



# NICHOLSON CATHOLIC COLLEGE



November 2021

#### Principal's Message

As we move towards the end of the first quadmester, we would like to thank students and staff for continuing to follow our public health guidelines, through practicing social distancing and hand hygiene. We made a few shifts within the building to ensure we are following COVID protocols by moving to eating only within the classrooms or outside. Students are not permitted to eat in the hallways at any time.

The return of extracurriculars, sports and clubs, has been a breath of fresh air for students and staff. In October we saw many successes with NCC athletes and look forward to the winter season. We also had an opportunity for the first time in over a year to come together, two grades at a time, for a Thanksgiving Liturgy at St. Michael's. Following Christ's command to feed the hungry, the NCC community took the opportunity to address food insecurity in Quinte region this season through collecting non-perishable food items. As October wraps up, we would like to take a minute to share how thankful we are for the staff at NCC as they continue to navigate the changes and challenges that arise throughout the pandemic. Many are teaching without the usual prep time and are continuing to work diligently to ensure students needs are met both in class and online.

Thank you, as well, to students for their hard work in persevering through their first quadmester of learning. We know it is not ideal for everyone, but you are doing a great job to this point – keep up the hardwork!

The health, safety and wellness of our students continues to remain a priority in ALCDSB and NCC. We continue to learn from our experiences during this pandemic and work diligently to ensure that our students are receiving all supports required for a successful year. At NCC we work to create a safe learn

#### **Upcoming Dates**

November 2 & 3—School Liturgies

November 3—Take your Kid to Work Day

November 3 & 4—Parent Teacher Interviews grade 7/8

**November 11—Remembrance Day** 

November 11 &12—Quadmester 1 Finals

November 15—Quadmester 2 Begins

**November 18th—Picture Day** 

November 25th—OSSLT for grade

ing environment for all students daily. Staff have placed visuals on doors that indicate they are a safe space for students.

Midterm report cards for grade 9 through 12 students were posted on Aspen. Progress reports for grade 7 and 8 students will be sent home on Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

A few important reminders as we finish off our first quadmester:

- Final Exams: Thursday, November
- 11 and Friday, November 12
   All students in the Life Skills Developmental Centres will be in attendance on November 11<sup>th</sup>, participating in their regular program and home on November 12<sup>th</sup>
- Quadmester 2 will begin on Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>
- November 15<sup>th</sup> is the removal of the shorts from the uniform

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thanks also to our families for your ongoing support in these unusual times.

God Bless,

Graham Stuart & Amy Goodberry

#### **Uniform Reminders**

**November 15th is Flip Day—**the shorts will NO longer be permitted with the uniform

- Socks/footed <u>opaque</u> tights as prescribed in the "Lower body required uniform"
- Any fully <u>black shoe</u> 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.



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

#### **Drop off and Pick Up Reminder**

Parents please ensure that when you are dropping off and picking up students at the school that you do not park in the bus loading and unloading zones. We always want to ensure the safety of all students. Triboard did reach out of concern for some cars moving in between busses. Please use the parking lot to the North of the school, by the Belleville water tower, or the St. Michael Church parking lot across the street.



**OSSLT** will take place on THURSDAY NOVEMBER 25th for all **GRADE 11** students.

Grade10 students will be writing in semester two.





# WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 3rd 2021

Mr. Walsh has visited grade 9 classes to explain to Take our Kid to Work Day. Students not in a placement can find virtual resources by clicking on the

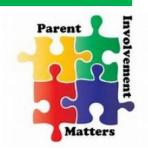
link: Family Resource Guide

#### 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 first meeting will be on: **Wednesday, November 3rd** @ 5:30.



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

## NCC GUIDANCE

#### **Key Dates for November:**

#### **November 3rd**

Grade 9 Take Your Kid to Work Day

#### **November 15th**

All IB candidates will be registered with IBO for May 2022 exam session

#### **November 19th**

Final Marks for Quadmester 1 are available

#### **Community Service Update**

For students graduating in June 2022, the Ministry of education has recognized the challenges Covid-19 has presented and has changed the required number of Community Service Hours. This means <u>ANY student GRADUAT-ING in 2022 will only need to complete 20 hours of community service</u>. All other students (students in grades 9-11, PLUS those in grade 12 NOT graduating) will still need to complete 40 hours.

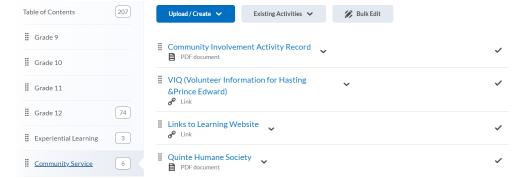
The Ministry has also amended their protocols to allow ALL students who may be finding it difficult to find community service opportunities to **count up to a maximum of 10 hours of their paid employment as community service**. These hours MUST be completed in the 2021-22 school year and be accompanied by a completed and signed "2021-22 Community Hours Reflection" form.

Regular Community Service hours are to be submitted using the "Community Involvement Activity Record" form.

Parents and students are encouraged to check with Guidance **BEFORE** starting and Community Service activity if they are unsure **IF** the activity will be admissible."

For students looking to find Community Service opportunities, please:

 Visit the Guidance D2L page and look under Community Service. We will post items of interest here:



You can also use the local database of volunteer activities found at

https://viq.volunteerattract.com/SearchForm.php? Form=Volunteer Positions YouthSearch



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Search positions suitable for minimum list. If you need help click HELP button about areas of interest.	-	
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#### **PASTORAL NEWS**



Dear Nicholson Families,

October has come and gone, days are getting darker, and the weather colder. Amid the changing seasons and the uncertainty this can bring, NCC students have had several opportunities to pause this fall-time and reflect on what they are thankful for. Each day is a gift from God, I often tell our students. How do we cherish this truth? How do we remember this when it seems nothing is going right in our lives? How do we let this gift unfold in our relationships with others and all of creation? Questions to ponder for a lifetime.

One important way to live these questions is to be mindful and stay open to the simple promise and possibility of living our days. At our school liturgies this month, we heard about adopting an attitude of gratitude in all that we do. By taking in the story of Jesus and the lepers, where ten are healed and only one returns to say "thank you," we were called to be the 10% and if we are the 90%, realize that it is never too late to turn back and offer our gratitude to those who have helped us on the way.

In the Catholic tradition, the month of November is devoted to remembering and praying for those who have died. Our liturgies this week will focus on all the souls that have gone before us. We will honour those we've loved and lost by reading the names students and staff contributed to our school's Book of Remembrance. To all those we miss, may their memory live on forever, and by the grace of God, may they rest in deep peace. Amen.

Sincerely,

Matthew Snowdon, Chaplain

#### **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.

#### **Grade 7/8 Parent Teacher Interviews**

Parent-Teacher interviews will be conducted by telephone this year on Wednesday November 3rd and Thursday November 4th.

If you wish to book a time with a your child's teacher, please follow this link: <a href="https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/TInterviews@alcdsb.on.ca/bookings/s/qog1VsLlo02rh26lWSCUAA2">https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/TInterviews@alcdsb.on.ca/bookings/s/qog1VsLlo02rh26lWSCUAA2</a>.

You will need to choose the specific teacher and select an available time. Once submitted, you will receive a confirmation email time of the meeting. Please ensure you input your name, the student's name, and your phone number in the appropriate fields, as this is the number teachers will use for contact.

#### **FUNDRAISER**

NCC grade 7/8 students will be joining St. Michael's Catholic Elementary in a fundraiser. Flyers and ordering information was sent home with grade 7/8 students.



### PIZZA Days are Coming!

Please watch for information about pizza days in November.





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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.



**Lifetouch** 

# PICTURE DAY IS COMING



Thursday, November 18, 2021 Nicholson Catholic College











What to Expect:



Students are photographed on Picture Day



Pictures are sent home with your child



Review pictures & purchase on mylifetouch.ca

All students will be photographed. Please notify your child's teacher if you do not want an individual picture taken of your child. Your child may be included in a group picture requested by the school. Questions? Please contact Customer Service at 1-866-457-8212.

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