

Pope Francis Catholic Elementary School

October 2025 Newsletter

Pope Francis School is a Peanut/Tree Nut Safe School

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Principal's Message

Thanksgiving Prayer

Loving God,
We turn our hearts to you on this
day for giving thanks, mindful of
your many gifts.
For each one, we are grateful.
For each one, we are blessed.
For each one we are open to the
abundance of your love.
May this Thanksgiving Day offer a
reminder to be generous with others.
as you are with us.
We praise you.
We rejoice in you.
We give you thanks.
Amen.

May we experience Christ's blessings during this time of year.
God Bless the staff and students of Pope Francis School and their
families. Wishing you all a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Mrs. Kerri Lomax, Principal

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ZONE 2

Principal: Mrs. K. Lomax
Secretary: Mrs. M. Reidy



Parish Information

St. Patrick's Church
107 Orkney East, Caledonia
905-765-2729

Father Jerome Mascarenhas

Secretary: Suzanne Hunter

All are welcome to attend:

Saturday – 5 pm

Sunday – 8:30 am or 10:30 am

Absent/Late Students

It is important that you report
your child's absence using the
Safe Arrivals App. Previous
messaging went home about
this. Please contact the office
if you have any questions.

Reminder that school starts at
8:30 am. If your child arrives
late to school, they must stop
at the office to check in before
going to class. This helps us
ensure accurate attendance
Thank you for your
cooperation!

School Bell Times

8:30 am: School Begins

10:10-10:50 am

1st Nutrition Break

12:30-1:10 pm

2nd Nutrition Break

2:50 pm

School Dismissal

Co-Ed Soccer Tournament

Congratulations to our junior and senior soccer teams who represented Pope Francis in our first sport of the season. Both teams showed great teamwork on and off the field and represented our school exceptionally well. The junior team brought home 2nd place medallions...great job to everyone! A huge thank you to coaches Mrs. Carnegie, Ms. Sienna and Mr. Edge

Junior team members: Tokepe, Jeffrey, Michael, Michelle, Nathaniel, Jeremiah, Israel, Dillan, Aleks, Cassius, Anthony, Zim, Marley, Jason, Juan Zoe and Aries.



Senior team members: Olivia, Bryan, Chidi, Fife, Daniel C., Seth, Ashona, Keila, Tesa, Joanna, Rubby, Juan, Keiyon, Grace, Daniel H., Alyssa, and Miki

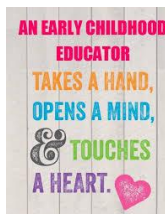
World Teacher's Day – October 5th

Thank you to all our teachers who put in countless hours for our students.



Early Childhood Educator Day – October 21th

Thank you to Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Laurenco and Mrs. Renneberg for their continued dedication and compassion towards our youngest learners.



School Photo Day – October 29th



School photos will take place on Wednesday October 29th. More information will be sent out closer to the date.

School Advisory Council

SAC is an advisory group to the Principal. The group provides suggestions to the Principal for school fundraisers, and school celebrations, etc.

The next meeting is scheduled
in-person
Wednesday, October 22th
at 6 - 7 pm

#AutismAwarenessMonth

happens in October.

We are challenged to spread the importance of learning about autism as well as acceptance & understanding of those identified as having autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

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"We must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us."

Letter on the Jubilee Year of Hope, February 11, 2022

Halloween Fun

Friday, October 31st is **Halloween!**

Students can wear a costume or **BLACK & ORANGE** to school to celebrate Halloween.

We are allowing students to hand out & enjoy some **NUT FREE** treats with their friends.

**This day will be recognized as one of our 10 exempt days.*



October Attendance Matters – Building Strong Habits Early

As we begin the second month of the school year, it's the perfect time to reinforce the importance of regular school attendance. September gave everyone a fresh start, and now October is about building the consistent routines that help students succeed — both academically and socially.

Developing strong attendance habits in the early months of the school year sets the tone for the rest of the year. Students who attend school regularly are more likely to feel connected, keep up with classwork, and build strong relationships with peers and staff.

We understand that every family may face challenges — whether due to illness, unexpected changes, or stress — and we want to remind you that **our school is here to help**. If you're finding it hard to maintain consistent attendance, or if your child is experiencing difficulties (including mental health concerns), please don't hesitate to reach out. Your school principal, office staff, or our student support teams are available to assist you.

Let's work together to make October a month of **strong starts, consistent routines, and meaningful learning**.

Students Forms to be Complete

It is very important that all forms for the start of the year are completed. The following forms can be found on School cash online:

- Community Walk
- Concussion Awareness
- Makerspace Contract Gr. 4-8
- Mobile Device Use – Gr. 4-8
- Notice of Collection & Personal Information
- Student Information & Technology Agreement

Grand Opening of Pope Francis CES

Come help us celebrate the official grand opening of Pope Francis CES and Grand River Public School on Monday October 6, 2025. Grand Opening Ceremony takes place from 5pm-6pm followed by our Meet the Teacher night from 6pm-7pm. We hope to see you there!



Pizza Days This Month

October 1
October 8
October 15
October 22
October 29

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

PA Days

October 7
November 14
January 19
April 17
June 5 & 26

Thanksgiving Day

October 13

School Council Meeting

October 22

Picture Day

October 29

Progress Reports

November 6

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Visitors/Volunteers:

Parents/Guardians
must sign in at the
office.
Thank you.

**Subscribe to the
Transportation
Website to Receive
the Latest Bus
Updates:**
www.transinfobhn.ca
www.stsbhn.ca

**Pope Francis 2025-2026 School Year
Immunization Clinic (Hep B/HPV/Meningitis)**

November 25th and May 28th

Vision/ Dental Screening

April 1-2 & April 14-15, 2026

Eye Health

Did you know that all children and youth, 17 years and younger are eligible for free eye exams in Ontario?

- 👁 Vision problems are common among school-aged children but are not always easy for parents to detect.
- 👁 Vision problems can lead to challenges in school, play and every day activities
- 👁 The Health Unit offers school-based vision screening to senior kindergarten students each year.
- 👁 Vision screening does not replace the need for a full exam by an eye doctor.



Some optometrists in Ontario participate in the Eye See, Eye Learn program which provides free glasses to children in junior and senior kindergarten. Visit <https://optom.on.ca/esel/> for details

Report Your Child's Vaccinations

All children attending school in Ontario are **required by law to report their vaccination status** to the local health unit

Contact your child's **health-care provider** to obtain records, or to get missing vaccinations

You can **report your child's immunizations by phone, email or online**. You will require your child's Ontario Health Card Number when reporting their vaccines online

The local health unit offers **routine vaccination clinics** to catch up, visit our website for upcoming dates



Report by PHONE 519-426-6170 ext. 3214 or FAX 519-426-9246 or
EMAIL vpd@hnhss.ca or WEBSITE hnhu.org/immunization-reporting/