



# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Catholic School Council Meeting April 1, 2026 5:00pm Agenda

Co-chairs: Lindsey Sandul and Kara Fillier  
Secretary: Mia Gammon

### 1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, and Prayer

- Meeting called to order at **5:05 pm**

### 2. Introductions

- Attendees introduced
- In attendance: Angela, Lindsey Sandul, Kara Fillier, Mia, Megan, Ryan Z, April Abbott, Lia Macoritto, Lina Reale, Paola Nikodem, Tabitha Supranov and Amanda

### 3. Principal's Report

- **Kindergarten Registration:**
  - Registration was very successful, with 18 students enrolled in the English program and 9 in French Immersion for the upcoming school year.
- **Student Activities & Programming:**
  - Monthly yoga sessions continue to be well received by both students and staff, with a focus on emotional awareness (inspired by *Inside Out*).
  - Grade 5–6 students participated in curling at the local curling club.
  - Grade 2 students enjoyed the “Rocks and Rings” curling program in the gym.
  - Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) was celebrated school-wide.
  - A Winter Olympics event was organized outdoors, led by students and coordinated by Tina.
  - Black History Month was recognized with engaging classroom activities.
  - Science North field trips were completed successfully.
- **Clubs, Teams & Extracurriculars:**
  - Handball team is active; dodgeball is upcoming.
  - Choir and Art Club (Thursdays) have begun.
  - A Dungeons & Dragons club launched on Tuesdays. Parents are encouraged to support student participation.

- **Academic & Recognition Initiatives:**
  - 39 MatheLON awards will be presented. Students earn points through the Knowledgehook platform, with awards given at 250 points.
- **Faith-Based Activities:**
  - A Lenten silent retreat was led by Father Pat for Grades 4–5.
  - Stations of the Cross will take place this Thursday (organized by Ms. Zuliani with support from Ms. Turcotte and Ms. Abbott). Parents are welcome.
  - Easter liturgy will be held at the church, with the choir participating.
- **Cultural & Community Learning:**
  - Two classes participated in Indigenous art activities, creating talking sticks.
  - French Immersion students (Grades 2–6) will attend a French language and music performance.
- **Mental Health & Wellbeing:**
  - Students in Grades 4–6 are learning about mental health supports and how to access them.
- **Fundraising & Initiatives:**
  - The board will host a fundraiser for “Toonies for Tuition.” A school-wide hat day will be held, with a \$2 donation.
- **Upcoming Events:**
  - Catholic Education Week: May 3–8 (Theme: *Pilgrims of Hope on the Path to Holiness*).
  - Welcome to Kindergarten Night: May 7 (5–7 PM). The Parent Council will host a booth (Paola to design posters; Meagan to explore printing options). Volunteers are needed.
  - Parents are welcome at all school events listed on the calendar.
  - Community walks are planned, including visits to Extendicare and Mallard’s Landing (JK/SK and Grade 1).
  - Carousel Event (PIC): April 8 at St. Charles College.

#### 4. Fun Fair Planning Committee Update

- Planning began with a January meeting; the next meeting is expected in early April.
- **Event Date:** Thursday, June 4.
- Volunteers from St. Ben’s will assist (pizza provided).
- BBQ (hot dogs) will be managed by Mr. Sypos.
- Additional food options will include a concession and food truck.

## Key Updates & Needs:

- Potential student-led fundraising (Grades 5–6) – Angela to confirm.
- Musical cake game will return; cake/cupcake donations will be requested closer to the event.
- Themed baskets:
  - April Abbott will source baskets (Michaels BOGO) and coordinate themes with teachers
  - Parent volunteers will be needed for assembling baskets
- Ticket inventory to be confirmed.
- Promotional materials: Amanda preparing posters for Facebook and Edsby.
- Inflatable activities are restricted per board policy.
- Prizes will be donated again by Melissa Stonley.
- Madame Nicole will prepare the fish pond activity.
- Exploring additional programming:
  - Science North educational component (Angela to follow up)
  - Indigenous games (Joel to be consulted by Angela)
- Potential charity partner under consideration (GoGive)
- Outreach to local businesses: letter to be revised and shared.
  - Mia will revise the letter and share with Angela for final review and signature
  - Mia will canvas for some sponsors
- Northern Exotics availability to be confirmed (Lindsey to follow up).
- A call for parent volunteers will be sent out.

## 5. Other Business

### Parking & Traffic Concerns:

Ongoing concerns have been raised with the school board regarding safety and traffic flow.

- No additional access points will be added.
- A phased summer plan will improve traffic flow.
- Lanes will be adjusted to allow emergency vehicle access.
- 67 additional parking spaces will be added.
- Traffic flow will be re-routed behind St. Ben's to improve circulation.

## 6. Next Meeting

- The council has fulfilled the required four meetings for the year.
- A tentative planning meeting for the Book Fair is suggested for October.
- **Next Scheduled Meeting:** Tuesday, May 26, 2026 (5:00–6:00 PM).

## 8. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at **6:20 pm** as Constable Andre did not attend to present on Cyber Security