



St. Mark Catholic Elementary

Home of the Mountain Lions

A Member of the Blessed Trinity Family of Schools

A Prayer for Lent

Dear God,

At this time of reflection,

Teach us to be thankful for the goodness you have given us.

Let us remember to treat others as we would like to be treated.

At this time of fasting and giving up our favourite things,

Teach us to be thankful for the food that we eat.

Let us remember that everybody is not so fortunate.

At this time of forgiveness,

Teach us to be thankful for the gift of your mercy.

Let us remember the sacrifice of your son, Jesus Christ.

At this time of prayer,

Teach us to listen to your word.

Let us remember the lessons of our saviour,
Jesus Christ.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.



Kindergarten at Niagara Catholic



Time for Kindergarten Registration

On Thursday, February 8th, we had our Kindergarten Open house. A very big thank you to our amazing office staff and Kinder team for the information shared with new families. If you know of families who are moving into the area, please have them visit:

<https://niagaracatholic.ca/registration/elementary/#> to register today!

Check out the Niagara Catholic Welcome to Kindergarten Video showcasing

Daylight Savings Time

Springing forward!!!

When local standard time reaches 2:00 am on Sunday, March 12th 2023 clocks are turned **forward** 1 hour to 3:00 am. We advance clocks during warmer months so that darkness falls at a later clock time.



March Break

Our March Break is March 11th to March 15th. Students return to school on Monday, March 18th, 2024. If you are planning on taking a vacation earlier or will be away later, please ensure that you report the dates on the Safe Arrival System.



World Down Syndrome Day - March 21, 2024

World Down Syndrome Day (WDSO) , 21 March, is a global awareness day which has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012.



The date for WDSO being the 21st day of the 3rd month, was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome.

On March 21, staff and students are encouraged to wear their most fun and colourful socks to raise awareness about Down Syndrome.

Please visit the Canadian Down Syndrome Society at <https://cdss.ca/> or the World Down Syndrome Day site at <https://www.worlddownsyndromeday.org/about-wdsd> to learn about Down Syndrome and how you can make a difference.

3 Minute JLY-DS





Around the School in February

Pancake Tuesday

We would like to thank our wonderful parent volunteers who came in on Tuesday, February 13th and helped make and serve over 1400 pancakes. Everyone enjoyed their snack.



Ash Wednesday Liturgy

On Wednesday, February 14th, all kindergarten to grade 8 students attended an Ash Wednesday liturgy in our gym. Our Intermediate Student Council lead the school in a beautiful, reflective ceremony.



Dance-a-thon Fundraiser

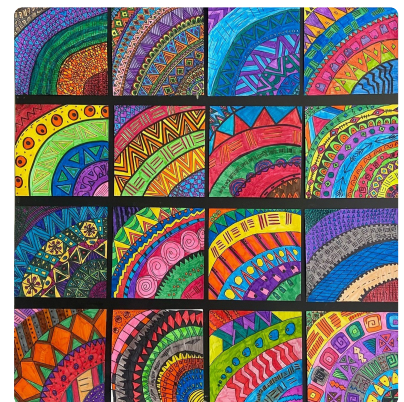
On February 15th we hosted our annual Dance-a-thon fundraiser in our gymnasium, organized and hosted by our Intermediate Student Council. Each grade had a chance to show off their moves and enjoyed time in the gym with their friends. We want to extend a very heartfelt **"Thank You"** to all who donated. We raised just over \$8,000, which will be put toward purchases of phys-ed equipment and technology for our classrooms.



Honoring Black History Month

Every February, people across Canada participate in Black History Month events and festivities that honour the legacy of Black people in Canada and their communities.

The 2024 theme for Black History Month was: "Black Excellence: A Heritage to Celebrate, a Future to Build". Check out some of the activities that took place in our classrooms from Kindergarten to Grade 8. These activities engaged our students in learning about the stories Black communities in Canada have to tell about their histories, successes, sacrifices and triumphs.





Mr. Costantini's Gr. 8's

The Grade 8 students in Mr. Costantini's class are learning about influential people of the Black community that have made a mark in today's world. From activists to leaders, athletes to artists, the students are learning about the impact these individuals have made and continue to make as they paved the way for equality and acceptance.



Mrs. Romano's Gr. 1's

Grade 1 students created their own version of Alma Thomas collages. Alma Thomas was an African-American artist who developed a powerful form of abstract painting later on in her life.



Miss Sirianni's Gr. 7's

Who Am I? In honour of Black History month, students created an interactive matching game where they had to research and write five clues about an influential person for their classmates to guess who it is.



Mrs. Metelsky's Gr. 3's


We created an art piece of our own community based on the style of artist Jacob Lawrence. Jacob Lawrence was a painter, storyteller, and teacher. He wanted to tell stories about the lives of African Americans from his own community. Lawrence represented his community by painting pictures of the people and places in his life.

Black History Month

Drake

By: Sophia and Vanessa

Birth
Date: October 24, 1986
Location: Toronto



Family
Parents: Sandi Graham and Dennis Graham
Siblings: Only child
Other Relatives: Evelyn Sher and Reuben Sher




Mr. Totolo's Gr. 4's

Our Grade 4 class enjoyed reading the storybook, Africville, by Shauntay Grant and illustrated by Eva Campbell. We discussed and wrote about this strong, vibrant, and enduring Black Nova Scotian community. The community was established in 1848 and survives to this day through its survivors and descendants of the many families that lived there for

Working in pairs, students chose a Noteworthy Black Canadian completed a biographical research project. Students presented these projects using Google Slides.

over a century. The community of Africville lives strong in spirit despite the injustices they suffered in the past.

Student Monthly Awards!

In the month of March, we celebrate the theme of “**Collaborative Contributor**”, as we continue to acknowledge and learn about our *Catholic Graduate Expectations*.

Collaborative Contributor:

- I cooperate with others in all that I do and I value their work
- I respect, listen and share with others
- I think of others before myself
- I follow rules of fair play

I am a team player,
I know that "together is better",
and we will all live our lives like Jesus.

Congratulations to our February winners, “Lifelong Learner”.

Kids Helping Kids Success

Throughout our three-week drive to support the Niagara Children’s Centre and the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education, the staff and students at St. Mark have raised over \$779. The students enjoyed twins day, jersey day, red & pink day and monochrome day. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.



Twins Day

This was the day to dress the same as someone you know.



Jersey Day

Students wore jerseys to show support for their favourite teams.



Monochrome Day

Colour coordination was the theme of the day.

BT Corner

February may be the shortest month of the year but it has been another very eventful and successful month for Blessed Trinity. Students started Semester 2 but many of our sports teams ended their Winter seasons with exciting championship performances. Our Junior Girls Volleyball and our Junior Boys Basketball teams both captured NCAA championships and will be competing at SOSSA.



Both of these teams are made up of many grade 9's from our Family of Schools. An excellent reminder to our Grade 8's to come out and try out for our teams and clubs. Our wrestling, boys and girls' hockey teams and swimmers all had great results this season and some are looking forward to competing at OFSSA. February also included our Senior Winter Formal and a special Valentine's Day dance for our Special Education students.

Can you believe March Break is only 2 weeks away?! This year is flying by. Closer and closer to Blessed Trinity welcoming our newest graduating class. February was a busy and eventful month for the Grade 8's from our Family of Schools as they finalized their course selection for Grade 9 at Blessed Trinity in September.

A representative from Blessed Trinity will be visiting Grade 8 classrooms in the next few weeks to take students through the verification process of their course selection. At this time students will be able to make any changes to the courses they chose for September.


































Please contact Blessed Trinity – Mr. John Cino – 905-945-6706 Ext. 2330 or Mrs. Rose Bianco Ext. 2312, if any Grade 8 parent has any questions.



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March 2024



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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 Mass: St. Helen Church 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. 3	Day 4 4  11:30 - 12:15	Day 5 5  @ St. Helen Church @ 10:30 - Grades 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, KA, KB 	Day 1 6  @ Loretto  @ St. Helen Gr. 4, 5, 6, KC, KD, KE 	Day 2 7 Milk  Pizza 	Day 3 8 Kindergarten Sugar Bush Ridgeway 	 Mass St. Helen Church 5:00 p.m. 9
 Mass St. Helen Church 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. 10 	11	MARCH BREAK 2024 (Mar 11 - 15) 			15	 Mass St. Helen Church 5:00 p.m. First Reconciliation  10:00 am - 2:00 pm 16
 Mass: St. Helen Church 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. 17 	Day 4 18	Day 5 19 Catholic School Council Meeting 6:00pm @ St. Mark 	Day 1 20 	Day 2 21 Confessions @ 10:00 am Rock you Socks Day 	Day 3 22  Gr. 3 Trip to Richardson Farms	 Mass St. Helen Church 5:00 p.m. 23
 Mass: St. Helen Church 9:00 am & 11:00 am 24  EASTER	Day 4 25 11:30 - 12:15 April 1  Easter Monday	Day 5 26 	Day 1 27 	Day 2 28  @ BROCK	GOOD FRIDAY 29 	 Mass Helen Church 5:00 p.m. 30  HOLY SATURDAY

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