



NICHOLSON CATHOLIC COLLEGE



December 2021

Principal's Message

As December is upon us, we are amidst the season of Advent. Let us begin by wishing all our NCC families every blessing during this special time of year. We will be reflecting throughout the Christmas season as we turn our attention to focus on the anticipation of the birth of Jesus. We look forward to the safely designed seasonal activities that are planned for the community this month.

The arrival of cooler weather means the tendency to spend break times indoors will increase. The cafeteria, providence gym, and learning commons are all welcome spaces for students. The cafeteria will be opening soon as an alternate eating location to the classroom but must remain at 6 to each long table with a maximum of 75 students in the cafeteria. Similar to what students have grown accustomed to in the gym and learning commons, they will need to scan the QR code to log their entry.

With cold and flu season it is important for student to remain vigilant and continue to practice good hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette. Students also need to ensure they are following capacity limits posted on doors, especially in the bathrooms. Masks are to be worn at all times, aside from eating or drinking, while indoors, on the bus and outside if physical distancing is not possible. Students are doing a great job but do need some reminders during unstructured times.

Thank you to our literacy team who facilitated Grade 11 in person learners writing the OSSLT on November 25. The grade 10's will begin preparations after Christmas for a spring OSSLT alongside those who were not present for the November session.

Upcoming Dates

Dec 10—Picture Re-takes

Dec 17—last day before Christmas Holidays

January 3—classes resume

As quadmester 1 wrapped up we saw many successes amongst NCC athletes in both Bay of Quinte and COSSA finals.

Senior Women's Basketball – COSSA gold

Junior Women's Basketball - COSSA silver

Junior Men's Soccer – Bay of Quinte & COSSA gold

12 NCC cross country athletes competed at OFSSA

Congratulations to the Senior Women's Basketball who represented NCC at OFSSA. The came home with a silver medal after many great games. Congratulations to all the players and Coaches Walsh and Coates.

We both want to wish you a safe and Merry Christmas. We look forward to seeing you after the holidays.

Graham Stuart & Amy Goodberry

Principal

Vice Principal





PASTORAL NEWS



Dear Nicholson Families,

As the hustle and bustle of Christmastime becomes more and more present in our homes and stores, it can seem like Christmas is already here! For Christians of all stripes though, the weeks leading up to the Christmas celebrations belong to the season of Advent. Advent is about waiting for hope to arrive. In the darkness, we seek light and trust that Jesus is that something of holy presence that will make our lives more whole.

This December, I am visiting classes to explore Advent's message with students. Like Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, we too journey in this life from place to place, moment to moment, anxiously hoping that there is more to it all. We often find that the journey itself is the road where meaning speaks, the location where something new is birthed into our hearts, giving us courage to continue on. Mary and Joseph made the taxing trek on foot from Nazareth in the north to Bethlehem in the south and upon arrival, a child that would change the world was born. May we arrive at Christmas, too, with newfound Light to keep on keeping on.

Gentle blessings,

Matthew

CHRISTMAS SHARING 2021



The Christmas Sharing Program helps families in need with the extra cost of food at Christmas time. Grades 7-12 will be supporting 23 families collectively.

Each morning class is assigned one food item/food group and students in that class are tasked with bringing in only that. We encourage all to contribute what they are able.

Cranberry Sauce/Canned Gravy/Stuffing Mix --> Mr. Burchat/Mr. Giroux
Potatoes/Carrots --> Ms. Morgan
Canned Peas/Corn/Green Beans --> Mr. Craig
Whole Wheat Bread Loaves --> Ms. Cantarutti
Tea/Coffee/Hot Chocolate --> Mr. Richardson
Sugar/Christmas Napkins --> Life Skills Centre
Cake Mix and Icing --> Ms. Perry
Christmas Cookies and Candies --> Mr. Compeau
Canned Peaches/Pears/Fruits --> Mr. McCue
Fresh Clementines --> Mr. Greer
Bag of Apples --> Ms. Hanley
Bananas --> Ms. Hinch
Peanut Butter/Jam --> Ms. Lessard
Cheese Whiz/Crackers --> Ms. McGarvey
Bottles of Soda/Juice --> Mr. Pronovost
Canned Tuna/Salmon/Soup --> Mr. Hurley
Pasta/Pasta Sauce --> Ms. Ironside/Ms. Dingle
Oatmeal/Cereal --> Ms. Henriquez
Dried Fruits/Peanuts --> Ms. Mahoney

**Feeling Extra
Generous?**

Donate here:

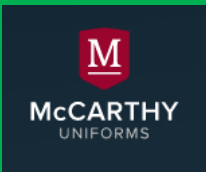


SCAN ME

This fund goes
toward entrée
grocery gift cards.

Uniform Reminders

- Socks/footed **OPAQUE** tights as prescribed in the “Lower body required uniform”
- Any fully **black shoe** in any style which is kept in good condition
- For our purposes, a shoe must have a sole and fit below the ankle—**NO BOOTS**
- Wide visible sole-trims and any markings, stripes, logos must also be black and blend into the fully black shoe.
- Hats are **NOT** permitted at anytime in the building



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>

get updates
about delayed or
cancelled buses



we anticipate this year will have more delays and route cancellations than normal due to the pandemic. please ensure you are subscribed to our notifications



subscribe by email to specific bus routes or students



download BusPlanner Delays App*

*use verification code: TSTS



review daily notices on triboard.ca



follow our delays @BusDelayNCancel on twitter



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, January 12th @ 5:30.**

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



NCC GUIDANCE

Important information for Grads!

Marks have now been uploaded to OCAS and OUAC. Grads are asked to please login to their accounts and verify their academic records are accurate. This means checking to ensure your quadmester 1 marks are the same as your report cards and any remaining courses you will be taking are showing correctly. If there are discrepancies, please let Guidance know ASAP!

Reminder of upcoming dates:

17 Dec. 2021

- Suggest your applications to college and university are completed. This is a soft deadline but will help you avoid the rush after Christmas.
- Suggested date you aim to have all your community service hours completed and submitted to Guidance. Reminder this year, if you are graduating, you require 20 hours.

13 Jan. 2022

- Application due date for university applications.

01 Feb. 2022

- Equal consideration date for applying to college. Applications are due on or before this date to be considered equally with all other applicants.

General information

Please do not forget that Community Service hours and working for free (not getting paid) are not the same thing. The focus of the required community service hours is to perform a task to help make the community better by doing something that may not normally be possible without the assistance of a volunteer. We always encourage students/parents to check with Guidance before embarking on any activity to ensure it will be admissible. Over the years, we have had several students complete activities that, unfortunately have not been considered Community Service according to the Ministry definition. Activities such as;

- working for a landscape company, roofing company (free labour)
- tutoring a boyfriend (family obligation)
- performing office work (free labour)
- stocking shelves in a store (free labour)

The TDSB has produced a wonderful 1-page document that helps clarify what is and is not considered an admissible Community Service activity. It is attached for your reference.

NCC GRADS

If you have applied to an Ontario college, you do NOT need to worry about sending any transcripts. The email you receive requesting you do is a generic message. The school sends this information for you and is viewable under the document section on your application.

TDSB Approved Activities

Events or activities to support a not-for-profit initiative unless pre-approved by school principal or designate

HELP YOUR NEIGHBOURS

- provide service to seniors or to others who have difficulty leaving their homes – raking, shovelling (no snow blowers), shopping (students should not drive vehicles for this purpose), visiting, reading, meal preparation
- assist a neighbour with child care – take child to the park, watch child while parent prepares dinner
- tutor younger students – read, take to library, help with homework
- assist neighbours with pet sitting, animal care

HELP YOUR COMMUNITY

- volunteer at a senior's home/centre – visit, read, play cards or board games, take seniors for walks, make crafts
- help organize local community events – food drives/banks
- take part in environmental initiatives – recycling campaigns, park cleanup, planting trees & flower beds (students should not use power tools – lawn mowers, hedge trimmers, wood chippers, etc.)
- get involved in charitable activities – walk-a-thons, daffodil sales, canvassing for non-profit organizations
- assist with sports teams but not as a player – community leagues, parks and recreation programs
- volunteer in leadership roles with community groups – youth groups
- volunteer in hospitals, libraries or any charitable, not-for-profit organization
- volunteer with social service or animal welfare agencies – Red Cross, United Way, Humane Society
- get involved in the democratic political process – scrutineering, canvassing, campaigning
- offer service through religious communities/ places of worship
- assist with literacy initiatives – at local libraries, day care centres, community centres

HELP YOUR SCHOOL OR OTHER SCHOOLS

- help with sports teams – run skills drills, assist coach or team but not as a team player
- help in the library – shelve books, tidy up, change bulletin boards
- tutor other students – help with homework, review difficult concepts
- assist students with special needs – act as peer buddy
- assist with the planning of arts or athletic events – work on publicity, set up for track meets, sell tickets, check coats, offer technical support
- facilitate school events such as fun fairs, parent information nights – greet visitors, set up and supervise booths, give tours, serve refreshments
- assist with environmental activities – encourage recycling, plant trees/flowers, work on grounds crews (students should not use power tools)
- participate in charitable initiatives – food and clothing drives, holiday drives for toys or food
- sit on school councils, committees – school governance, be a peer mentor/mediator, help with orientation of grade 9 students

Ministry of Education Ineligible Activities

The Ministry of Education has developed a list of activities that may NOT be chosen as community involvement activities and that are therefore ineligible activities.

An **ineligible activity** is an activity that:

- is a requirement of a class or course in which the student is enrolled (e.g., cooperative education portion of a course, job shadowing, work experience)
- takes place during the time allotted for the instructional program on a school day. However, an activity that takes place during the student's lunch break or "spare" periods is permissible
- takes place in a logging or mining environment, if the student is under 16 years of age
- takes place in a factory, if the student is under 15 years of age
- takes place in a workplace other than a factory, if the student is under 14 years of age and is not accompanied by an adult
- would normally be performed for wages by a person in the workplace (students are not to replace paid workers or be paid themselves)
- involves the operation of a vehicle, power tools, or scaffolding
- involves the administration of any type or form of medication or medical procedure to other persons
- involves handling of substances classed as "designated substances" under the Occupational Health and Safety Act
- requires the knowledge of a tradesperson whose trade is regulated by the provincial government
- involves banking or the handling of securities, or the handling of jewellery, works of art, antiques, or other valuables
- consists of duties normally performed in the student's home (i.e. daily chores, caring for siblings) or personal recreational activities
- involves a court-ordered program (e.g. community-service program for young offenders, probationary program)

Student Injury – The Board does not provide insurance coverage for injury resulting to student volunteers. To assist, students may purchase student accident insurance by visiting www.insuremykids.com

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Guidance, Career
& Adolescent Development

SHSM News

Health and Wellness and ICT SHSM students have an opportunity to order SHSM clothing, at no cost. Please complete sizing form:

- Health and Wellness and ICT SHSM students - Trip to Ganaraska Outdoor Education Centre - December 14, 2021 - pending approval

- Health and Wellness and ICT SHSM students - First Aid and CPR training Feb. 1 and 2, 2022

MATHLETES

Any student who enjoys Mathematics, wants to write Math Contests or join of the Math Tournament team, please consider joining the MATHLETES. See Mr. Walsh for details.



Reporting Student Absences

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.

Food For Learning Program

NCC continues to offer the Food for Learning program to all students, grades 7-12. Through funding received from Food for Learning, Presidents Choice Children's Charities and Community donations, we are able to offer morning meal bins comprised of whole grains, fruits and vegetables, dairy and protein.

A big thanks to all the students and staff who help deliver the food to the student population.

Donations are gratefully accepted. If there are any questions or concerns regarding Food for Learning, please contact Jennifer Connor, Youth Worker and Food for Learning Coordinator at the school. 613-967-0404 ext. 265



UPCOMING



FRIDAY DECEMBER 10th

Rotary
District 7040



rotary
youth
exchange

Serving Eastern Ontario, Upper NY
State, Western Quebec and Nunavut

The Rotary Youth Exchange program is open to high school students between the ages of 15 and 18 on departure. It does not matter whether your parents are members of a Rotary Club - the program is open to children of Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike.

Exchange student candidates must be outgoing, self-confident, friendly, adaptable, and adventurous, willing to learn a foreign language, with above average grades in school. The application form will require you to tell about yourself and your family and provide references from schoolteachers and administrators.

NCC Students' Council News

Student Council would like to thank everyone for their interest in the Spirit Wear orders. All orders have been sent to our supplier and we expect to have clothing in the New Year. Stay tuned to @_NCCStuCo for more details.

Upcoming Activities for the month of December:

- Hot chocolate and cards in the cafeteria
- Return of Just Dance
- Candy Grams for sale
- Christmas cards for seniors
- Photos with Santa

The Christmas Assembly

The Gr. 7/8 classes have selected their class reps and will be working to bring activities to the Nicholson Elementary. Student Council is excited to be working with this new group of representatives.

All school Spirit Week: **December 13th - 17th**

Christmas Spirit Week		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Theme</i>	<i>Uniform Details</i>
Monday, December 13 th	Christmas morning pajamas	Non-Uniform
Tuesday, December 14 th	Red, White or Green Shirt Day	Uniform Bottoms
Wednesday, December 15 th	Christmas accessories (hats, socks, etc.)	Full-Uniform
Thursday, December 16 th	Christmas Sweater Day	Non-uniform
Friday, December 17 th	Civvies Day	Non-uniform (last Friday of the month)

NCC WANTS TO SEE YOUR TALENT!

CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY TALENT SHOW

Submissions due Thursday December 9th, 2021!
Please send to @_nccstuco on Instagram or email to Nicholsonstudentcouncil@gmail.com

Please DM @_nccstuco on Instagram with any questions!

Grade 7/8 at NCC

A few reminders with colder weather coming:

- The doors open at 8:05 am for students
- Please dress appropriately for recess—layers are recommended
- As the yard becomes increasingly muddy please ensure that students have outdoor shoes or boots. These do not have to be all black for outdoor time.

Cell Phones

There has been a noticeable increase in cell phone use by students throughout the day in grades 7 and 8. Students and parents/guardians are reminded that cell phones are to be turned off and kept in their lockers unless otherwise specified by the teacher, (i.e. for instructional purposes, research or teacher directed activities). These rules remain the same in all 7/8 classes.



Inappropriate use of a cell phone will result in:

- The student will be given a warning and asked to return the phone to their locker.
- A second incident will result in the phone being kept in the office until the end of the day.
- Persistent inappropriate use will result in a phone call home and the parent/guardian coming in to pick collect the phone from the office.

While cell phones have many beneficial purposes we hope that you can understand the distractions that are caused by these devices in an educational setting. We are losing valuable learning time and it is a constant distraction for many in the classroom. Students should not be communicating with friends, parents etc., via text during the school day. If you need to send a message to your child, please contact the main office. Please have a conversation with your student about appropriate use of their phone and where the phone should be throughout the school day.

At no time are cell phones permitted on the school yard or during lunch eating time.

Thank you for your support.

PIZZA Days

We have begun offering pizza on Friday's for \$3.00/slice. Orders must be completed a month at time and will continue until June. Please use school cash online to complete orders.



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Merry Christmas



"God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. If he gives us the gift of Christmas it is because we all have the ability to understand and receive it." – Pope Francis

From the NCC family to yours!



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Supervision Support – Casual/Temporary Employment

Hourly Rate: \$18.64

Under the direction of the school principal and/or vice-principal, the Supervision Support employee will assist school administration with the general supervision of students, which could include before and after school, recess and the lunch period, as needed.

Emergency Replacements – for Teachers – Casual/Temporary Employment

Daily Rate \$186.65

Emergency Replacements for Teachers are not qualified teachers but individuals who have an interest in working with students in a school setting and/or have experience with school age children, and/or have an educational background and are available for classroom Teacher coverage purposes.

Emergency Replacements – Educational Assistants/Early Childhood Educators – Casual/Temporary Employment

Hourly Rate: EA \$21.15 ECE \$20.18

Under the direction of the school principal and/or vice-principal, Emergency Replacement staff will provide support in the classroom and in the school assuming some basic teacher, educational assistant and early childhood educator related duties.

Qualifications:

Minimum high school diploma required;

Must be 18 years of age or older;

Experience working with school age children and/or adolescents preferably in an educational setting is an asset;

Excellent communication, judgement and decision-making skills

Creative, enthusiastic, patient and responsible team player

Candidates will be required to submit a hire package to the Human Resources Department. As a condition of employment, the successful candidate must provide a Criminal Background Check (CBC) with vulnerable sector screening current within six months of date of hire, Vaccination Attestation, and successful completion of mandatory occupational health and safety training. These requirements must be met prior to the commencement of employment.

Application and Requirements:

Please submit a cover letter and resume to the principal.