

St. Carthagh Catholic School Newsletter



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Daily Time Schedule

School Entry	9:20
Recess	11:20-11:35
Lunch	12:15-1:05
Recess	2:25-2:40
Dismissal	3:40

**THIS SCHOOL IS
NUT FREE**



THANK YOU
for keeping our school safe!

Principal's Message

It is with great joy that I welcome you, on behalf of our school community, to St. Carthagh Catholic School! As our board pastoral theme states, we are a community that is 'formed in the faith'. Together we journey, as believers in the teachings of Jesus, towards our vision of creating a professional community of learners, with student success as the foundation.

With our parish and community connections, we work together to build networks of support for our students and their families. Through research and evidenced-based strategies, integration of technology and a supportive environment, we collaborate to ensure students learn and thrive to achieve their full potential.

Please contact the school if you would like more information,

God bless,

Tina MacCauley, Principal

IMPORTANT Student Information

Please inform the office of any corrections/changes to your contact information (i.e. phone #, work #, address, custody agreements, emergency contacts, etc.) This information is vital in the case of an emergency.

Newsletters & School Messenger

Monthly newsletters are posted the first week of each month on our website. Newsletters will be sent to families via email-School Messenger. Families can access all current information and events at, www.alcddb.on.ca/school/cart. Information will be added as it occurs so check us out often. Emergency correspondence will continue to be sent home with students.

Daily Screening

We continue to encourage parents to screen students every day before attending school and plan to keep your child home if they are ill. The Government of Ontario online screening tool for school aged children is available at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>.

Masking

Staff, students and visitors will have the option to wear a mask, though masking is not required.

Testing

Rapid antigen tests are available to students upon request. Please contact the office.

School Cash Online

School Cash Online is the method of payment for all schools in the Algonquin & Lakeshore Catholic District School Board. In order to support this initiative we need all families to register to pay school fees online. Registering does not give us any access to your banking information, it is similar to shopping online: select your items, add to your cart and check out using debit or credit card. To register please go to: <https://alcddb.schoolcashionline.com>.

School Calendar

The school year calendar can be found on the Board's website, www.alcddb.on.ca under Parents & Community.

School Council Meeting

The first meeting of the 2022-2023 school year will be held on **September 28th** at 6:30 p.m. We will have elections and outline the goals for this school year. We encourage all parents to participate and welcome them to join the meeting.

Picture Day

Student and class photos will be on **October 14th**. Watch for more information

Bus Conduct

To maintain a high standard of safety for our students while travelling on the school bus, we ask that all parents be aware of the rules of conduct for our students. You, as parents, can assist us immeasurably by being aware of the regulations and making sure your children understand and follow them.

RIDING THE BUS IS A PRIVILEGE. This privilege may be withdrawn if a student behaves in a manner that threatens his/her safety or the safety of others. Let's work together to protect all our students. For information on busing check the Tri-Board Student Transportation website: www.triboard.on.ca. You may check your child's bus by using his or her OEN (Ontario Education Number) which can be found on their Report Card.

Pizza Weekly Program

Pizza will be available to order each week again this year. Parents will be notified through School Cash Online so make sure that you are signed up to receive items that are available. Pizza will start on Thursday, **September 15th** -**reminder orders must be placed by midnight on Tuesday prior**. Proceeds from this program directly support our students.

Milk Program

Milk will be available through our Food for Learning program. It will no longer be available for purchase through School Cash Online.

Food for Learning

Individually packaged healthy snacks are provided to each classroom daily for all students to access.

Nut Free

We have student's in our community who have been diagnosed with a life-threatening allergy to nuts. This means that **students will not be allowed to bring or send in food items with nuts in them (or may contain nuts)**. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students safe.

Administration of Medication/Epi Pen

Student forms must be submitted every school year. Medication, where applicable, must be brought to the school with the doctor's forms and kept at the office. No medication will be administered without the appropriate forms completed by parents and physician.

Valuables

Please discourage your child(ren) from bringing valuable items to school as the school assumes no responsibility for damage or loss. Due to privacy issues, cameras and cell phones are not permitted on the school yard.

Cell Phones

Cell phones must remain in backpacks at all times or with the classroom teacher. If a student does not follow this rule the phone will remain with Ms. Macauley until a parent can pick up or returned at the end of the next school day.

St. Carthagh Twitter

Please follow us on twitter as staff will be posting regularly, [@alcdsb_cart](https://twitter.com/alcdsb_cart)

Safe Arrival/Dismissal

REMINDER-the parking lot running along the school is **one way only**, running south. Parents are asked not to park in this bussing zone before or after school. It is not safe for students or adults to be walking through this bussing zone. Parents can use the bus route to drop off students at the back gate in the morning if they follow in line with the busses

Absence-Please call the school before 9:15 if your child will be absent. Attendance is taken first thing in the morning and calls are made to verify all absences if we have not heard from you. You may leave a message on the answering machine any time.

Students arriving late or leaving school early must be signed in/out by an adult.

Yard Supervision-There is no supervision prior to 9:00 so students should not enter the school/yard prior to this time.

After School-Car pick up is at 3:40 at the front stairs of the school. Parents are asked to please remain in your car, we will bring your child to the vehicle. Walkers are dismissed at the front of the school and are reminded to promptly exit school property following the 3:40 dismissal. Parents/caregivers picking up students are asked to wait at the front sidewalk.

Lunch Hour-Students may not leave the school during the day without being signed out by an adult. Students leaving school to go home for lunch may do so only if they go home regularly with adult supervision. Please send a note to indicate if your child(ren) will be walking home for lunch on a regular basis. It is the school's expectation that all students will remain at school for lunch unless being picked up by a parent.

We appreciate your support and cooperation in keeping our school safe for our students.

Student Accident Insurance

Our School Board does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school property or during school activities, including extracurricular sports. If a student is injured, parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for any costs not covered by their Government Health Insurance Plan or their employer's health care plan. Parents should check with their provider(s) regarding their specific coverage.

Most accident related expenses are not fully covered under OHIP or other any plans and expenses like ambulance fees, casts, crutches, physiotherapy and emergency dental care may not be covered at all. This leaves the parent/guardian financially responsible for these unexpected expenses.

To help protect your family, it is recommended that you consider obtaining student accident insurance, which provides coverage for these types of costs. As a convenience to you, the Board has made an arrangement to offer student accident insurance through insuremykids® program. Participation is purely voluntary, and the costs of the plan are to be paid by the parent/guardian directly to the provider. This program is available for students up to age 26.

Coverage is provided for a wide range of accidental expenses, including:

- Dental expenses, includes 10 years unlimited dental benefit coverage, future dental up to \$1,650 per tooth, and injury related orthodontia coverage up to \$2,500 per accident.
- Total and permanent disability, up to \$350,000
- Loss of limb/loss of sight, hearing or speech
- Accidental death
- Ambulance fees
- And more!

The insuremykids® Student Accident Insurance program offers three plans with 24/7 coverage at affordable rates – ranging from \$17.00 per year and to their Platinum plan at \$33 per year, which provides out-of-province emergency medical coverage and travel benefits. All annual plans provide 13 months of coverage from the date of purchase.

If parents or guardians wish to purchase coverage, please do so directly online at www.insuremykids.com or call 1-800-463-5437. The insurance agreement is between You (the parent or guardian) and the insurance underwriter, Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 PA Day	3
4	5 Labor Day	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Pizza Day	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Pizza Day	23 School Mass 10:00 Terry Fox Walk	24
25	26 PA Day	27	28 School Council Meeting 6:30	29 Pizza Day	30	