

## *March 2025 Newsletter*

### *Our Lady of Victory Catholic Elementary School*



*Superintendent Mr. Joseph Zaroda*

*Principal Mr. Chris Boyer*

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As we begin the Lenten season, we are reminded Lent is a time for increased prayer and self – reflection, a time for considering our relationship with God and others in a more focused way. It is a time for reflection, to examine where we have been and where we are going in our spiritual life. Lent is a season in which we can re-awaken our awareness of the teachings of Jesus, especially in relation to the needs of others. This Lent and always, we continue to walk with Jesus to make our world a world of love, peace and justice. Lent is not an unhappy time but a serious time for us to think about how well we are living up to God’s law of love. Our priorities for March can be: prayer, quality time with family, and almsgiving. Let us work together towards making good choices to balance what we want with what God wants for us, and what He needs us to do for others. Here at Our Lady of Victory Catholic School we are very proud of your children and their commitment to walking with Jesus. Their willingness to help others was clear during our Kids Helping Kids Week as we raised over \$1700.00! Student’s behaviour in the classroom and out on the school yard truly reflect the Gospel Values that you as parents and we as partners in Catholic Education continue to promote and model. As we begin our Lenten Season, we look forward to the promise of Easter and the Spring Season as we journey together.

Catholic School Council/Parents for Victory

We are continuing to look for Bingo Volunteers. A short on-line training video and a two-hour shift is all that it takes to allow the school to continue to provide great opportunities free of charge utilizing the charity funds we receive back. If you are interested in parent council contact me directly.

Please follow our Parent Council Social Media account on Instagram at [olwolves\\_csc](#)

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#### Bell Times 2023-2024

\*Entry Bell – 8:55 am\*

Morning Nutrition Break

- 11:05 am – 11:45 am

Afternoon Nutrition Break

- 1:05 pm – 1:45 pm

\*Dismissal – 3:15 pm\*

#### PAYMENT FOR SPECIALTY LUNCHES & ACTIVITIES

Parents are asked to sign up for our convenient payment program- SCHOOLCASHONLINE. This is an excellent way to pay for student activities without sending money to school.

To register, please go to:

<https://ncdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>



One of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely to school each day. School Messenger allows parents to report their child's absence quickly and conveniently using a mobile app, a website, or an interactive toll-free phone line to report an absence, late arrival or early departure, in advance. This time savings makes it faster and more efficient to account for all students and their safety. If your student is marked absent and the absence hasn't been explained in advance, our Safe Arrival system will be able to rapidly contact you by automated phone call, text message, email, or mobile app push notification to get a reason for the absence. Calls and contacts will continue until you choose an option to explain the absence.



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After the March Break, on Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> students from Grade 4 -8 will be going to the Leisureplex in Fort Erie to enjoy some time ice skating. Our Grade 4-6 students will be skating from 10:45 am – 11:45 am and our Grade 7 and 8 students will be skating from 12:45 pm – 1:45 pm. Times are approximate due to bus transportation. All students are required to have their own skates and helmets. If you have any questions, you are asked to please contact your child's teacher.

#### Shrove Tuesday at OLV

On Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> students will be enjoying a pancake snack from McDonald's for Shrove Tuesday. This will not take place of lunch. We thank our Catholic School Council for their support by paying for this for our students.

#### Ash Wednesday at OLV

On Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> all students will be receiving ashes as we begin our Lenten journey. Two classes will be going over for mass at 9:30 and following that Fr. Patrick will be coming to the school to distribute ashes to the rest of the school. Thank you Fr. Patrick!!

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