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## SCHOOL NEWS

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*As we joyfully approach the holiday season, I am filled with gratitude and warmth, reflecting on the wonderful year we've shared as a school family. This is a time to now come together, and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.*

*Christmas is a time of miracles, and the story of the birth of Jesus is a poignant reminder of hope, love, and the boundless possibilities that exist in our lives. As we exchange gifts and share in the joy of the season, let us also take a moment to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas—the gift of love and the hope that it brings through the birth of our Lord and Saviour.*

*In our school community, we are fortunate to witness the spirit of giving and kindness every day. Our students, teachers, and parents exemplify the values that make this season so special. Just as the birth of Jesus brought light to the world, our collective efforts illuminate the path of education, fostering growth, compassion, and understanding among our students.*

*As we gather with loved ones to celebrate this festive season, may the story of the Nativity inspire us to be grateful for the blessings in our lives and to share the gift of love with those around us. Together, let us continue to build a community where the principles of empathy, compassion, and respect guide our actions and interactions.*

*I extend my deepest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a joyful holiday season to you and your families.*

*Ms. Romano*



**IT WAS A GREAT PLEASURE TO MEET OUR FUTURE GRADE 9'S ON OCTOBER 13TH. PRINCIPAL TIMMINS, MRS. GORDON AND A FEW CURRENT GRADE 9 STUDENTS ENJOYED A LOVELY VISIT DISCUSSING WITH STUDENTS ALL THE WONDERFUL PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES DENIS MORRIS HAS TO OFFER. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THIS GREAT GROUP JOINING OUR REDS FAMILY IN SEPTEMBER 2024.**

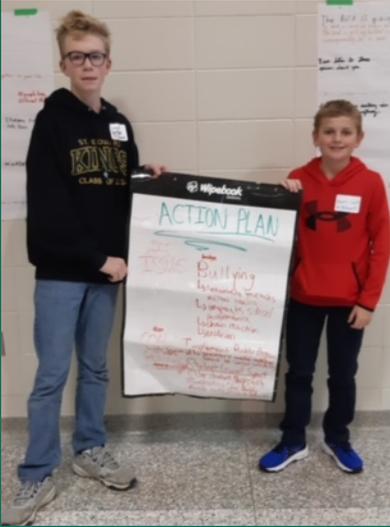
**200 PLUS OF NIAGARA CATHOLIC'S FINEST STUDENTS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT DENIS MORRIS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH FOR OUR GRADE 8 DAY. OUR FUTURE STUDENTS GOT TO WITNESS FIRST-HAND SOME OF AMAZING TALENT DM HAS TO OFFER. OUR STUDENT COUNCIL, PREFECTS, CHEERLEADERS, DANCE TEAM, AND DM MUSICAL PERFORMERS PUT ON A GREAT DAY FOR OUR INCOMING GRADE 9 STUDENTS.**

**SAVE THE DATE!! FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO OUR OPEN HOUSE ON JANUARY 11TH @ 6:30PM TO EXPLORE OUR SCHOOL, LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR COURSE OFFERINGS AND CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS. THIS IS AN EXCITING EVENING WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!! BE SURE TO FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY TO SEE THE AMAZING THINGS HAPPENING DAILY AT DM!**



## CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next CSC meeting is on December 4 @ 5:30pm. If you would like to know more about getting involved or volunteering, please email [stedwardcsc@gmail.com](mailto:stedwardcsc@gmail.com)



## LEAD OUTLOUD CONFERENCE

*Lucas D. and Owen C.*, along with other Student Senators throughout the Board, participated in a Lead Outloud Conference on November 15 at St. Alfred Church. We look forward to seeing all the new and innovative initiatives!



## BE A BETTER HUMAN KINGS COURT ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the following BABH Award Recipients for November:  
*Madilyn B., Ellyona S., Elise L., Levi S., Megan Z., and Lucas D.*

A special thank you to our Student Council for doing a wonderful job in leading us!



## BIG BOX FUNDRAISER THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of you for your support of our recent Big Box Fundraiser! We raised **\$2,101** which will go toward the purchase of new sports teams jerseys for our school! The class that sold the most boxes and will receive a pizza party reward is *Kindergarten*! Congratulations!



# ECO NEWS

## How to Make Your Christmas GREEN

As December rolls around, here are a few reminders to have an Eco-friendly Christmas:

- Reuse wrapping paper
- Use alternatives to wrapping paper such as cloth, foil, gift bags or newspaper
- If using a real tree, replant a new tree to replace it
- Donate your tree to a conservation project instead of throwing it out
- If using an artificial tree, use the same tree for as long as possible
  - Use energy-saving LED Christmas lights
  - Use timers for Christmas lights
  - Use solar-powered outdoor decorations
- Reduce the amount of packaging you buy
- Donate to environmental charities
- Choose eco-friendly gifts

Have a MERRY CHRISTMAS from the ECO Team



## CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE IN SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY CARE OF WEST NIAGARA



We will once again be collecting non-perishable food items for Community Care of West Niagara from ***December 1- December 20***. Please consider sending in items to help those less fortunate in our community.

Thank you!

## SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

Report your Child's Absence

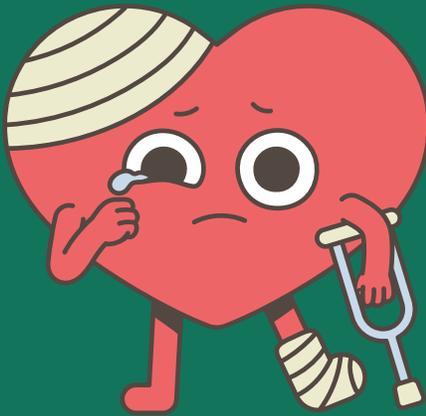
The Niagara Catholic Safe Arrival system is accessible to parents/guardians to report their child's late arrival or absence quickly and conveniently.

There are 3 ways to report an absence:

Call the toll free number:  
tel: 1-844-287-6287

Visit [SchoolMessenger.ca](http://SchoolMessenger.ca):  
[go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca)

Or use the SchoolMessenger app.



### Why Use SchoolCash Online?

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### SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

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#### How Does This Work?

It's simple! Just follow the 4 easy steps to make payments. Then see your payment history and receive receipts via email.

### OUR DRESS CODE COLOURS

#### Tops

- At a minimum, every student is required to wear one of the following:
- Navy or white Oxford shirt (short or long sleeve) or;
  - Navy or white collared shirt (short or long sleeve) or;
  - School-designed spirit wear

The elementary standardized dress code shirt must be plain (no logos or advertising) and buttoned in a respectable manner. Visible t-shirts worn under the elementary standardized dress code top must be either navy blue or white.



#### Bottoms

- At a minimum, every student is required to wear one of the following:
- Navy sweat pants (Kindergarten - Grade 3) or;
  - Navy pants (capri, cargo, denim, kobe or corduroy) or;
  - Navy shorts, skirts or dresses or;
  - Navy walking shorts.

### SCHOOL DRESS CODE AND SPIRIT WEAR

[maddelenas-uniforms.com](http://maddelenas-uniforms.com)

- Niagara Catholic has a standardized dress code for students in all of our Catholic elementary schools. All students wear navy blue bottoms and navy blue or white shirts.
- The elementary standardized dress code shirt must be plain (no logos or advertising) and buttoned in a respectable manner. Visible t-shirts worn under the elementary standardized dress code top must be either navy blue or white.



### BUSES AND KISS AND RIDE

[nsts.ca](http://nsts.ca)

- Please use the Kiss and Ride Zone for quick pick ups/drop offs, and park in the parking lot for lengthier ones.
- Please do not let children walk alone through the parking lot.
- Please do not park in accessible parking spots unless you have a permit.



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*"FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID,  
A SAVIOUR,  
WHO IS CHRIST THE LORD."*

*~LUKE 2:11*

