

NIAGARA CATHOLIC ACHIEVES 100 PER CENT ECOSCHOOLS CERTIFICATION FOR THE TENTH STRAIGHT YEAR

Eleven schools recognized with Platinum Certification

Niagara Catholic Director of Education John Crocco is pleased to announce that the Board has received 100 per cent EcoSchools certification for the ninth consecutive year.

The Ontario EcoSchools program integrates environmental education, environmentally sound practices and environmentally responsible actions into a school or classroom setting. This creates a culture of conservation that is ingrained in students from their early years that they will practise at home and at school, and changes the habits of teaching and school staff. Niagara Catholic was the first school board in Ontario to receive 100 per cent EcoSchools certification in 2010, and is the only Board to have had 10 consecutive years of Board-wide certification.

This year, Niagara Catholic increased its number of Platinum certification to 11 schools achieving this outstanding rating, 38 schools received Gold certification (an increase from 32 last year), seven schools received Silver certification (down from 14 in 2018) and one school received Bronze certification. This accomplishment was once again possible through the exceptional learning opportunities provided to students through our outstanding staff and community partnerships.

Frank Fera, Chair of the Board, offered his congratulations to students and staff for their ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship.

“Niagara Catholic has had a strong commitment to the environment for many years,” said Chair of the Board Frank Fera. “The energy and enthusiasm with which our students and staff undertake their responsibility as stewards of the world God created for us is truly inspiring. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, congratulations to everyone who worked so hard to achieve this outstanding result, and thank you to all those who supported them throughout this school year.”

Director Crocco said that this year’s results are evidence of the Board’s Green Niagara Catholic initiative. He praised students and staff for their commitment to environmental stewardship.

“Environmental stewardship is an integral extension of the culture of life that exists throughout Niagara Catholic,” he said. “I’m extremely proud of all students and staff, whose continued commitment to the EcoSchools program, as part of our Green Niagara Catholic initiative, and has resulted not only in 100 per cent certification for a precedent-setting tenth straight year – a provincial record – but also in the number of Platinum and Gold certifications in our schools. Congratulations to all of our students and staff who played such an important role in this accomplishment in 2018-2019.”

Niagara Catholic’s 2018-2019 EcoSchool Results are attached.

Niagara Catholic provides excellence in Catholic education to approximately 21,000 students throughout Niagara; from Kindergarten through graduation.

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**NIAGARA CATHOLIC ECOSCHOOLS FINAL STANDING
2018 - 2019**

School Name	Certification 2019
St Mary Catholic Elementary School (NF)	Platinum
St Ann Catholic Elementary School (F)	Platinum
Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School	Platinum
St Andrew Catholic Elementary School	Platinum
Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School	Platinum
St George Catholic Elementary School	Platinum
St Gabriel Lalemant Catholic Elementary School	Platinum
St John Catholic Elementary School (B)	Platinum
St Alexander Catholic Elementary School	Platinum
Holy Name Catholic Elementary School	Platinum
St Martin Catholic Elementary School	Platinum
Notre Dame Catholic Elementary School (NF)	Gold
St Mark Catholic Elementary School	Gold
St Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School	Gold
St Denis Catholic Elementary School	Gold
Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary School	Gold
St Christopher Catholic Elementary School	Gold
St Anthony Catholic Elementary School	Gold
St Patrick Catholic Elementary School (NF)	Gold
St Patrick Catholic Elementary School (PC)	Gold
St Theresa Catholic Elementary School	Gold
St John Bosco Catholic Elementary School	Gold
St Alfred Catholic Elementary School	Gold
Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School	Gold
St Michael Catholic Elementary School	Gold
St Mary Catholic Elementary School (W)	Gold
St Kevin Catholic Elementary School	Gold
Assumption Catholic Elementary School	Gold
St Edward Catholic Elementary School	Gold
Father Hennepin Catholic Elementary School	Gold
Lakeshore Catholic High School	Gold
Loretto Catholic Elementary School	Gold
St Joseph Catholic Elementary School (S)	Gold
St Charles Catholic Elementary School	Gold
St Ann Catholic Elementary Sschool (SC)	Gold
Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School (SC)	Gold
Notre Dame College School	Gold
Alexander Kuska KSG Catholic Elementary School	Gold
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School	Gold
St Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School	Gold
Saint Paul Catholic High School	Gold
Canadian Martyrs Catholic Elementary School	Gold
Our Lady of Victory Catholic Elementary School	Gold

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Denis Morris Catholic High School	Gold
St Therese Catholic Elementary School	Gold
Mary Ward Catholic Elementary School	Gold
Cardinal Newman Catholic Elementary School	Gold
St James Catholic Elementary School	Gold
St Joseph Catholic Elementary School (Gr)	Gold
St Nicholas Catholic Elementary School	Silver
Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School (Gr)	Silver
St Peter Catholic Elementary School	Silver
St Augustine Catholic Elementary School	Silver
Saint Michael Catholic High School	Silver
Mother Teresa Catholic Elementary School	Silver
St Philomena Catholic Elementary School	Silver
Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School	Bronze