



AGENDA AND MATERIAL

BOARD MEETING

**TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2009
7:00 P.M.**

FATHER KENNETH BURNS, C.S.C. BOARD ROOM
CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRE, WELLAND, ONTARIO

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

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| 1. Opening Prayer - Trustee Crole | - |
| 2. Roll Call | - |
| 3. Approval of the Agenda | - |
| 4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest | - |
| 5. Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 31, 2009 | A5 |

B. DELEGATIONS

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| 1. Niagara Regional Science & Engineering Fair | - |
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C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

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| 1. School Excellence Program
Notre Dame Catholic Elementary School | C1 |
| 2. Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 14, 2009
and Consideration of Recommendations | C2 |
| 2.1 Financial Reports | |
| 2.1.1 Monthly Banking Transactions for the Month of March 2009 | C2.1.1 |
| 2.1.2 Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at March 31, 2009 | C2.1.2 |
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| 4. Revised Student Transportation Policy (#500.2) | C4 |
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| 6. Implications of a Phased-in Ban on the Use of Bottled Water: Update | C6 |

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

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| 1. Correspondence | - |
| 1.1 Cathy Buis, Chairperson of Holy Cross Catholic School Council | D1.1 |
| 2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended | - |
| 3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action | - |
| 3.1 Pupil Accommodation Review - Senior Staff Follow-Up Report & Recommendations | - |

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| 4. Trustee Information | - |
| 4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic - April 14, 2009 | D4.1 |
| 4.2 Catholic Education Week Planner - Sunday, May 3 - Friday, May 8, 2009
(under separate cover) | D4.2 |
| 4.3 Catholic Education Week 2009 - Letter to all Students, Parents & Guardians | D4.3 |
| 4.4 Calendar of Events - May 2009 | D4.4 |
| 5. Open Question Period | - |
| <i>(The purpose of the Open Question Period is to allow members of the Catholic school supporting public to ask about items on that night's public agenda or any previous agendas, and the Board to answer and react.)</i> | |

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

G. REPORT ON THE IN CAMERA SESSION

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

TO: Niagara Catholic District School Board
Board Meeting
Public Session
April 28, 2009

TOPIC: MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
OF MARCH 31, 2009

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 31, 2009, as presented.



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2009

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Father Kenneth Burns csc Board Room, at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Burtnik.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Chairperson Burtnik.

2. Roll Call

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board excuse Trustee Nieuwesteeg from attending the Board Meeting of March 31, 2009.

CARRIED

Trustee	Present	Excused
John Belcastro	✓	
Kathy Burtnik	✓	
Maurice Charbonneau	✓	
Gary Crole	✓	
John Dekker	✓	
Frank Fera	✓	
Ed Nieuwesteeg		✓
Tony Scalzi	✓	
Student Trustees		
Ashley McGuire	✓	
Christina Volpini	✓	

The following staff were in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Rob Ciarlo**, **Frank Iannantuono**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, Superintendents of Education; **Larry Reich**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **James Woods**, Controller of Plant; **Jennifer Brailey**, Manager of Board Services and Communications; **Sherry Morena**, Recording Secretary

3. *Approval of the Agenda*

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau
Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of March 31, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

4. *Disclosure of Interest*

No Disclosures of Interest were declared with any items on the agenda.

5. *Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 24, 2009*

Moved by Trustee Fera
Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 24, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. *OFSAA Medalists*

Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education, welcomed Ken Griepsma, Vice-Principal of Denis Morris Catholic High School, who presented information on OFSAA Gold Medalists Wrestling Champions Marissa Sorrell and Joshua Hipperon and introduced coaches Megan Schweitzer and Eugene Aeillo.

Chairperson Burtnik congratulated the students on their dedication to the sport of wrestling and asked Trustees Charbonneau and Scalzi to presented them with Niagara Catholic pins of Athletic Excellence.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. *School Excellence Program - St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School*

Director Crocco gave brief background information on the monthly School Excellence Program. Superintendent Iannantuono welcomed Mark Lefebvre, Principal of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School.

Principal Lefebvre introduced the St. Vincent de Paul School Improvement Team who showcased the School.

Chairperson Burtnik thanked Principal Lefebvre and the Team for their presentation and their dedication to the students of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School.

2. *Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 10, 2009 and Consideration of Recommendations*

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 10, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

The following recommendations were presented for the Board's consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 10, 2009:

2.1 *Pupil Accommodation Review - Senior Staff Follow-Up Report & Recommendations*

Director Crocco presented the Pupil Accommodation Review - Senior Staff Follow-Up Report & Recommendations.

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board in accordance with the Board approved Niagara Catholic Pupil Accommodation Review Schedule for 2008-2009 the *Senior Staff Follow-Up Report and Recommendations on Pupil Accommodation Review for Niagara Falls Elementary, St. Catharines Elementary and St. Catharines Secondary*, be received.

THAT the following recommendations by Senior Staff as provided in the *Senior Staff Follow-Up Report and Recommendations on Pupil Accommodation Review for Niagara Falls Elementary, St. Catharines Elementary and St. Catharines Secondary* be received and considered for approval at the May 26th, 2009 Board Meeting;

1. THAT, St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School be closed by September 2010 with St. Joseph students relocated through the Attendance Area process to St. Mary, St. Patrick and Father Hennepin Catholic Elementary Schools.
2. THAT, no sooner than September 2012 and subject to Ministry of Education funding and approval for a new school in the Warren Woods Estate and for an addition and renovations to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School, the closure of St. Thomas More Catholic Elementary School with the students relocated to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School.
3. THAT, over the next five years Senior Staff will monitor student population growth, projections, location and accommodation data in the southern portion of the City of Niagara Falls and if required, apply to the Ministry of Education for capital funding for a new elementary school in the Warren Woods Estate of Niagara Falls.
4. THAT, a Niagara Falls Elementary and Secondary Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee of the Board be established in September 2009 to review the attendance boundaries for all elementary and secondary schools in Niagara Falls. According to the Board's Attendance Area Policy 301.3, the mandate of the committee will be to recommend to the Board stability within all attendance areas while maximizing facility utilization of all elementary and secondary schools in Niagara Falls.
5. THAT, Senior Staff will continue to monitor the possibility of closing Michael J. Brennan Catholic Elementary School and that Senior Staff will bring a report to the Board no later than September 2012.

6. THAT, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School not be consolidated at this time subject to the Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review process and recommendations and that Senior Staff continues to monitor enrolment and report back to the Board no later than September 2012.
7. THAT, no later than September 2012, the closure of St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary School with students relocated through the Attendance Area process to Mother Teresa, St. Alfred, St. Anthony, St. Christopher and St. Denis Catholic Elementary Schools unless an approved joint venture is confirmed between the Niagara Catholic District School Board and a coterminous District School Board, with the City of St. Catharines to provide confirmed property in the downtown core, and the Ministry of Education to provide confirmed funding and approval for a new downtown elementary school.
8. THAT, a St. Catharines Elementary and Secondary Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee of the Board be established in September 2009 to review the attendance boundaries for all elementary and secondary schools in St. Catharines. According to the Board's Attendance Area Policy 301.3, the mandate of the committee will be to recommend to the Board stability within all attendance areas while maximizing facility utilization of all elementary and secondary schools in St. Catharines.
9. THAT, the Board maintains all three Catholic secondary schools in St. Catharines and monitors the accommodation and utilization of all three Catholic secondary school facilities over the next five years.
10. THAT, Senior Staff will continue to apply to the Ministry of Education for additional funding and to identify other sources of funding in order to provide facility plant upgrades to St. Francis Catholic Secondary School.
11. THAT, Catholic Secondary Schools in St. Catharines will continue to have the opportunity to implement specialized programs providing sufficient student enrolment and Ministry of Education funding and approval.

CARRIED

2.2 Financial Reports

2.2.1 Monthly Banking Transactions

Moved by Trustee Dekker
Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of February 2009, as presented for information.

CARRIED

2.2.2 Statement of Revenue & Expenditures

Moved by Trustee Dekker
Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at February 28, 2009, as presented for information.

CARRIED

3. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of January 7, 2009

Moved by Trustee Fera
Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of January 7, 2009, as presented for information.

CARRIED

4. *Senior Staff Response to Correspondence Received Between February 10th, 2009 and March 6th, 2009 as Provided in the Senior Staff Follow-up Report and Recommendations to the March 10th, 2009 Committee of the Whole Meeting*

Director Crocco presented the Senior Staff Response to Correspondence Received Between February 10th, 2009 and March 6th, 2009 as Provided in the Senior Staff Follow-up Report and Recommendations to the March 10th, 2009 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau
Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT in accordance with the Board approved Niagara Catholic Pupil Accommodation Review Schedule for 2008-2009 the *Senior Staff Response to Correspondence Received Between February 10th, 2009 and March 6th, 2009 as provided in the Pupil Accommodation Review for Niagara Falls Elementary, St. Catharines Elementary and St. Catharines Secondary*, be received by the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

CARRIED

5. *Extended Overnight Field Trip/Excursion/Exchange Trip Information*

Superintendent Iannantuono presented the information report from the Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange Approval Committee.

6. *2009-2010 School Year Calendar*

Director Crocco introduced the report on the 2009-2010 School Year Calendar. Superintendent Iannantuono presented information on the report stating that an extensive vetting process took place in early February after which time the School Year Calendar was presented to the Board for approval and forwarded to the Ministry of Education for approval. After feedback from the Niagara Catholic District School Board Community, Senior Staff proposed that the February 24, 2009 motion be rescinded and that a recommendation be put forward to have the first day of school for secondary and elementary students as Tuesday, September 8, 2009.

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau
Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board rescind the February 24, 2009 Board approved motion:

"THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Elementary and Secondary School Calendar for the 2009-2010 school year.

THAT fiscal alignment with the Niagara Student Transportation Services be in place as a condition of Board approval.

CARRIED

Moved by Trustee Belcastro
Seconded by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Elementary and Secondary School Calendar for the 2009-2010 school year, as presented on March 31, 2009, and

THAT fiscal alignment with the Niagara Student Transportation Services be in place as a condition of Board approval.

CARRIED

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

1.1 Thank You Letters

- *Sister Mary Kay Camp*
- *School Sisters of Notre Dame*
- *English Canadian Holy Cross Fathers*
- *Holy Cross Fathers*

1.2 OCSTA - Nominations for Regional Director Positions - 2009 AGM

Trustee Charbonneau nominated Chairperson Burtnik for the position of Regional Director for OCSTA.

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board support the nomination of Kathy Burtnik for the position of OCSTA Regional Director for Region 11.

CARRIED

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Nil Report

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

3.1 Pupil Accommodation Review - Senior Staff Follow-Up Report & Recommendations

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic - March 10, 2009

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic - March 10, 2009, issue for Trustees' information.

4.2 Loretto Sisters 400th Anniversary Dinner

Director Crocco presented information on the Loretto Sisters 400th Anniversary Dinner. Trustees were asked to notify Sherry Morena if they will be attending the Celebration.

4.3 Aboriginal Education Initiatives Information Sharing and Dinner Evening

Superintendent Baldasaro presented the information on the Aboriginal Education Initiatives Information Sharing and Dinner Evening. Trustees were asked to notify Sherry Morena if they will be attending the event.

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Fera
Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board move into the In Camera Session.

CARRIED

The Niagara Catholic District School Board moved into the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting at 8:30 p.m. and reconvened at 9:05 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau
Seconded by Trustee ScalZI

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of March 31, 2009.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Crole
Seconded by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting - SECTION A: Student Trustees Present of March February 24, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Crole
Seconded by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - SECTION A: Student Trustees Present of March 10, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Belcastro
Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting - SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of February 24, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee Crole
Seconded by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of March 10, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5)

The following motions were reported from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of March 10, 2009:

Moved by Trustee Dekker

Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the appointments of Sheri Bassett, Maria Solomon, Joe Tornabuono and Jackie Watson to the Elementary Vice-Principal Pool for a period of two years, effective March 31, 2009, and

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve an extension for Carmen Lucisano and Rosanne Sandel to the Elementary Vice-Principal Pool for an additional period of two years effective, March 31, 2009.

CARRIED (Item F5.1.1)

Moved by Trustee Dekker

Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the appointment of Andrew Bartley and Lou Stranges to the Secondary Vice-Principal Pool for a period of two years, effective March 31, 2009.

CARRIED (Item F5.1.2)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Fera

Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the March 31, 2009 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on March 31, 2009.

Approved on the 28th day of April 2009.

Kathy Burtnik
Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer

TO: Niagara Catholic District School Board
Board Meeting
Public Session
April 28, 2009

TOPIC: SCHOOL EXCELLENCE PROGRAM
NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Catholic School Profile

Notre Dame Catholic Elementary

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Niagara Catholic District School Board

October 2008

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John Crocco

Superintendent of Education

Frank Iannantuono

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Board Mission

"The Mission of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, as a Catholic Community of learners, is to ensure that all students develop the knowledge, skills and values to reach their full potential, with Christ as the Way, the Truth and the Light."

School Mission Statement

"We create a Christ-Centered environment within which people will grow and learning will flourish."

School Motto or Theme

*"In the Pursuit of Excellence
...There is no Finish Line."*

Who We Are

In September of 1952, Notre Dame Elementary School opened its doors to answer the need for a Roman Catholic School in the Stamford area of Niagara Falls. It consisted of only 2 classrooms; Grades 1 to 3 taught by Mother Mary Judith Deek and Grades 4 to 7 taught by Sister Viola Ireland who was also the founding Principal.

Following the first year in 1952, two more rooms were added in 1953 and another two in 1954. The final amalgamation of the boards in Stamford took place January 1, 1959, and was then known as Stamford Roman Catholic Union Separate School Board. The final addition took place in 1967, with the addition of 5 more classrooms, a library and a gymnasium.

- ◆ Grades in the school: JK to Grade 8
- ◆ Total enrolment: 220 students as of September 2008
- ◆ Our staff includes a Principal, 10 classroom teachers, 1 educational resource teacher, a .35 E.S.L. teacher, 1.54 French teachers, 1 library technician, 1 child and youth care worker and 5 full time educational assistants, and 1 half time educational assistant.
- ◆ Our lives at school are further enriched through the involvement and support provided by the St. Paul Secondary School community – staff and students.

What We Stand For

Community Projects

The Notre Dame Catholic Community is dedicated to the development of our students' social conscience through our involvement in annual projects such as:

- ◆ Holy Childhood Association
- ◆ Community Service Projects
- ◆ Terry Fox Walk
- ◆ United Way Drive
- ◆ St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive
- ◆ Christmas Toy Drive/Mitten Tree
- ◆ Think Fast
- ◆ Pasta Night
- ◆ Eco Schools/Recycling
- ◆ Jump Rope For Heart
- ◆ Kids Helping Kids
- ◆ Heels for Haiti
- ◆ Altar Servers
- ◆ Heart Healthy School
- ◆ Staff Dress Down Days

Special Activities / Programs

- ◆ Festival of the Arts/Kiwanis Festival
- ◆ Talent Show
- ◆ Public Speaking
- ◆ Annual Christmas/Spring Drama Productions
- ◆ Weekly Mass Attendance
- ◆ Roots of Empathy
- ◆ Chess, Scrabble, Scrapbooking Clubs
- ◆ Brock University Faculty of Education Teacher Program
- ◆ Niagara Falls Family of Schools/Board Sports Events
- ◆ Art Gallery Productions
- ◆ Theatre Groups
- ◆ Science Fair/Historica
- ◆ School Wide Spirit Assemblies
- ◆ Student Council
- ◆ PALS – Playground Activity Leaders
- ◆ Student Council

Ideals, Values and Commitments

- ◆ Each child is a gift from God and we cherish all our gifts.
- ◆ At Notre Dame Catholic School, the staff, students, parents and volunteers strive to work together to motivate every student to achieve his or her potential – spiritually, academically, physically, socially and emotionally – we nurture souls and build minds.
- ◆ Together with the family and the Church, the Notre Dame Catholic School Community will strive to stress the dignity and uniqueness of each child in a safe, nurturing environment.

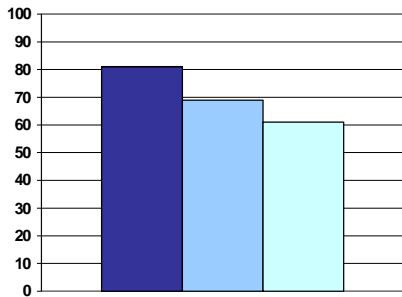
How we are doing

EQAO Primary Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics

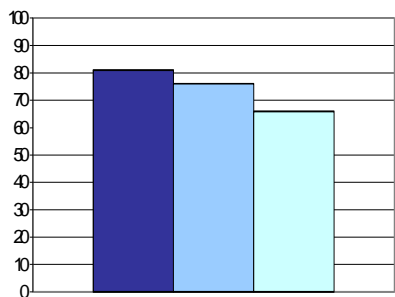
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Primary Assessment Results

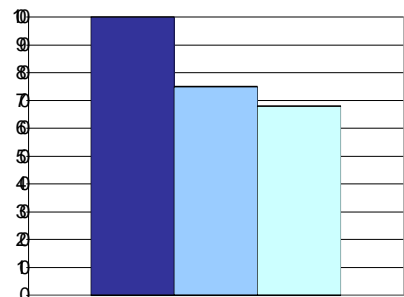
Reading Level 3, 4 Method 1



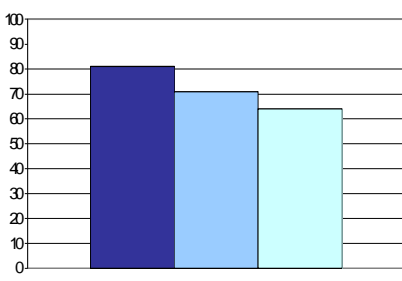
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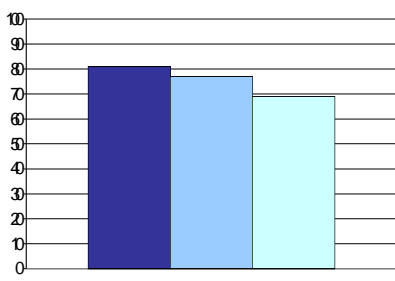
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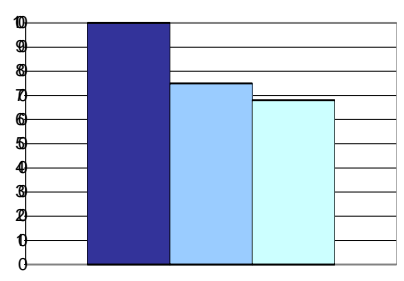
Reading Level 3, 4 Method 2



Writing Level 3, 4 Method 2



Mathematics Level 3, 4 Method 2



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Levels 3, 4

- 81% of all students at Notre Dame School achieved levels 3, 4 in reading.
- 69% of the students across the Niagara Catholic District School Board and 61% across the province attained this level.

Levels 2, 3, 4

- 100% of all students at Notre Dame School achieved levels 2, 3, 4 in reading.
- 94% of the students across the Niagara Catholic District School Board and 87% across the province attained this level.

Levels 3, 4

- 81% of all students at Notre Dame School achieved levels 3, 4 in writing.
- 76% of the students across the Niagara Catholic District School Board and 66% across the province attained this level.

Levels 2, 3, 4

- 100% of all students at Notre Dame School achieved levels 2, 3, 4 in writing.
- 99% of the students across the Niagara Catholic District School Board and 95% across the province attained this level.

Levels 3, 4

- 100% of all students at Notre Dame School achieved levels 3, 4 in mathematics.
- 75% of the students across the Niagara Catholic District School Board and 68% across the province attained this level.

Levels 2, 3, 4

- 100% of all students at Notre Dame School achieved levels 2, 3, 4 in mathematics.
- 97% of the students across the Niagara Catholic District School Board and 93% across the province attained this level.

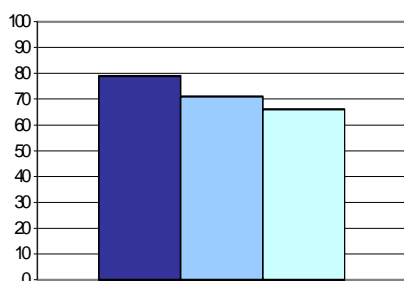
How we are doing

EQAO Junior Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics

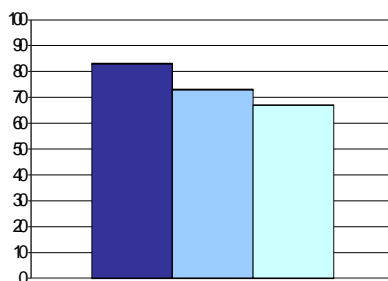
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Junior Assessment Results

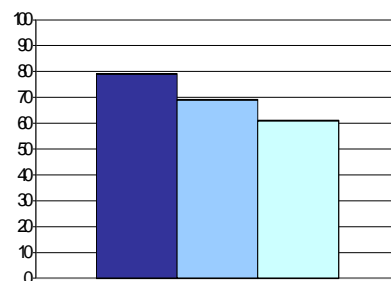
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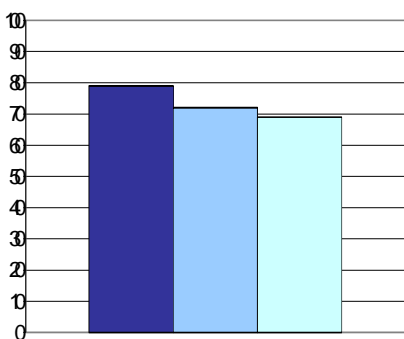
Writing Level 3, 4 Method 1



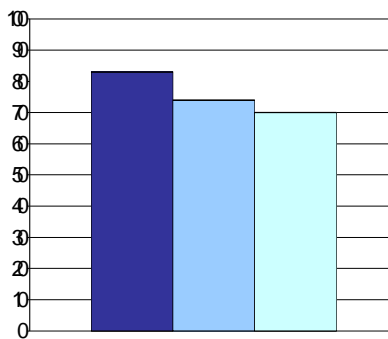
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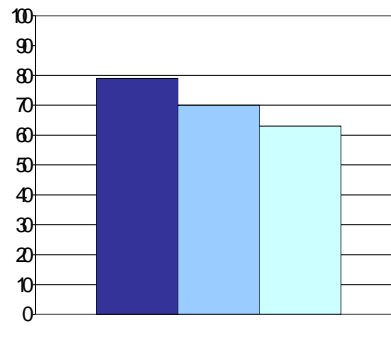
Reading Level 3, 4 Method 2



Writing Level 3, 4 Method 2



Mathematics Level 3, 4 Method 2



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Levels 3, 4

- 79% of all students at Notre Dame School achieved levels 3, 4 in reading.
- 71% of the students across the Niagara Catholic District School Board and 66% across the province attained this level.

Levels 2, 3, 4

- 100% of all students at Notre Dame School achieved levels 2, 3, 4 in reading.
- 95% of the students across the Niagara Catholic District School Board and 90% across the province attained this level.

Levels 3, 4

- 83% of all students at Notre Dame School achieved levels 3, 4 in writing.
- 73% of the students across the Niagara Catholic District School Board and 67% across the province attained this level.

Levels 2, 3, 4

- 100% of all students at Notre Dame School achieved levels 2, 3, 4 in writing.
- 98% of the students across the Niagara Catholic District School Board and 95% across the province attained this level.

Levels 3, 4

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Levels 2, 3, 4

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- 95% of the students across the Niagara Catholic District School Board and 90% across the province attained this level.

School Improvement 2008 - 2009

The Niagara Catholic District School Board Improvement Plan and individual School Improvement Plans will set SMART Goals as a means to continuous improvement. Each school's plan will include SMART goals on Faith Formation, EQAO targets, Safe Schools, and an additional two goals that are school specific.

Our Improvement Plans are dynamic in that they will be closely monitored by both Board and School Improvement Planning Teams, along with Senior Administration, throughout the school year. If required, adjustments will be made to the individual plans to reflect the needs of our students and school communities.

SMART stands for goals that are S – Specific, M – Measurable, A – Attainable, R – Relevant, T – Time Based.

School Goals

Our Catholic Identity

The mission of the Niagara Catholic District School Board as a Catholic community of school learners is to ensure that all students develop the knowledge, skills, and values to reach their full potential, with Christ as the Way, the Truth, and the Light. Our School Improvement plan is to provide 100% of staff the opportunity to participate in Faith Formation activities by May 2009.

Curriculum

Our goal is to sustain literacy and numeracy initiatives which have focused on improving student success in all subject areas. The first SMART Goal is to have all classrooms display examples of literacy work at different levels of achievement so that students can self-assess their work by May 2009.

The second SMART Goal is to have all classrooms develop and implement Math centres once per week so that students learn mathematics through problem-solving based lessons by May 2009.

EQAO

In line with improving our EQAO scores the school will focus to have 75% of students apply the 3 prong approach to answering open ended questions with a focus on the content area in written format to a level 3 result by the end of May 2009.

School Climate

The Niagara Catholic District School Board and its schools will strive to maintain safe and secure learning environments for students, staff and community members involved in school programs through our Safe Schools initiative – ‘Safe, Strong and Free.’ Our goal is to foster increased respect, tolerance, responsibility and civility, which support the mission of Catholic education in our schools. We strive to create a proactive atmosphere of mutual respect, dignity and trust.

To this end our SMART Goal will be to have 100% of staff be aware of and implement the school's Anti-Bullying Code – “Safe, Strong, and Free” by May 2009. The successful achievement of these goals will involve the focused collaborative effort of staff, families, parish members and the larger community.

TO: Niagara Catholic District School Board
Board Meeting
Public Session
April 28, 2009

TOPIC: UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
OF APRIL 14, 2009

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 14, 2009, as presented.

The following recommendations are being presented for the Board's consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 14, 2009.

2.1 *Financial Reports*

2.1.1 *Monthly Banking Transactions*

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of March 2009, as presented for information.

2.1.2 *Statement of Revenue & Expenditures*

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at March 31, 2009, as presented for information.



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2009

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, April 14, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Father Kenneth Burns csc Board Room, at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-Chairperson Fera.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Charbonneau.

2. Roll Call

Trustee	Present	Excused
John Belcastro		✓
Kathy Burtnik	✓	
Maurice Charbonneau	✓	
Gary Crole	✓	
John Dekker	✓	
Frank Fera	✓	
Ed Nieuwesteeg	✓	
Tony Scalzi	✓	
Student Trustees		
Ashley McGuire	✓	
Christina Volpini	✓	

The following staff were in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education; Rob Ciarlo, Yolanda Baldasaro, Frank Iannantuono, Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendents of Education; Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; Khayyam Syne, Administrator of Staff Development; Christine Graham, Program Officer - Curriculum; Marcel Jacques, Program Officer - Student Support Services; James Woods, Controller of Plant; Jennifer Brailey, Manager of Board Services and Communications; Sherry Morena, Recording Secretary

3. *Approval of the Agenda*

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 14, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

4. *Disclosure of Interest*

No Disclosures of Interest were declared with any items on the agenda.

5. *Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 10, 2009*

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 10, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. *Policy Committee*

1.1 *Unapproved Minutes
Policy Committee Meeting - April 8, 2009*

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Committee of the Whole receive the unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of April 8, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

1.2 *Policy Development Update*

Director Crocco presented the Policy Development Update, and highlighted a few of the policies being developed along with the anticipated timelines. He informed Trustees that Senior Staff has begun the process of a cyclical review of all policies and administrative guidelines. Three policies and administrative guidelines are currently being vetted with feedback to be presented at the May 25, 2009 Policy Committee Meeting.

Director Crocco spoke to the new "Safe Physical Intervention with Students Policy" being developed to comply with Government regulations with an expected implementation date of January 1, 2010. Also being developed are the "Self-Identification of Aboriginal Students Policy" and "Accessible Customer Service Policy" with Superintendent Forsyth-Sells as the lead. The "Conflict of Interest for Employees Policy" and "Code of Conduct - Trustees Policy" will be submitted to the Policy Committee in the Fall of 2009 pending finalization of the Minister's review of the Governance Review Committee recommendations to ensure Board compliance.

2. *Gifted Elementary Education Modules 2008-2009 - Student Support Services*

Superintendent of Education Forsyth-Sells welcomed Marcel Jacques, Program Officer-Student Support Services, and David O'Rourke, Coordinator Student Support Services, who presented the report on the Gifted Elementary Education Modules 2008-2009 Student Support Services. The Trustees were presented with a brief cartoon video and music video prepared by students in the gifted modules.

3. *Reading Recovery in Niagara Catholic*

Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education, introduced Christine Graham, Program Officer: Curriculum, who presented background information on the Reading Recovery in Niagara Catholic program. Jill Ferneyhough, Reading Recovery Teacher/Leader, elaborated on the various aspects of the Program and spoke of the many positive results. The Presenters provided the favorable EQOA Literacy results from students within the Program. Trustees asked questions of staff and expressed their support for implementing the Reading Recovery Program in all of the Board's schools.

4. *Primary Class Size Capital Projects*

James Woods, Controller of Plant Services, presented the report on Primary Class Size Capital Projects.

5. *Extended Overnight Field Trip/Excursion/Exchange Trip Approvals 2008-2009*

Superintendent Iannantuono presented the information report from the Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange Approval Committee.

6. *Catholic Education Week 2009*

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education, presented the report on Catholic Education Week 2009.

7. *Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities*

Khayyam Syne, Administrator of Staff Development, presented the report on the Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities for information.

8. *Financial Reports*

8.1 *Monthly Banking Transactions*

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of March 2009, as presented for information.

CARRIED

8.2 *Statement of Revenue and Expenditures*

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at March 31, 2009, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9. *Monthly Updates*

9.1 *Capital Projects Progress Report*

Controller of Plant Woods presented the Capital Projects Update was for information.

9.2 Student Trustees' Update

Ashley McGuire, Student Trustee, gave a brief verbal update on the activities of the Student Senate.

9.3 Family of Schools Superintendents' Monthly Update

The Family of Schools Superintendents gave brief verbal reports highlighting the activities in their schools.

Superintendent Baldasaro

- St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School - Toyota Evergreen Learning Grounds Project and TD Friends of the Environment have each offered \$1950 for two ECO Greening projects.
- St. Ann Catholic Elementary School in Fenwick won the Standard Trophy for Outstanding Representation for the Junior Division of the Niagara Regional Science Fair, with a Grade 2 student winning 2nd place for the Junior Division.

Superintendent Ciarlo

- Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School in Grimsby donated 2245 can goods to the Grimsby Benevolent Fund to assist community members in need.

Superintendent Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells

- Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School - In recognition of a partnership between Holy Cross and Community Care, Nancy Cookson, Hairstyling teacher, will be given an award at the Community Care Dinner Celebration. Ms. Cookson will be participating in the "Wigs for Kids" project with her Hairstyling students which helps children who have experienced hair loss as a result of medical circumstances.
- Denis Morris Catholic High School - Denis Morris' play, entitled "Stroke Static" won the award for the "Best Experimental Play" at the Sears Drama Festival. Student John Petrowski won the Award of Excellence for his portrayal of Russell Albert, and the Denis Morris Tech Crew also received an award. Denis Morris will be competing in the Regional Festival in Brantford.
- Fifteen Denis Morris Catholic High School students are currently working in Guatemala on the "Wells of Hope" project with Ted Vanderzalm and his family.

Superintendent Iannantuono

- Niagara Catholic District School Board 6th Annual Technology Skills Competition - Approximately 300 students qualified to represent their schools in the 16 different areas of the Competition. Winners will advance to either a qualifying round taking place at Niagara College or advance directly to the Provincial Competitions. Winners of the Provincial level will advance to the Nationals.
- Denis Morris Catholic High School - The Voltage Robotics Team competed in their first ever Robotics Challenge at the Greater Toronto Regional Event. The 3 day event included practice sessions, qualifying, and elimination rounds. The Team finished the qualifying round with a commendable ranking of 14th out of 59 teams. The Team received the Rookie Inspiration Award and Top Seeded Rookie Award.
- Transportation Technology Race Car Project - Students from Notre Dame College School and Lakeshore Catholic High School built a "Pure Stock" race car from a donated vehicle, which will compete at this year's Humberstone Speedway season. Niagara Catholic's stock car was displayed at both the Niagara Square and Seaway Mall, at which it received recognition as the "Best Appearing Car".

D. INFORMATION

1. Trustee Information

1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic - March 31, 2009

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic - March 31, 2009 issue for Trustees' information.

1.2 Volunteer Breakfast - April 20, 2009

Director Crocco presented information on the Volunteer Breakfast.

1.3 Graduation Celebration - Class of 2009 - Thursday, May 14, 2009

Director Crocco presented information on the Graduation Celebration - Class of 2009.

1.4 System Faith Day - Friday, May 15, 2009

Director Crocco presented information on the System Faith Day.

1.5 Calendar of Events

Director Crocco presented the Calendar of Events to Trustees stating that this item will be included in all future agendas, to keep Trustees apprised of upcoming events.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

1.1 Pupil Accommodation Review - Senior Staff Follow-Up Report & Recommendations

1.2 Special Committee of the Whole Meeting - May 26, 2009 - 6:30 p.m.

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Committee of the Whole move into the In Camera Session.

CARRIED

The Committee of the Whole moved into the In Camera Session of the Meeting at 8:50 p.m. and reconvened at 9:55 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 14, 2009.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - Section A: Student Trustees Present held on March 10, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - Section B: Student Trustees Excluded held on March 10, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F3)

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the April 14, 2009, Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on April 14, 2009.

Approved on the 12th day of May 2009.

Frank Fera
Vice-Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer

TO: Niagara Catholic District School Board
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April 28, 2009

TOPIC: FINANCIAL REPORTS
MONTHLY BANKING TRANSACTIONS
MARCH 2009

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of March 2009, as presented for information.

Prepared by: Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business and Financial Services
Presented by: Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business and Financial Services
Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education
Date: April 28, 2009



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
APRIL 14, 2009**

**MONTHLY BANKING TRANSACTIONS
FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2009**

In accordance with the Monthly Financial Reports Policy Statement, we are pleased to enclose the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of March, 2009 for the Niagara Catholic District School Board. (See Appendix A)

As required by the Policy, a monthly list of payments is available in the Trustee Lounge for the trustees to review at their convenience.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Report on the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of March, 2009 as presented.

Prepared by: Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services
Presented by: Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services
Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education
Date: April 14, 2009

TO: Niagara Catholic District School Board
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TOPIC: FINANCIAL REPORTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES
MARCH 31, 2009

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at March 31, 2009, as presented for information.

Prepared by: Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business and Financial Services
Presented by: Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business and Financial Services
Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education
Date: April 28, 2009



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
APRIL 14, 2009**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES
AS AT MARCH 31, 2009**

In accordance with the Monthly Financial Reports Policy Statement, we are pleased to enclose the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at March 31, 2009 for the Niagara Catholic District School Board. (See Appendix A)

As required by the Policy, a copy of the Financial Statements is available in the Trustee Lounge for the trustees to review at their convenience.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Report on the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at March 31, 2009 as presented.

Prepared by: Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services
Presented by: Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services
Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education
Date: April 14, 2009

Appendix A

NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
SUMMARY OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES
AS AT MARCH 31, 2009

ACCOUNT DISCRIPTION	THIS YEAR					LAST YEAR		
	EXPENDED	BUDGET	% AVAIL	\$ AVAIL	COMMITTED	EXPENDED	BUDGET	% AVAIL
REVENUE								
REVENUE	-137,603,230	-221,457,181	37.9%	-83,853,951	0	133,282,202	-212,646,964	162.7%
TOTAL REVENUE	-137,603,230	-221,457,181	37.9%	-83,853,951	0	133,282,202	-212,646,964	162.7%
EXPENDITURES								
BOARD ADMINISTRATION	4,363,160	7,168,736	39.1%	2,805,576	245,535	3,983,122	6,606,215	39.7%
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	61,443,622	103,557,494	40.7%	42,113,872	280,272	55,729,087	97,928,567	43.1%
SECONDARY SCHOOLS	36,508,172	62,845,816	41.9%	26,337,644	343,186	33,620,727	58,818,923	42.8%
CONTINUING EDUCATION	3,182,501	5,986,817	46.8%	2,804,316	47,783	2,887,100	5,362,378	46.2%
PLANT OPERATIONS	9,965,471	16,683,203	40.3%	6,717,732	173,019	9,808,305	16,408,479	40.2%
PLANT MAINTENANCE	1,907,667	3,358,014	43.2%	1,450,347	62,816	1,934,377	3,034,096	36.2%
TRANSPORTATION	6,562,281	10,779,861	39.1%	4,217,580	3	5,184,719	9,177,427	43.5%
CAPITAL AND OTHER EXPENDITURES	5,687,255	11,077,240	48.7%	5,389,985	250,816	7,354,041	15,310,879	52.0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	129,620,129	221,457,181	0	91,837,052	1,403,430	120,501,478	212,646,964	0

PREPARED BY : William Tumath
Finance Department

TO: Niagara Catholic District School Board
Board Meeting
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April 28, 2009

TOPIC: MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING OF MARCH 4, 2009

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of March 4, 2009, as presented for information.

Prepared by: Special Education Advisory Committee
Date: April 28, 2009



NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 4, 2009

CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRE

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Carole Fuhrer	Learning Disabilities Association
Anna Racine	The Tourette Syndrome Association of Ontario
Kathy Ryan	Autism Ontario
Lilly Iuliano	Down Syndrome Caring Parents (Niagara)
Connie Parry	Association for Bright Children
Heather Schneider	Community Living – Welland/Pelham
Frank Fera	Trustee

ADMINISTRATION/RESOURCE PRESENT:

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells	Superintendent of Education
Marcel Jacques	Program Officer – Student Support Services
Amanda Cybula	Vice-Principal - Student Support Services – North Team
Ken Griepsma	Vice Principal - Secondary
Theresa Murphy	Principal – Elementary

REGRETS:

Sarina Labonte	Community Living-Grimsbey, Lincoln & West Lincoln
Carla Bianco	Vice-Principal - Student Support Services – South Team
Gary Crole	Trustee
Kim Rosati	VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Tina DiFrancesco	Recording Secretary
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Carole Fuhrer, Chair, called the meeting to order and Anna Racine led the members in prayer.

2. ROLL CALL

Members, who had sent regrets or were absent, were noted. Carole Fuhrer reminded the SEAC members to forward regrets to the Chair as well as Tina DiFrancesco (Recording Secretary).

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 4, 2009.

Moved by Anna Racine
Seconded by Kathy Ryan

That the Agenda at the Meeting of March 4, 2009 be approved.

Carried

Anna Racine will Chair the April 1st meeting.

4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil.

5. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 7, 2009.

Moved by Anna Racine
Seconded by Connie Parry

That the Minutes of the Meeting of January 7, 2009 be approved.

Carried

There was no quorum for the Meeting of February 4, 2009.

6. VISIONING

6.1 Goals and Vision for 2009 - Work Plan Review

Carole Fuhrer handed out the revised Work Plan review to members of the SEAC. See attached report.

Approval of the Work Plan Review as presented.

Moved by Anna Racine
Seconded by Connie Parry

That the Work Plan Review be approved as presented.

Carried

Committee Development

Anna Racine opened the discussion regarding increasing the SEAC membership. Various community partners and agencies were discussed, including the Niagara Regional Police, NCYS, and Faith Community. It was suggested that the Chair and Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells develop a letter to extend an invitation to various agencies and community partners within the Niagara Region. Connie Parry reminded the SEAC that the letter is an invitation to the table and must be approved by the Board of Trustees.

Discussion about the orientation package occurred and Tina DiFrancesco has been asked to compile the information into an orientation package that can be presented to new members of the SEAC. That package will not include the past chair position, but will include acronyms that will be provided by Amanda Cybula.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 7, 2009

7.1 Learner Advocacy

7.2 Parent Outreach

7.3 Program and Service Recommendations

7.4 Special Education Budget

7.5 Annual Review – Special Education Plan – Feedback Update

Marcel Jacques advised the SEAC members of the new dates his committee will meet to review the Special Education Plan. The dates include: March 31st 10:00am-12:00pm, April 2nd 9:00am-11:00am and April 7th 1:00pm – 3:00pm. All meetings will take place at the CEC and the SEAC members are invited to attend, but are asked to inform the Chair and Tina DiFrancesco of their attendance. Any suggestions should be forwarded to Marcel Jacques no later than May 6th, 2009. The SEAC brochures will be provided at the April 1st SEAC meeting for their review.

7.6 Other related items - Report Protocol – Deferred to a future meeting

8. PRESENTATIONS

8.1 VOICE – Kim Rosati – Deferred to a future meeting

9. AGENCY REPORTS

9.1 VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children – Kim Rosati

- No Report

9.2 Down Syndrome Caring Parents (Niagara) – Lilly Iuliano

- No Report

9.3 Community Living – Welland/Pelham – Heather Schneider

- A Home Décor and Body Show is being held on April 4th, 2009 at 535 Sutherland in Welland from 10:00am to 3:00pm. The cost is \$2.00 per person. The event will include many vendors.
- Community Living is selling cookbooks costing \$10.00 each.

9.4 Association for Bright Children – Connie Parry

- Connie Parry spoke about ABC’s response to a MacLean’s magazine article regarding “*No Room for Gifted Kids*” and a Ministry of Education letter regarding *Sample IEP for gifted elementary student KKK posted January 29, 2009*. See attached reports.

9.5 Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara – Carole Fuhrer

- Carole Fuhrer reported that she had attended a workshop focused on Social Innovation and found it to be very informative. The non-profit sector, like most others, is feeling the effects of the economic downturn and as a result, agencies need to combine their strategic directions with innovative approaches to problem solving. Carole Fuhrer is willing to share the publications she has received with the SEAC members.

9.6 Community Living – Grimsby, Lincoln and West Lincoln(G/L/WL) – Sarina Labonte

- No Report

9.7 Autism Ontario – Kathy Ryan

- Autism Ontario is contacting schools to participate in the 2009 Together for Autism campaign. This is a school based initiative to increase awareness of the challenges faced by students with autism and raise funds for research and local programs. Schools can register online at www.togetherforautism.ca where they can order free resources including their choice of one of five educational DVD’s oriented toward different aged children. Promotion and lesson plans also are on the website. Schools may register for awareness and fundraising or awareness alone.

9.8 The Tourette Syndrome Association of Ontario – Anna Racine

- The local group is having their annual March break get together for all families. Activities will include bowling as well as a family dinner.

10. STAFF REPORTS

10.1 Amanda Cybula – Vice-Principal Student Support Services –Team North

- Amanda Cybula handed out and presented the SEAC PowerPoint. She invited feedback and suggested that this PowerPoint could be used for other in-services in the region. Amanda Cybula and Anna Racine will present this PowerPoint at the Regional School Council meeting on March 5, 2009. Amanda Cybula presented this to the Learning Disabilities Association on March 2, 2009. See attached report.
- The SEAC was informed that a pilot structured teaching program is taking place at eight elementary schools between now and the end of the school year.
- Dr. McKinley presented the “Leaky Breaks” workshop to the Educational Resource Teachers at the February 24th meeting. Student Support Services’ staff is looking at further workshops by Dr. McKinley in the future.
- The SEAC has been informed that the IEP data engine has been modified to eliminate the duplication of the assessment component of the alternative program report.

10.2 Carla Bianco – Vice-Principal Student Support Services-Team South

- No Report

10.3 Theresa Murphy – Principal, Elementary

- Kindergarten registration and Open House during the month of February was successful across all areas. A highlight was the Open House that was held on February 10th. It was well received by parents and staff. The Open House was a new feature to the registration process this year and it gave our parents a chance to come into our schools throughout the day until seven o’clock in the evening to have a tour, meet with the staff, and begin that important relationship as their child begins their journey in Catholic education. Another important feature of Kindergarten registration that relates specifically to our students with special needs is the transition meeting that is set up between the daycare facility and the school to support a smooth transition into our school for September. It allows everyone the chance to talk about strengths, needs, and best practises.
- At the other end of the spectrum, our Grade 8 transition meetings which begin to take place around this time of year are also a critical piece to student transition from elementary to secondary school. These meetings represent a strong partnership and give our Educational Resource Teachers, regular classroom teachers, administrators and parents a chance to discuss expectations and best practises so that we are all working on a smooth and successful transition into high school.

10.4 Ken Griepsma – Vice-Principal, Secondary

- Semester two is underway and our Special Needs students are beginning and/or continuing their co-operative education placements. Our students continue to gain access to worthwhile experiences.
- IEPs will be sent home prior to the March Break for parent input. IPRC's are underway at the various Catholic secondary schools.
- The Special Needs Valentines' Day Semi-Formal at St. Michael Catholic Secondary School was a huge success. A great time and great food were enjoyed by students and staff. Next up will be the Holy Cross Invitational Beach Volleyball Tournament for Special Needs on April 3rd, 2009.
- Students who will be participating in the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test have been busy practicing the test. Students will be writing the test on April 2nd, 2009.
- Peer tutoring classes are in full swing at our various high schools with many students acting as peer tutors in the courses chosen by students in the General Skills and Supported Learning classes. Our peer tutors are expressing a great deal of fulfillment in assisting students with special needs.
- Teachers from the various Catholic secondary school Resource departments have been working on integration plans for next year's grade 9 students. Representatives from Resource will be visiting the various elementary schools over the next couple of months to discuss the needs of the various students for next year. Particular attention will be paid to the requirements for students with special needs.

10.5 Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells – Superintendent of Education

- Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells presented the School Board Special Education Program and Financial Review to the SEAC members. There was a brief discussion among the SEAC members and Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells informed them that she is presenting this report to the Board of Trustees and to the Principals the week of March 9th, 2009.
- Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells handed out two letters from the Down Syndrome Association as well as the February issue of *Spotlight on Niagara*. See attached reports.

10.6 Marcel Jacques – Program Officer

- Marcel Jacques updated the SEAC on PPM 140 informing them that a Special Assignment Teacher – ASD has been hired and that an Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) Supervisor position has been posted. The additional staff will ensure a smooth transition of students from outside agencies to the school board and will enhance professional development around ABA in the schools.

11. TRUSTEE REPORTS

11.1 Gary Crole

- No Report

11.2 Frank Fera

- Frank Fera informed the SEAC members that the Board is currently looking at school closures and boundary changes. In addition, senior staff and trustees are reviewing the 2009-2010 budget.
- At the February 24th Board meeting, Bishop Wingle blessed the various meeting rooms within the CEC.

12. NEW BUSINESS

12.1 Learner Advocacy

12.2 Parent Outreach – IEP Survey

- Marcel Jacques informed the SEAC that the survey will be sent home with the IEP's within the next few weeks.

Web page Review – RE: Exceptionalities

- Marcel Jacques advised the SEAC that the Board's web page will be updated to include all exceptionalities.

12.3 Program and Service Recommendations

12.4 Special Education Budget

- The Chair presented three budget recommendations to the SEAC for discussion. At this time it was decided by the SEAC that these recommendations would not be required and members were asked to reconsider any other recommendations for the April 1st meeting. See attached report.
- Connie Parry suggested that a letter be written to the Ministry of Education regarding funding deficits. Connie Parry was asked to bring a draft letter to the next SEAC meeting to be discussed and then forwarded to the Board of trustees for their approval. In addition, Connie Parry recommended that a letter be drafted to the Local Health Network referencing the School Board Special Education Program and Financial Review.

12.5 Annual Review, Special Education Plan

12.6 Other Related Items

13. AGENDA ITEMS – DISCUSSION for FUTURE MEETINGS

- a. April: Budget Presentation, Motions Research Update, ONSIS Report Update

14. INFORMATION ITEMS

15. ITEMS DISTRIBUTED

- a) Special Education Advisory Committee Proposed Goals/Objectives for 2008 and 2009 School Year
- b) SEAC PowerPoint Presentation
- c) School Board Special Education Program and Financial Review
- d) Down Syndrome Association Letters
- e) SEAC Budget Discussion – March 2009
- f) Spotlight on Niagara

16. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the SEAC will be held on Wednesday, April 1, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Anna Racine
Seconded by Lilly Iuliano

That the meeting adjourn at 9:30pm

Carried

TO: Niagara Catholic District School Board
Board Meeting
Public Session
April 28, 2009

TOPIC: REVISED STUDENT TRANSPORTATION POLICY (#500.2)

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the revised Transportation Policy, as presented

Prepared by: Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services
Presented by: Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services
Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education
Date: April 28, 2009



REPORT TO THE BOARD APRIL 28, 2009

REPORT ON REVISED TRANSPORTATION POLICY

DIRECTION FROM POLICY COMMITTEE

The Revised Transportation Policy was presented to the Policy Committee meeting of April 8, 2009. The Policy Committee agreed that the revised Transportation Policy would be presented directly to the April Board Meeting because of the time that would be required to effect the required changes in student transportation for September 2009, should the revised policy be approved by the Board. It was also agreed that the revised policy would undergo a limited vetting process. The vetting took place from April 4th – 22nd throughout the system, with no further input received.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In 2006, the Ministry of Education requested that all school boards establish a Transportation Consortium with their coterminous boards, in order to achieve the following objectives:

1. Improve the capacity to deliver safe, effective and efficient student transportation services
2. Achieve greater equity in funding allocations for all school boards
3. Reduce the administrative costs related to transportation
4. Allow school boards to focus on student learning and achievement.

The Ministry informed all school boards that an Efficiency and Effectiveness (E & E) Review Team would evaluate the operations of each consortium every three years. After each E&E Review, the Ministry will rate each consortium on a scale of zero to one hundred percent, as follows:

- A high ranking will reduce the transportation deficit by 100%
- A moderate-high ranking will reduce the transportation deficit by 90%
- A moderate ranking will reduce the transportation deficit by 60%
- A moderate-low ranking will reduce the transportation deficit by 30%
- A low ranking will reduce the transportation deficit by 0% to 30%

Based on the rating received by the consortium, the Ministry will approve a proportional reduction of the transportation deficit of the participating boards.

In November 2006, the District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) and the Niagara Catholic District School Board (Niagara Catholic) established the Niagara Student Transportation Services (NSTS) Consortium with the mandate to provide safe, efficient and effective student transportation services. The Ministry has determined that NSTS will be reviewed by the Efficiency and Effectiveness (E&E) Review Team in October 2009.

In October 2008, the Ministry Capacity Building Team visited the NSTS Consortium, in order to provide NSTS Staff with valuable information that can be used to prepare for the E&E Review. After the Capacity Building visit, the Ministry of Education issued a report and made recommendations that are designed to improve the efficient and effective administration and operations of the consortium.

It is important to note that the report included a recommendation regarding the need to develop of a harmonized Transportation Policy, in order to enable NSTS to provide transportation services on a single entity basis.

At the present time, the Transportation Policies of Niagara Catholic and DSBN are similar. However, they use slightly different phraseology and they have different walking distances for elementary students in Grade 1 to 8, as follows:

<u>Grades</u>	<u>DSBN (km)</u>	<u>Niagara Catholic B (km)</u>
JK – SK	0.80	0.80
1-8	1.60	1.50
9-12	2.50	2.50

A survey of the walking distances approved by other schools boards indicates that the majority of school boards use a walking distance of 1.6 km for elementary students in Grades 1 to 8.

NSTS has completed a review of the impact of changing the walking distance from 1.5 km to 1.6 km for the elementary students of Niagara Catholic. Based on recognized hazard areas and logical cut-off points, NSTS identified the students who are currently eligible for transportation under the 1.5 km distance and who would not be eligible under the 1.6 km distance.

The review indicated that approximately 100 students would be deemed not eligible for transportation, if Niagara Catholic changed the Grade 1-8 eligibility criteria from 1.5 km to 1.6 km.

It is important to note that, by harmonizing the current Transportation Policies into one single Transportation Policy, NSTS is expected to receive a higher rating by the E & E Review Team, which could result in additional revenue for the Board.

We recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the proposed revised Transportation Policy, which is the same as the policy that will be recommended for approval to the District School Board of Niagara. At this time, no changes to the Administrative Guidelines are being recommended.

For the review of the Trustees, we are pleased to provide the following information:

Appendix A

A copy of the proposed revised Transportation Policy and a copy of the current Transportation Policy approved by the Board.

Appendix B

A schedule, which indicates the number of students who will be affected by changing the walking distance from 1.5 km to 1.6 km for the elementary students of Niagara Catholic.

Appendix C

A copy of the report from the Ministry of Education outlining the results of the Capacity Building Visit to NSTS.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the revised Transportation Policy, as presented.

Prepared by: Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services
Presented by: Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services
Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education
Date: April 14, 2009

**Niagara Catholic District School Board
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION POLICY**

Adopted: March 27, 2007
Revised:

Policy No. 500.2

STATEMENT OF POLICY

In accordance with the *Education Act*, school boards may provide home-to-school or school-to-school transportation to their students who are within the Board's jurisdiction or control. In all cases (other than those situations specified in the *Education Act*), transportation is a privilege, not a right, and it may be withdrawn at any time.

Eligibility

1. Transportation may be provided for elementary and secondary school students when the walking distance from the student's residence to their home school is equal to or greater than the distance listed below:

GRADE LEVEL	KILOMETRES
Junior Kindergarten - Senior Kindergarten	.80
Grades 1- 8	1.60
Grades 9 – 12	2.50

2. All distances referenced shall be the shortest walking route, measured from the point at which the laneway or driveway of the student's residence joins the roadway to the nearest roadway or pathway/sidewalk entrance to the school property.
3. The distance from a student's residence to the bus pickup or discharge location shall not exceed the transportation eligibility distances.
4. Where a student encounters safety hazards on his/her walk to school, consideration may be given to providing appropriate transportation for the student.
5. Transportation may be provided to students with exceptional needs, with the approval from the authorized department.
6. Transportation may be provided to students, who attend a school other than their home school for approved program attendance, with the approval from the authorized department.
7. Every effort will be made to keep student transportation time from home to school at a reasonable level. Whenever possible and practical, the transportation time is not expected to exceed one hour.

The Director of Education, in consultation with the Niagara Student Transportation Services (NSTS) Consortium, will issue Administrative Guidelines in conjunction with this policy.

Reference:
Education Act. R.S.). 1990, c.E.2 S.190

Impact of NCDSB Elementary School Policy Change
 Proposed Change 1.5km to 1.6km February 2009
 February 2009

Municipality	School	Students Impacted Policy Change
Fort Erie	Our Lady of Victory Jr	9
	Our Lady of Victory Sr	0
	St. George	18
	St. Joseph	0
	St. Philomena	0
Grimsby	Our Lady of Fatima	0
	St. Joseph	0
Lincoln	St. Edward	0
	St. John	0
	St. Mark	0
Niagara Falls	Cardinal Newman	2
	Father Hennepin	4
	Loretto Catholic	2
	Mary Ward	0
	Notre Dame Elementary	0
	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	0
	Sacred Heart	0
	St. Gabriel Lalemant	4
	St. Joseph	0
	St. Mary	0
	St. Patrick	0
	St. Thomas More	0
	St. Vincent de Paul	2
Niagara On The Lake	St. Michael	0
Pelham	St. Ann	0
	St. Alexander	0
	St. John Bosco	13
Port Colborne	St. Patrick	0
	St. Therese	0
	Assumption	19
St. Catharines	Canadian Martyrs	0
	Mother Teresa	0
	Michael J Brennan	0
	Our Lady of Fatima	0
	St. Ann	0
	St. Denis	0
	St. Alfred	0
	St. Anthony	15
	St. James	0
	St. Christopher	0
	St. Nicholas	0
St. Peter	4	
St. Theresa	0	
Thorold	Monsignor Clancy	0
	St. Charles	8
Wainfleet	St. Elizabeth	0
Welland	Alexander Kuska	0
	Holy Name	0
	St. Kevin	0
	St. Mary	0
	St. Andrew	0
West Lincoln	St. Augustine	0
	St. Martin	0
Total		100

APPENDIX C

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November 12, 2008

Loft Powell
Executive Director
Niagara Student Transportation Services
191 Carlton Street
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Dear Ms. Powell,

I am pleased to provide you with the attached capacity building report on Niagara Student Transportation Services.

While you and your staff work towards implementing the recommendations outlined in this report, I would like to highlight that Ministry staff will continue our support and are available to answer any questions you may have. It is our expectation that the results of this capacity building visit will provide your boards with valuable information they can use to guide their preparations for an E&E Review.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this process, please contact Vanessa Szeto at (416) 325-4906, or vanessa.szeto@ontario.ca. Thank you and we look forward to working with you on this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Sandy Chan
Manager
Transportation and Co-operative Services Unit

cc: Jane Roth, Superintendent of Business, District School Board of Niagara
Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services, Niagara Catholic District School Board
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Enclosure



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Management Partnership Services, Inc.

Date: November 5, 2008

To: Ms. Sandy Chan
Manager, School Business Support Branch

From: Tim Ammon, Management Partnership Services, Inc.

Subject: Results of site visit to Niagara Student Transportation Services

Introduction

The following memorandum summarizes the results of a capacity building visit to the Niagara Student Transportation Services (NSTS) consortium serving the District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) and the Niagara Catholic District School Board (NCDSB). The goal of the visit was to provide the Consortium with information to guide its development of a full consortia meeting the expectations of an Effectiveness and Efficiency (E&E) review. Interviews were conducted with consortium and Board staff to allow the capacity building team to gain an understanding of the consortia development status, cooperation between partner boards, operational policies, practices, and procedures. Also, a selection of data was extracted to calculate related performance statistics and indicators in order to understand both system reporting capabilities and operational performance.

As the capacity building visit is not intended to be a substitute or proxy for the full E&E review, this visit did not address all areas included in the E&E process. Previous E&E review reports (available @ <https://transport.edu.gov.on.ca/>.) describe the E&E review process and the E&E requirements in more detail.

Results of the Capacity Building Visit

Consortium Management

The review of Consortium Management focused on the relationship structure between each of the Boards and the decision making processes that influence the provision of transportation services. The recommendations are listed below.

- Establishing NSTS as a legal entity with a defined Board of Directors is consistent with best practice expectations of the E&E process. The goal of providing independence to the consortium in order to allow it to provide unbiased advice free of any influence from either Partner Board is a key expectation of the E&E process. Use of an incorporated legal entity is the ultimate manifestation of this expectation.
 - The structure of the legal entity established by the Boards provides for a defined Board of Directors with equal representation from each Partner Board. Given that the objective of the Consortium is to be the implementer of service expectations

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established by the Boards, the need for equal representation is an important component of the overall governance structure. Under this approach, the Boards are able to define the expected levels of service required to deliver the educational programs they desire and solicit input and advice from the Consortium on the cost and service impacts of those service requirements. This structure allows the Consortium to support the Boards in the delivery of educational services without determining for the Boards what services they can and cannot provide.

- Proper governance procedures require that the proceedings of the Board of Directors meetings be documented in the form of formal meeting minutes. The accuracy of these minutes should be verified and affirmed via a signature of the Board Secretary.
- Acquisition of professional liability insurance for NSTS is a sound risk management strategy and consistent with best practice expectations of the E&E.
- The use of unweighted students as a method to allocate costs is consistent with practices across the Province. Specific consideration should be given to the impact that a lack of proportionality of otherwise ineligible students may have on the sharing of costs.
- Establishment of an off site location for the Consortium is a positive step towards encouraging the independence and cohesion of Consortium staff. Allowing this culture to form in an environment that encourages the establishment of a single organizational identity without unbalanced influence from any Partner Board will assist in ensuring the delivery of effective and efficient service.
- Consider the establishment of a detailed strategic and operational plan for the continued evolution of NSTS. The use of an annual or multi-year strategic planning document that is an outgrowth of collaboration between NSTS and the Board of Directors provides a useful resource and reference point to staff as NSTS continues to form into a cohesive, single unit. This process can assist in the resolution and establishment of both internal and external best practices by soliciting input from staff on critical tasks. Additionally, the annual review of objectives and accomplishment provide a consistent point of comparison through which organizational and staff performance can be evaluated.
 - A major component of this plan will be to reconcile the job expectations of each individual employee. This reconciliation will ensure that any existing confusion or apprehension regarding procedural or operational expectations is minimized if not eliminated.
 - Consideration will also need to be given to the allocation of specific job responsibilities such as responsibility for safety program management, route audit responsibilities, and other cross cutting management and administrative requirements.
- Creating an organizational structure that provides for internal analysis and quality control is a unique and innovative approach to staffing. The NSTS organizational structure

provides for a designated strategic planning structure that will be responsible for special projects and targeted analysis. This approach provides NSTS with the ability to conduct detailed analyses of operational changes without adversely impacting the ability of Transportation Coordinators to adequately oversee their daily management requirements. Given that the full benefit of this structure will not be realized until the vacant Transportation Coordinator position is filled, it is critical to ensure that every effort is made to employ a coordinator for the Niagara area. Given the still formative nature of NSTS and the remaining need to still reconcile policies and operating practices, this capability is likely to be particularly valuable in the immediate and medium term.

- NSTS has also structured its organization to effectively manage technology challenges. The separation of application management from general hardware, software, and network can be an effective use of staff time. While this strategy has generally been effective, NSTS should continue to ensure that technical staff are sufficiently cross trained to minimize the negative impact of employee absence or turnover.

Policies and Practices

Policies and Practices represent the primary constraints and operating practices of a transportation program. Recommendations in this area include:

- Develop a single policy document that establishes critical NSTS operating policies and practices as a first step toward full harmonization of transportation policies.
 - Policies established by each Board vary in level of detail and use of administrative procedures, but also share many common characteristics. Combining the existing policy documents into a single statement, while still maintaining the integrity of the current policies for each Board, would constitute a positive step toward full harmonization.
 - With the combined policy statement as a starting point, begin discussions with the member boards to establish uniform (harmonized) service parameters (eligibility, walk distances to stops and school, courtesy transportation, hazard relief and school calendars) over a mutually agreeable timeline.
- Particular attention should be paid to the establishment of eligibility criteria and management procedures associated with courtesy and hazardous transportation services. Recent events have led to inconsistent application of the criteria that have resulted in a need to revise the routing scheme to accommodate the provision of this service. The E&E review process focuses on the decision making and management of otherwise ineligible students and their impact on routing efficiency. Therefore, consideration should be given to whether the allowance for courtesy students will have a negative impact on overall operation efficiency.

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Routing and Technology

Analysis of Routing and Technology focused on how consortium staff have implemented the routing software and the utilization of the system in daily operations, including the use of basic and advanced system functionality and reporting capabilities. Recommendations include:

- Continue the efforts to improve the timeliness and availability of student data to NSTS. Implementation of the *MapNet* transportation management information system is generally complete, but continuing efforts are required to improve student data availability. Currently, there are substantial differences in the ease of availability of student data between the Boards. Dedicating additional resources to allow NSTS and NCDSB to more easily transfer data while reducing the volume of manual processing that must occur to properly transform the data would greatly improve the completeness and accuracy of the student data in *MapNet*.
 - NSTS staff have been developing a reporting routine that allows schools to be notified of issues with data quality. This is a laudable step to improving the usefulness of student data for planning and reporting.
- Continue to expand the existing Intranet site for use by NSTS staff, school staff and contractors. The dissemination of transportation through web-based technology is a highly efficient and cost effective approach to ensuring that all stakeholders have the most complete and current data available. Currently, NSTS provides production services through the printing of bus route or stop data for schools and bus contractors despite the availability of web-based tools that eliminates the need for this. In order to allow NSTS staff to focus on their primary job of analyzing bus route information for efficiencies.
- Existing backup and data management procedures provide for adequate data protections and timely restoration of system availability in the event of an incident. This is accomplished through a hierarchal backup plan that includes the encryption of all data. However, consideration should be given to the establishment of periodic off site storage of backup tapes in the event of a catastrophic occurring at the NSTS location which would result in the loss of all data under the current procedures.
- Consideration should be given to revising either bell times or route directions in an effort to increasing the use of tiering in order to maximize the use of each asset. Analysis of run data indicates that a majority of runs are providing service on a single tier, indicating that there may be opportunities to reconfigure existing runs to increase the number of pairings. The following table summaries the tiering ratios for the morning and afternoon panels.

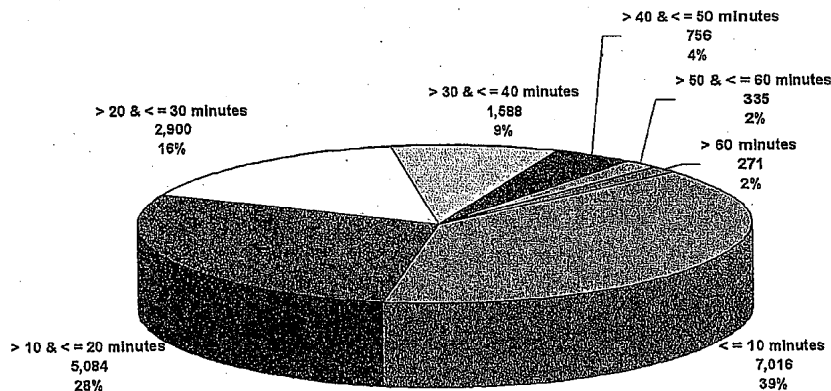
Tier Count	AM Count	AM Percentage	PM Count	PM Percentage
1	343	53%	351	54%
2	276	42%	273	42%
3	32	5%	29	4%



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- o The prevalence of the single tier system is also evident in the analysis of planned capacity use across the tiers. Planned capacity use, defined as the percent of available seats that are actually filled, indicates that across the system the average value is 79 percent. This value is high and consistent with industry best practices. However, it is apparent that this value is driven by the very efficient use of seating capacity on runs that service a single tier and a consistent policy of overloading buses due to expectations about ridership. Approximately 20 percent of all runs are planned with student loads that are greater than 100 percent of available seating capacity. This practice clearly attempts to maximize available seating capacity, a key component of efficiency, through an understanding of historic ridership patterns. Continued analysis of ridership patterns will be required to ensure that adequate seating is available for all eligible riders.
- Analysis of current ride times indicates that the majority of overwhelming majority of students are riding the bus for less than 20 minutes. This may be an indicator that in order to increase efficiency through tiering, and thus improve cost control, effectiveness can be reevaluated by increasing ride lengths. The chart below displays a breakout of student ride times, calculated from pick up time to drop off time, for all morning and afternoon rides.

Figure 1: Student Ride Times



- Consider the implications of the existing bell time windows established in *MapNet*. Currently, there is inconsistency in the arrival windows that may be adversely impacting route timing. For example, high schools within a specific Board have arrival and departure window times that may vary by as much as 10 to 15 minutes. Interviews with staff indicated that the reason for this was to allow the system to more accurately reflect

actual performance at the schools. The concern is that these differences may adversely impact NSTS' ability to evaluate alternative bell schedules or routing schemes consistent with previous recommendations.

Contract Management

Analysis of Contract Management practices included a review of contract status and oversight practices. The following recommendations are related to this area:

- Consider the implications of the lack of a fleet age requirement in the existing service agreement. Given that maintenance costs increase and vehicle reliability generally decreases with an aging fleet, the lack of an age requirement could have a negative impact on both costs and service quality.
- The established fuel adjustment clause is a reasonable approach to mitigating risk on behalf of both NSTS and the bus contractors.
- Establish a formalized business relationship between NSTS staff and its vendors that includes a structured process to govern the operational relationship, including:
 - Use of a contract to guide all discussions between NSTS and each vendor.
 - Use of written addenda to the contract document for all negotiated changes.
 - Scheduling regular meetings with service providers to review performance standards and outline NSTS compliance monitoring procedures.
- Establish contractual mechanisms for services provided by each of the Boards to ensure the full cost of transportation is established and accounted for. There is no existing charge-back structure to account for the services rendered to NSTS by the Partner Boards. This limits the ability of NSTS management to evaluate the service it receives and determine if the current methods are the most advantageous and cost effective methods to receive services. Specific services to be evaluated include: human resources, accounting, and information technology support.
- Develop a comprehensive route-auditing program that will allow the consortium to ensure that routes are constructed in a manner that meet safety, service delivery, and cost efficiency goals. Elements of the route auditing program should include spot reviews of driver performance, on site observation of operator performance, enhanced reporting requirements, and reconciliation of actual versus planned ridership counts. In addition, this type of program can assist with on going management and evaluation of map data as consistent auditing of route times will help ensure the accuracy of road segment speeds, among other potential benefits.
- Establish a procedure to ensure that all operator contracts are signed prior to the opening of school.

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Conclusion

NSTS has implemented a number of practices that are consistent with E&E best practices including the establishment of an incorporated entity housed in an off site location. Additionally, the establishment of a planning and analytical component to the NSTS organizational structure should provide the needed capacity to evaluate opportunities to achieve increased efficiencies.

There are a number of areas that will require attention prior to the full E&E including the completeness and accuracy of student data, the establishment of a single, unified policy manual, and development of contracts for parents and taxi companies providing services. Continued evolution of NSTS will also require that the Board of Directors more fully define their specific role and the scope of issues they will likely address. This will ensure that NSTS receives the necessary guidance on key issues of policy (e.g., eligibility criteria, provision of courtesy transportation, and cost allocation). These elements are particularly important in order to promote the development of an NSTS culture and mindset that will be necessary for continued growth of the consortium.

TO: Niagara Catholic District School Board
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TOPIC: NIAGARA CATHOLIC SYSTEM PRIORITIES - 2009-2010

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Niagara Catholic System Priorities - 2009-2010, as presented.

Prepared by: Administrative Council
Presented by: John Crocco, Director of Education
Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education
Date: April 28, 2009



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

REPORT TO THE BOARD MEETING APRIL 28, 2009

NIAGARA CATHOLIC SYSTEM PRIORITIES – 2009-2010

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

As part of the transition towards a Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Strategic Plan, the Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2009-2010 are presented for the Board's consideration. (Appendix A)

The Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2009-2010 further develops the previously submitted Budget Objectives into four main priorities for the 2009-2010 academic year. Provided within each of the four priorities are specific indicators which are intended to provide the framework to measure the achievement of the priority.

Over the past number of months, Administrative Council has refined the priorities and indicators following discussions with department staff at the Catholic Education Centre and with Principals at Director's Meetings.

Once approved by the Board, a copy of the Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2009-2010 will be sent to all Principals, Bishop James Wingle, Catholic School Council Chairs, Regional Catholic School Council / PIC and SEAC. A copy will also be placed on the Board's website

2009-2010 Niagara Catholic Budget

Recently, information has been provided to District School Boards from the Ministry of Education on Grants for Student Needs (GSN's) for 2009-2010 through Business Memorandums and presentations to Directors of Education and Senior Board Staff. Over the next few weeks, the Ministry of Education will host regional technical meetings for Superintendents of Business and Financial Services to provide additional details on the transfer of funds for District School Board Budgets for 2009-2010.

With the approval of the Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2009-2010, Administrative Council will continue its deliberations towards the submission of a 2009-2010 Niagara Catholic Budget. The proposed timelines for the submission of the 2009-2010 Niagara Catholic Budget are provided in Appendix B.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2009-2010, as presented.

Presented by: Administrative Council
Prepared by: John Crocco, Director of Education
Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education
Date: April 28, 2009



Niagara Catholic System Priorities – 2009-2010

Nurturing our Distinctive Catholic Education

- To design a Board approved Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Strategic Plan to continue to build public confidence in Catholic education.
- To enhance our distinctive Catholic educational system by designing and implementing a Niagara Catholic Faith Formation program to ensure that the Board's Vision 2020 Strategic Plan is modeled and integrated into programs and services by academic and support staff for students, parents and the community served by the Board.

Improving Student Achievement

- To reduce the gap in student achievement by focusing on increasing Niagara Catholic's "16 by 16" achievement level an average of 3% and the Board graduation rate an average of 2% by June 2010.
- To improve student achievement by focusing on increasing Niagara Catholic's EQAO scores and the OSSLT achievement results an average of 2% by June 2010.
- To develop a Niagara Catholic Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting K-12 Document that will complement and comply with the Ministry of Education Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting Policy by June 2010.
- To sustain literacy and numeracy initiatives and implement programs to improve student achievement and pathway success, Kindergarten to Graduation, as outlined in Board and School Improvement Plans.

Building Capacity with Trustees, Administrators, Staff and Parents

- To ensure that elementary and secondary administrative, academic and support staff implement the new Ministry of Education document, *Learning For All* by June 2010 to improve overall student achievement for all students.
- To support staff in implementing the expectations of the Ministry of Education and Board Eco School Program in all Board facilities. The Plant and Program Departments will monitor the progress throughout 2009-2010.

Building Capacity with Trustees, Administrators, Staff and Parents - continued

- To design Performance Appraisal instruments for Educational Assistants, Child Youth Workers, Secretaries, Custodians and Cleaners by January 2010 and complete in-servicing of supervisory staff on utilizing the new performance appraisal instruments by June 2010.
- To provide all employee groups with authentic professional development related to specific job classes as recommended by supervisory personnel.
- To build capacity with Trustees, administrators, staff and parents by providing information and opportunities for dialogue on Catholic education.

Improve Efficiencies in the Structure and Operations of the System to Maximize Performance

- To have all Job Descriptions for Unionized and Non-Unionized job classes reviewed, revised and approved by Administrative Council by June 2010.
- To implement software designed to track Tangible Capital Assets, in order to facilitate PSAB Financial Reporting Standards by June 2010.
- To increase the participation and involvement in the Niagara Public Purchasing Committee (NPPC) and in the Ontario Education Collaborative Marketplace (OECM).
- To implement in all eight Catholic secondary schools the on line collection of student fees to improve the system of internal financial controls in secondary schools.
- To improve effectiveness and efficiency of operational services in all Board departments and sites.
- To comply with Ministry of Education requirement for fiscal financial management with a balanced budget.



Niagara Catholic Budget 2009-2010 – Timelines

The following dates are general guidelines and are dependent on the release of specific funding information from the Ministry of Education.

DATE	ACTION
January – March 2009	Administrative Council to design Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2009-2010
March – April 2009	Administrative Council members to begin the draft of Departmental Budget Proposals for 2009-2010
April 2009 Board Meeting	Presentation of the Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2009-2010 for review and consideration
April – May 2009	Meetings with Principals, Program Officers, Administrators and Managers to review initial budget submissions
May 2009 Committee of the Whole	Presentation of the 2009-2010 Preliminary Budget for review and recommendations to Senior Staff
May – June 2009	Presentation of 2009-2010 Preliminary Budget to Regional Catholic School Council / PIC, SEAC and a special Budget Information Night for Catholic School Council members for review and recommendations
June 2009 Committee of the Whole	Presentation of the Niagara Catholic Budget 2009-2010 and to make recommendations to the Board
June 2009 Board Meeting	Board to review and consider the recommended Niagara Catholic Budget 2009-2010 Budget
August 2009	Presentation of approved Niagara Catholic Budget 2009-2010 to Principals, Program Officers, Administrators and Managers
Fall 2009	Presentation of approved Niagara Catholic Budget 2009-2010 to Regional Catholic School Council / PIC and SEAC. Copy of approved Budget provided to all Catholic School Council Chairs

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TOPIC: IMPLICATIONS OF A PHASED-IN BAN ON THE USE OF BOTTLED WATER:
UPDATE

The Implications of a Phased-in Ban on the Use of Bottled Water:
Update is presented for information.

Prepared by: Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education
Robert DiPersio, Administrator of Special Projects
Presented by: Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education
Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education
Date: April 28, 2009



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

REPORT TO THE BOARD MEETING APRIL 28, 2009

IMPLICATIONS OF A PHASED-IN BAN ON THE USE OF BOTTLED WATER: UPDATE

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

At the October 28th, 2008, meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, the Board approved the following Notice of Motion;

Moved by Trustee Fera

WHEREBY the use of bottled water is becoming a public issue and whereas a number of municipalities are studying banning bottled water,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Niagara Catholic District School Board direct staff to report the implications of a phased-in ban on the sale of bottled water in all schools in the jurisdiction of the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

Carried

Over the past six months, research has been conducted by the Research, Assessment and Evaluation Department to address the Notice of Motion. A report outlining the research is currently being drafted and will be presented to Administrative Council for review. The report and recommendations regarding the Notice of Motion will be presented at the May 12th, 2009 Committee of the Whole.

Recently, there has been extensive provincial and national discussion over the banning of the sale and distribution of bottled water by municipal governments and school boards. The basis for these bans is centred on several reasons that include:

- Environmental Impact
- Safety of tap-water
- Water as a commodity

The May 12th, 2009 report will address the implications on the ban of Single-Use Plastic Water Bottles for the Niagara Catholic District School Board and include a recommendation to the Committee of the Whole for its consideration.

The report on Implications of a Phased-in Ban on the Use of Bottled Water: Update, is presented for information.

Prepared by Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education
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Presented by: Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education

Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education

Date: April 28, 2009

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TOPIC: CORRESPONDENCE
CATHY BUIS, CHAIRPERSON-HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Holy Cross Catholic School Council

April 23, 2009

Mr. J. Crocco
Director of Education
Niagara Catholic District School Board
427 Rice Road
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Dear Mr. Crocco,

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Holy Cross Catholic School Council to provide some input and support to the recommendations that the senior staff are reviewing. It is the council's understanding that these recommendations include the following three:

1. "THAT, Senior Staff will continue to apply to the Ministry of Education for additional funding and to identify other sources of funding in order to provide facility plant upgrades to St. Francis Catholic Secondary School."
2. "THAT, Catholic Secondary Schools in St. Catharines will continue to have the opportunity to implement specialized programs providing sufficient student enrolment and Ministry of Education funding and approval."
3. "THAT, a St. Catharines Elementary and Secondary Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee of the Board be established in September 2009 to review the attendance boundaries for all elementary and secondary schools in St. Catharines. According to the Board's Attendance Area Policy 301.3, the mandate of the committee will be to recommend to the Board stability within all attendance areas while maximizing facility utilization of all elementary and secondary schools in St. Catharines."

Regarding Recommendation #1, in order to support the curriculum we would like consideration given to the enhancement of all secondary school facilities, not only St. Francis. This suggestion also will meet the requirements indicated in Recommendation #3 of maximizing facility utilization and by reviewing boundaries.

Holy Cross has consistently emulated the over arching philosophy of community partnerships. This embraced, shared, responsibility of the Board, its staff, its students, parents, guardians, parishes and community members can only be further enhanced with

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the realization of the proposed facility upgrades. Sharing program facilities between schools supports fiscal responsibility.

The prospect of two new Specialist High School Majors programs (SHSM) at Holy Cross, specifically Arts & Culture and Health & Wellness, would benefit greatly with support from the board in order to capitalize on the introduction of these programs and supports Recommendation #2. The success of these programs would be greatly enhanced by special attention to the Health and Wellness Centre proposed building project which includes the curriculum based, co- instructional artificial turf field renovation project. Further our Arts & Culture program would prosper by the proposed construction of a Theatre and Arts venue.

The Holy Cross Catholic School Council fully supports the review of boundaries that affect the present utilization of our facility. It is only through this type of review that full utilization of Holy Cross can be realized in keeping with, and acknowledging the demand of fiscal responsibility and management.

The anticipated changes in capital project initiatives, curriculum delivery, SHSM designation, and a focused boundary review would provide positive enrolment benefits at Holy Cross. This is not only good for Holy Cross, but the board as a whole.

Should you or the review board require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully,



Cathy Buis

Holy Cross Catholic School Council Chair

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Niagara Catholic Policies Currently Under Review

Senior Staff has begun a cyclical process of reviewing all Niagara Catholic Policies and Administrative Guidelines to ensure they continue to be in compliance with current legislation and meet the needs of the system.

At the Policy Committee Meeting on April 8th, members agreed to have the following Policies vetted: Transportation Policy (500.2), Attendance Area Policy (301.3) and Administration of Prescribed Medicine During School Hours (302.2).

The Transportation Policy is being revised to meet the Ministry of Education's recommendation for a harmonized policy with the District School Board of Niagara, in order to enable Niagara Student Transportation Services to provide transportation services on a single-entity basis. The timeline for feedback on the Transportation Policy is April 21st, 2009.

Sections of the Attendance Area Policy are being removed and will be incorporated into a new Admission of Students Policy. The Administration of Prescription Medications Policy is being revised to meet Ministry of Education requirements. Feedback on both Policies must be received by May 11th. All feedback should be sent to Jennifer Brailey, Manager of Board Services and Communications, at jennifer.brailey@ncdsb.com.

Niagara Catholic Celebrates French, Italian and Spanish

On March 24th and March 25th, thirty Niagara Catholic elementary students participated in the annual Festival d'art oratoire event at the Catholic Education Centre.

The Father Kenneth Burns Board Room was packed with students and their families who enjoyed listening to student-written French speeches on a variety of subjects. Students presented under the categories of Core French, Extended French (the Niagara Catholic Intensive Core French program) and FSL Plus (French first-language experience).

One elementary student from each category was invited to present his or her speech at the Provincial Canadian Parents for French Festival d'art oratoire, on Saturday, May 9th at the Glendon College Campus of York University in Toronto.

On March 27th, secondary school second language students participated in the annual Niagara Catholic French/Italian/Spanish Public Speaking contest at Club Roma in St. Catharines. Each student's speech was adjudicated and scored.

The first-place students in the French categories earned a spot in the Provincial Concours d'art oratoires at Glendon College, where they are eligible for cash prizes.

All students were commended for the quality of their speeches and received a medal and certificate of merit.

A complete list of winners and students who will represent Niagara Catholic at Festival d'art oratoire next month is at www.niagaracatholic.ca.



Super Scientists

Congratulations to Leah Rosetti, who will represent Niagara Catholic at the Canada Wide Science Fair in Winnipeg next month.

A Grade 12 student at Denis Morris Catholic High School, Leah's entry, *Constructing a Novel S-Adenosyl Methionine Mimic as a Quorum Sensing Inhibitor*, impressed judges so much she received the Sci-Tech Ontario Stepping Stone Award following the competition.

Niagara Catholic was very well represented at all grade levels, as several students and schools received awards. A complete list of winners can be found at

www.niagaracatholic.ca.

Denis Morris Catholic High School student Leah Rosetti stands alongside teacher Dino Petruzzi, Chairman of the Niagara Regional Science and Engineering Fair.

Trustees Receive Report on Gifted Program

During the April 14th Committee of the Whole Meeting, Trustees were given an update on supplementary education opportunities available to students identified as gifted and on the process of how gifted students are identified.

Currently, Niagara Catholic has 53 elementary students eligible for the gifted module program and a total of 104 students identified as gifted throughout the Board.

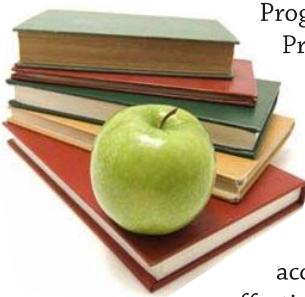
The identification process begins in the Early Years, when teachers begin observing traits in students that are consistent with gifted children, such as an advanced vocabulary, the ability to think “outside the box” and the ability to generate complex ideas. The formal identification process typically begins in Grade 4.

Nomination forms are submitted by classroom teachers and the child is screened using the Canadian Test of Cognitive Skills (CTCS). Students who score at or above the 89th percentile are recommended for further assessment. Program Resource Teachers then administer subtests of Wechsler Intelligence Scale (4th Edition), and if a score of 130 or more is achieved, the recommendation could be made to formally identify the student as gifted through the IPRC process.

Niagara Catholic offers in-school enrichment opportunities for students in all elementary grades and six “congregated enrichment modules” on such topics as stop-motion animation, mathematics, orienteering, Lego robotics, making a music video and growing up gifted outside the regular classroom throughout the school year.

Transportation is provided to off-site modules.

Reading Recovery Program at Niagara Catholic



Program Staff presented an overview of the Reading Recovery Program to Trustees during the Committee of the Whole Meeting on April 14th.

The program is an early intervention that targets Grade One students who are struggling to acquire reading and writing skills during regular classroom lessons. Those students receive 30 minutes of daily individual instruction by a trained Reading Recovery teacher. The program accelerates learning to the point that students are often able to effectively participate in regular classroom activities in 12 to 20 weeks. Those who are not ready to resume lessons with the rest of their class after that time period are offered assistance through further intervention.

Niagara Catholic has partnered with the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board to administer the Reading Recovery program since 1996. Both Boards are registered sites for Reading Recovery. In the 2002-03 school year, a Niagara Catholic teacher became a certified teacher trainer and Niagara Catholic opened its training facility, which is located at St. Thomas More Catholic Elementary School in Niagara Falls.

Staff monitor the need for Reading Recovery programs in schools annually based on priority needs. Observation Surveys, PM Benchmarks and EQAO results are used to determine the need for a program, as are teacher leader recommendations and school profiles. There are currently Reading Recovery programs in 22 Niagara Catholic schools.

April Events at Niagara Catholic

April 18	Annual Catholic School Council Convention
April 20	Niagara Catholic Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
April 22	Earth Day
April 27	Elementary Chess Championships
April 27-29	Celebrate Music Junior/Intermediate Choirs
April 27/28	Historica Fair

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- + Congratulations to the dozens of students who took part in Niagara Catholic Tech Challenge competitions in March and the first week of April. Competitions included culinary arts, hairstyling, carpentry, new media and automotive technologies. A list of students who will move on to the next level of competition is available at www.niagaracatholic.ca.
- + Congratulations to St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School in Niagara Falls, which placed second in the Garfield Weston Awards for Excellence in Education in Toronto on April 7th. The awards recognize schools which have shown marked improvement on standardized tests, based on data analyzed by the Fraser Institute. St. Joseph School received a \$1,000 prize.
- + Congratulations to JK-Grade 3 students at Michael J. Brennan Catholic Elementary School, who worked with Toronto musician Julie Kryk to write and record a new school song. The CD is currently being edited and distributed to students. The new song will be performed by students on Grandparents' Day during Catholic Education Week, May 5-9.

Congratulations!

**Nurturing Souls
&
Building Minds**

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SUNDAY, MAY 3 - FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2009

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK
PLANNERS**

MAY 3RD – MAY 8TH, 2009

AREA #1 SCHOOLS

**St. George
Our Lady of Victory Jr./Sr.
St. Philomena
St. Joseph (Snyder)
St. John Bosco
St. Therese (PC)
St. Patrick (PC)
Lakeshore Catholic
St. Elizabeth
St. Alexander
St. Ann (FN)
Alexander Kuska
Holy Name
St. Andrew
St. Augustine
St. Kevin
St. Mary (W)
Notre Dame College**



St. George Catholic Elementary School

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 Principal: Mr. C. Kerho



Catholic Education Week Planner 2009 Theme: Good News for All

Monday May 4th	Opening Mass for Grade 7 Students: 9:45- 10:30A.M. Play- 1:35 P.M. with Author visits to classroom following play (Gr. SK-6) Catch the Spirit- Blessed Trinity- 7 P.M. 1 P.M. "Sing!Sing!" Whole School National Sing Together
Tuesday May 5th	Brian Jagersky – School Speaker- 1-2 P.M.- (Gr. 5-8) Staff Excellence- 5 P.M. at Quality Inn Coffee House Poetry Meetings- PM
Wednesday May 6th	Gr. 7 Cyberquest Literacy Night- St. George Gr. 8- Motivation Speaker- 10:30 A.M. Lakeshore Catholic
Thursday May 7th	Safety Village- Gr. 1 Gr. 7 Cyberquest
Friday May 8th	School Mass Volunteer Appreciation Jump Rope for Heart

"Defenders of the Faith"





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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: **OUR LADY of VICTORY**

<p>Sunday, May 3rd</p>	<p>First Holy Communion celebrate the entire month of May.</p> 
<p>Monday, May 4th</p>	 <p>OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS- ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH 10:00 A.M. CATCH THE SPIRIT – Lakeshore Catholic 7:00 p.m. Congratulations Jessica Lai Gr. 8</p>
<p>Tuesday, May 5th</p>	<p>NCDSB celebrates STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.) WENDY'S RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER FOR OLV. 4:00 TO 7:00 P.M.</p>
<p>Wednesday, May 6th</p>	<p>Mass at St. Michael's Church for Grade 1 & 5 Grade 8's Speaker presentation at Lakeshore Catholic for 10:30 Grade 6 Trade Show in the afternoon Parent Evening of Math and Literacy workshops from 5:30 to 7:00 pm</p>
<p>Thursday, May 7th</p>	<p>Grade 6 classes go to the Gypsy Theatre to see a student from our grade 6 class perform in "Oliver".</p>
<p>Friday, May 8th</p>	<p>Scrabble Team goes to Monsignor Clancy</p>



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THEME: Good News for All – *How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news. (Romans 10:15)*

NAME OF SCHOOL: St. Philomena School – Fort Erie

<p>Saturday May 2nd 7:00 am -2:00pm</p>	<p>Annual St. Philomena Garage Sale, Barbeque and Bake Sale fundraiser Volunteers Needed to assist our Catholic School Council Please tell your families & friends & neighbours Please drop off items in gym – Mon--Fri. –April 27th--May 1st</p>
<p>Monday, May 4th</p>	<p>OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS –ST. MICHAEL CHURCH 9:45 – 10:30 1:00 PM – School Education Week Service Assembly : Introduction of Individual Student Peace Initiative: children develop ideas depicting our Catholic Week Values. . Ballots due on Wednesday 6th Annual (divisional) Artists of the Year Winners : Work to be framed & displayed in Main Hallway (School Gallery)) CATCH THE SPIRIT AWARD – BLESSED TRINITY GRADE 8 student to be honoured ---Chelsey Gagnon – 7:00 PM</p>
<p>Tuesday, May 5th</p>	<p>Spring Fling (Arts Club) : Afternoon performance – 1:00-2:00 pm Evening performance- 6:00-7:00 pm Admission : for performances is some type of non-perishable food item. (C.O.P.E.) STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.)</p>
<p>Wednesday May 6th</p>	<p>For the Love of Reading Day ! : Indoor /Outdoor Classroom Activities Gr. JK-4 Pyjama Day - Bring your “ Favourite Stuffed Animal” to read to. Gr. 5-7 Favourite Theme Shirts: Sports/,Music/Concert/s/Holiday (appropriate logos) Gr. 8 – 10:30 am: Visit to Lakeshore – Guest Speaker- Chris Padgett (spirit wear) Grade 4 – Co-operation Project (painting of chairs to auction off at later date)</p>
<p>Thursday, May 1st</p>	<p>Please wear Red Spirit Wear ----Black Pants School Peace Walk on Fort Erie Friendship Trail “ Donations for <u>Humane Society</u> - to help support God’s furry pets... Pets help teach us to care, feel empathy and importance to forgive others! 2:45 -- Outside Childrens’ Living Rosary to celebrate “ May as the month of Mary “ Winner selected to be Principal for a Day on Friday!.</p>
<p>Friday, May 2nd Coming Soon!</p>	<p>Principal of the Day Selection! Kiss & Ride Coffee Club (9:00am) Jump Rope 4 Heart – Please wear red gym shirts/shorts (Mothers Day) FSL Gr.6 French Café – Grandparents Day -Thursday May 7th / (Community Planting Day) June 7th</p>



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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: St. Joseph (Snyder)

Sunday, May 3rd	STAFF ATTENDANCE AT 11:00 AM Mass @ St. Joseph
Monday, May 4th	OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS –ST. MICHAEL CHURCH, FORT ERIE (9:45 – 10:30 A.M.) CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.)
Tuesday, May 5th	ROSARY CIRCLE - TRIP TO ROSARY SHRINE 11:45 AM STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.)
Wednesday, May 6th	Grade 8 students Chris Padgett @Lakeshore Catholic 10:30 a.m. <i>St. Joseph School</i> <i>“The Art of Learning” – PRO Night</i> <i>5:45 – 8:15 p.m.</i>
Thursday, May 7th	Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8 students – “Oliver” @ Gypsy Theatre 10:00 a.m.
Friday, May 8th	PRAYER SERVICE GYM – 11:20 AM



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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: St. Alexander

Sunday, May 3rd	Family Mass 9am
Monday, May 4th	OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS – LOCATION T.B.A. (9:45 – 10:30 A.M.) CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily Prayer gr. 1&2
Tuesday, May 5th	STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily Prayer gr. 3&4• Curriculum Challenge(<i>GR. 4-6</i>)• Festival of the Arts-Brock University
Wednesday, May 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily Prayer gr. 5&6• French Cafe• Parent Engagement; How to create a heart healthy lunch 3:30-5:30• Mike Sheahan presentation to parents on healthy living/healthy lifestyles 4-4:30• Gr. 8's @ Notre Dame Chris Paget speaking
Thursday, May 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily Prayer gr.7• School Wide Mass "Good News For All"• Primary Author's day (Jk-gr.3)
Friday, May 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Closing prayer service gr. 8• Gr. 7&8 talent show/ Instrumental music showcase



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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: ST. ANN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Sunday, May 3rd	
Monday, May 4th	OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS – LOCATION T.B.A. (9:45 – 10:30 A.M.) DAILY PRAYER & ACTIVITIES (CLASSROOMS) AS PER RESOURCE KIT. CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.) MUSIC MONDAY
Tuesday, May 5th	STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.) OUTDOOR LIVING ROSARY--CROWNING OF MARY – 2:00 P.M.
Wednesday, May 6th	“ST. ANN CATHOLIC SCHOOL HAS TALENT” SHOW – 1:00 P.M. & 6:30 P.M. GRADE 8’S TO LAKESHORE GUEST SPEAKER CHRIS PADGETT – 10:30 A.M.
Thursday, May 7th	ROOTS OF EMPATHY – GRADE 1
Friday, May 8th	GRANDPARENTS/SPECIAL FRIEND DAY GRADE ¼ - FRENCH PLAY- BOUCLES VIOLETTES SPIRIT DAY – ALL STAFF & STUDENTS WEAR BLUE AND YELLOW



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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: St. John Bosco

Sunday, May 3rd	Family Mass at 10:00 a.m. at St John Bosco Church
Monday, May 4th	OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS – LOCATION T.B.A. (9:45 – 10:30 A.M.) CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.)
Tuesday, May 5th	STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.) OPEN HOUSE 9:30 – 11:00 A.M. FOR PARENTS TO COME AND TOUR OUR SCHOOL, MEET THE PRINCIPAL AND CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL
Wednesday, May 6th	Gr. 8 students to Lakeshore Catholic to hear Chris Padgett speak at 10:30 a.m. Welcome to Kindergarten – JK orientation and open house at 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Community groups to present information to JK parents to develop connections with new parents.
Thursday, May 7th	Gr. 8 Girls to Engineering Workshop at MacMaster University
Friday, May 8th	Grandparents Afternoon – 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 10th	Gr. 2 students First Holy Communion @ 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. John Bosco Church



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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: St. Patrick Catholic School (Port Colborne)

Sunday, May 3rd	
Monday, May 4th	OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS – LOCATION T.B.A. (9:45 – 10:30 A.M.) CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.)
Tuesday, May 5th	STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.)
Wednesday, May 6th	Grade 8 Mass at Lakeshore Catholic 10:30 a.m. CPR Training grade 7/8 12:30-3:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 7th	Bully Buster Presentation 12:30 p.m.
Friday, May 8th	Science Exhibition 2:00 p.m.



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NAME OF SCHOOL: ST. THERESE – PORT COLBORNE

Sunday, May 3rd	
Monday, May 4th	OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS – LOCATION T.B.A. (9:45 – 10:30 A.M.) 12:30 – CPR – GR. 7 CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.)
Tuesday, May 5th	VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION CELEBRATION 10:30 – 11:30 GR. 7 TOBACCO FUED - 12:30 STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.)
Wednesday, May 6th	“ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A FIFTH GRADER” – GR. 5 – 8 (GYM 12:30 – 3:00) GR. 4 - MEDIEVAL FEAST AT LUNCH – (CLASSROOM)
Thursday, May 7th	JK / SK GRANDPARENTS’ DAY - (GYM 10:30 – 11:00) GR. 2/3 - SPELLING BEE
Friday, May 8th	VARIETY SHOW - (GYM – 1:00)



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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: LAKESHORE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Sunday, May 3rd	
Monday, May 4th	OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS – ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, FORT ERIE 10:00 A.M. CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.)
Tuesday, May 5th	SOCIAL JUSTICE SCHOOL MASSES Period 1 and Period 5 WALK AGAINST VIOLENCE STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.)
Wednesday, May 6th	SPEAKER: CHRIS PADGETT <i>Chastity, Faith and Lifestyle</i> Grade 8 Family of Schools and Grades 9/10
Thursday, May 7th	
Friday, May 8th	



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THEME: "CATHOLIC EDUCATION: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL"

NAME OF SCHOOL: St Elizabeth

Sunday, May 3, 2009	ST Elizabeth Community Mass- 9:30 am Coffee Sunday- School Gym following Mass
Monday, May 4, 2009	OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS – LOCATION T.B.A. (9:45 – 10:30 A.M.) CLASSROOM DOOR DECORATING- THEME:: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL" CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.)
Tuesday, May 5, 2009	STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.) CPR TRAINING FOR GR. 7- 9:00-11:30 AM
Wednesday, May 6, 2009	DOING THE "TEACHER SHUFFLE"- TEACHERS EXPERIENCE LIFE IN EACH OTHER'S CLASSROOMS FOR THE MORNING (9:00-10:30) CHRIS PADGET- SPEAKER, GR. 8, (NOTRE DAME) ROSARY PRAYER- (10:50)
Thursday, May 7, 2009	Back to the Future- parents actively participate in their children's classes. (9:00-10:30) St John's Ambulance Dog Therapy Program- demo and discussion of how this program serves the elderly in our community. (11:00-11:30) Gr. 5/6 Bridges Displays -TBD
Friday, May 8, 2009	COMMUNITY BUILDING Jump Rope/ Hoops for Heart Event- all students- morning sessions School Mass- to close Catholic Education Week -2:00-2:45 pm



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NAME OF SCHOOL: Alexander Kuska K.S.G.

Sunday, May 3rd	SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST FOR GR. 2 STUDENTS
Monday, May 4th	OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS CATCH THE SPIRIT - BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.) CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK OPENING PRAYER SERVICE
Tuesday, May 5th	"CHARMING"- THEATRE GROUP PRESENTATION : ACTORS WILL BE IN THE CLASSES TO FACILITATE LESSONS ABOUT CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT STAFF EXCELLENCE DINNER
Wednesday, May 6th	10: 30- GR. 8 CLASSES TO ATTEND LAKESHORE CATHOLIC TO LISTEN TO CHRIS PADGETT SPEAK TO CHRIST'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS MEDIEVAL FEAST TODAY FOR GRADE 4 CLASSES
Thursday, May 7th	GRADE 6 SPIRITUAL RETREAT AT ST. KEVIN PARISH "STORY SOCKS" STORY TELLING PRESENTATION IN THE GYM FOR ALL GRADES
Friday, May 8th	FRENCH CAFÉ TODAY IN THE GYM CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK CLOSING PRAYER SERVICE



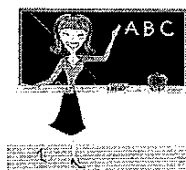
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THEME: "GOOD NEWS FOR ALL"

SCHOOL: *Holy Name Catholic School*



<p align="center">Sunday, May 3rd</p>	<p>St. Kevin's Parish Mass Times 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.</p>
<p align="center">Monday, May 4th "Embracing Hope"</p>	<p>Opening Mass: Grade 7 Students 9:45 a.m. Opening School Liturgy @ 9:30 a.m. ~ "Good News for All" Gourmet Chef Cooking Class Litterless Lunch Week begins Food Drive begins Book Buddy Craft ~ Good News Stories Art (Door Decorating) Catch the Spirit ~ Blessed Trinity @ 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p align="center">Tuesday, May 5th "Celebrating with Joy"</p>	<p>Morning Liturgy ~ Celebrating with Joy Spirit Day ~ Green Day Teacher Exchange ~ 1 period Food Drive / Litterless Lunch continues Staff Excellence Dinner ~ Quality Inn ~ 6:00 p.m.</p>
<p align="center">Wednesday, May 6th "Building Community"</p>	<p>Morning Liturgy ~ Building Community Grade Eight Presentation by Chris Padgett ~ Lakeshore Grade Six Retreat ~ St. Kevin Parish Earth Hour 12:30 p.m. ~ 1:30 p.m. Food Drive / Litterless Lunch continues Bring A Loved One To School Day ~ Primary Division</p>
<p align="center">Thursday, May 7th "Growing in Integrity"</p>	<p>Morning Liturgy ~ Growing in Integrity Food Drive / Litterless Lunch continues Spelling Bee ~ Grade 1 to 8 Teachers versus Graduates Ball Hockey Game @ 2:00 p.m.</p>
<p align="center">Friday, May 8th "Living with Gratitude"</p>	<p>Morning Liturgy ~ Living with Gratitude Food Drive / Litterless Lunch concludes Jump Rope For Heart @ 9:30 a.m. Holy Name Has 'Talent Show' @ 1:00 p.m. Pizza Day</p>





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ST. ANDREW SCHOOL

<p>Friday, May 1st</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOOR DECORATING CONTEST FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK – THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL
<p>Sunday, May 3rd</p>	
<p>Monday, May 4th <i>“Embracing Hope...”</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK DAILY PRAYERS – PA – PRIMARY • OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS 9:45 – 10:30 AM • COLLECT CANNED GOODS ALL WEEK • GUEST SPEAKER/MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER • BOOD BUDDIES: SNUGGLE UP AND READ ACTIVITIES/ SPRING PLANTING • MEMORY BOOKS – GRADE 8 • CATCH THE SPIRIT: BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL - 7:00 PM
<p>Tuesday, May 5th <i>“Celebrating with Joy...”</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK DAILY PRAYERS – PA – JUNIOR • RAINBOW ARTISTS ACTIVITIES AM : JK – GRADE 4, PM : SK AND GRADE 5 – 7 • CREATING T-SHIRTS – GRADE 8 • STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.)
<p>Wednesday, May 6th <i>“Building Community...”</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK DAILY PRAYERS – PA – JUNIOR • SCHOOL YARD CLEANUP – PRIMARY • COMMUNITY CLEANUP – JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE • SPRING MUSICAL DRESS REHERSAL - JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE (1:15) • FAMILY OF SCHOOLS MASS – GRADE 8 • LINKING ART – DISPLAYING SCHOOL COMMUNITY
<p>Thursday, May 7th <i>“Growing in Integrity...”</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK DAILY PRAYERS – PA – INTERMEDIATE • EARLY YEARS – MOTHER’S DAY ACTIVITIES • AM TRIVIA CONTEST – PRIMARY • VOLUNTEER AT SENIOR HOME – GRADE 8 • MUSICAL PERFORMANCES - JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE (1:00 PM AND 6:00 PM)
<p>Friday, May 8th <i>“Living with Gratitude...”</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK DAILY PRAYERS – PA – INTERMEDIATE • EARLY YEARS – MOTHER’S DAY ACTIVITIES • ACT OF KINDNESS DAY – LETTERS/CARDS OF GRATTITUDE • SCHOOL PRAYER SERVICE – JK TO GRADE 8 • GUEST SPEAKER: NRP OFFICER – GRADE 7 STUDENTS (9:00 AM)



NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK PLANNER 2009

THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: St. Augustine

Sunday, May 3rd	
Monday, May 4th	OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS – LOCATION T.B.A. (9:45 – 10:30 A.M.) OPENING LITURGY FOR THE SCHOOL CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.)
Tuesday, May 5th	STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.) PRAYER FOR THE DAY SPELLING CONTEST
Wednesday, May 6th	DAN THE MUSIC MAN PRAYER FOR THE DAY
Thursday, May 7th	GRANDPARENTS DAY PRAYER FOR THE DAY MAD SCIENCE SHOW
Friday, May 8th	CLOSING LITURGY RAINBOW ARTISTS-CRAFTS

Catholic Education Week 2009

May 3rd to 8th

“Good News for All”

We celebrate Catholic Education Week – May 3rd – 8th, 2009. Catholic education integrates spiritual and moral formation in the education of the whole person. Please join us for the following activities during the week.

Monday, May 4th

Opening Mass: Gr. 7 Students of NCDSB
Catch The Spirit Awards
Safety Village - Grade 1's Afternoon Session

Tuesday, May 5th

Grandparents Day - JK & SK 11:00 am.
Safety Village - Grade 2's Afternoon Session
Celebrating Staff Excellence Dinner – Quality Inn St. Catharines

Wednesday, May 6th

Cultural Luncheon – Grade 2's gym
Art Gallery Experience JK & SK
Grade 1's - Dr. Nick and Dental Health pm.
Safety Village – Grade 3's Afternoon Session

Parent Presentation and Information “Parent: Compass & Cross” 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Featuring Dick O'Brien and Information Kiosks and representatives from local organizations

Thursday, May 7th

Junior Musical – “Dig It! A Musical Tale of Ancient Civilizations” – Performances at 9:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.
Art Gallery Morning – Grades 1 & 2
Art Gallery Afternoon – Grades 3, 7/8 & 8

Friday, May 8th

Art Gallery Morning – Grades 4 & 4/5, 5
Art Gallery Afternoon – Grades 7, & 6

Parent Presentation and Information Evening

May 6th, 2009, 6:00 – 9:00 pm

“The most powerful message you can repeatedly give to a child to encourage success in life is “You can deal with life!” “ Dick O'Brien

Keynote Presentation from D. O'Brien “Parent as Compass & Cross”

7:00 – 8:30 in St. Kevin School Webster Hall (gymnasium)

This presentation is of interest to parents who wish to promote a solid foundation of healthy living and prepare their children for the inevitable challenges and struggles they will face in their futures. The presentation informs parents and encourages children to respond to life by choice, not by chance, to be able to:

Cultivate a healthy self image	Examine their choices
Deal with disappointment	Contribute to others
Deal with life struggles	Overcome failure

Junior Musical

“Dig It! : A Musical Tale of Ancient Civilizations
Performances Thursday, May 7th at 9:30 am. & 1:00 pm.

Travel back in time and join inquisitive archeologists, Taki and Tut, and their fossil friend, Lucy, as they explore the wonders of ancient civilization. From the farm laborers of Early Mesopotamia and Egyptian mummies who "rap" to a chorus of ancient Greeks, you and your students will enjoy discovering the archeological mysteries of the past. A 40 minute musical with songs such as: So Long Ago, The Land Between Two Rivers, In My Tomb, Empires of the East, Greece is the Word, Toga Party Tonight, and Here's to the Future.

Monday



OPENING MASS: Gr. 7 students
Safety Village—Gr. 1's Afternoon Session
Catch The Spirit Awards—Blessed Trinity
Secondary School

Wednesday



Grade 2: Cultural Luncheon
Safety Village—Gr. 3's Afternoon Session
Art Gallery Experience JK & SK's
Parent Presentation and Information Evening
"Parent: Compass & Cross"
Keynote : Dick O'Brien 7:00—8:15 pm
Information Kiosks from local organizations
Doors Open at 6:00 pm.

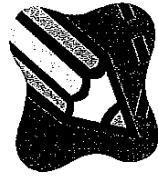


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Art Gallery Experience:
Gr4, 4/5& 5 am; Gr 6 & 7 pm

Tuesday



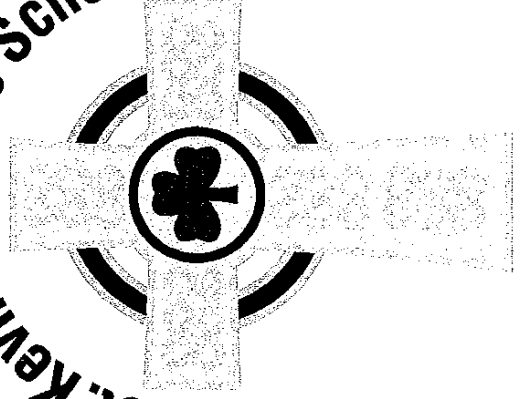
Grandparents Day - JK & SK Classes
11:00 am.
Safety Village—Gr. 2's Afternoon Session

Thursday



Junior Play—“Dig It! A Musical Tale of Ancient Civilizations”
Performances at 9:30 am. & 1:00 pm.
Travel back in time and join inquisitive Archeologists as they explore the wonders of ancient civilizations.
Art Gallery Experience:
Gr1 & 2 am; Gr 3, 7/8 & 8 pm

St. Kevin Catholic School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Catholic Education Week this year takes place from **May 3 to May 8, 2009**. The theme is **"Good News For All."** This theme celebrates the sublime and essential value of the human person. Regardless of race, creed, colour, political or financial status, each human person is created in God's image, and is entitled to the respect that accrues to that reality. The Pope in Rome, the chief executive in her office, the teacher in the classroom, the young person on the hockey rink, the surgeon at the operating table, the homeless person under the overpass equally share the dignity of being created *'in God's image'*.

Character development is currently a chosen initiative for students in the public schools of Ontario. Character development has always been an integral part of Catholic education. It has been with us since the beginning. Its source lies in that most profound and optimistic of truths – we are all created 'in God's image.' Our schools, in their images and icons, must constantly reflect this reality.

Catholic Education Week 2009 begins on a Sunday to highlight the partnership that remains the foundation of Catholic education. We particularly want to underline the relationship of Catholic schools with the broader Church community, especially with the parishes that remain the centre of the worshipping faith community.

Throughout Catholic Education Week, we ask that you reflect on the significance of Catholic Education's presence and contribution in our Church, and in our Society.

At St. Kevin, students will also be involved with daily prayer services with Scriptural readings and activities that are linked to a specific sub-theme to help students to understand the rich meaning of this year's theme.

We cordially invite all members of our Catholic Education family, parents and loved ones, to participate in the events that are outlined for your child's class. The activities offered are a sampling of the activities that take place throughout the school year.

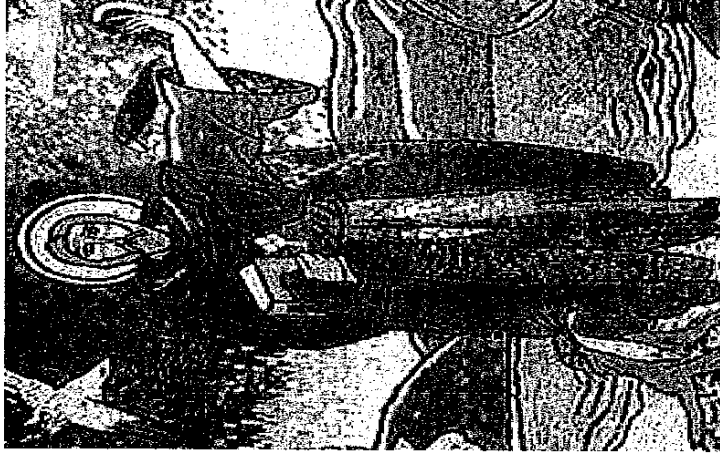
We hope that as many parents/guardians as possible can join us for this year's Catholic Education week activities.

Yours in Catholic Education,

A. Creechman



May 3 to May 8, 2009





NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK PLANNER 2009

THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: St. Mary - Welland

<p>Sunday, May 3rd</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 10:30AM MASS AT ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH DEDICATED TO THE ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ STAFF AND STUDENTS TO ATTEND WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE FAMILIES; ● STAFF AND THEIR FAMILIES GATHER FOR BRUNCH WITH FR. KARIKOMPIL AFTER MASS
<p>Monday, May 4th</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS @ ST. ALEXANDER CHURCH – 10:30 A.M. ● SPRING PHOTOS ● <i>'THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS....EMBRACE HOPE'</i>– SCHOOL-WIDE PRAYER SERVICE @ 2:45PM ● CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.)
<p>Tuesday, May 5th</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● INTERNET SAFETY WORKSHOPS – Gr. 1 – 8 ● <i>'PROTECT YOUR HEAD PRESENTATIONS'</i> – JUNIOR DIVISION ● <i>'THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS....CELEBRATE WITH JOY'</i>– SCHOOL-WIDE PRAYER SERVICE @ 2:45PM ● STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.)
<p>Wednesday, May 6th</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gr. 8 STUDENTS ATTEND <i>'CHRIS PADGETT PRESENTATION'</i> AT LAKESHORE CATHOLIC – AM ● DAILY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY – <i>'YOGA'</i> FOR ALL CLASSES ● <i>'THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS....BUILD COMMUNITY'</i>– SCHOOL-WIDE PRAYER SERVICE @ 2:45PM
<p>Thursday, May 7th</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● RAINBOW ARTISTS VISIT AND WORK WITH JK – GR. 3 STUDENTS ● CAREER FAIR FOR GR. 4– 8, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BUSINESS EDUCATION COUNCIL ● <i>'THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS....GROW IN INTEGRITY'</i>– SCHOOL-WIDE PRAYER SERVICE @ 2:45PM
<p>Friday, May 8th</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● STUDENTS TO SERVE AS <i>'PRINCIPAL' / 'SECRETARY' / 'LIBRARIAN' / 'CUSTODIAN' FOR THE DAY</i> ● <i>'JUMP ROPE FOR HEART/HOOPS FOR HEART'</i> EVENT - AM ● STAFF LUNCHEON ● GR. 7'S ATTEND CYBERQUEST ● <i>'THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS....LIVE WITH GRATITUDE'</i>– SCHOOL-WIDE PRAYER SERVICE @ 2:45PM



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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: NOTRE DAME COLLEGE SCHOOL

Sunday, May 3rd	
Monday, May 4th	OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS – LOCATION T.B.A. (9:45 – 10:30 A.M.) MORNING PRAYER: PRAYERS OFFERED AND WRITTEN BY OUR STUDENTS STUDENT ELECTIONS CAMPAIGN CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.)
Tuesday, May 5th	STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.) MORNING PRAYER: PRAYERS OFFERED AND WRITTEN BY OUR STUDENTS CHAPEL VISITS: LUNCH HOUR MASS IN CHAPEL STUDENT ELECTIONS CAMPAIGN WALK AGAINST MALE VIOLENCE
Wednesday, May 6th	MORNING PRAYER: PRAYERS OFFERED AND WRITTEN BY OUR STUDENTS CHRIS PADGETT – MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER TO ADDRESS ENTIRE STUDENT BODY STUDENT ELECTIONS CAMPAIGN
Thursday, May 7th	MORNING PRAYER: PRAYERS OFFERED AND WRITTEN BY OUR STUDENTS GIRLS LACROSSE INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT CHAPEL VISITS: LUNCH HOUR MASS IN CHAPEL STUDENT ELECTIONS CAMPAIGN FAITH FORMATION – AFTER SCHOOL STAFF MASS
Friday, May 8th	MORNING PRAYER: PRAYERS OFFERED AND WRITTEN BY OUR STUDENTS STUDENT ELECTIONS CAMPAIGN CHAPEL VISITS: LUNCH HOUR MASS IN CHAPEL

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK
PLANNERS**

MAY 3RD – MAY 8TH, 2009

AREA #2 SCHOOLS

**Cardinal Newman
Father Hennepin
Loretto
Mary Ward
Notre Dame
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Sacred Heart
St. Gabriel Lalemant
St. Joseph
St. Vincent de Paul
St. Mary
St. Patrick
St. Thomas More
Saint Michael
Saint Paul**



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CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK PLANNER 2009

THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: Cardinal Newman

Sunday, May 3rd	Grade 2 First Communion - Our Lady of Scapular Parish - 11:30
Monday, May 4th	OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS - LOCATION T.B.A. (9:45 - 10:30 A.M.) CN SCHOOL EDUCATION WEEK LITURGY - 10:50 - GYM CATCH THE SPIRIT - BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.)
Tuesday, May 5th	STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.) AARON BELL OJIBWAY STORYTELLER - AFTERNOON FIRE SAFETY - GRADES 7&8 10:30-11:30
Wednesday, May 6th	CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRES - IN PRIMARY CLASSROOMS DURING THE WEEK.
Thursday, May 7th	School Science Fair
Friday, May 8th	Gr. 8 Motivational Speaker- St. Thomas Moore 10:15 a.m. CN students attend Scrabble Tournament Living Rosary - 2p.m.



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CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK PLANNER 2009

THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: Father Hennepin

Sunday, May 3rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All are welcome to join Our Lady of Peace parish and Father Thomas for Mass at 10:00 am.
Monday, May 4th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Our Gr.7 students will join the other Gr.7 students from St. Michael's Associate Schools for Mass at St. Thomas More Church at 10:00 am. All parents are welcome to join us.• Gr.4 students will continue with their safety swim program.• Haley Yeo, Gr.7, will receive the Father Hennepin "Catch the Spirit" award at Blessed Trinity Catholic High School at 7:00 pm.
Tuesday, May 5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We will host a French Café for our Grandparents.• Our Board will hold their annual "Celebrating Staff Excellence" dinner recognizing NCDSB's staff involvement in school co-instructional programs.
Wednesday, May 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Parent Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon will be hosted by our staff to acknowledge and thank our many parent volunteers who help us day-in and day-out at Father Hennepin School, 11:25-12:15 pm in the gym.
Thursday, May 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assembly video presentation of Father Hennepin's Catholic philosophy.• As part of our social skills and safety programming, we welcome the Smudge Fundaes to our school. They will be performing for our JK-Gr.6 classes.
Friday, May 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• With a keen interest in youth ministry, Catholic speaker and doctrinal candidate, Chris Padgett, has been invited to address the students of our high schools, as well as all Gr.8 students during this year's Catholic Education Week. This dynamic, motivational speaker, through his use of music and first person accounts will communicate his message of Christ's love and forgiveness in a way that will make a difference in the lives of those who participate. Our Gr.8 students will attend May 8 at St. Thomas More Church at 10:15am.• As part of our safe school programming, the Gr.7 class will participate in a morning CPR program. We thank our CSC for providing the funding (\$130).• Our Scrabble teams will participate in the Board Tournament under the direction of Mr. Imre.



NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK PLANNER 2009

THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: Loretto Catholic Elementary School

Sunday, May 3rd	
Monday, May 4th	<p><u>THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS...EMBRACE HOPE</u> OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS – LOCATION T.B.A. (9:45 – 10:30 A.M.) LORETTO CATHOLIC PRAYER SERVICE-ALL GRADES PRIMARY BULLETIN BOARD-GOD'S DREAM FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAM-GRADES 7-8 CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.)</p>
Tuesday, May 5th	<p><u>THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS...CELEBRATE WITH JOY</u> PRIMARY WRITING ACTIVITY-MY DREAMS TAKE FLIGHT JUNIOR WRITING ACTIVITY-DREAMING IN COLOUR STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.)</p>
Wednesday, May 6th	<p><u>THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS...BUILD COMMUNITY</u> INTERMEDIATE SPELLING BEE-A.M. PRIMARY SPELLING BEE-P.M.-LIBRARY JUNIOR SPELLING BEE-A.M.-LIBRARY RAINBOW ARTISTS-JUNIOR P.M.</p>
Thursday, May 7th	<p><u>THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS...GROW IN INTEGRITY</u> PRIMARY MATHEMATICS ROTATION NURSE VISIT-GRADES 7-8 JK/SK REHEARSALS JUNIOR MATHEMATICS ROTATION</p>
Friday, May 8th	<p><u>THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS...LIVE WITH GRATITUDE</u> JK/SK MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION-GYM NURSE VISIT-GRADES 7-8 PRAYER WRITING-JUNIOR-GOOD NEWS FOR ALL GREASE PERFORMANCE-ST. MICHAEL H.S.-GRADE 7-8</p>

***DAILY CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT THE THEMES**

***PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS ALL WELCOME!**



NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: MARY WARD CATHOLIC

- *EACH DAY STUDENTS WILL BE INVOLVED IN ACTIVITIES WHICH HIGHLIGHT THE CHOSEN THEMES THROUGHOUT THE WEEK.
- *ANTI BULLYING ACTIVITIES WILL BE DIVISION SPECIFIC AND FOCUSED ON TROUGHOUT THE WEEK.
- *JUNIOR STUDENTS WILL BE CONDUCTING BASKETBALL CLINICS FOR OUR PRIMARY STUDENTS.

Monday, May 4 th "EMBRACING HOPE"	OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS – ST. PATS (10:30 A.M.) FIRE PREVENTION DEMONSTRATION GR. 7&8- GYM (12:30-1:30 P.M.) DOOR DECORATING CONTEST- THEME GOOD NEWS FOR ALL CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.)
Tuesday, May 5 th "CELEBRATING WITH JOY"	STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.) BIKE SAFETY PRESENTATION GR. 4-6 A.M. BRING A LOVED ONE GR. 1 FRENCH PLAY GR. 1-GYM (2:30 P.M.)
Wednesday, May 6 th "BUILDING COMMUNITY"	SK PERFORMANCES 10:30 A.M. CLASS/1:00 P.M. CLASS AUTHOR ANN COTTRINGER VISIT PRIMARY BRING A LOVED ONE GR. 2&3 FRENCH PLAY GR. 2, 2/3 -GYM (2:30 P.M.)
Thursday, May 7 th "GROWING IN INTEGRITY"	JK PERFORMANCES 10:30 A.M. CLASS/1:00 P.M. CLASS JR INT SPELLING BEE (A.M.) BRING A LOVED ONE GR. 3 FRENCH PLAY GR. 3 -GYM (2:30 P.M.)
Friday, May 8 th "LIVING WITH GRATITUDE"	DANCE A THON GYM ALL DAY GR. 8 VISIT ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH TO HEAR "CHRIS PADGETT" 10:15 A.M.



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CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK PLANNER 2009

THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Niagara Falls)

<p>Sunday, May 3rd</p>	
<p>Monday, May 4th THEME: Embracing Hope</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ School Para-liturgy: Embracing Hope (Romans 5:1-5) ○ OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS – LOCATION T.B.A. (9:45 – 10:30 A.M.) ○ Primary – Story “The Tree” by Dana Lyons, follow up activities, embrace the beads of hope by reciting a decade of the Rosary – Joyful Mysteries. ○ Junior – Stories “The Golden Rule” and “The Red Sash”, follow up activities, embrace the spirit of hope by making daffodils, Art activity of making footprints and discussing how students will spread the Good News. ○ Intermediate – Story “The Lotus Seed”, follow up activities of justice and peace, creation of class posters about Pope John Paul and hope. ○ CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.)
<p>Tuesday, May 5th THEME: Celebrating with Joy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ School Para-liturgy: Celebrating with Joy (Romans 12:11-13) ○ Primary – Story “On the Day You Were Born”, follow up activities and new parent and baby visit, songs about new life. ○ Junior – Grade 4- Bible Blessing and Celebration with Fr. Hugh Gibson, Story “A Tale of Wonder, Wisdom and Wishes” by Susan Bosak, discussion of dreams and what God’s dream for us is. ○ Intermediate – Story “The Red Sash”, discussion of joy in reference to Bible passage John 15:1-11, creation of a large tree with each student as a branch with the leaves representing illustrations of joy. ○ STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.)
<p>Wednesday, May 6th THEME: Building Community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ School Para-liturgy: Building Community (Romans 12:4-8) ○ Primary – Team building activities outside, trivia – Are You Smarter than a 1st Grader? ○ Junior – Song ‘ What a Wonderful World” with a focus on dreams and Bible passage Genesis 9:8-17, parental invite to a Pioneer and Medieval Times Feast. ○ Intermediate – Story “Dream”, follow up activities of what dreams does God have for us, community clean-up.
<p>Thursday, May 7th THEME: Growing in Integrity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ School Para-liturgy: Grow in Integrity (Romans 12:9-17) ○ Primary – Story “Don’t Laugh at Me” by Steve Seskin, follow up game activities. ○ Junior – Story “God’s Dream”, follow up activities focusing on God’s dreams. ○ Intermediate – Story “Old Turtle and the Broken Truth”, focus on influences on today’s youth and society.
<p>Friday, May 8th THEME: Living with Gratitude</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ School Para-liturgy: Living with Gratitude (Philippians 4:5-7) ○ Primary – Story “The Secret of Saying Thanks” by Douglas Wood, follow up of discussing and preparing a Mother’s Day token of love. ○ Junior – Singing of What a Wonderful World to the school, participating in Get2Fit Challenge at the NF Sports Complex ○ Intermediate – Story “A song of Giving Thanks, discussion of what students are thankful for and follow up drama, art, and powerpoint activities.



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CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK PLANNER 2009

THEME: "Good News For All"

SCHOOL: Our Lady Of Mount Carmel Catholic School

<p>Monday, April 27th</p>	<p>Niagara Catholic Celebrates Festival of the Arts: Eighty students that comprise the OLOMC band and choir will be performing at the Festival at Brock University.</p>
<p>Sunday, May 3rd</p>	<p>CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK COMMUNITY MASS: St. Thomas More Church</p>
<p>Monday, May 4th</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are Those Embrace Hope - Announcement Activity • OPENING MASS: GR. 7 STUDENTS (Celebrations will occur at the 8 Catholic Secondary Schools -- 9:45-10:30 a.m.) • MUSIC MONDAY: School Choir singing at Queen Victoria Park 1 p.m. • CATCH THE SPIRIT AWARDS – Blessed Trinity – 7:00p.m.
<p>Tuesday, May 5th</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are Those who Celebrate with Joy- Announcement Activity • Gr. 7 & 8 Fire Safe Behaviour presentation from Fire Prevention Officer • Gr. 4's @ Medieval Times • Staff Excellence Dinner
<p>Wednesday, May 6th</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are Those who Build Community - Announcement Activity • Grade 7 CPR training • Rosary Prayer Circle
<p>Thursday, May 7th</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are Those Who Grow in Integrity - Announcement Activity • Students involved in researching Our Lady of Mount Carmel and writing a school prayer for the student agenda for 2009-2010. • Principal at Director's meeting
<p>Friday, May 8th</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are Those who Live with Gratitude - Announcement Activity • Gr. 8's @ St. Thomas More Church to see guest speaker, Chris Padgett. • Gr. 7 students attending Niagara-wide Youth Leadership Conference on Global Citizenship featuring Craig Kielburger - Brock University



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CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK PLANNER 2009

THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: Sacred Heart Catholic School

Sunday, May 3rd	First Holy Communion @ 2:00 - Sacred Heart Church
Monday, May 4th	Theme: Embracing Hope OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS – LOCATION T.B.A. (9:45 – 10:30 A.M.) CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.)
Tuesday, May 5th	Theme: Celebrating with Joy AUTHOR VISITS- 9:00 PRIMARY DIVISION BRIAN GETNEY 10:15 JUNIOR DIVISION BRIAN GETNEY 12:35 INTERMEDIATE DIVISION LUCY FALCON STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.)
Wednesday, May 6th	Theme: Building Community FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION @ 2:00 Gr.7 and 8
Thursday, May 7th	Theme: Growing in Integrity CPR GRADE 7 STUDENTS @ 12:30
Friday, May 8th	Theme: Living with Gratitude GRADE 8 MASS AT ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH @ 10:15 KOBLER JAY PRESENTATION JK – GR. 3 A.M, GR. 4-8 P.M. SATURDAY MAY 9TH PROJECT SHARE- HELP STAMP OUT HUNGER – GLENGATE ALLIANCE CHURCH – Sacred Heart School Team will attend. MONDAY MAY 11 MARIAN MASS @ 1:00 SACRED HEART CHURCH



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CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK PLANNER 2009

**THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL AS WE CELEBRATE 50 YEARS
OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION AT ST. GABRIEL LALEMANT SCHOOL**

NAME OF SCHOOL: St. Gabriel Lalemant

Sunday, May 3rd	
Monday, May 4th	OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS -- LOCATION T.B.A. (9:45 – 10:30 A.M.) OPENING LITURGY FOR THE SCHOOL....INTRODUCTION OF QUILT PROJECT CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.) Grandparent's Day p.m.
Tuesday, May 5th	GR. 8 RETREAT AT OLOS 11:00 QUILT CREATION STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.)
Wednesday, May 6th	QUILT CREATION CAFÉ
Thursday, May 7th	QUILT CREATION DANCE A THON P.M.
Friday, May 8th	GRADE 8 LITURGY AT ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH 10:15 PRESENTATION OF CLASS QUILTS CLOSING LITURGY ST. GABRIEL IDOL



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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: ST. JOSEPH, NF

Sunday, May 3rd	
Monday, May 4th	OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS – LOCATION T.B.A. (9:45 – 10:30 A.M.) SCHOOL MASS – ST. ANN GRADE 4/5 – ELECTRONIC BOOK REPORTS (ALL WEEK) GRADE 8 – SCIENCE FAIR EXPO (ALL WEEK) CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.)
Tuesday, May 5th	PRAYER SERVICE SNUGGLE UP AND SPREAD THE NEWS – MAKING CONNECTIONS/INFERENCES STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.)
Wednesday, May 6th	CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL BOOK EXCHANGE INTERMEDIATE DIVISION – CATHOLIC JEOPARDY GRADE 5/6 SCIENCE EXPO
Thursday, May 7th	CELEBRATING MARY AND OUR MOTHERS PRAYER SERVICE
Friday, May 8th	PRAYER SERVICE GRADE 8 MASS – ST. THOMAS MORE SCRABBLE TOURNAMENT JUMP ROPE FOR HEART



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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School

Sunday, May 3rd	The theme of Catholic Education Week: Good News for All is introduced at Our Lady of Scapular Church.
Monday, May 4th	Those Who Bring Good News: Embrace Hope <ul style="list-style-type: none">• OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS – LOCATION T.B.A. (9:45 – 10:30 A.M.)• SVDP WALK ACROSS CANADA IN A DAY EVENT FOR DUCHENE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY @ 2:10 P.M.• CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.)
Tuesday, May 5th	Those Who Bring Good News: Celebrate with Joy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SVDP TLCP Session 3 from 8:15-3:30• SVDP Catholic School Council Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.• STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.)
Wednesday, May 6th	Those Who Bring Good News: Build Community <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fire Safe Behaviour Presentation to SVDP Grade 7& 8 Students: 12:30-1:30 p.m.• Grade 4 Bible Presentation: 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 7th	Those Who Bring Good News: Grow in Integrity <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NCDSB Director's Meeting: Partners in Catholic Education
Friday, May 8th	Those Who Bring Good News: Live with Gratitude <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SVDP Track & Field Meet @ Oaks Park



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ST. MARY SCHOOL, Niagara Falls

Sunday, May 3rd	Father Gerard to announce Catholic Education Week at St. Patrick masses
Monday, May 4th Theme: <i>Hope</i>	8:50 AM - OPENING ASSEMBLY & LITURGY OPENING MASS for area Grade 7 classes FIELD TRIP SK & grade 3/4 Public Library <u>MUSIC MONDAY</u> – student performances, teach & perform “Grateful” COMMUNITY READERS – P- <i>The Tree</i> , J/I- <i>Lotus Seed</i> 7:00 PM CATCH THE SPIRIT – Blessed Trinity School
Tuesday, May 5th Theme: <i>Joy</i>	<u>ACTIVITY DAY</u> – team rotation of games i.e. Scrabble, Chess, Trouble... FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS – Cheerleaders & Grade 1 class COMMUNITY READERS – P- <i>On The Day You Were Born</i> , J/I- <i>The Red Sash</i> STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.)
Wednesday, May 6th Theme: <i>Community</i>	<u>FRENCH CAFÉ</u> – classes visit during scheduled French time ART GALLERY created by the Grade 3 / 4 class COMMUNITY READERS – P- <i>God’s Dream</i> , J/I- <i>What A Wonderful World</i>
Thursday, May 7th Theme: <i>Integrity</i>	<u>CANADIAN ARMED FORCES ENCOURAGEMENT</u> – Guests from Royal Canadian Legion to attend and community members invited to join in school wide letter writing campaign COMMUNITY READERS – P- <i>T.B.D.</i> , J/I- <i>T.B.D.</i>
Friday, May 8th Theme: <i>Gratitude</i>	SCRABBLE - 4 teams at Tournament @ Monsignor Clancy FAITH FORMATION in AM for area Grade 8 classes COMMUNITY READERS – P- <i>The Secret of Saying Thanks</i> , J/I- <i>Grateful</i> 2:15 PM CLOSING ASSEMBLY & LITURGY



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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC SCHOOL, NIAGARA FALLS

Sunday, May 3rd	
Monday, May 4th	OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS – LOCATION T.B.A. (9:45 – 10:30 A.M.) CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.)
Tuesday, May 5th	STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.) PLAY REHEARSAL 12:30 - (KING ARTIE AND THE KNIGHTS OF THE RAD TABLE)
Wednesday, May 6th	PLAY PERFORMANCE 10:00 AND 6:00 - (KING ARTIE AND THE KNIGHTS OF THE RAD TABLE)
Thursday, May 7th	SK- GRANDPARENTS/FAMILY DAY PASTA LUNCH
Friday, May 8th	JUMP ROPE FOR HEART-HEALTHY SNACKS PROVIDED MOTHER'S DAY TEA – JK CLASS GRADE 8'S VISITING ST. PAUL – GUEST SPEAKER



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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: St.Thomas More

Sunday, May 3rd	
Monday, May 4th	<p>OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS – LOCATION T.B.A. (9:45 – 10:30 A.M.) 9:00 (A.M.) MASS – (ALL SK – 3 STUDENTS) ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH</p> <p>1:00 MUSIC MONDAY</p> <p>7:00 p.m. CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL – Katrina Aleman</p>
Tuesday, May 5th	<p>(9:00-9:50) TUESDAY MORNING FITNESS – special guest Les Potapczyk</p> <p>(11:45-12:10) ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (E.L.L.) MULTICULTURAL LUNCHEON</p> <p>(1:00-2:00) GRADE 3 FRENCH PLAY – Les Trois Petits Cochons (parents invited)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. STAFF EXCELLENCE QUALITY INN</p>
Wednesday, May 6th	<p>(9:00 -10: 10) BOOK BUDDIES</p> <p>(All day) GRADE 3 TRIP TO JORDAN HISTORICAL MUSEUM</p> <p>(1:00 -2:00) GRADE 2 FRENCH PLAY - Le Petit Chat cherche une famille</p>
Thursday, May 7th	<p>(9:00-10:00) FAIRYTALES (S.K. presenting their talents) Mrs. MacDonald/Mrs.Cappa Gr.2 audience</p> <p>(1:00-2:00) GRADE 1 FRENCH PLAY – La Poule Maboule</p>
Friday, May 8th	<p>Spirit Day – Students dress for your future career!</p> <p>EDU CHALLENGE (Grades 1-3) Gymnasium</p> <p>9:15 -10:15 Grade 1's</p> <p>10:30-11:30 Grade 2's</p> <p>12:45-1:45 Grade 3's (Ribbons to be awarded)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">JK/K DOG PRESENTATION</p>

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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

**** Sunday, April 26 Saint Michael Family Communion Breakfast
at Saint Michael – Mass at 10am, Breakfast at 11am.**

Sunday, May 3rd	<p><i>“Good News for All”</i></p> <p>Parish Bulletin Announcements re Catholic Education Week</p> <p>Golf Tournament</p>
Monday, May 4th	<p><i>Daily Prayer Theme & Announcements - EMBRACING HOPE</i></p> <p>OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS – SACRED HEART CHURCH 9:45AM CELEBRANT – FR. DON LIZOTTI;</p> <p>MUSIC MONDAY – CHOIR & BANDS WILL PERFORM AT LUNCH PERIODS</p> <p>CATHOLIC GUEST SPEAKER – CHRIS PADGETT – 1PM</p> <p>CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.)</p> <p>Announcements – Grads will write & share through daily announcements each day “What Catholic Education has mean to them.”</p>
Tuesday, May 5th	<p><i>Daily Prayer Theme & Announcements - CELEBRATING WITH JOY</i></p> <p>ART DISPLAY – Posters depicting CEW themes displayed in Atrium</p> <p>STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.)</p>
Wednesday, May 6th	<p><i>Daily Prayer Theme & Announcements -BUILDING COMMUNITY</i></p> <p>Chaplain’s Crew Prayer Hop– Students will travel around City by Bus, stopping to pray at various locations for the needs of community.</p>
Thursday, May 7th	<p><i>Daily Prayer Theme & Announcements -GROWING IN INTEGRITY</i></p> <p>International Food Festival – A cultural food experience to celebrate the diversity and similarities of the many cultures in our school community.</p>
Friday, May 8th	<p><i>Daily Prayer Theme & Announcements -LIVING WITH GRATITUDE</i></p> <p>Social Justice Liturgy – Celebrating Good News for All... God’s people.</p> <p>Highlighting multiculturalism in our school community and our commitment to Social Justice with celebrant: Fr. Tony MacNamara.</p>



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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: Saint Paul Catholic High School

Sunday, May 3rd	
Monday, May 4th	OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS – ST PATRICK CHURCH (10:30 A.M.) CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.)
Tuesday, May 5th	STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.)
Wednesday, May 6th	Student Council Elections
Thursday, May 7th	Education Week Masses at Scapular (8:15 and 9:30)
Friday, May 8th	Free the Children Conference (all day) – 7 students in attendance Guest Speaker: Christopher Padgett – 8:45 am

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK
PLANNERS**

MAY 3RD – MAY 8TH, 2009

AREA #3 SCHOOLS

Assumption
Canadian Martyrs
Michael J. Brennan
Our Lady of Fatima
St. Alfred
St. Ann (SC)
St. Anthony
St. Christopher
St. Denis
St. James
St. Nicholas
St. Peter
St. Theresa
Denis Morris
Holy Cross
St. Francis
Mother Teresa
St. Michael (Niagara-on-the-Lake)
Monsignor Clancy
St. Charles



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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: Assumption Catholic Elementary School

Sunday, May 3rd	School Projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers will incorporate the theme for Education Week (Good News for All) and the five sub themes in daily prayers and lessons. • Working with their Book Buddies, students have been creating a published book (this commenced at the beginning of April). The books will be completed by Education Week and shared with other students and parents. • We have also been focusing on the arts with the presentation of 'Big Bad Musical'.
Monday, May 4th Embracing Hope	OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS – LOCATION HC. (9:45 – 10:30 A.M.) ASSUMPTION SCHOOL: OPENING LITURGY IN THE GYM (JK – 8) CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.)
Tuesday, May 5th Celebrating with Joy	STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.) A.M. Book sharing between students
Wednesday, May 6th Building Community	A.M. Book sharing between students 12:30 – Dress Rehearsal “ Big Bad Musical” 6:00 - Musical 'Big Bad Musical' (in the school gym)
Thursday, May 7th Growing in Integrity	Grade 8 retreat A.M. Book sharing between students 6:00 - Musical 'Big Bad Musical' (in the school gym)
Friday, May 8th Living with Gratitude	9:00 – 2:45- Scrabble competition at MC A.M. – Sharing of published books with other students and parents P.M. - AUTHOR: MARIA SOLOMAN PRESENTATION (TWO PRESENTATIONS)



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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL:

Canadian Martyrs

Sunday, May 3rd	
Monday, May 4th	OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS AT HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL AT 9:45 A.M. PRIMARY CLASSES DISPLAY THEIR ARTWORK FOR THEME OF " KINDNESS TO OTHERS". CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.)
Tuesday, May 5th	STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.) SCHOOL GARDEN PLANTED USING SEEDS FROM TEACHER LEARNING CRITICAL ACTIVITY SCHOOL CHOIR AND SCHOOL BAND PERFORM AT BROCK UNIVERSITY
Wednesday, May 6th	Confirmation Retreat at St. Alfred's Church in the morning. Ecology Club organizes cleanup of school grounds.
Thursday, May 7th	Grade 8 pupils attend speaker presentation by Chris Padgett at St. Alfred's Church. Posters displayed with " Protecting Our Earth" messages.
Friday, May 8th	Mr. Sullivan and group of Grade 7 & 8 pupils attend the "Me to We" conference at Brock University to reinforce the school's project of "Making A Difference". Grade 2 pupils rehearse for tomorrow's First Eucharist at St. Alfred's Church. Staff prayer service at 8:20 a.m.



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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: Michael J. Brennan

Sunday, May 3rd	Students and families will be encouraged to attend School Community Parish of St. Denis.
Monday, May 4th	Day 1 – Embrace Hope School-wide Opening Prayer Service introducing the 5 Themes and read story “Butterfly Under Our Hats.” In individual classrooms, students will discuss the theme of ‘Hope’ and share and write their favourite part of the story on a template of a butterfly. Artwork will be used to decorate the gym for our Closing Celebration on Friday. OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 6 STUDENTS – LOCATION T.B.A. (9:45 – 10:30 A.M.) CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.)
Tuesday, May 5th	Day 2 – Celebrate with Joy In individual classrooms discuss celebrations shared with family and friends. Discuss the celebration of spring and “What brings you joy?” Students will write a journal entry about a time they celebrated something special. Students from each class will share a journal entry at our Closing Celebration. STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.)
Wednesday, May 6th	Day 3 – Building Community In individual classrooms read the story “God’s Dream?” Ask students “What God dreams for them?” As a whole class students will brainstorm and record their ideas on a balloon chart of ‘What God Dreams for Them?’ The balloon charts will be displayed and used for the Closing Celebration.
Thursday, May 7th	Day 4 – Growing in Integrity Entire school will go on a Nature Walk and gather and reflect on how when we share our talents and gifts we help to make the world a better place. A member from each class will carry a balloon to represent the theme of Building Our Community and how important it is to build our community with integrity and respect for one another. During prayer service students will let balloons go in the air.
Friday, May 8th	Day 5 – Live with Gratitude Closing Celebration with entire school and reflection on themes of the week. Parents and Grandparents are welcome to attend.



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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School – St. Catharines

Sunday, May 3rd	
Monday, May 4th	OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS EDUCATION WEEK OPENING LITURGY – GYM – A.M. CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.)
Tuesday, May 5th	Kobble J Presentation JK – Gr 8 You're the Chef begins STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.)
Wednesday, May 6th	Grandparent's Day – JK to Grade 7 a.m. Gr 8 Retreat – St. Alfred Church
Thursday, May 7th	Grade 8's to Blessed Trinity – Speaker Chris Padgett Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart
Friday, May 8th	Scrabble Tournament Cyberquest Gr 7 Classroom Visits



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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: St. Alfred

Throughout the week, members of our school community will take turns reading the prayers of the week to begin each day.

Sunday, May 3rd	Grade 2 – First Communion
Monday, May 4th Embracing Hope	Mon – Friday –Fundraising for Heart and Stroke Foundation -raffle OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS – HOLY CROSS (9:45 – 10:30 A.M.) GRADE 6 – CRAWFORD LAKE CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.)
Tuesday, May 5th Celebrating with Joy	STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.) KIWANIS SPPECHES GRADE 4 CHILDREN’S MUSEUM
Wednesday, May 6th Building Community	School Mass @ St. Alfred Church 9:30 School Beautification - students /parents/teachers planting -growing & working together -walk through in gym of children’s art and other work displayed Grades 4, 5 &6 Drama workshops @ Holy Cross
Thursday, May 7th Growing in Integrity	Jump Rope for Heart JK– 5 Grade 5 Children’s Museum Gr. 8 with Holy Cross @ St. Alfred Church 1:00 p.m.
Friday, May 8th Living with Gratitude	Hoops for Heart – Grades 6 -8 Volunteer Appreciation Tea



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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: ST. ANN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Sunday, May 3 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SCHOOL QUILT WILL BE DESIGNED AND CREATED BASED ON THE THEME "GOOD NEWS FOR ALL". THIS WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE SCHOOL.• CLASSROOM DOORS DECORATED WITH DAILY THEMES FOR THE WEEK
Monday, May 4 th "Embracing Hope"	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS• MORNING PRAYER EACH DAY TO FOCUS ON THE DAILY THEME• THEMED LESSONS PRESENTED• OPENING CEREMONY BY FRENCH CLASSES AT 12:40 P.M.• MUSIC MONDAY PRESENTATION AT 1:00 P.M.• CATCH THE SPIRIT AWARD CEREMONY AT BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL AT 7:00 P.M.• CHRIS PADGETT PARENT PRESENTATION AT ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL AT 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, May 5 th "Celebrate With Joy"	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MICHAEL WADE-AUTHOR PRESENTATION IN GRADES 3 TO 8• AUTHOR WORKSHOPS IN AFTERNOON BASED ON THE BOOKS "AND THEN IT HAPPENED" BY MICHAEL WADE• THEMED LESSONS PRESENTED• STAFF EXCELLENCE DINNER AT QUALITY INN AT 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday, May 6 th "Building Community"	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PARENT VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON AT 11:35 P.M.• THEMED LESSONS PRESENTED• BUDDY HOUR -LEARNING/SHARING TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY
Thursday, May 7 th "Growing in Integrity"	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CHRIS PADGETT PRESENTATION FOR GRADE 8 STUDENTS AT ST. ALFRED CHURCH AT 1:00 P.M.• THEMED LESSONS PRESENTED• ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL GRADE 10 RELIGION STUDENTS WILL PRESENT RELIGION LESSONS BASED ON THE PARABLES AND THE THEME OF THE WEEK
Friday, May 8 th "Living With Gratitude"	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CLOSING CEREMONY FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK AT 10:00 A.M.• THEMED LESSONS PRESENTED• GRADE 3 PRAYER SERVICE• SHOWCASE OF THE ST. ANN CATHOLIC SCHOOL CHOIR• GRADE 4 PRESENTATION OF THE "STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR DEATH OF A FOREST"-ECOSCHOOL/RELIGIOUS PRESENTATION• SLIDESHOW PRESENTATION OF THE EVENTS OF THE WEEK!



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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: Saint Anthony Catholic School – “A School to Believe In”

Sunday, May 3rd Catholic Education Week Committee will be at school putting up our Wall Mural of a Rainbow.	Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church at 5:30 (Sat. May 2 nd), 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Saint Anthony Students will be speaking at all Masses to introduce Catholic Education Week to the Parish Community. Students will proudly be displaying our Saint Anthony Catholic School Shirts.
Monday, May 4th Opening Prayer Service at 1:00 p.m. – Embrace Hope	OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS – ST. JULIA CATHOLIC CHURCH (10:00 A.M.) MUSIC MONDAY: SCHOOL-WIDE SINGING OF THEME SONG – “GOOD NEWS FOR ALL” FEATURING OUR ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC SCHOOL BAND AND CHOIR. STUDENTS WILL BE PLACING THEIR PROMISE OF HOPE ON OUR WALL MURAL THROUGHOUT THE DAY. CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.)
Tuesday, May 5th	Prayer Service: Celebrate with Joy read over Morning Announcements. Theme: The Golden Rule – Gr. 8 Student Leaders and Confirmants will go to all classrooms from JK to Gr. 7 to spread the “Good News”. They will read about The Golden Rule and facilitate an activity with each class entitled: Treat Others as You Would Like to be Treated. STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.)
Wednesday, May 6th	Prayer Service: Build Community read over Morning Announcements. Theme: We are stewards of the earth. We will host our second invitational “Greening God’s Creation” with parents/guardians, and extended family members joining our catholic school community: staff and students in “greening and beautification efforts around our school. This will take place at 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 7th	Prayer Service: Grow in Integrity read over Morning Announcements. Grade 8 students will travel to Saint Julia Catholic Church to listen to Catholic Speaker: Chris Padget speak. Partners in Catholic Education Dinner. Fr. Chris, School Staff, and Catholic School Council Representatives to attend.
Friday, May 8th	Closing Prayer Service – Live with Gratitude in our gymnasium at 2:30 p.m. Each classroom will receive a new classroom bible so that they may continue to go out and spread “The Good News”.



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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: St. Christopher Catholic School

Sunday, May 3rd	
Monday, May 4th	Theme: Embracing Hope 9:45 – 10:30 am OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS Grade 7 students will be bussed to St. Julia 1:30: School Assembly: Students will be introduced to the theme and goal to be accomplished during this week. Our project at the end of the week will exemplify the Good News that grows on a daily basis at St. Christopher Catholic School. 7:00 pm CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Tuesday, May 5th	Theme: Celebrating with Joy 8:45: Student Assembly – paraliturg In their classrooms, teachers will lead students through activities that celebrate our Catholic Education System. STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.)
Wednesday, May 6th	Theme: Building Community 9:00 am: All students will go to St. Thomas Aquinas Church our school Catholic Education Week Mass. 12:30 – 2:30: Volunteer Appreciation Social
Thursday, May 7th	Theme: Growing in Integrity 8:45 am Paraliturg 11:00am – 5:30 pm: Flower Sales Pick Up 12:30: Buddy Reading Activity
Friday, May 8th	Theme: Living with Gratitude 12:30: The week will culminate with an assembly and Paraliturg during which students will present symbols of the "Gifts of Catholic Education that will be posted on a display, reflecting the mountain top from which " Good News for All " is proclaimed.



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SCHOOL: St. Denis Catholic School

Sunday, May 3rd	<p>Encouraging Via letter that to kick start our Catholic Education Week, we would like to welcome all families to attend the 10:00 AM Mass at St. Denis Church.</p> <p>Set aside family time to reflect and pray thanking God for the fortunate set of circumstances we are in as a Catholic community.</p>
Monday, May 4th	<p>EMBRACING HOPE Daily Prayer service on morning announcements</p> <p>Opening Liturgy for school in the gym.</p> <p>Primary, Junior and Intermediate classes will do lessons that focus on "hope", in their classrooms from the Catholic Education Week Planner.</p>
Tuesday, May 5th	<p>CELEBRATING WITH JOY Daily Prayer service on morning announcements.</p> <p>Friendship Walk: Classes will partner up with their Learning Buddies and we will walk to the park on Russell Ave. Older students will bring book to read to younger students by relaxing on grass and spending quality moments together.</p> <p>Primary, Junior and Intermediate classes will do lessons that focus on "Celebrating Joy" in their classrooms from the Catholic Education Week Planner.</p>
Wednesday, May 6th	<p>BUILDING COMMUNITY Daily Prayer service on morning announcements.</p> <p>Kiwanis Celebration: Class and Individual Kiwanis poems will be shared in the gym for the entire school.</p> <p>Primary, Junior and Intermediate classes will do lessons that focus on "Community" in their classrooms from the Catholic Education Week Planner.</p>
Thursday, May 7th	<p>GROWING IN INTEGRITY Daily Prayer service on morning announcements.</p> <p>All Around the World: Kindergarten and grade seven classes will be involved in an activity in the gymnasium.</p> <p>Primary, Junior and Intermediate classes will do lessons that focus on "Community" in their classrooms from the Catholic Education Week Planner.</p>
Friday, May 8th	<p>LIVING WITH GRATITUDE Daily Prayer service on morning announcements.</p> <p>Primary, Junior and Intermediate classes will do lessons that focus on "Gratitude" in their classrooms from the Catholic Education Week Planner.</p> <p>Reflection time for all students to compose a prayer or gesture of gratitude and love, for someone special in their lives.</p> <p>Closing Liturgy to recap the focus of Catholic Education Week and the daily themes throughout the week.</p> <p>Intermediate Trivia Day</p>



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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: St. James

Friday, May 1 st	11:00 – Catholic Education Week Liturgy – JK to 8 Intermediate Pre- Assessment for T-LCP #3
Sunday, May 3rd	Grade 8 Confirmation at St. Denis Church 1:30
Monday, May 4th	OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS – ST. DENIS. (9:30 A.M.) Class Liturgies for Catholic Education Strategy Celebration Day – Students will showcase skills and strategies CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.)
Tuesday, May 5th	STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.) SCHOOL MUSICAL - @ 1:00, 6:30, 8:00
Wednesday, May 6th	Prayer Service for Catholic Education Primary and Junior Pre- Assessment for T-LCP #3 Gr. 8 SCOEP (Day 1) Scientist in School – Gr. 1 and 2
Thursday, May 7th	Primary and Junior Liturgy Gr. 8 SCOEP (Day 2) 5:30 Family and School Mass and Dinner at SCOEP
Friday, May 8th	Classroom Liturgies Gr. 10 – St. Francis Students Facilitating Religion Lessons for grades 1 to 6



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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: ST. NICHOLAS CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Sunday, April 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 11:30 A.M. FIRST COMMUNION AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. CATHARINE OF ALEXANDRIA➤ CLASSROOM TEACHERS WILL HAVE THE OPPORUTNITY TO SELECT CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES FROM THE RESOURCE KIT
Monday, May 4th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS – LOCATION T.B.A. (9:45 – 10:30 A.M.)➤ THE SUGGESTED DAY ONE PRAYER SERVICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE MORNING.➤ CLASSROOM TEACHERS WILL HAVE THE OPPORUTNITY TO SELECT CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES FROM THE RESOURCE KIT➤ CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.)
Tuesday, May 5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ THE SUGGESTED DAY TWO PRAYER SERVICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE MORNING.➤ CLASSROOM TEACHERS WILL HAVE THE OPPORUTNITY TO SELECT CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES FROM THE RESOURCE KIT➤ STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.)
Wednesday, May 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ THE SUGGESTED DAY THREE PRAYER SERVICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE MORNING.➤ 9:30 A.M. EDUCATION WEEK MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA➤ CLASSROOM TEACHERS WILL HAVE THE OPPORUTNITY TO SELECT CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES FROM THE RESOURCE KIT
Thursday, May 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ THE SUGGESTED DAY FOUR PRAYER SERVICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE MORNING.➤ GRADE 8'S ATTENDING CHRIS PADGETT PRESENTATION➤ JK-8 SPRING PRODUCTION (A.M. AND EVENING PERFORMANCES SCHEDULED)
Friday, May 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ THE SUGGESTED DAY ONE PRAYER SERVICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE MORNING.➤ CLASSROOM TEACHERS WILL HAVE THE OPPORUTNITY TO SELECT CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES FROM THE RESOURCE KIT



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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: St. Peter Catholic Elementary

Sunday, May 3rd	First Communion at St. Julia's at 2:00 p.m.
Monday, May 4th	OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS – LOCATION T.B.A. (9:45 – 10:30 A.M.) CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.)
Tuesday, May 5th	STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.) ST. PETER JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE LITURGICAL DANCERS TO PREFORM AT THE FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS!
Wednesday, May 6th	Liturgy based on the theme, "Good News for All"
Thursday, May 7th	Fair Fair Set Up in the gym – all grades from JK-8
Friday, May 8th	Faith Faith (Parent/grandparents invited)



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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: St. Theresa Catholic Elementary School St.Catharines

Sunday, May 3rd	11:00a.m.- Mass and Crowning of Mary- St.Patrick Church Student Talent & Artwork on display for Parishioners and Families
Monday, May 4th	<u>Embracing Hope</u> Young Authors Work- Locker Display 9:15am Primary Prayer Service-Grades 1-2-3 10:00 A.M.-OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS – ST.JULIA CHURCH. 1:00p.m.-Music Monday 6:00p.m. Chris Padgett-Guest Speaker-St.Michael CSC 7:00 P.M. "CATCH THE SPIRIT" – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Tuesday, May 5th	<u>Celebrating with Joy</u> 9:15am -Junior Prayer Service-Grade 4/5 Pinocchio Student Production at Mons. Clancy 6:00 P.M.-STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN
Wednesday, May 6th	<u>Building Community</u> 9:15am Intermediate Prayer Service Grades 7- 8 "Y" Early Years in Gym 2:10 – 3:00pm-Round Robin Reading – WHOLE SCHOOL
Thursday, May 7th	<u>Growing in Integrity</u> Gr.8 guest Speaker at Blessed Trinity CHS 9:15a.m.- Jump Rope for Heart Presentation 12:17p.m.-Junior and Early Years Prayer Service Grades 5/6 and SK P.M.-Trivia 2000 – Junior / Intermediate
Friday, May 8th	<u>Living with Gratitude</u> Rosary Retreat NCDSB DRAMA FESTIVAL – ALL DAY IN GYM NCDSB-Scrabble Tournament 2:15pm Student Services Prayer Service



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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: Denis Morris Catholic High School

Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2 (tentative)	Social Justice Retreat (Camp Wetaskawin)
Sunday, May 3rd	
Monday, May 4th	Opening Prayer Theme: "Embracing Hope" OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS – LOCATION ST. JULIA'S PARISH . (10:00 AM) CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.)
Tuesday, May 5th	Opening Prayer Theme: "Celebrating with Joy" Speaker Chris Padgett (Topic: Chastity), presents at DM to students 8:30 am in Fr. Kenneth Burns Gymnasium STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.)
Wednesday, May 6th	Opening Prayer Theme: "Building Community" 11:00 am Dedication and blessing of Father Patrick Fogarty Peace Garden
Thursday, May 7th	Opening Prayer Theme: "Growing in Integrity"
Friday, May 8th	Opening Prayer Theme: "Living with Gratitude" 8:30 and 9:45 am Denis Morris Catholic Education Week Mass. . (dedication & blessing of rowing shell following the 9:45 a.m. mass) 1:00 pm – 11:00 pm Denis Morris 39 th annual Starvathon for the developing world. Social justice experience + Prayer services and learning activities.



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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: HOLY CROSS SECONDARY SCHOOL

Sunday, May 3rd	Holy Cross students will participate in all Sunday Mass @ all five of our parishes in their uniforms to show that our students are an integral part of parish life.
Monday, May 4th	Morning and Afternoon Prayers composed by Holy Cross Students. OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (9:45 – 10:30 A.M.) CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.) Catholic Videos playing over school flat screens Catholic Trivia Contest in the Afternoon Announcements.
Tuesday, May 5th	Morning and Afternoon Prayers composed by Holy Cross Students. STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.) FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY (1:00PM) WITH CHRIS PADGETT, CATHOLIC SPEAKER Catholic Videos playing over school flat screens Catholic Trivia Contest in the Afternoon Announcements.
Wednesday, May 6th	Morning and Afternoon Prayers composed by Holy Cross Students. FEEDER SCHOOL (JK/SK/GR. 1) – DRAMA PERFORMANCE Catholic Videos playing over school flat screens Catholic Trivia Contest in the Afternoon Announcements.
Thursday, May 7th	Morning and Afternoon Prayers composed by Holy Cross Students. Catholic Videos playing over school flat screens GRADE EIGHT ASSEMBLY (ST. ALFRED AT 1:00PM) WITH CHRIS PADGETT, CATHOLIC SPEAKER Catholic Trivia Contest in the Afternoon Announcements.
Friday, May 8th	Morning and Afternoon Prayers composed by Holy Cross Students. Catholic Videos playing over school flat screens Catholic Trivia Contest in the Afternoon Announcements.



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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: St. Francis Catholic Secondary School

<p>Sunday, May 3rd</p>	<p><u>Throughout the Week:</u> Morning Prayer – focusing on the theme “Good News for All” School-wide morning trivia challenge. Business class fundraisers for sister school, St. Marc, in Haiti. Grade 10 Religion classes to visit feeder schools to present lessons focusing on Jesus’ parables and on theme “Good News for All.” Small fundraiser in religion classes to purchase chickens and other animals for families in developing countries.</p>
<p>Monday, May 4th</p>	<p>OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS – ST. DENIS CHURCH, 9:30 A.M. CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.)</p>
<p>Tuesday, May 5th</p>	<p>Guest Faith Speaker Chris Padgett will speak to all grades, 10:15 a.m. STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.)</p>
<p>Wednesday, May 6th</p>	<p>Easter Mass – 10:00 Buddy Day – St. Francis welcomes public school students.</p>
<p>Thursday, May 7th</p>	
<p>Friday, May 8th</p>	



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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: Mother Teresa

Sunday, May 3rd	
Monday, May 4th	OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS – LOCATION T.B.A. (9:45 – 10:30 A.M.) SAINT FRANCIS – PRESENTATIONS TO GR.'S 1-3 – 9:30-10:30 Music Monday – 1:00 CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.) Daily Readings & discussion – within classes School-wide Opening Celebration – 8:45
Tuesday, May 5th	STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.) FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS – BROCK – CHOIR & TITAN CANON (AM) VISITING AUTHOR – MIKE WADE – PM – GR. 3-6 DAILY READINGS & DISCUSSION – WITHIN CLASSES
Wednesday, May 6th	Gr. 4's to visit St. Edwards – Medieval Celebration Crowning of Mary – 12:30 Daily Readings & Discussion – within classes
Thursday, May 7th	Teen Esteem – 11:25-1:00 Gr. 6&7 – BEC Gr. 7&8's to attend St. Alfred – Chris Padget presentation Daily Readings & Discussions – within classes
Friday, May 8th	Gr. 3 presentation – Poison Safety Scrabble Tournament - Clancy Primary Book Sharing – Robert Munch readings – throughout the day Primary "Pass it ON" – recycling books from the community Daily Readings & Discussions – within classes



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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: St. Michael (Niagara-on-the-Lake)

Sunday, May 3rd	
Monday, May 4th	OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS – LOCATION T.B.A. (9:45 – 10:30 A.M.) START OF GUMDROPS READING PROGRAM – 20MIN PER DAY CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.)
Tuesday, May 5th	STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.) GRANDPARENTS DAY (9:30 – 11:00) EARTH MOVIE (PM) (TBA- HAS NOT COME TO THE THEATRE YET)
Wednesday, May 6th	DRAMA AT HOLY CROSS- JUNIOR DIVISION FATHER MITCH – 1ST COMMUNION
Thursday, May 7th	INTERNET SAFETY PRESENTATION – 9AM - SCHOOL/ 7PM - PARENTS GRADE 8 – ST ALFRED CHURCH – 1PM
Friday, May 8th	GRADE 7 – CPR (AM) TALENT SHOW – 12:45 – 3:00



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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: Monsignor Clancy

<p>Sunday, May 3rd</p>	<p>Please Note: Pinocchio (school wide performance) will be taking place throughout the entire education week. There will be daily prayers over the announcements .</p>
<p>Monday, May 4th</p>	<p>Theme: Embracing Hope OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS – LOCATION ST. JULIA (9:45 – 10:30 A.M.) CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.) Recyled Art Show – front foyer Create a “good news” newspaper article celebrating our catholic values and how Monsignor Clancy School has done this throughout the school year thus far. Pinocchio performance 1:00 pm</p>
<p>Tuesday, May 5th</p>	<p>Theme: Celebrating with Joy STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.) Share in own class their good news newspaper article. Post articles outside the classrooms to share with other students, staff and grandparents on Friday. Pinocchio performances 10:00 am & 1:00 pm</p>
<p>Wednesday, May 6th</p>	<p>Theme: Building Community School Wide Mass – Celebrating as a school community, building our faith together. Pinocchio performances 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm</p>
<p>Thursday, May 7th</p>	<p>Theme: Growing in Integrity Celebrate successes with our students in class through an awards ceremony, using Catholic Values as the basis of the awards. 9:00 am Grade fives to St. Catherine’s Cathedral 1:00 pm Grade 8’s to DM for Chris Padgett</p>
<p>Friday, May 8th</p>	<p>Theme: Living with Gratitude Design a sign of thanks for their grandparent or loved one. This sign can be a card, poem, piece of art, etc. Grandparent Day – PM Pinocchio performance 7:00 pm</p>

Note: Colour Coding below
 Activity for the day
 Theme for the day



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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: St. Charles

Sunday, May 3rd	
Monday, May 4th	AM – CWL Snuggle Up and Read (all classes) PM – Grade 3 IQ Challenge 12:45 OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS (9:45 – 10:30 A.M.) CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.)
Tuesday, May 5th	AM – 10:00 Education Week Mass, Holy Rosary Catholic Church PM – Grade 2 IQ Challenge 12:45 Grade 1 Dance and Drama Club perform at Festival of the Arts at Brock STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.)
Wednesday, May 6th	AM – “Bring Your Parents to School” (all classes) PM – “Bring Your Parents to School” (all classes) 6:15 p.m. Catholic School Council meeting
Thursday, May 7th	AM – Grade 2 Scientists in the Classroom PM – Grade 1 IQ Challenge 12:45
Friday, May 8th	AM – Grade 2 Scientists in the Classroom

Daily Community Prayer – Teachers will have a copy. The Principal will read the prayer for the day over the intercom and students will do the response in their classrooms.

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK
PLANNERS**

MAY 3RD – MAY 8TH, 2009

AREA #4 SCHOOLS

Our Lady of Fatima

St. Joseph

Blessed Trinity

St. Edward

St. John

St. Mark

St. Martin



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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: Our Lady of Fatima (Grimsby)

Sunday, May 3rd	First Holy Communion Grade 2 students at St. Joseph Church Grimsby
Monday, May 4th	OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS – ST JOSEPH CHURCH– 10:00 A.M. SHARED READING OF “GOD’S DREAM” - 1 PM (BY DIVISIONS) CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL - 7:00 P.M. SCHOOL BOOK FAIR RUNS ALL WEEK LONG
Tuesday, May 5th	SCHOOL ART CONTEST - VIEWING EACH CLASS DOES A SHARED READING OF “THE TREE” AND THEN DOES A FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY STAFF EXCELLENCE DINNER: QUALITY INN - 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday, May 6th	SCHOOL ART CONTEST – JUDGING GRADE 4 STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN MEDIEVAL CHALLENGE AT ST. EDWARD SCHOOL GRADE 6 CLASS VISITS WAR PLANE MUESUM IN HAMILTON
Thursday, May 7th	GRADE 8 STUDENTS GO TO ST ALFRED CHURCH FOR PRESENTATION BY CHRIS PADGETT – 1 PM PRAYER CEREMONY-“MESSAGES TO GOD” (EACH CLASS WILL RELEASE A BALLOON INTO THE AIR WITH MESSAGES OF HOPE AND LOVE) 9 AM
Friday, May 8th	MARIAN SCHOOL MASS AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH 10:15 AM SCRABBLE TEAM PLAYS IN TOURNAMENT AT MONSIGNOR CLANCY SCHOOL



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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: *St. Joseph School, Grimsby*

Sunday, May 3rd	<i>Weekly Masses at St. Joseph Parish</i>
Monday, May 4th	<p>Opening Prayer Service on the tarmac (Weather permitting) – 8:50 a.m. (led by Grade 8 students)</p> <p>OPENING MASS: <i>Grade 7 students will attend mass at St. Joseph Parish (9:45-10:30 a.m.)</i></p> <p><i>2009 Silver Wishes Fundraising Campaign for the West Lincoln Hospital – Kick off assembly in gym at 2:30 p.m. for entire school. Campaign to run throughout Catholic Education Week.</i></p> <p>CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.)</p>
Tuesday, May 5th	<p>Opening Prayer Service on the tarmac (Weather permitting) – 8:50 a.m. (led by Grade 7 students)</p> <p>Grade 4 Bible Celebration / Prayer Service in our library at 10:30 a.m. Mon. Zivcic from St. Joseph Parish will be in attendance. Parents of the Grade 4's will be invited to attend. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the event.</p> <p>STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.)</p>
Wednesday, May 6th	<p>Opening Prayer Service on the tarmac (Weather permitting) – 8:50 a.m. (led by Grade 5 students)</p> <p>Grade 6 field trip to the War Plane Museum</p> <p>Literacy Celebration 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.: All students will be paired up with another student for a Book Buddies Read-a-thon. All students will participate in a variety of literacy activities. This school wide activity will promote literacy across the curriculum from JK – Grade 8.</p>
Thursday, May 7th	<p>Opening Prayer Service on the tarmac (Weather permitting) – 8:50 a.m. (led by Grade 6 students)</p> <p>Grade 8 students to attend Catholic Education Week Guest Speaker: C. Padgett 1:00 p.m. at St. Alfred's Church</p> <p>Healthy Schools Celebration: Jump Rope for Heart led by Grade 7 class for all students and parents – 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. (The Grade 7 students will lead a variety of physical activities. Students and parents will rotate through the activity stations. This event will occur rain or shine.)</p>
Friday, May 8th	<p>Opening Prayer Service on the tarmac (Weather permitting) – 8:50 a.m. (led by Grade 4 students)</p> <p>3rd annual French Café all day in the gym. Students in Grade 6 – 8 will run the “café” and serve French baked goods to our students. Students will speak in French during the café while ordering, serving and conversing.</p>



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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School

Sunday, May 3rd	Blessed Trinity students will participate in all Sunday Masses at our parishes.
Monday, May 4th	Morning and Afternoon Prayers composed by BT Students. Catholic Trivia Contest in the Morning Announcements. OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS – ST. JOSEPH’S CHURCH - AM CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.)
Tuesday, May 5th	Morning and Afternoon Prayers composed by BT students. Catholic Trivia Contest in the Morning Announcements. STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.)
Wednesday, May 6th	Morning and Afternoon Prayers composed by BT Students. Catholic Trivia Contest in the Morning Announcements.
Thursday, May 7th	Morning and Afternoon Prayers composed by BT Students. Catholic Trivia Contest in the Morning Announcements. SCHOOL ASSEMBLY (8:30AM) WITH CHRIS PADGETT, CATHOLIC SPEAKER
Friday, May 8th	Morning and Afternoon Prayers composed by BT Students. Catholic Trivia Contest in the Morning Announcements. Free the Children Conference at Brock.



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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: St. Edward

Sunday, May 3rd	Grade 2 First Communion 3 p.m. St. Mary Church
Monday, May 4th	Opening Para liturgy for School, Gym, 9:30 a.m. OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS – LOCATION T.B.A. (9:45 – 10:30 A.M.) CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.) * *St. Edward Choir to perform National Anthem and four songs.
Tuesday, May 5th	STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.) Medieval – school decorating; transformation of school into a Medieval Castle Medieval— Games and Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday, May 6th	Medieval Day Ceremony (Visiting Schools: Mother Teresa, St. Catharines and Our Lady of Fatima, Grimsby) Morning Festivities: Opening Exercises for all a) Conflict Resolution and Problem-solving Activities (10-11:15 a.m.); and/or b) Environmental Activities; and/or c) Team Building Activities Afternoon Festivities: a) Medieval Lunch b) Artfest Activities—Primary/Junior Division (song and dance presentations by Choir and Grade 4 class)
Thursday, May 7th	Tentative Career Day – half day morning session
Friday, May 8th	Parent-Volunteer Social Tea, 12 p.m. Computer Lab




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THEME: "GOOD NEWS FOR ALL"

NAME OF SCHOOL: ST. John Catholic School

Sunday, May 3rd	
Monday, May 4th (Hope)	<p>OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS</p> <p>Parable Reading "The Mustard Seed"...all classes participating and doing Follow-up activity all week.</p> <p>CATCH THE SPIRIT – BT (7:00 P.M.)</p> 
Tuesday, May 5th (Joy)	<p>Parable Reading: "The Prodigal Son"</p> <p>School Beautification Project, planting: Eco Team</p> <p>Safety Village Trip SK Ckass</p> <p>STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.)</p>
Wednesday, May 6th (Community)	<p>Parable reading: "A Compassionate Traveler"</p> <p>FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS: CHIOR PERFORMING</p> <p>French Café</p> <p>Celebrating supportive parents and volunteers (Will be invited to the school for French Café)</p>
Thursday, May 7th (Integrity)	<p>Parable reading: " Growing in Integrity "</p> <p>Career Day: Members of the community will be invited into classes to discuss their profession: Students come to school dressed as what they would like to be when they are adults. Follow up activity in each class</p> <p>Traditional Jewish Pass Over The Sader Meal : Grade 6 Class in the gym with invited guests</p>
Friday, May 8th (Gratitude)	<p>Parable Reading "The Labourers in the Vineyard"</p> <p>Living Rosary</p> <p>"So You think you Have Talent" : Performance at St. John Catholic School 7:00pm</p>



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THEME: "GOOD NEWS FOR ALL"

NAME OF SCHOOL: St. Mark School

Sunday, May 3rd	Staff Mass for St. Mark Community and social afterwards Music Monday
Monday, May 4	OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS – LOCATION T.B.A. (9:45 – 10:30 A.M.) GR. 7S AT ST. JOESPH CHURCH, GRIMSBY CATCH THE SPIRIT – BLESSED TRINITY SECONDARY SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.)
Tuesday, May 5	Faith "Play" Day – students, on a rotation basis, will be rotating with their teams through faith based activity centers STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.)
Wednesday, May 6	Staff Appreciation Breakfast made by CSC Grade 2 Reconciliation In class faith based activities
Thursday, May 7	In class faith based activities
Friday, May 8	JK Bus Safety Orientation Career Fair for Intermediate division Afternoon Liturgy and slide show assembly The Feast of St. Mark Pasta Dinner

EACH MORNING BEGINS WITH A PRAYER SERVICE BASED ON THE CATHOLIC GRADUATE EXPECTATIONS,
 THE WEEK IS A CELEBRATION OF THE CATHOLIC GRADUATE EXPECTATIONS,
 AND A NUMBER OF SCHOOL-BASED ON GOING INITIATIVES.



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THEME: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

NAME OF SCHOOL: ST. MARTIN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Sunday, May 3rd	First Eucharist - Grade 2 (Mr. Phillips) St. Martin of Tours - 2:00 p.m. Fr. Obioma Presiding
Monday, May 4th	OPENING MASS FOR GRADE 7 STUDENTS - LOCATION T.B.A. (9:45 - 10:30 A.M.) CAROUSEL PLAYERS - a play on Peer Awareness and Inclusiveness CATCH THE SPIRIT - BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (7:00 P.M.) GR. 8 - CHRIS PADGET PARENTS - CHRIS PADGET
Tuesday, May 5th	STAFF EXCELLENCE: QUALITY INN (6:00 P.M.) FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS - BROCK
Wednesday, May 6th	WELCOME TO KINDEGARDEN PARENT EVENING - 6:30 PARENT APPRECIATION TEA - 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 7th	DIRECTOR'S MTG. PRINCIPAL FAITH FORMATION
Friday, May 8th	SCRABBLE - CEC SCHOOL PRAYER SERVICE PREPARED AND PRESIDED BY STAFF 2:30 p.m.

Catholic Education Week at St. Martin integrates 2 school based and on themes. Our year long fundraising and Social Justice initiative to support a commu in the Dominican Republic is fully celebrated through the daily Catholic Education W themes and liturgies. Secondly, due to the high frequency of student and parei death due to cancer the school holds the "Help a child Smile" campaign that involves the entire community.

KICK

TO: Niagara Catholic District School Board
Board Meeting
Public Session
April 28, 2009

TOPIC: TRUSTEE INFORMATION
CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2009
LETTER TO ALL STUDENTS, PARENTS & GUARDIANS



May 1st, 2009

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians:

Every year the Ministry of Education designates a week to highlight education in Ontario. During the same week, Catholic communities throughout Ontario celebrate Catholic Education Week. This year, Catholic Education Week takes place from Sunday, May 3rd to Friday, May 8th, 2009. Throughout this week, Catholic schools place extra special prominence on celebrating the distinctive contributions that Catholic education makes in the lives of our students and communities.

This year's theme is "*Catholic Education: Good News for All*". While it is sometimes a challenge to find good news in today's world, our Catholic schools serve as beacons of light for our future. With this year's theme of Good News for All, we continually celebrate "*how beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news*" (Romans 10:15). In keeping with our mission as a Catholic education system, we integrate the Gospel values into our distinctive programs and services. We do this through our dedicated and talented staff in a covenant partnership with parents, our Bishop and Priests and the Catholic community throughout Niagara. The success of student excellence in our schools and communities through religious, academic, athletic and social justice activities and events is well recognized and celebrated throughout Niagara Catholic.

Catholic Education Week begins on a Sunday to embrace the school-parish-home partnership that is the foundation of Catholic education. Catholic schools exist within the broader Church community and are linked to each parish which is the centre of the faith community. We encourage parents, guardians and students to join parishioners at Mass on Sunday, May 3rd to pray for Catholic education. The sub-themes for each day of Catholic Education Week are *Embracing Hope; Celebrating with Joy; Building Community; Growing in Integrity* and *Living with Gratitude*. These sub-themes will help students to understand the rich meaning of this year's theme, *Good News for All*. All Catholic Education Week activities throughout Niagara Catholic are posted on our Board website at www.niagaracatholic.ca. We invite you to participate in as many events as possible.

As we celebrate Catholic Education Week, we want to remind you of the importance of protecting the precious gift of Catholic education. We once again request that homeowners and supporters of Catholic education verify that your property assessment notice for School Support indicates English Separate. This is important for a number of reasons including a public record of support for Catholic schools in a community; attendance rights for admission into Catholic elementary schools; population projections which affect funding for new pupil places and to determine the number of Catholic trustees to be elected to Niagara Catholic. For your convenience, the short process to follow and forms to complete are accessible via the Support Niagara Catholic tab on our Board website. It only takes a few minutes to complete the form which can then be submitted to your local Catholic school. Please share this information with family and friends who may not have children in Niagara Catholic, but who support Catholic education.

We also want to remind and encourage all parents and guardians to join Niagara Catholic's online *eCommunity* to receive instant notifications of events and current news throughout Niagara Catholic.

On behalf of the Trustees, Bishop Wingle, Priests across the Diocese of St. Catharines, Senior Staff and all Niagara Catholic staff, we thank you for your continued support, commitment and celebration of Catholic education as we continue to nurture souls and build minds.

Kathy Burtnik
Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education

TO: Niagara Catholic District School Board
Board Meeting
Public Session
April 28, 2009

TOPIC: TRUSTEE INFORMATION
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	UPCOMING EVENTS	
<h1>May 2009</h1>						1	2	June 5 Loretto Sisters Anniversary Dinner 10 Service Recognition Celebration 17 OEFTA Secondary Retirement Party 20 OEFTA Elementary Retirement Party Graduations 23 Denis Morris 24 Holy Cross Notre Dame Saint Francis Saint Paul 25 Saint Michael Blessed Trinity 26 Lakeshore Catholic
						3 Catholic Education Week Masses (Local Parishes)	4 Good News For All Grade 7 Mass Catch the Spirit Awards	
<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;"> CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK - CATHOLIC EDUCATION: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL (SCHOOL BASED ACTIVITIES) www.niagaracatholic.ca </div>							<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> O C S T A A G M </div>	
10	11	12 7:00 p.m. - CW Meeting (CEC)	13	14 Grad. Celebration Class of 2009 5:30 pm - Partners in Catholic Education (Club Roma)	15 System Faith Day Elementary & Secondary PA DAY	16		
17	18 Victoria Day	19	20	21	22	23		
24	25	26 6:30 p.m. - Special CW (CEC) 7:00 p.m. - Board Meeting (CEC)	27	28	29	30		
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