

# KNIGHTS NEWS

YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FROM NOTRE DAME  
CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

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## SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

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## IMPORTANT DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

### PHOTO DAY

September 18

### THANKSGIVING DAY

(No Classes)

October 13

### PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

October 15 - 5:30pm

### ALL GRADE 9 RETREAT

October 21

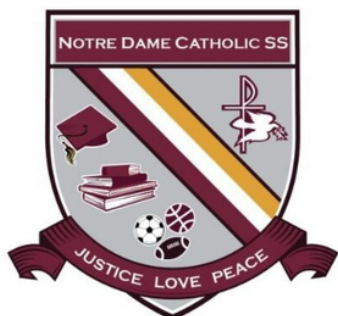
### ACADEMIC AWARDS

October 23


### PHOTO DAY

(for students who were absent)

October 23



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

From Mr. Lijiam  [@principal\\_lijiam](https://www.instagram.com/@principal_lijiam)

I am excited to start the school year as principal of Notre Dame. For those who may not be aware, I was appointed as an interim principal towards the end of the 24/25 school year. Being appointed towards the end of the year provided me the opportunity to get to know the staff and students to some extent and learn how a great school Notre Dame is. It also gave me the advantage to observe and learn of the things that may need to be addressed or improved to make the school even better and a safer learning environment for all our students right from the get go in the new school year.

We also have another change in administrative staff. We bid farewell to one of our vice principals Ms. Cutrara who moved to another school at the Halton board. Joining us on our team, we welcome Ms. Franks who will be taking over supporting students whose last names start with N - Z



We kicked off the year with a good start. On Aug 27 we welcomed most of our grade 9 students for a day of orientation and some fun activities to get them connect with friends and teachers so they would have a smooth first day of school in September.

It was also great to see all our students at our grade level assemblies towards the end of the first week where school policies, expectations. and updates were shared by administrative staff. Some highlights from the presentations are included further down on this newsletter.

This year, all our school staff will strive to provide our students with an engaging, safe, diverse and supportive school experience with high academic expectations. We look forward to working with the students and you, their parents/guardians and extended family members to make it an amazing school year.

Y. Lijiam  
Principal

## DPCDSB NIGHT SCHOOL

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) through the Adult and Continuing Education Department offers Secondary Fall Night School courses.  
Registration closes on September 16, 2025

Course Dates: Tuesdays & Thursdays from September 23 - December 18, 2025  
Times: 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Click here for course listing and information:

<https://www3.dpcdsb.org/programsservices/secondary/night-school>

*Students are encouraged to discuss with their guidance counselors if they are looking to get ahead/catch up with credits*

## 2025-2026 STUDENT FEES

### 2025-2026 Activity Fee:

The Student Activity Fee of \$45.00 is an annual fee that is used to offset the costs for school initiatives, materials and student activities. The support of our Parents/Guardians through the payment of this fee makes it possible for our school to continue to provide many of the valuable initiatives, materials and activities that enhance the school experience for our students. Our school and the DPCDSB are committed to ensuring that every student has equal opportunity to benefit from the school environment, regardless of financial hardships or barriers.

The Student Activity Fee helps to offset some of the costs associated with the following items:

- support for clubs, team and activities (entry fees, equipment, transportation, awards, uniforms, etc.)
- Guest speakers & assemblies (mental health awareness, anti-bullying initiatives)
- Student Council (speakers, special events)
- Chaplaincy initiatives, faith formation and support for families in need
- Support for student enrichment opportunities and leadership initiatives
- School beautification

Please use School Cash Online to pay your Activity Fee

### 2025-2026 Yearbook Fee:

The Yearbook Fee is no longer attached to the Activity Fee and is \$40.00. The yearbook is distributed towards the end of the school year only to the students who purchased the yearbook. Please use School Cash Online to purchase the yearbook.

### Lock Purchases:

All students are provided lockers to keep their bags, jackets and other items they do not need to carry to their classes. Students must use a lock purchased through the school. The cost of the lock is \$14.00 and can be purchased through School Cash Online as well. If students do not lose the lock, they only need to purchase it in grade 9 and use it through out their high school.

### Other Fees:

If your child is taking part in activities that incur costs such as: athletics, materials or trips that enhance or enrich student learning, all appropriate permission forms and information about the fees will be sent home by the teachers leading the activities.

## GRADE LEVEL ASSEMBLIES - HIGHLIGHTS

On September 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> we had assemblies by grade level to review expectations and school conduct with all our students. Given the majority of our students always follow the school expectations and regularly attend their classes, we will be focused in supporting the ones who struggle with attendance and/or get involved in unwanted behaviours. We will follow-up with progressive discipline whenever necessary to ensure the school is a safe learning environment to all our students and staff.

Notre Dame was selected to be one of the schools to pilot vape detectors in our school board. **We now have vape/noise/loitering detectors in all our washrooms that send us notifications whenever they detect vape/loud noises/loitering.** Students are reminded that it is against the Peel Health law to smoke or vape in the school. In regards to the ministry code of conduct, it is an automatic suspension. Hopefully, the detectors will deter our students from congregating and vaping in the washrooms. The washrooms should be safe spaces for all students to use.

### Catholic Code of Conduct

**Classroom Related Infractions** (lates, absences, tardiness, uniform violations)

Student/teacher conference  $\Rightarrow$  parental contact/teacher consequence  $\Rightarrow$   
Office referral  $\Rightarrow$  if behaviour continues, suspension may take place

School Level infractions that lead to **IMMEDIATE** Suspension:

- Smoking/vaping on school property
- Coming to school or in school under the influence of drugs/alcohol. Reeking of cannabis
- Physical altercations (including play fighting)
- Inviting visitors/trespassers to school property OR allowing a Non-ND student into the building.
- Bullying
- Possession/use of drugs
- Possession of weapons



**NO DRESS PASSES**



### Notre Dame Uniform

You can wear these uniform items **ONLY** – Uniforms cannot be altered

**Shirt:** (one of these options)

- Grey Short Sleeve Polo
- Grey Long Sleeve Polo
- Grey Crewneck Sweatshirt
- Grey Rugby Shirt



**Pants:**

- Black McCarthy Pants



**Shoes:**

- Closed Heel & Toe (No slides or Crocs)

- McCarthy pants on all days **ONLY**
- torso and upper legs, to the mid-thigh, are not exposed.



### HEALTH & SUBSTANCE USE

- Vaping/Smoking/Illegal substance of any kind is banned within school buildings, in school vehicles and on all school grounds.
- This includes bathrooms, classrooms, fields & school busses
- Peel region has smoking enforcement officers that can ticket students \$360 for a smoking violation!
- consequences include immediate suspension for possession or use of above substances/items

According to Dufferin-peel's uniform policy 7.19, the only religious and/or cultural head coverings allowed are: dastar, turban, do-rag, hijab, Kippah, patka. **Balaclava or ski-masks are not allowed** even if they are being used as a head cover. Balaclava and ski-masks can be pulled down at any time to cover the face and hide the person's identity – we cannot have that in our school. Students are not allowed to wear face masks either with the exception of medical reasons.

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### | What is SafeVoice?

- SafeVoice is DPCDSB's Safe Schools Tool
- A way for students to securely and confidentially share their concerns about incidents of bullying, harassment, or discrimination of any kind that they have experienced or witnessed
- Confidential - choose whether to disclose your name

[Video](#)

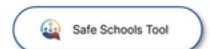
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## SafeVoice: Safe Schools Reporting Tool

### | How to Use SafeVoice

- Go to [dpcdsb.org](https://dpcdsb.org), the Student Portal, or your school website and click on the Safe Schools Tool button.
- Fill in:
  - Your school's name
  - Who was involved
  - Type of situation
  - What happened (when and where)
  - Optional: screenshots or photos
  - Decide if you want to stay anonymous or include your name

Please provide as much detail and information as possible to ensure school administration can follow-up



DIRECT LINK:  
[dpcdsb.org/SafeVoice](https://dpcdsb.org/SafeVoice)







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# PHOTO DAY

IS COMING

*Get Ready!*

YOUR PHOTO DAY IS:

**September 18th, 2025**



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## AVOIDING CONGESTION AND STUDENT TRAFFIC SAFETY

- A reminder to all our students who walk to school & those who leave the building during lunch to by food from the neighbouring facilities; please follow traffic rules and cross the streets on proper crossing lanes and when it is safe to do so. Last year we had some near misses of students while jay-walking
- A reminder to parents/guardians who drop-off and pick-up their children; please help reduce congestion by following a simple etiquette. On the diagram below, there are 3 green arrows and a red arrow. The lane represented by the **green arrow to the right** is reserved for STOPR school buses, the **middle lane** is for cars to drive through around the school and leave on the east side of the building, and the **left lane** is your kiss-and-ride lane where you make a quick stop to drop-off your kids and drive around the school to leave. **PLEASE do not drive through the lane represented by the “X” and red arrow.** That lane is used by the school buses that transport our special needs students and should not be used as a short loop to drop your kids.

