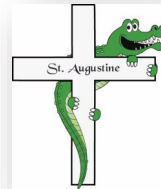




February, 2024



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St. Augustine

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Parish - St. Mary Church, 90 Griffith Street, Welland 905-734-3134



See our updates on Facebook and Instagram @gatorswelland



In the month of February, we reflect on how we are called to “do justice”, what it looks like and what it means as a school community. We continue to recognize the kind gestures our students demonstrate each day towards one another and the ways in which they help make our school a better place shows that we are doing the work of Jesus. We are the eyes, hands and feet of Jesus when we join together to support one another and care for our community in all of the good that we see at St. Augustine. Our promise is that we will continue to find ways to keep our commitment to “doing justice” and being faithful to our beliefs

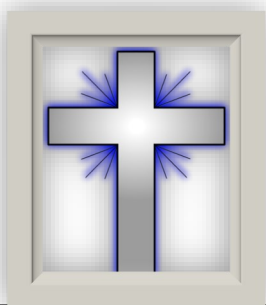
“Doing Justice & Creating Hope”

God of hope and justice, We pray today for your loving guidance. Help us to live as the joyful disciples you call us to be. Open our eyes so that we may recognize Christ in every person. Fill our hearts so that we may continue to spread your love in word and action. Sustain us as we work to build your kingdom here on earth. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen. +

February Prayer ~~ In the month of February each day our students will pray

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy.

Amen.



Parish Events



Mass Times

Sunday: Italian 09:00

English 11:00

Saturday: 5:00pm

Weekday Mass: 8:00 (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)

Weekday Mass: 9:30 (Friday)

A reminder to keep supporting the great food days that St. Mary’s parish holds each month. The pasta making angels have great take out pasta days that help support the church.

~~~ Mission Statement ~~~

“The Niagara Catholic District School Board, through the charisms of faith, social justice, support and leadership, nurtures an enriching Catholic learning community for all to reach their full potential and become living witnesses of Christ”

Term 1 Report Cards and IEP's

Report Cards and the Individual Education Plans for Term 1 will be available online the week of **February 12th**. Accessing the report cards will take place through the portal. Details on how to access the portal will be sent once again through messenger.

A reminder that Friday February 16th is a PA day. There is no school for students that day.

Family Day

Our NCDSB **schools** and the **Catholic Education Centre** will be closed on **Monday, February 19th**, to observe the statutory holiday known as **Family Day**. The purpose of this day is to emphasize and celebrate the importance of families taking time to be together. Please take a mini-vacation, day trip or enjoy a great book together!

The dawn of social media brought with it a whole new way to interact, communicate, and even bully. But in this digital world where filtered photos and crafted messages can be posted in an instant, it often takes more time and effort to say something mean than it does to say something nice. Kindness requires no manipulation, no focusing on the negatives, and no filtering of yourself. It's simply, truly nice. For social media users, we want them to **THINK** before the post. We want them to ask themselves if it is: True, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary and KIND.

St. Augustine Catholic elementary continue to demonstrate a commitment to bullying prevention and intervention in our school, our community, and online through our participation in **Pink Shirt Day on Wednesday, February 28th, 2024** focusing on cyberbullying and cyber-safety, sending the message about thinking before posting a negative message on social media, and using social media in a positive way.



Shrove Tuesday

On Tuesday February 13th, our Gators will have a pancake lunch to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. No need to order, this is a free lunch for our students.



Ash Wednesday Liturgy

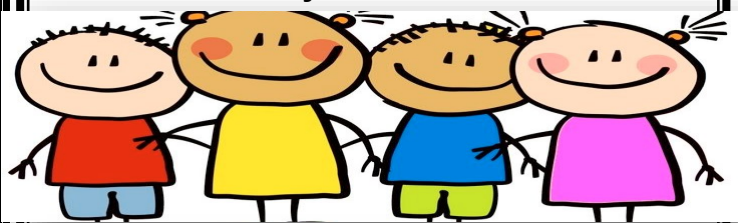
On Wednesday February 14th we will have a Ash Wednesday Liturgy in our gym to receive ashes. Parents are invited to join us if you can for the liturgy which will begin at 9:30am.

Kindergarten Open House and Registration.

Please join us on Thursday February 6th from 9am-6pm for our Kindergarten Open House and Registration Day.

Parent can register at any time online through our website. If you require any assistance or have questions please call us at 905-734-4659

We look forward to meeting our future Gators and having them join our amazing school community.



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If you have not yet joined our Facebook or Instagram Page please take the time to do so. We try to share good news, celebration stories and also information updates as much as we can to this page. We are also on Instagram and will do our best to keep both platforms updated.

@GatorsWelland

KIDS HELPING KIDS

February 12-23, 2024

Support Kids Helping Kids. Please make your donation through the Kids Helping Kids Link at School Cash Online.



Newsletter Insert

Niagara Catholic's 25th Annual **Kids Helping Kids** fundraiser will take place from **February 12-23, 2024**

This year's event will jointly support the Niagara Children's Centre, as well as the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education.

Kids Helping Kids is a fun, informal fundraiser, which supports these causes through paid participation in events such as Jersey Day, Hat Day and Creative Hair Day. Kids Helping Kids is open to students attending in-school and students in our virtual schools.

Donations to the **Kids Helping Kids** fundraiser can be made in School Cash Online.

For further information about the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education, please contact Jim Marino, at 905.735.0240 ext. 210 or jim.marino@nfce.org.

To find more about the Niagara Children's Centre, please visit their website: [Niagara Children's Centre](https://www.niagarachildrenscentre.org)