



NICHOLSON CATHOLIC COLLEGE



January 2022

Principal's Message

Welcome back NCC!

On behalf of the entire staff we wish you and your family a happy and healthy 2022. We look forward to having students back at school, rested and ready to finish the second quadmester on a strong note. We know many were hoping for a turn of events to start 2022 and the last-minute change to virtual is difficult for many. The staff at NCC are here to support students throughout this challenging time.

The daily virtual learning schedule will follow the normal school day schedule. Students are expected to be working on the course during the regular school day. Teachers will let them know which parts of the day are synchronous (live) and which parts may be independent or group work. This could shift depending on the contents of the day (and internet outages!), but essentially the school day is dedicated to school work. If students are in need of technology, they should let their teacher know and we will follow up. Students are reminded to check their school email and course D2L pages for directions for Monday morning as well as for any asynchronous work.

We are set to return on January 17th to complete the quadmester with course culminating activities set on the mornings of January 28th and 31st. Students are required to attend these mornings. Tuesday February 1st will be the semester 1 credit recovery day followed by Wednesday February 2nd a PD Day. Quadmester 3 begins on February 3rd.

Graham Stuart

Principal

Amy Goodberry

Vice Principal

UPCOMING

Upcoming Dates

January 28 & 31—Exams

Feb 1—Credit Recovery Day

Feb 2—PD Day

Feb 3—Quadmester 3 begins



PASTORAL NEWS



Dear Nicholson families,

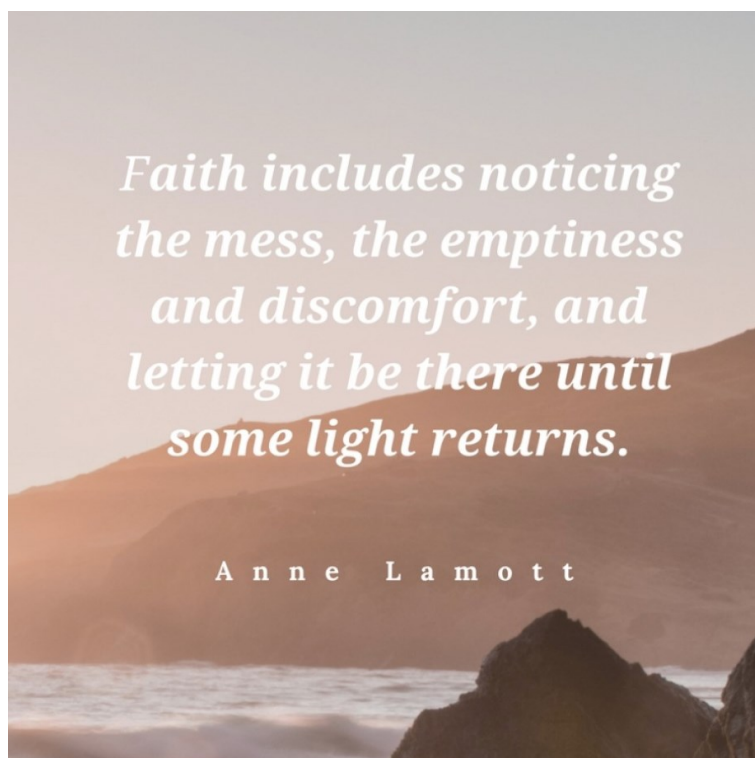
I hope you all had a restful break and a peaceful Christmas; I wish you all the best for this new year. Last January, we were facing surging COVID-19 cases with school closures and lockdowns. Unfortunately, here we are again but there is light because we have much more knowledge and safeguards in place than we did a year ago!

When we step back and realize all that we have endured in these history-making times, it is an amazing testament to our resilience. Even if things are falling apart around us, we are still here, we are alive, and that is a great gift.

During this period of remote learning, I want our students to know that I am here to support them in any way I can. On our daily morning video prayers, I tell students that they may message me on Microsoft Teams (the platform their synchronous classes run through), follow NCC Chaplaincy social media, book virtual appointments to check in, or send me an email to connect. Chaplaincy is about providing compassionate presence and spiritual wisdom to students in whatever emotional or physical place they find themselves in. That is what I strive to do.

May God's peace be with you as you navigate the stresses and demands of this period.

Matthew



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.



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.

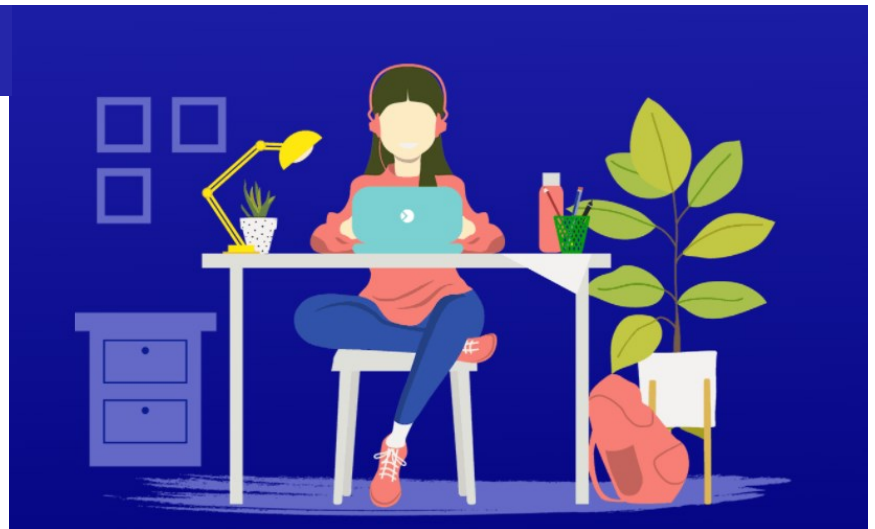
<https://moneureka.ca>

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/>



[School Mental Health Ontario](#) and [Hastings Prince Edward Public Health](#) have many resources available to access immediate help for mental health concerns. If you feel you need urgent assistance with your child's mental health, the following helplines are available, and/or you can seek help from your local hospital emergency room or acute care site.

- [Crisis Intervention Centre](#) is a free community mental health program sponsored by Quinte Health Care. Telephone counselling is available by calling 613-969-7400 or 1-888-757-7766, extension 2753. Assistance is available to any adult (16 years and older) experiencing a psychological, emotional or situational crisis requiring immediate, short-term assistance.
- [Kids Help Phone](#) is available for children and youth who need additional support. Children and teens can speak with a counsellor 24/7 by calling **Kids Help Phone** at 1-800-668-6868 or texting CONNECT to 686868.
- [Children's Mental Health Services of Hastings Prince Edward](#) offers mental health treatment services for children, youth and their families.
- [Good2Talk](#) is a phone and texting service that provides confidential mental health and addictions support to post-secondary students. Call 1-866-925-5454, text GOOD2TALKON to 686868, or learn more at good2talk.ca.
- [The County of Prince Edward telephone line](#) helps connect seniors, vulnerable members of the community, and residents in self-isolation with essential services and volunteer delivery of vital supplies. Residents can call 1-833-676-2148 to speak directly with staff.
- [Wellness Together Canada: Mental Health and Substance Use Support](#) is new website that provides free online resources, tools, apps and connections to trained volunteers and qualified mental health professionals when needed.
- [ConnexOntario](#) provides free and confidential health services information for people experiencing problems with alcohol and drugs, mental illness and/or gambling. Support is available via telephone, chat and email. Call 1-866-531-2600 or visit their [website](#).
- [Big White Wall](#) is anonymous & open 24/7. The site offers community forums, articles and self-help courses.
- [Stronger Minds by Beacon](#) is a simple and free digital program designed to help Canadians stay resilient at a time when things feel anything but normal. Stronger Minds is not mental health treatment, but rather a program designed to help Canadians build resiliency and coping skills to better deal with the current situation.
- The [Black Youth Helpline](#) offers support for all youth and specifically responds to the need for a Black youth specific service, positioned and resourced to promote access to professional, culturally appropriate support for youth, families and schools. Please call: 1-833-294-8650
- The [Hope for Wellness Help Line](#) offers mental health counselling and crisis intervention to all Indigenous peoples across Canada. Please call 1-855-242-3310
- The Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) offers a [24-hour Mental Health and Addictions Crisis Line](#) with culturally specific mental health and addiction supports for adults, youth, and families in Ontario in both English and French, please call: 1-877-767-7572.
- Use [Ontario 211](#) to look up the services available in our area.

Try the [Kids' Help Phone Resources Around Me](#). Sometimes it is hard to know if your child is experiencing a mental health problem, or a typical reaction to pandemic hardships. These two resources may be helpful in guiding your approach:

- [WITH CARE](#) – Tip sheet for parents and caregivers related to recognizing signs of a mental health problem
- [Prepare; Prevent; Respond](#) - Info Sheet for parents and caregivers related to suicide prevention (quick reference available in many languages)

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 remain courses you will be taking are showing correctly. If there are discrepancies, please let Guidance know ASAP!

Reminder of upcoming dates:

January 13th

- Application due date for university applications.

February 1st

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

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.

Important information for future grade 9 students

January 12th-14th

- Grade 8 virtual class visits

February 9th-11th

- Grade 8 class visits for high school registration, course offerings/selection, etc.

February 22nd

- Virtual Grade 8 parent night

For absences during Virtual Learning please continue to report through School Messenger. Attendance will be taken twice per class as is done in in person learning.

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.



Serving over 11,000 students in 32 elementary schools and five secondary schools, The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board is a dynamic system that respects the traditions of our faith and recognizes that we are part of an ever-changing global world. Learn more about us by visiting

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.