

January 2024 Newsletter

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Elementary School



Superintendent Mr. Joseph Zaroda

Principal Mr. Chris Boyer

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Principals Message

With the start of February comes the start of our Second Term. Term 1 Report Cards, Alternative Reports and Term 2 IEP's will be available the week of February 12th. As you will see from the calendar we have a very exciting and busy month of February planned. We kick off the Month on the 1st with our Rocks and Rings Curling Program for Grade 1-6 students. A team of Grade 7 and 8 students are competing in the Mathletes competition the following week. The month continues with our annual Kids Helping Kids Campaign as well as the beginning of our most sacred season in the Church, Lent. As we enter Lent on February 14th with Ash Wednesday may the time of lent be a time of reflection and prayer for all of us.

Catholic School Council

The Catholic School Council continues to work hard behind the scenes and are always looking for help to enhance and support the goals for the school. Council meets formally 4-5 times a year but are called upon to help with activities such as Bingo, Movie Nights, Fun Fairs and others. Please consider taking part in whatever capacity you can.

Please follow our Parent Council Social Media account on Instagram at [olvwolves_csc](https://www.instagram.com/olvwolves_csc)



Thursday February 8th from 9-6 OLV opens its doors and welcomes its newest Wolves during our Kindergarten Open House. Children born in 2020 are eligible to begin Kindergarten in September and we are excited to welcome them into school and show them all the amazing things that Niagara Catholic and Our Lady of Victory education can offer them. If you have a child born in 2020 or your know of anyone who is looking to register please direct them to our online registration link at <https://niagaracatholic.ca/>

**Kindergarten
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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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Follow the [link](#) for important information for families from Niagara Region Public Health.

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.schoolcashonline.com/>



As we look forward to celebrating St. Valentine please note that due to the fact that Ash Wednesday falls on February 14th we will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Tuesday February 13th. Students will be encouraged to wear Red and Pink and White. We remind all parents and students that there is no exchanging of food items as per board policy. We thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

Follow us on Social Media



@OLV_Wolves

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Reflection

"But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart." (Luke 2:19)

Throughout her life, Mary reflected on the words of Jesus, pondering them in her heart. Mary's heart was and is full of love for Jesus. The words that He spoke to her were not passing things, quickly forgotten. They were opportunities for her to marvel at the Son of God. Mary's example invites us to make time to reflect on the words of Jesus. A simple way of doing this is by praying the rosary. In the rosary, Mary takes us by the hand and leads us closer to Jesus. We learn about the heart of Jesus through the heart of Mary, who pondered His words in her heart.

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