

May Newsletter

St. Ann Catholic School

In this age of anxiety & stress, we ask for your Presence to be made clearly amongst us.

Be with us as we confront illnesses that leave many of us in a state of worry for our families, our friends, our colleagues, our communities, our nation and our world.

As hospitals and health care providers seek to continue the healing ministry of You, may they have fortitude for the road ahead, knowing that you are walking this journey with them with your mighty Hand. Remind them of both their strength and Your strength.

We ask for Your comfort upon those who have already lost loved ones during the time of viruses. And, may healing be upon those who are physically suffering and spiritually suffering through this season.

May the wilderness of this time & the uncertainty we may feel, strengthen our resolve to lean on your word, abide in your presence, and be guided by your enduring and powerful Spirit.

You have been with us in every age and will remain a refuge — to take solace, to recollect our thoughts, to remember that all things of this world are fleeting, and this too shall pass.

Let us recall the calming of the storm by your Hand. Let us today and tomorrow and the days ahead lean on Your fortitude, and resolve to care for each other and support each other each through this difficult journey before us in our lives both collectively and individually.

Amidst the darkness, the confusion and the storm of worry, may your Presence be made abundantly revealed so that Your light, Your hand and Your strength, gives us steadiness, refuge, clarity of purpose, and hope.

Amen.



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS NIAGARA CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (NCPIC) MEMBERSHIP 2021-2022



The Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) supports the Mission of Catholic education and the Mission, Vision and Values of the Niagara Catholic District School Board by providing a communication link to parents/guardians, Catholic School Councils, the Diocese, the Director of Education, and the Board. The NCPIC promotes active parent/guardian engagement within all schools for the improvement of student achievement and well-being of all students in the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

The NCPIC membership is made up of parents/guardians, community and student representatives, the Bishop of the Diocese of St. Catharines or his appointed representative, principals, teachers, and support staff, the Director of Education or designate, the appointed Superintendent of Education, and Trustees. The Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meets on the first Thursday of the month on a bi-monthly basis at the Catholic Education Centre from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., in-person or electronically.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

The Niagara Catholic District School Board is seeking to appoint up to three (3) community representatives for the 2021-2022 school year to the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee. Interested parties are to complete and submit the Community Representative Form, along with a letter of recommendation supporting the nomination from the community agency, association, or organization addressed to **Larry Huibers, Chair of the Board no later than 4:00 p.m., on Wednesday, September 15, 2021.**

PARENT/GUARDIAN REPRESENTATIVES

To be eligible for election/appointment as a parent/guardian representative to the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee, a person:

- must be a parent/guardian of a student enrolled in a school of the Niagara Catholic District School Board;
- must reside within the jurisdiction of the Board;
- must support the Mission, Vision and Values of the Niagara Catholic District School Board; and
- must fully participate in the annual Commissioning Ceremony of NCPIC members.

Available parent/guardian positions for the 2021-2022 Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Membership are as follows:

Fort Erie/Port Colborne/Wainfleet	2 positions	Parent/Guardian Representatives
Grimsby/Lincoln/West Lincoln/Pelham	1 position	Parent/Guardian Representative
Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake	2 positions	Parent/Guardian Representatives
St. Catharines	3 positions	Parent/Guardian Representatives
Thorold/Merritton	1 position	Parent/Guardian Representative
Welland	1 position	Parent/Guardian Representative

Interested parents/guardians are to complete and submit the parent/guardian nomination form **no later than 4:00 p.m., on Friday, October 8, 2021.** Nomination forms are available at the school and on the Board website, or by clicking on the link: [Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee](#).

Please send nomination forms to:

Catholic Education Centre
427 Rice Road
Welland, ON L3C 7C1
Attention: Yvonne Anderson
or by email to: yvonne.anderson@ncdsb.com

Change in Modality to Online Learning

As you are well aware, students have moved online. Please contact the school if you require support with technology. Please contact your teacher or the school if you have concerns regarding your child's online learning.

Lockdown Practice

The Lockdown Practice that was scheduled for April has been postponed.

1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion

First Communion for our current Grade 2 students will be rescheduled for the fall. For Grade 2 students who have not completed their First Reconciliation, they will have the opportunity in the fall as well.

Star of the Sea

Please contact Star of the Sea for current capacity standards if you would like to attend scheduled masses.

Catholic School Council

The next Catholic School Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 25th at 6:30 PM. A link will be forthcoming.



Niagara Region Public Health School Health Newsletter



For Parents

COVID-19 Updates

- For information regarding schools and COVID-19, including screening, symptoms, prevention and protection measures, visit <https://www.niagararegion.ca/health/covid-19/reopen/schools.aspx>
- If you have general COVID-19 questions, you can also speak with health care professional seven days a week 9:15am to 4:15pm 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074, press 7

Vaccine Rollout

- For more information on distribution and eligibility please visit [Niagara Public Health COVID-19 Vaccination](#)

April is Oral Health Month!

- Public Health recommends that children's teeth should be brushed twice daily for two minutes with a pea sized amount of fluoride toothpaste to prevent cavities
- Children under the age of three should have their teeth brushed by an adult, using a rice grain sized portion of fluoride toothpaste until the child can spit out
- Parents and caregivers with children under six years should apply the toothpaste to the toothbrush and supervise to ensure proper brushing

For more information, visit https://www.niagararegion.ca/living/health_wellness/dental/prevent-cavities.aspx

School Dental Screening Updates

- Due to COVID-19, public health dental staff have not been able to provide school dental screenings in the 2020-2021 school year
- If your child is experiencing dental pain or discomfort, please connect with our dental program through the [Niagara Region Public Health dental website](#) or call the Dental Health Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399

Niagara Parents Promo

Children come in different shapes, sizes and grow at different rates. A child's growth depends on genetics (how their parents grew).

Your child may be taller or shorter, bigger or smaller than other children. Height and weight changes generally follow a regular pattern that is right for your child.

Do you have questions about your child's growth and development?

Connect with Niagara Parents to speak with a public health nurse: niagararegion.ca/parents

For School Staff

Low Threshold for Covid-19 Symptoms

We want to remind staff to continue to have a low threshold for symptoms. Staff should stay home, self-isolate and get tested for ANY mild symptom. Please visit <https://www.niagararegion.ca/health/covid-19/symptoms.aspx> to familiarize yourself with the symptoms of Covid-19. With Covid-19 numbers declining in Niagara Region it remains important that we work together to continue implementing Public Health measures within our home and school communities.

