

## December 2023 Newsletter

### Our Lady of Victory Catholic Elementary School



Superintendent Mr. Joseph Zaroda

Principal Mr. Chris Boyer

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#### Principals Message

As we enter the season of Advent Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> and excitedly await the celebration of the Birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all those members of our community for your ongoing support and to wish you the most blessed Christmas Season. December is always a busy and exciting month in the school and this year is no different. We will have our 12 Days of Christmas Giving Drive to help members of our community in need throughout the holiday season and beyond starting Monday December 4<sup>th</sup>. To get us all in the spirit of the Holiday Season we will have our School Christmas Concert on Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. We will then celebrate our Advent Mass on Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM, all are welcome.

#### Catholic School Council

We will have our next CSC Meeting on Thursday December 7 @ 5:30 PM – All are welcome.

Please follow our Parent Council Social Media account on Instagram at olvwolves\_csc



On Tuesday December 19 the Grade 1-8 classes will be traveling to the Leisureplex to be the guests of the Fort Erie Meteors Hockey Club as they take on their Highway 3 Rivals Port Colborne Sailors.



Follow the [link](#) for important information for parents, students and teachers from Niagara Region Public Health.

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#### Bell Times 2023-2024

**\*Entry Bell - 9:00 am\***

#### Morning Recess

- 10:30 am – 10:45 am

#### Lunch - outside

- 11:45 am – 12:05 am

#### Lunch - eat inside

- 12:05 pm – 12:25 pm

#### Afternoon Recess

- 1:25 pm – 1:40 pm

**\*Dismissal – 3:10 pm\***

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



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#### PAYMENT FOR SPECIALTY LUNCHES & ACTIVITIES

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

To register, please go to:

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



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#### Reflection

*God invites us to hear His voice. But, how do we go about hearing it? How do we learn to recognize it? God has blessed us with a priceless gift: the Bible. St. Jerome famously wrote that "ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." We recognize our loved ones' voices because of the many hours we've spent together. Should we expect it to be any different with Jesus? When we read the Gospels, we learn His ways and we hear His voice. Do you have a Bible that has been collecting dust? This is the sign you've been waiting for to pick it up, open up the Gospels, and give them a read. Jesus is waiting for you.*



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