

***St. Christopher Catholic School Council***  
***Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 @ 6:00 PM***  
***in the library***

**AGENDA**

**Prayer** *Lenten Prayer* (attached)

**Approval of Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Discussion Items**

- 1) *2015-16 School Year Calendar* – (attached)
  - 2) *NEW Health & Physical Education Curriculum*
  - 3) *Measles* – Director’s letter, Public Health information (attached)
  - 4) *School Cash On-line*
  - 5) *Hot Lunches* – recap, pita day February 27, pasta day April 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - 6) *Shrove Tuesday recap* – (attached)
  - 7) *Triple P Parenting Information Evening* – Tuesday, April 7 - 6:00PM greet, 6:30-8:00PM session
  - 8) *Bishop’s Gala* – Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, \$75 per person
  - 9) *Play Day* – June 25<sup>th</sup>
  - 10) *Policies for vetting*
    - go to the Board website at: [www.niagaracatholic.ca](http://www.niagaracatholic.ca)
    - click on: “Policies Currently Being Vetted”
    - select each of the individual policies listed below
    - *submit your feedback to [jennifer.brailey@ncdsb.com](mailto:jennifer.brailey@ncdsb.com)*
- due April 10    *Student Suspension Policy (302.6.4)*  
                    *Student Expulsion Policy (302.6.5)*

**Correspondence**

Spotlight - issued twice monthly and found on the Board website at: [www.niagaracatholic.ca](http://www.niagaracatholic.ca)

**Adjournment** – \_\_\_\_\_ PM

**Next Meeting** – Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

## LENTEN PRAYER

Be with us,  
God of love,  
as we continue  
on our own 40 days  
in the desert of Lent.

Help us to fast from pride.....judgment.....and selfishness.

Help us to feast on prayer.....service to others.....and love.

Your commandment to love is so simple...and yet so challenging.

We only want to live the way You ask us.....that is to love,

and to love the way  
You ask us to live.

We vow to try,  
in Your love,  
by Your grace,  
secure in  
the knowledge,  
that our brother,  
Jesus, stands  
right at our side,  
today...every day,  
and always.

Amen, amen,  
amen



Board Name <b>Niagara CDSB (B67156)</b>			
Calendar Title <b>[2015-199707] Elementary</b>	Panel <b>Elementary</b>	Calendar Type <b>Regular</b>	Date Created <b>Nov 13, 2014</b>
Start of School Year <b>Sep 03, 2015</b>	End of School Year <b>Jun 30, 2016</b>	First Day Students <b>Sep 08, 2015</b>	Last Day Students <b>Jun 29, 2016</b>
Status <b>Draft</b>	Description <b>Regular</b>		

Month	1st Week					2nd Week					3rd Week					4th Week					5th Week					PA days	Instr days	Exam days
	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F			
August	3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21	24	25	26	27	28	31					0	0	0
September		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30			1	17	0
October				1	2	5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29	30	1	20	0
November	2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27	30					1	20	0
December		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30	31		0	14	0
January					1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29	1	19	0
February	1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29					0	20	0
March		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30	31		0	16	0
April					1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29	0	21	0
May	2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27	30	31				0	21	0
June			1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30		2	20	0
July					1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>															6	188	0											

**Legend**

P -Professional Activity Day; E -Scheduled Exam Day; B -Board Designated Day; H -Statutory Day; / -Half Day;  
P\* -Professional Activity Day Devoted to Provincial Education Priorities;



Board Name Niagara CDSB (B67156)			
Calendar Title [2015-203484] Secondary School Year Calendar	Panel Secondary	Calendar Type Regular	Date Created Jan 28, 2015
Start of School Year Sep 03, 2015	End of School Year Jun 30, 2016	First Day Students Sep 08, 2015	Last Day Students Jun 28, 2016
Status Draft	Description Regular		

Month	1st Week					2nd Week					3rd Week					4th Week					5th Week					PA days	Instr days	Exam days
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August	3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21	24	25	26	27	28	31					0	0	0
September		1	2	3 <sup>p*</sup>	4 <sup>B</sup>	7 <sup>H</sup>	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30			1	17	0
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December		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30	31		0	14	0
January					1 <sup>H</sup>	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29 <sup>E</sup>	0	19	1
February	1 <sup>E</sup>	2 <sup>E</sup>	3 <sup>E</sup>	4 <sup>E</sup>	5 <sup>P</sup>	8	9	10	11	12	15 <sup>H</sup>	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29					1	15	4
March		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	11	14 <sup>B</sup>	15 <sup>B</sup>	16 <sup>B</sup>	17 <sup>B</sup>	18 <sup>B</sup>	21	22	23	24	25	28 <sup>H</sup>	29 <sup>H</sup>	30	31		0	16	0
April					1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29	0	21	0
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July					1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>												6	178	10														

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**FEEDBACK FORM**

<b>Submission by</b>	
<b>School</b>	
<b>Group</b>	
<b>Individual</b>	
<b>Calendar Dates</b>	<b>Feedback or Comments</b>
<i>Start of School Year</i>	
<i>Professional Activity Days Elementary:</i>	
<i>Professional Activity Days Secondary:</i>	
<i>Secondary Exam Days</i>	
<i>Christmas Holidays</i>	
<i>March Break</i>	
<i>Other</i>	



Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians:

Over this past weekend, we were informed by Dr. Jaeger, Medical Officer of Health for the Niagara Region Public Health Unit, that individuals with measles have had contact within the Niagara community and specifically within the school communities of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School and Saint Michael Catholic High School in Niagara Falls.

While both schools have a very high vaccination rate, Public Health continued to be in contact with the families of students over this past weekend who have not been adequately vaccinated. According to the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*, students who have not completed the required immunization schedule for, in this case, measles, have been excluded from school until they meet the requirements to return. Both schools are working with families of excluded students to provide school work during the period of exclusion.

While the airborne measles virus can impact non-immunized individuals anywhere, with the confirmation this weekend of the measles virus in Niagara with school aged children, we put several steps into place to keep Niagara Catholic parents and staff informed during this outbreak.

In consultation with Dr. Jaeger, two fact sheets were created with information on measles and vaccinations. One fact sheet is for families of students in school, the other fact sheet is for staff in our schools. Attached to this letter is a copy of the fact sheet for families with important health information and Public Health contact information.

Over the weekend, a copy of the fact sheet was posted on the Board website and links on each Niagara Catholic elementary and secondary school website. On Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the Principals of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School and Saint Michael Catholic High School sent voicemail messages to all families in their school communities to inform them that an individual with a confirmed case of measles has been in the school community. They have advised parents/guardians to call Public Health if their child has not been adequately vaccinated or exhibits symptoms.

Niagara Catholic is committed to the health, wellness and safety of our 24,000 students and 3,000 staff. If the virus affects any other school aged children, we will contact the families of the specific school community and follow the process outlined above. Students and staff who have up-to-date vaccinations have the best protection against contracting measles.

Both Dr. Jaeger and I thank all parents and guardians who have immunized their children, and remind those who have not yet immunized their children of the importance of childhood vaccinations to prevent the spread of infectious diseases, such as measles.

If you have any questions, please contact your school Principal or the Public Health Unit at 905.688.8248 ext. 7330.

Sincerely,

John Crocco  
Director of Education

## Important information for parents and guardians of school-aged children

### Measles Information

#### Measles in Niagara

Measles is circulating in Niagara and in other areas across the province. Anyone can catch it anywhere. As more cases are confirmed Niagara residents should be aware that measles can be in any community so the best protection for you and your family is to ensure your measles vaccination is up to date.

The following information can be found at [www.niagararegion.ca/health](http://www.niagararegion.ca/health):

- The most up-to-date information about measles activity
- General vaccination clinics
- Information about measles

Niagara Region Public Health strongly encourages all residents to have their measles vaccination up to date:

- For individuals born before 1970 and can confirm they have had the disease or have had one dose of MMR, no further vaccination is required at this time
- For individuals born in 1970 or after, two doses of the MMR vaccination is required to be considered adequately protected

#### About measles

- Measles is an infection of the lungs (respiratory system) that is caused by a virus
- It is easily spread from person to person
- Nine out of 10 unimmunized people who come in close contact with an infected person with measles will get the disease
- Measles is a serious disease, one in 10 will develop complications, one in 1,000 will die

Who is at risk (susceptible)?

- Anyone who has not had their age-appropriate vaccines
- Recommendations for vaccination include:
  - Children as per Ontario's Publicly Funded Immunization vaccination schedule
  - Adults before 1970 with no evidence of previous measles illness and who have not had one dose of the measles vaccine
  - Adults born in 1970 or after who have not had two doses of measles vaccine

Note: Infants under one year of age, pregnant women, and persons with weakened immune systems are more likely to get very ill with measles

### Symptoms of Measles

- Fever of 38.3° C (101° F) or greater
- Cough
- Runny nose and red/watery eyes
- A red blotchy rash on the face begins on the third to seventh day and spreads downward to the rest of the body
- The rash will last between four to seven days
- Measles usually lasts for two weeks

### How is it spread?

- Measles is spread easily through the air or through contact with droplets from the nose and throat of an infected persons when they cough or sneeze
- Particles from an infected person can stay in the air for long periods of time and infect others in the same room or in neighbouring rooms
- People infected with measles can spread the disease to others four days before the rash appears and up to four days after the rash appears

### My child has developed symptoms. Who do I call?

- If you need medical attention , seek medical care but call ahead first to allow health care staff to manage your case appropriately
- If your child develops any of the symptoms listed above, call Public Health at 905-688-8248 ext. 7330 or 1-888-505-6074 or after hours at 905-984-3690 or 1-877-552-5579

## **General Information about the *Immunization of School Pupils Act***

### What is the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*?

- The *Immunization of School Pupils Act* requires every Public Health unit to have either an up-to-date vaccination record or a legal exemption form on file for each child attending school.
- The Act ensures that children in Niagara are protected against vaccine preventable diseases
- Mandated by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

### What does “exclusion from school” mean?

- Susceptible students will be excluded from school if they have been in contact with a confirmed or suspected case

### What are the criteria for exclusion from school?

- When the Medical Officer of Health identifies an outbreak or an immediate risk of an outbreak of a reportable disease in the school where the student attends
- The student has not completed the required immunization schedule for the disease circulating



What is the purpose of exclusion from school?

- Exclusion is about protection and prevention
  1. It protects your child from getting the illness
  2. It prevents your child from spreading the illness

My child has been excluded from school. When can he/she return?

- Exclusion from school will remain in effect until either:
  - Public Health has received notification that the child has received the required immunizations for the disease circulating, OR
  - The risk of disease exposure and illness has subsided, as determined by the Medical Officer of Health

My child has the required vaccination, but I haven't reported it to Public Health. Who do I call?

- To report vaccination(s) please contact Public Health 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7309 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

I have questions about the exclusion process. Who do I call?

- If you require any further information about the exclusion process please call 905-688-8248 ext. 7309, or 1-888-505-6074 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

**St. Christopher Catholic School Council**  
**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE BRUNCH**

**FEBRUARY 17, 2015**

<b>EXPENSES</b>	
4 bottles of syrup, plates	\$ 24.85
pancake batter	\$ 15.98
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 40.83</b>

**COMMENTS**

(CSC mtg March 2/15):

Grade 7 class was at Pathways Program and did not eat  
Additional box of pancake mix purchased on the morning of to finish the last class  
One additional person cooking required  
One additional bottle of syrup could be purchased