizza	14
15 	16 Gr 8s Return Swim 2 Survive: Grade 3	17 Swim 2 Survive Grade 3 Milk	18 Gr 8 Grad Mass @ St. Patrick's Church Swim 2 Survive: Grade 7 Milk	19 Milk	20 Swim 2 Survive: Grade 7 Pizza	21
22	23 Grade 8 Grad 5pm Term 2 Report Cards sent electronically	24 PLAY DAY Subway Milk	25 PLAY DAY: Rain Date Milk	26 Last Day of School Pizza Milk	27 PA Day	28
29	30					

Young Authors Awards Provincial Level

Congratulations to our student winners of the 2025 provincial Young Authors Awards:

Riley who won the English JK/SK Short Story category
Ileana who won the English Grades 1-2 Poem category
Marie who won the French JK/SK Nonfiction category
Xereus who won the French Grades 1-2 Short Story category

Thank you to our Knights above for their valued contributions to the Young Authors Awards this year!

In the Spotlight



We are very grateful all year long for the wonderful volunteers who help out at the school: Knitting Club, Choir, Strong Start, Subway Days, Field Trips, etc.

Thank you to Mr. Kyler and Mr. Colin for keeping our school looking beautiful all year long.

Thank you to Father Jerome for his time and guidance preparing our students for Communion and Confirmation and leading our school masses.



**THANK
YOU**



Wishing the staff & students
a safe & healthy summer holiday.

See you back on
September 2nd!

School Year 2025-26 Mark Your Calendar

- School Resumes September 2nd
- PA Days: September 12, October 7, November 14
- Meet the Teacher: TBD

Holidays:

Thanksgiving ~ October 13th
Christmas Break ~ Dec 22nd to Jan 2nd