



St. Alexander – Newsletter



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JUNE 2025

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Called by Name: "Come Follow Me"

In the Bible, Jesus invites us with the words "Come, follow me." This means He wants us to join Him on a journey of love, kindness, and faith. Just like a good friend who shows us how to be our best selves, Jesus is asking us to follow His example. When we help others, show compassion, and make good choices, we're following Him and living the way He taught us. It's like being part of a special team where everyone works together to make the world a better place. So, when we hear "Come, follow me," it's Jesus asking us to be His helpers and to spread His love to everyone we meet.

Another school year has come and is almost gone... Farewell to our Grade 8 Graduates! The Graduation will take place at St. Alexander Parish on Monday, June 19th at 5:30pm. We wish you all of God's blessings on the next step of your journey in Secondary Education.

Thank you to our Catholic School Council Chairs Kristin De Divitiis and Alycia Tallman, and to all of our Catholic School Council members for your dedication throughout the school year. Thank you also to the staff of St. Alexander for all that you have done, and continue to do for the students. Another heartfelt thank you to Fr. Paul for continuing to be our spiritual leader throughout the school year, and for being consistently present each morning in our school for all of our students and staff.

One last humongous thank you to Mrs. Pozzobon, who will be leaving St. Alexander at the end of this school year, as she is off to another school and another adventure. We thank her for all her consistent hard work and dedication to the students, staff and Community of St. Alexander!

We will miss you Mrs. Pozzobon!

On behalf of the St. Alexander Staff, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer!

Sincerely

Mr. M. Venzon

CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025-26

All information pertaining to class placements will not be available until late August. **Combined (split) classes are a reality.** They are a result of having too many students for one class and not enough for two. Sometimes combined classes are chosen as the most appropriate classroom organization for program delivery. There will be combined/split classes this September.

Please be aware that staff spend many hours compiling class lists and we do our best to ensure every child is placed in the most appropriate class. As you can appreciate, it is not an easy process. Thank you for your understanding and support. Please do not approach teachers with your requests.

Students will find out who their teachers are in late August or early September. When this information is delivered, you can assist by speaking positively to your child about their placement, and by acknowledging that placements that may be different than anticipated allow children to build new friendships and resiliency that helps them to grow as individuals. **Please also note that changes to classroom placements will not be made, unless a September reorganization occurs due to the addition of a classroom.**

Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

It is still not too late to register your child for KINDERGARTEN for the September 2025-26 school year. We encourage all families to register as soon as possible. This helps to ensure proper staffing is in place for the new school year. Please share this information with any friends, family and/or neighbours who have a child that is ready to start school in September 2025.

For registration, you are reminded to bring in the child(ren)'s: Birth Certificate; Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate and/or Baptismal Certificate of the child(ren)'s parents Proof of Residence within school boundaries; for example, a utility bill. If applicable, original Landed Immigrant/Permanent Residence documentation, and the passport of the country of origin, indicating the date of entry into Canada.

END OF THE YEAR SCHOOL MASS

Our end of the school year mass that will be led by Fr. Paul on Wednesday, June 11th at 10:00am at St. Alexander Parish. We hope to see you there!

END OF THE SCHOOOL YEAR COMMUNITY BBQ GATHERING

The Knights of Columbus will be assisting us with hosting a year-end family get together and BBQ here at St. Alexander School on Tuesday, June 17th from 4:00 - 7:00pm. We will have burgers, hotdogs and refreshments for everyone. You will be able to order all food on School Cash for the BBQ.

Our hope is that families and staff members will gather, and kids can play and have fun together. We hope to see everyone there!!!

GRADE 8 GRADUATION

The Grade 8 Graduation Liturgy and Diplomas / Awards Ceremony will take place at St. Alexander Parish on Thursday, June 19th at 5:30pm.

We would like to wish all of our Grade 8 Graduates prayers and blessings as they finish off the school year and head to their next adventure in high school!

PA DAY

There is a PA Day in June on Friday June 6th. There is no school for students on this day.

The last day of school for students is Friday June 27th.

We look forward to seeing everyone back at St. Alexander on Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025!

REPORT CARDS

Final report cards will be available sometime during the week of June 23rd, 2025 in the Parent Portal.

CONFIRMATION

Our Grade 8 students received the sacrament of Confirmation on May 7th. The students demonstrated that they were very well prepared to receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Congratulations to the grade 8 students! A very special thank you to Mr. Mari, Mrs. Letourneau, Mrs. Mathew, Mr. Major, Mrs. Colangelo, Mrs. Stevenson and Fr. Paul for helping the students prepare along the way!

PURSE BINGO SUCCESS!

A huge thank you to our Catholic School Council Members, to Amici's Banquet and Conference Centre, to all the vendors, to the amazing sponsors, and to all that came out for our Purse Bingo in May! We raised \$6100 for the students at St. Alexander and had a fun time doing it!

The night was a huge success and we are grateful for everyone that put so much effort into making this happen!

SPIRITWEAR FOR ST. ALEXANDER

We are pleased to once again let you know that you can order St. Alexander Catholic School Spiritwear anytime throughout the year through Big Bear Spiritwear. You can Google Big Bear Spiritwear and click on Schools / Fonthill / St. Alexander Huskies to choose items, or copy and paste the following link into a browser:

<https://www.bigbearspritwear.com/saint-alexander-huskies/>

Your orders will arrive at St. Alexander School where we will send them home with your child(ren).

Niagara Region Public Health School Health Information **June 2025**

Things that Bite!



Ticks, mosquitos, and rabid animals can be a greater risk as the weather warms up.

- Mosquitoes transmit the [West Nile virus](#) to humans after becoming infected by feeding on the blood of infected birds, which carry the virus. To learn how to protect your family, visit [Reduce the Risk of West Nile Virus - Niagara Region](#).
- The blacklegged (deer) tick can transmit [Lyme disease and other tickborne diseases](#) to humans after becoming infected by feeding on the blood of small animals which carry the disease. To learn how to protect you and your pets, visit [Protect and Prevent Ticks - Niagara Region](#).

- [Rabies](#) is transmitted through saliva from bites and scratches, entering an open cut or wound, or from saliva contacting a mucous membrane, such as those in the mouth, nasal cavity, or eyes. To [reduce the risk of rabies](#), it's best to avoid contact with wild animals such as raccoons, skunks, and bats.

For more information and free tick identification, individuals can visit [e-tick](#). General tick information can be found on our [Niagara Region Public Health website](#) or by contacting a Duty Officer directly at 905-688-8248 ext. 7590.

Head safety – for bikes and other wheels

With warmer weather and summer break just around the corner, more kids will be outdoors taking part in activities, such as biking, skate boarding or roller blading. A [properly fitted and correct helmet](#) can cut the risk of a serious head injury by up to 85%. This means four out of five brain injuries could be prevented if every cyclist wore a helmet.

- Bike [helmets](#) should be replaced after five years **or** a crash where the cyclist has hit their head
- It's not safe to use a [second-hand helmet](#)
- Baseball hats, big hair clips and headphones should never be worn under a helmet

The human skull is just approximately one centimeter thick, so it is important to remind children to always protect their head when being active. To make sure a helmet fits right, follow the 2V1 Rule (image courtesy of [Parachute Canada](#))



Bike to School Week 2025

Walking or biking to school is a great way to help kids stay active, healthy, and focused throughout the day and get them out in their communities! Regular physical activity boosts mood, improves fitness, and

supports learning by helping kids concentrate better in class. It also helps create safer, less congested



school zones by reducing traffic and pollution.

From **June 2–6**, families across Ontario are encouraged to participate in **Bike to School Week**! Invite your child to ride with friends or family, and join in creating a healthier, happier community. To learn more, visit the [**Bike to School Week**](#) webpage and see how your school can get involved!



WELCOMING FAMILIES
TO A **FREE** FUN FILLED MORNING!



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JOIN US FOR ONE LAST
NIAGARA CATHOLIC EARLYON ADVENTURE
CELEBRATING OVER 20 YEARS OF PLAY,
LEARNING AND CONNECTION

FREE BOOKS

MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC

SCHOOL BUS REFRESHMENTS



BROKEN SPOKES
FREE REFURBISHED BIKE GIVEAWAYS

PLAY BALL HOCKEY WITH THE ICE DOGS

CHILDREN'S OUTDOOR PLAY PROGRAM

MOBILE CLOSET FREE SHOPPING!



SATURDAY JUNE 14 • 9:30AM-NOON
MARY WARD CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2999 DORCHESTER RD., NIAGARA FALLS





SUMMER SCHOOL 2025 INTERNATIONAL AND INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES

ELEMENTARY ALL CLASSES ARE IN-PERSON

**JULY 2-25
9:30AM - NOON**



ST. CATHARINES SAINT FRANCIS Catholic Secondary School

- RUSSIAN
- UKRAINIAN
- SPANISH
- YORUBA*
- ITALIAN
- PUNJABI
- PORTUGUESE
- IGBO

* STARTS JULY 14

GRIMSBY BLESSED TRINITY Catholic Secondary School

- SPANISH
- POLISH

NIAGARA FALLS OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

- ARABIC
- CHINESE
- HINDI
- ITALIAN
- JAPANESE
- PUNJABI
- SPANISH
- URDU

REGISTRATION MAY 1 - MAY 31

ONLY MORNING CLASSES WILL BE OFFERED.

Students must have attended an elementary school during the 2024 - 2025 school year.

Student must have an OEN assigned. Parents must fill out the Google form provided.



Register online at www.summerschoolniagara.ca