



# NICHOLSON CATHOLIC COLLEGE



October 2021

## Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2021 -22 school year at Nicholson Catholic College. We have had a lot of major construction projects under way since the end of last year and some are still ongoing. We have classrooms, our north gym and our new outdoor space nearing completion. The greatest addition to our community is the 7/8 students from St. Mike's who are now a part of the NCC community. This school year looks different than last year as we have moved to a Quadmester format for our 9-12 students, 2 classes per day, as well as the gradual return to extra-curriculars.

The staff at NCC have been working hard to implement the board's soft start as we take time to build relationships and meet students where they are ensuring a smooth transition for all. This year's Pastoral theme is Beloved Children of God. We are called to celebrate the inherent dignity of each person as we all are created in the image and likeness of God. We are mindful of the challenges as we celebrate the return to the NCC community, embracing both our in-person and remote learners. We continue to move towards a return to pre pandemic norms, but until then students need to be vigilant with daily screening, and mask wearing.

8:20 – 9:35 am	Learning Block #1
10 minute break	Scheduled by location
9:45 – 11:00 am	Learning Block #2
11:00 -11:50 pm	<b>LUNCH</b>
11:50- 1:15 pm	Learning Block #3
10 minute break	Scheduled by location
1:25- 2:30 pm	Learning Block #4

2. **Daily Screening:** Students are reminded they are to completed the Ontario School COVID-19 School Screener daily before arriving to school. The screener can be found at: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

## Upcoming Dates

- October 5—Terry Fox Walk AM
- October 6 & 7—School Liturgies
- October 11—Thanksgiving Monday
- October 13—Midterm Reports available on Aspen
- October 19—IEPs and Medical Plans sent home
- October 25-29—Spirit Week
- November 1—PD Day

### 3. Where to eat:

- Students in grade 9-12 are to use the first 15 mins of lunch to eat in classrooms or you **MUST** eat outside
- Eating is no longer permitted in the halls. SJW and Coop Students will have access to room 110 to eat their lunch in
- Students in grade 7/8 will eat in their classrooms

4. **Face Masks** must be worn inside the school. Students are permitted to remove their mask while eating or taking a drink of water. Masks may be removed when outdoors when social distancing allows. Within the building, please adhere to social distancing and hand sanitization guidelines.

### 5. Entrances

- Grade 7/8 are to use the North Stairwell (water tower) Grade 9-12 are **not** permitted to use this stair well at anytime
- Grade 9 and 12 are to use the main entrance on church street
- Grade 10 are to use the south entrance (alley)
- Grade 11 are to use the rear entrance beside the Providence gym

Graham Stuart, Principal

## Attendance Procedures

Regular attendance greatly improves a student's chances for success in school, and until a student is 18 it is their parent's/guardian's responsibility to ensure that they are in attendance daily.

If your student is going to be absent, either for part of the day or for the full day, please advise the school through one of the **Safe Arrival** methods

1. Using you're the online app on your mobile device **SchoolMessenger**  
Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**
2. Use the Safe Arrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>
3. Call the toll-free number **1-844-445-4383** to report an absence using the automated phone system

If you are unable to access the online application, please call the office at **613-967-0404**. If we do not receive a call about an absence, an automated call will go home to remind you to verify that you are aware of the absence.

If a student will not be in class due to a school activity, such as a field trip, participation in a sporting event or the cancellation of busses due to weather, you should not need to contact the school. Occasionally a call will go home in error. If you receive an absence call, and your student says they were in class, or that they were at a school event, please call the office so that we may look into the error, and ensure attendance is accurate.



SCHOOLMESSENGER®

<https://go.schoolmessenger.com/#/home>

## Quadmester Calendar

### Semester 1

Quadmester 1 : Sept 7—November 10

Exam Days : Nov 11– Nov 12

Quadmester 2 : Nov 15 - Jan 27

Exam Days : Jan 28– Jan 31

### Semester 2

Quadmester 3: Feb 3– April 12

Exam Days: April 13– April 14

Quadmester 4: April 19– June 23

Exam Days: June 24 - June 28

[ALCDSB School Year Calendar](#) outlines holidays and PD Days.

**Medical forms** were sent home at the beginning of September for students with life-threatening allergies and/or high risk medical needs. Please return these forms as soon as possible to the main office.

If you need addition forms or have questions please contact Ms. Goodberry at [goodamy@alcdsb.on.ca](mailto:goodamy@alcdsb.on.ca)



## NCC GUIDANCE

### Key Dates for October:

#### October 14th @ NOON

Grade 12 Financing and post-secondary presentation

#### October 18-22nd

Post-Secondary planning week for grade 12 students—will be held virtually

#### October 28th

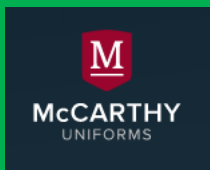
College & University Application Presentations



**NICHOLSON CATHOLIC COLLEGE UNIFORM POLICY**

***Any uniform is intended to develop a sense of pride and community through respect for its proper wearing. In choosing to attend Nicholson Catholic College, students and parents agree to support the importance of being in full and proper uniform in order to gain admittance to class. This shows respect for and commitment to our school community. In fact, students are expected to remove all hats, non-uniform sweaters and outerwear upon arrival at school so that while in the building, students are proudly wearing the Nicholson uniform.***

LOWER BODY	UPPER BODY	FOOTWEAR
<p><b><u>Required Uniform:</u></b></p> <p>McCarthy's NCC plaid kilt, not rolled, hemmed no more than mid-thigh (approximately 10 cm above the knee) and worn with footed opaque solid-colour tights in black, navy, green or grey</p> <p align="center">or</p> <p>McCarthy's grey flannel pants hemmed to the ankle, worn with solid-colour white, black, green, navy or grey socks.</p> <p align="center">or</p> <p>Until flip-day in November and after flip-day in April, McCarthy's navy shorts rolled or hemmed no shorter than mid-thigh (approximately 10 cm above the knee) worn with solid colour white, navy, black, green or grey socks</p>	<p><b><u>Required Uniform:</u></b></p> <p>McCarthy's NCC-embroidered golf shirt, either short or long-sleeved in navy or short-sleeved in white</p> <p align="center">or</p> <p>McCarthy's NCC-embroidered dress shirt, tucked and buttoned with the NCC dress tie (these items risk being removed from sale due to lack of interest but are still accepted)</p> <p align="center">or</p> <p>McCarthy's NCC-embroidered turtleneck (discontinued but still accepted)</p> <p align="center">or</p> <p>McCarthy's NCC-embroidered princess-cut blouse (discontinued but still accepted)</p> <p align="center">or</p> <p>McCarthy's NCC-crested ¾-zip green sweatshirt with golf shirt or visible plain white crew-neck t-shirt underneath</p> <p><b><u>Optional Uniform Pieces:</u></b></p> <p>McCarthy's NCC-crested navy acrylic cardigan</p> <p align="center">or</p> <p>McCarthy's NCC-crested navy full-zip fleece sweater (used green full-zip fleece sweater discontinued but still accepted)</p> <p align="center">or</p> <p>McCarthy's NCC-crested navy acrylic vest (discontinued but still accepted)</p> <p align="center">or</p> <p>Fully plain white t-shirts may be worn under the required upper body uniform choices, as long as they are not visible below the hem or sleeve of the uniform item</p>	<p><b><u>Required:</u></b></p> <p>Socks/footed opaque tights as prescribed in the "Lower body required uniform"</p> <p align="center">and</p> <p>Any fully black shoe in any style which is kept in good condition</p> <p><b>Note:</b></p> <p>For our purposes, a shoe must have a sole and fit below the ankle.</p> <p>Wide visible sole-trims and any markings, stripes, logos must also be black and blend into the fully black shoe.</p>



***All uniform items, with the exception of tights, socks and shoes, are to be purchased from McCarthy by visiting their website***

<https://www.mccarthyuniforms.ca/home/index>

## Catholic School Council

The Nicholson Catholic College Catholic School Council is a great opportunity to stay informed and have a voice in your child's school experience.

If you would like to join the group, please express your interest by completing the form linked below.

[Catholic School Council Membership Form 2021-2022](#)



# PASTORAL NEWS



Dear Nicholson families,

September has been about reconnecting ourselves with the rhythm and routine of school. After being out of the building for so long, both students and staff were eager to return to in-person learning, hanging out with friends during the day, and joining various extra-curricular activities.

For our new families, those with students in grade 7, 8, or 9 as well as those joining this community for the first time in other grades, a warm welcome to you! I am the chaplain here at Nicholson and am responsible for the religious and spiritual needs of our students. Through faith formation visits to classes, liturgies at church, one on one conversations, and social justice activities, it is my hope that your children will learn of and feel the love of God for them as they are.

Over the past month, I have visited several classes to explore with learners what it means to love well and how God can be found in the experience of loving and being loved. Recently, Canada held its first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation; our morning prayer addressed the sins committed by our Catholic forebears and a need for transparency and honesty by the church and its members. This week, we will walk over to our beautiful sacred space across the street to worship together. We will be focusing on our invitation as Christians to give thanks in all things.

As always, my door is open to students who are looking for a caring adult to notice them and to listen to them. That is what Jesus' ministry was all about.

I pray that you and your family have a happy and healthy Thanksgiving. If you have any food donations you would like to share with us, please consider contributing to our Thanksgiving drive in support of Gleaners by the end of the week.

Sincerely,

Matthew Snowdon, Chaplain

“You say grace before meals. All right. But I say grace before the concert and the opera, and grace before the play and pantomime, and grace before I open a book, and grace before sketching, painting, swimming, fencing, boxing, walking, playing, dancing and grace before I dip the pen in the ink.” - G.K. Chesterton

**Thanksgiving Food Drive**

In Support of **Gleaners Food Bank**, Quinte Region  
**FROM WEDNESDAY SEP 29 - FRIDAY OCT 8**

HELP LESSEN HUNGER & POVERTY IN OUR COMMUNITY BY DONATING THESE ITEMS:

- Peanut Butter
- Dry Pasta and Sauce
- Mac N' Cheese
- School Snacks
- Pork N/ Beans
- Canned Tuna/Salmon
- Canned Veggies
- Canned/Boxed Soup
- Canned Fruit
- Apple Juice
- Gluten Free Items
- Peanut Free Items
- Sugar Free Items
- Baby Food and Diapers
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Soap

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink" - Jesus

## NCC Students' Council

**2021-2022 Students Council Members:**

**Minister of Clubs and Athletics:** Sarah Paul, Holly Liu

**Treasurer:** Gabriel Johnston

**Mental Health & Wellness Ambassador:** Isabella Watts-Horricks

**Communications Officers:** Hannah Kort, Kira Fair & Abby Hutchison

**Junior Cabinet Member:** Shivani Narendranath

**Senior Cabinet Members:** Gabriel Thibault & Courtney Lambert

**Co-Prime Ministers:** Marlow Slatter & Brynne Barrett

**Terry Fox Walk 2021:** Students' Council is organizing the NCC Terry Fox Walk for Tuesday October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Homerooms will walk the route together. More details in your homeroom class!



**THE TERRY FOX  
FOUNDATION**

Donations will be accepted until October 8<sup>th</sup> at [www.tinyurl.com/TerryFoxNCC](http://www.tinyurl.com/TerryFoxNCC)

**Spirit Wear Sale:** Stay tuned for details late October

**October Spirit Week:** October 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>. Details will be posted.

Follow NCC Students' Council for updates



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## NCC Catholic School Council

Education is a partnership involving parents, students, teachers, principals, schoolboards, government and the community. Catholic School councils play a vital role in the education system in Ontario. They provide a forum through which parents can contribute to improving student achievement and school performance. Involvement in Catholic School Council helps to build mutual understanding, and interaction between a school and its community, resulting in benefits for both.

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

If you are interested in attending please click this [link to the form](#).



### Lunch Time Supervisors Needed

If you are interested becoming a lunch supervisor in the grade 7/8 wing at NCC please email [flhpnicc@alcdsb.on.ca](mailto:flhpnicc@alcdsb.on.ca)

## Student Activity Fees:

Don't forget to pay your student activity fees online at [School Cash Online](#).



Student fees for students in grades 9-11 are \$30 which will include a one-time fee for a warranted school issued Dudley lock. Only school issued locks are permitted for student use in our school. The fee also covers a student identification card, school print balance for printing your work and a number of Student Council activities which will happen during the school year. Student fees for graduating students in their Grade 12 year are \$60 to include graduation related expenses.

For assistance please contact the office

### Student-Athletes

- Attendance will be taken at each meeting/practice/tryout/game.
- Must complete the COVID-19 self screening daily and before practice and games
- Have their own clearly labelled water bottle for personal use only
- Follow direction and guidance provided by coaching staff regarding physical distancing, respiratory etiquette, hand hygiene, safe use of a non-medical/cloth mask, staying home when feeling ill, and monitoring symptoms.

### Return to Sport Message from ALCDSB

The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board (ALCDSB) recognizes the important role that extra-curricular sport activities play in the lives of students. The board has worked closely with its partners at KFL&A Public Health (KFLAPH) and Hastings Prince Edward Public Health (HPEPH) to develop plans and protocols to help ensure a safe return-to-sport for everyone.

The board is pleased to announce that ALCDSB secondary school fall athletic teams will return to competition beginning on Monday, Sept. 27, 2021 while following protocols to reduce the potential exposure to COVID-19. This currently includes golf, field hockey, football, volleyball, basketball, and rugby. Players, volunteer staff coaches and officials must follow safety protocols including daily COVID-19 screening. Some safety protocols are specific to each sport. Players will be provided with this information and will include actions before, during and after play. Failure to adhere to the protocols could result in removal from a game and/or the season. Additional measures could be introduced by the board or public health depending on local circumstances and data.

We know that families enjoy attending sports games and events to support and cheer on their students. At this time, however, spectators are NOT permitted at any indoor event whether it is inside a ALCDSB school, Limestone DSB school, Hastings-Prince Edward DSB school or other facility. We are also asking that spectators consider not attending outdoor events either. We know it is tempting to attend outdoor activities which are generally much safer than those held indoors, however, we are taking every step we can to ensure a safe space for student athletes. This includes limiting spectators to ensure student-athletes have as few contacts as possible and to assist with accurate contact tracing should a positive case occur. We would hate to see the fall season jeopardized when student athletes and coaches are so excited to return to play.

If families must attend outdoor events (to pick up students), we ask that you remain in your vehicles. If you must exit your vehicle, please ensure you are masked, and that you do not congregate and maintain a safe two-metre distance from other student-athletes and staff.

We appreciate your ongoing patience and understanding. By working together, we can ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for student-athletes. We hope these measures will be short-lived and that we can return to a more typical sport experience as soon as possible.

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