



NICHOLSON CATHOLIC COLLEGE



March 2022

Principal's Message

As we move into March, we look forward to the warmth of spring days and leaving snow days in February behind. Thank you to students and staff who continued to demonstrate their ability to flip between different modes of learning. We also are welcoming the re-opening of student spaces during lunch break, with the learning commons and gymnasium open for lunch activities and the ability to use the cafeteria as an alternate location for students, in grades 9-12, to have lunch in. For the time being the servery for food purchasing will continue to be closed.

As we begin Lent, we are reminded that Lent is a journey that moves us toward the cross. We will take the opportunity in our community to reflect on our board theme, Beloved Children of God, our faith, love and hope and translate these reflections into our daily actions. We were blessed to have the opportunity to celebrate Ash Wednesday as a school community, in two groups, at St. Mikes. Thank you Father Whalen, Matthew and the choir for a beautiful liturgy to start the Lenten season for our community.

Midterm reports will be available via Aspen online on Friday March 11th. Our guidance department has been working with grade 9-11 classes on course selection for the 2022-2023 in the My Blue Print program as well as visiting our family of schools to welcome incoming grade 9 students. Should you have any questions about course selections and registration please reach out to the NCC Guidance Department.

In preparation for the upcoming OSSLT (May 4th), our literacy preparation team will be working with grade 10 classes.

As the March break will soon be upon us, we wish each of you and your families a safe and restful holiday and a return to school invigorated for the balance of the school year.

Graham Stuart Amy Goodberry
Principal Vice Principal

UPCOMING

Upcoming Dates

**March 2—Ash Wednesday
Liturgies**

**March 11—Midterms available
on Aspen**

**Prior to March Break—Course
Selection Due**

March 14—18—March Break

**April 7/8—Grade 9 EQAO Math
(current MTH1W students on-
ly)**

Quadmester 3 Dates

Start Date: February 3

Last Day of Classes: April 12

Exam Days: April 13 & 14

Credit Recovery Day: April 19

Quadmester 4 Begins: April 20



PASTORAL NEWS



Life is all around us. Everywhere we look, we see life, whether it be in the eyes of another human being, in a windy winter chill, or in the artistic creation of a friend or loved one. Life is alive, it has dignity, it leaves tracks wherever it goes. Life - all people and creatures - bear the wonderful mark of a God who creates us.

Lent is a time to check-in and take stock of how we are treating life, in ourselves and in others. Lent allows us to acknowledge where we have made mistakes and gives us the opportunity to change.

Every moment we breathe, we get to choose how we respond to the spark of life inside of us and the spark of life in everyone we meet. We get to decide if we will honour life or vandalize it. This Lent, will we cultivate a thankful heart and push through difficult times? Will we love others, especially those who are different from ourselves? Will we resist hatred, gossip, injustice, and dishonesty? Will we follow Jesus - who wants to give us life? Christ says to us every day, "come and follow me." This lent, may we say "yes" and choose the path of life.

Wishing you all a fruitful and reflective season of Lent.

Peace,

Matthew Snowdon, Chaplain



NCC Guidance

Course selection grade presentations have been completed. Students should now be researching pathways and ensuring their choices will meet any requirements for those choices. Please refer to the embedded links for the handouts students received plus a list of the courses being offered.

Links: [NCC Course Offerings](#)

Forms: [Grade 9 going into grade 10](#) [Grade 10 going into grade 11](#) [Grade 11 going into grade 12](#)

Detailed information on courses can be found at <https://app.myblueprint.ca/public/courses/alcdsb/nicholson1>

Extra copies are available on the Guidance D2L site in the Course Selection area

The screenshot shows the 'NCC Guidance Page' interface. At the top, there are navigation icons for a grid, email, chat, notifications, and a user profile for 'Jeff Wood as Student'. Below this is a menu with icons for 'islist', 'Content', 'Calendar', 'Scholarships', and 'Post-secondary'. The main content area is titled 'Course Selection' and includes a 'Download' button, a progress bar at 14.29% (1 of 7 topics complete), and a list of documents: 'IB Planning Sheet - Gr 12' (Link, Updated), 'Course Selection Gr 10 - 2022-23' (Word Document), 'Course Selection Gr 11 - 2022-23' (Word Document), and 'Course Selection Gr 12 - 2022-23' (Word Document). A search bar and a 'Print' button are also visible.

There is a possibility that not all offered courses will be able to run. The final determination on the availability of a course will be based on student interest. Students are encouraged to choose appropriately.

Each student received a personalized summary of their progress to date on the back of their course selection sheet. This was reviewed with students and should be used to help guide the selection of the appropriate courses for next year.

As students are planning, a few reminders:

<p><u>French Immersion</u> Gr. 10s will take the following courses in French</p> <p>FIF2D1 CHC2D1I - history HRE2O1I - religion CHV2O5I/GLC2O5I – civics/careers</p>	<p><u>IB Students</u></p> <p><u>Grade 9 into Gr. 10</u> students need to take a French credit. Either, FSF2D1 OR FIF2D1</p> <p><u>Grade 10 into 11 Gr. full diploma students will take:</u></p> <p>NBE3U1H MCR3U1S SBI3U1H HRT3M1H HZT4U1H SCH3U1S FEF3U1S or FSF3U1S Elective</p> <p><u>Grade 11 into Gr. 12 full diploma students will take</u></p> <p>ENG4U1H ETS4U1H MHF4U1S MCV4U1S SBI4U1H PSK4U1H SCH4U1H Elective</p>
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Student will input their choices starting next week, **March 7-11**.

Students in grade 9, considering or are currently in IB with questions, should contact Mr. Walsh walhj@alcdsb.on.ca. All other students can contact Mr. Wood wood@alcdsb.on.ca.

For additional information to be added over the next week, please visit [https://www.alcdsb.on.ca/School/nicc/student-services/Course%20Calendar/courseselection/Pages/default.aspx#/="](https://www.alcdsb.on.ca/School/nicc/student-services/Course%20Calendar/courseselection/Pages/default.aspx#/=)

NCC Guidance

NCC Course selections for 2022-23

Feb. 28-Mar 3: Grade 8 class visits to input course selections into MyBlueprint.

March 7-11: Grades 9-11 class visits to input course selections into MyBlueprint.

All grade 9-11 students are reminded to have their course selections sheets completed and signed by a parent. Grade 8 students should have their registration packages submitted to their teacher.

IB @ NCC

Any current grade 10 student who has selected the IB programme, when they are entering grade 11, or whom may be interested in receiving more information, please see Mr. Walsh in Guidance. Here is an [IB at NCC info video](#) for your reference.

EQAO—Grade 9 Math Students

The Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics tests the math skills students are expected to have learned by the end of the Grade 9 mathematics course.

Students who are in the MTH 1W, grade 9 destreamed math course, will be writing EQAO online on **April 7 and 8th** during their scheduled classes.



OSSLT—Literacy Test —Grade 10 Students



The OSSLT measures whether students are meeting the minimum standard for literacy across all subjects up to the end of Grade 9. Successful completion of the literacy test is one of the requirements to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma. All students across the province write this test.

In preparation the NCC OSSLT team will be preparing materials to aid in the preparation for NCC students in grade 10

2022-23 ALCDSB School Year Calendar DRAFT

A draft of next years calendar has been shared and can be found [here](#).



NCC Student Council

Violence Awareness and Random Acts of Kindness week:

March 7th - 11th. Students will be learning about the importance of this week and how we can work to spread kindness in our school community.

*Friday, March 11th: Wear blue (non-uniform day) to remind us of the importance of kindness this week and moving forward.

Just Dance!

Every Wednesday students in grades 9-12 are invited to join Just Dance in the Providence Gym @ lunch. Don't forget to send your song requests to Student Council on Instagram.

More lunch time activities to come!

Spirit Wear is in! A reminder to all students that spirit where can be picked up from student council at lunch in the cafeteria. The final outstanding sweatpants Will be arriving March 1.

Civvies Day: Friday, March 25th

Stay tuned in to the morning announcements each day to

hear what other events will be taking place.



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Grads

Graduation Photos for grade 12 students will be

March 28th - April 4th

Grade 7/8

Congratulations to our grade 7/8 Classes for winning 1st place in the Plan A Kingston & Quinte Christmas Card Creation Contest. Students created and contributed the most Christmas cards in our region, contributing thoughtful and creative hand-made cards to help spread cheer to residents living in Long-Term Care & Retirement homes.



Cards made by NCC grade 7/8 students were brough cheer to Senior Residents served by Plan A Kingston & Quinte which serves 1,510 beds in Long-Term Care and 621 beds in Retirement within our local region. Thank you to all students who participated in creating cards that lifted the spirits of many residents, especially during these continued difficult times.

Catholic Education Designation

Protect and promote Catholic education...Ensure you are registered to vote as a Catholic separate school supporter

Ensuring you are registered as a separate school supporter is important for the protection and preservation of Catholic education in Ontario. As a registered Catholic school supporter, you have the opportunity to elect trustees who will represent and address your interests and concerns at the school board level and at various levels of the government.

Registering your Catholic school support ensures your school board's assessment roll is accurate. This is important because:

- Your school board's assessment base is a public record of the breadth of support for Catholic schools;
- It helps track demographic trends for educational planning purposes;
- It guarantees your right to enroll your children in Catholic schools.

Vacations and Absences

Although **trips** and **vacations** may provide diverse learning experiences, the school does not support, academically, travel or vacations during class time. The Education Act is explicit when explaining school attendance and the legitimate reasons for school absence. Students may be absent from school because they are ill, other unavoidable causes, celebrating a religious holiday or receiving music instruction. Extended vacations are not included in these reasons. Therefore, while parents/guardians may choose to travel during the school year, the time missed from class is recorded as an absence and counted in the total absence record for the semester. A significant number of absences place a student's education in jeopardy due to the loss of instructional time and assessment and evaluation becomes problematic. Nicholson Catholic College teachers will not be responsible for producing work assignments or providing make-up assignments or tests for students on vacation.

Students who will be away for an extended period for vacation should submit their information in writing to Mr. Stuart (stuartg@alcdsb.on.ca)

Students are responsible for all course work and assignments while absent. When a test is missed due to illness, a note from a parent/guardian acknowledging his/her awareness that a test has been missed, due to illness, is required. If a pattern of absence for assessments is noted by teachers, a doctor's note may also be required at the discretion of the administration. When missing an examination due to illness, a doctor's note is always required. Any test missed due to vacation or truancy will not be rescheduled and will be assigned a mark of incomplete (I) as this summative assessment must demonstrate evidence that course expectations have been met with success.

Parking and Drop Off/Pick Up

John St. Parking/Drop Off

Morning

- We ask that traffic only travel on the West side of the street (school side) so that students do not have to cross the street through traffic.
- Please drop your child off, and allow them to walk into the gate.



Afternoon:

- Again we ask that families only park on the West side of the street so children do not have to cross between cars.

Church St. Parking Lot

Morning:

- Our Crossing Guard Sandra will continue to direct traffic and keep your children safe as they cross the street. We ask families to please respect her role and pay attention to her direction and the stop sign that she holds up. All too often people are going through her stop sign and putting your children at risk.
- Please pull into the parking lot either on the lower end on Victoria street (bottom of the hill) or the furthest south entrance. We will be trying to keep most traffic away from the center laneway where children cross.
- You may accompany your children to the crossing guard, but then leave them and we will welcome them on the other side of the street.
- Families **SHOULD NOT** drop children off in the bus lane. We have buses coming right up until 8:15am and we risk an accident in the bus loading zone at the front of the school (This is a designated bus loading zone, and no stopping zone. By Law Officers may enforce this)
- If you are exiting the middle lane of the church parking lot, please only turn right, to avoid going through the cross walk.

Afternoon:

- Please park in the lot and wait on the church side of the street. Your children will come to you.
- We ask that if you are exiting the middle laneway, you only turn right out of the center laneway to avoid the cross walk.
- Please avoid the bus laneway and pay close attention to our crossing guard and her direction.

We thank you for your understanding and patience with these protocols, as we do our absolute best to ensure student safety. We know this may cause inconvenience or delay however we will never put convenience ahead of student safety.



Please continue to use School Messenger to report student absences

Attendance on SNOW DAYS

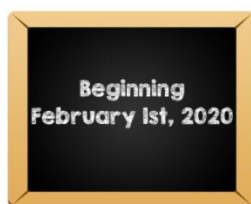
When Triboard cancels **ALL** busses – All students will be signed out due to weather and those attending school will sign in at the main office to be marked present.

When Triboard cancels **SOME** busses, only those students bussed will be marked out due to bus cancellation. For students not attending school, parents are asked to report this through the School Messenger system at 1-844-445-4383 or via the School Messenger App.

Safe Arrivals Program

Report your Child's Absence

3 WAYS
TO REPORT
YOUR CHILD'S
ABSENCE



The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board is excited to launch the Safe Arrivals Program on February 1, 2020, which will allow parents/guardians to report their child's absence in a new, more convenient way.

Using the Safe Arrivals Program, parents/guardians will be able to report daily absences (such as an illness, medical appointment, etc.) and even schedule absences in one of three ways:

- SchoolMessenger mobile app
- SchoolMessenger website
- Calling toll-free 1-844-445-4383

Once parents/guardians have reported an absence, they will receive a message confirming the details by email or the app, if set up.

As student safety is ALCDSB's number one priority, this program allows school secretaries to know where students are faster and track their absences in a more effective way.

Before you begin, you must have an email address and/or phone number associated with your child's school to sign up.

SchoolMessenger Mobile App	SchoolMessenger Website	Call toll-free
SchoolMessenger	go.schoolmessenger.ca	1-844-445-4383
Download the app from the Apple App store or Google Play store. Sign up to create your account. To report an absence, select Attendance, then Report an Absence.	Sign Up to create your account. To report an absence, select Attendance, then Report an Absence.	Call the toll-free number at 1-844-445-4383 to report your child's absence. You will be asked to enter the phone number that you have registered with the school. Follow the prompts to report your child's absence.



Algonquin
& Lakeshore
Catholic District
School Board

ALCDSB FAMILIES, STAFF AND STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR OUR:

SPRING 2022 EVENING VIRTUAL SPEAKER SERIES: HELPING OUR KIDS THRIVE

March 10th & 21st,
6-7 p.m.



**Dr. Andrew B.
Campbell**

Equity
Diversity and
Inclusion

May 11th, 2022 6 -7 p.m.



Dr. Jean Clinton

The Power of Play - Building
Relationships and Resilience
Through Play

April 7th, 2022 6-7 p.m.



**Dr. Alex
Russell**

Supporting
Children's
Emotional Growth
during the
Pandemic

PARENTS REACHING OUT!

Brought to you by
the Catholic School
Council Association
at ALCDSB.

SAVE THE DATES!

Details for each event will
be shared in advance via
school messenger and
social media [@ALCDSB](https://www.facebook.com/ALCDSB)

**FRIDAY
MARCH 18**

10:00 - 11:00 AM & 11:00 - 12:00 PM

**MYSTERY DETECTIVES.
ALL AGES. PROGRAM ROOM**

Create a disguise, follow clues and solve some guess-who mysteries!

don't miss it!

**SATURDAY
MARCH 19**
1:30 - 2:30 PM

**MYSTIC DRUMZ. ALL AGES.
GALLERY 1**

Come join the fun on this fabulous musical adventure to find Marshmallow Island. This Adventure in World Music blends multicultural music themes and interactive audience participation! Featuring incredible sound effects and eclectic instruments sourced from around the world.



**COVID HEALTH
RESTRICTIONS**

All parents, guardians, and children ages 12+ will be required to show proof of vaccination to attend programs. Masks are required for all participants, except for children under 2 years old.

We will be limiting registration on all events to allow for social distancing.

HOW TO REGISTER

Register through our website at:
bellevillelibrary.ca/marchbreak

Please register for only 1 time slot per event.

For assistance or questions, please contact us at cys@bellevillelibrary.ca or 613-968-6731 ext. 2035



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March Break

**UNLOCK YOUR
OWN ADVENTURE**

March 14 - 19

To register, visit
bellevillelibrary.ca/marchbreak



Bellevalle
Public Library &
John M. Perrot Art Gallery

MARCH BREAK 2022

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MONDAY
MARCH 14
11 AM

CAPTAIN CORBIN. ALL AGES. GALLERY 1

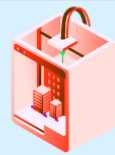
In this live stage performance, Captain Corbin uses nautical nonsense, madcap magic and pirate hi-jinks to captivate audiences. Use your imagination to create magic!



MONDAY
MARCH 14
2 PM & 3 PM

3D PRINTING CLASS. AGES 7+. PROGRAM ROOM

Learn about 3D printing. Design and print a custom key chain using the 3D software Tinkercad.



TUESDAY
MARCH 15
10 AM & 11 AM

PIRATE FUN! ALL AGES. PROGRAM ROOM

Have fun creating your pirate getup! Choose your pirate name, make a hook hand and take a picture with our Wanted poster. Hope to see ye there, mateys!



TUESDAY
MARCH 15
2 PM & 3 PM

TOP SECRET SPIES. ALL AGES. PROGRAM ROOM

Write a secret message in invisible ink, learn how to use a cipher substitution code, and other top secret activities. Register to gain clearance.



WEDNESDAY
MARCH 16
ALL DAY, 1 HOUR
BOOKINGS

CITY BUILDING & ROBOT RAMPAGE! ALL AGES. PROGRAM ROOM.

Build a city out of cardboard using MakeDo screw drivers, screws and saws. Navigate Sphero and Dot & Dash robots through the cardboard city!



THURSDAY
MARCH 17
10 AM & 11 AM

TOP O' THE MORNING CRAFTS. ALL AGES. PROGRAM ROOM

Experiment with shamrock squishy circuits. Make Leprechaun hats and beards. Paint St. Patrick's Day Marshmallow Cards.



THURSDAY
MARCH 17
2 PM & 3 PM

IT'S NOT OVER TILL IT'S CLOVER FUN & GAMES. ALL AGES. PROGRAM ROOM

Make a leprechaun doll or paper bag puppet, and test your luck in our St. Patrick's Day-themed games! Games include Leprechaun Bowling, I Spy Charms, and Gold Coin Toss.



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MARCH 18
10 AM & 11 AM

MYSTERY DETECTIVES. PROGRAM ROOM

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MARCH 19
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Belleville
Public Library &
John M. Parrott Art Gallery



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Viewing your Marks in Aspen

1. Report cards (will) be available on the students main Aspen page ([Pages](#)). In the Published Reports area. Students will see a PDF file.

2. To quickly view the marks - click on [My Info](#) (tab) and then the [Transcript](#) (tab)

Year	Grade	Course Description	FM	EarnedCredit
2022	11	Financial Accounting Fundamentals	1.0	1.0
2022	11	Marketing, Goods, Services, Events	1.0	1.0

3. For details on the course, click the [year](#) beside the course (2022). Midterm and final marks & comments will be available (but no learning skills).

Year ID	2021-2022
Grade level	11
Number	BA ³ M1
Description	Financial Accounting Fundamentals
Teacher	Greer, Brett
Section number	01
Final Mark	1.0
Earned credit	1.0

User description	N
Course description	Financial Accounting Fundamentals
Substituted for	

Grades and Comments

Date Completed	11/12/2021
Q1T1	
Q1T1 Interim Mark	
Q1T1 Mark	1.0
Q1T1 Rubric	0
Q1T1 Comments	[Redacted]
Q1T1 IEP Indicator	
Q1T1 Interview requested	
Q1T1 ESL/ELD Indicator	
Q1T2	
Q1T2 Interim Mark	
Q1T2 Mark	1.0
Q1T2 Rubric	0
Q1T2 Comments	[Redacted] read more
Q1T2 IEP Indicator	

NCC Catholic School Council

Education is a partnership involving parents, students, teachers, principals, schoolboards, government and the community.

Due to current Public health guidelines, we would anticipate meetings to be virtual via Microsoft Teams until further notice.

Our next meeting will be on: **Wednesday, March 23th.**

Contact Mr. Stuart or Ms. Goodberry for a link to the virtual meeting.



Student Supports/Resources



Eurêka is a service available to French-language students and families that provides resources and supports for all subjects, Grades 1-12.

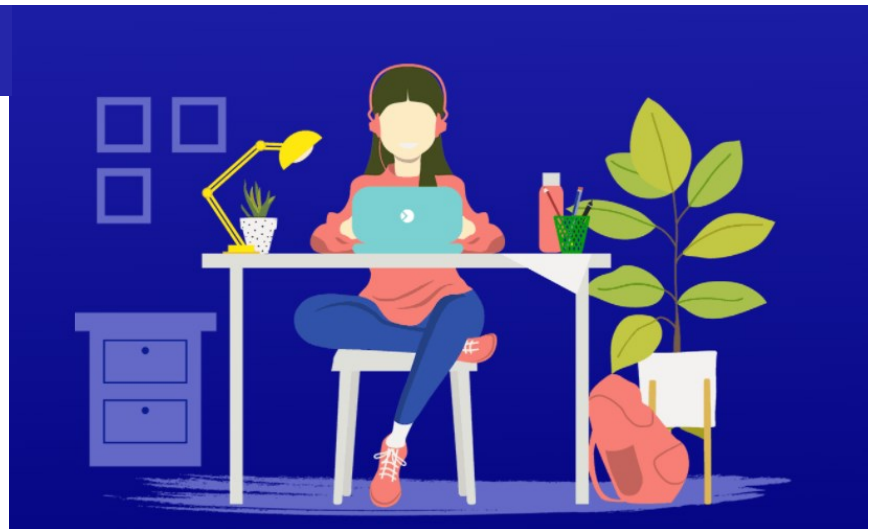
<https://moneureka.ca>

tvo Mathify

Free 1:1 Grade 6-11 math tutoring with Ontario Certified Teachers

Tutors are available online Mondays-Fridays from 9am to 9pm ET and Sundays from 3:30pm to 9pm ET.

<https://www.tvomathify.com/>



tvoLearn



Learning Resources to assist students in grades Grade 1-12 with the Ontario curriculum. <https://tvolearn.com/>

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