

# March 2024 Newsletter

## Our Lady of Victory Catholic Elementary School



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### Principals Message

And just like that we are only a week from March Break and hopefully some brighter days and warmer temps. A reminder to all as we continue to journey through Lent to take time to pray often and reflect on the important things in life. We have lots to celebrate and give thanks for at OLV and I am happy that I can walk this journey with you and support all our children reach their full potential.

### 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)



### Development and Peace Schools

On Monday, March 4, 2024, the Grade 6-8 students will participate in a "Thinkfast" for our sisters and brothers in developing countries. We will stand in solidarity with those who hunger and thirst for peace and basic needs. Our focus this year will be poverty.

On this day, students are invited to go without eating their usual food and drinks; instead, we will provide only rice, hard-boiled eggs, apples and water. The only thing they will need to bring is a reusable water bottle, spoon and bowl.

Prior to March 4, students are encouraged to collect donations from family and friends, for their participation in this event. All funds will be donated to Development and Peace - Caritas Canada.



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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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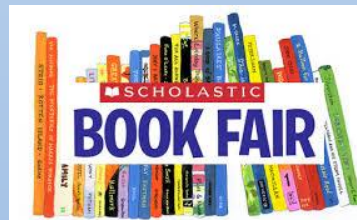
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### PAYMENT FOR SPECIALTY LUNCHES & ACTIVITIES

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/>



Miss. Turner would like to thank all the parents and students who helped make our book fair a huge success. It was fun to see all the electricity in the Library this week as the book fair was held. A portion of the funds will go directly back into the school.

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#### Reflection

Is hearing God's voice good enough? Or does God want more than for us to acknowledge that He speaks to us? God tells us to "be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves" (James 1:22). Listening to God is the first step. From God's word, we are called to move to action. Sometimes this can feel overwhelming. "You mean, God wants me to do His work? Isn't there someone more qualified?" The reality is, without God, no one is qualified. God gives us everything we need to hear and do what He calls us to.

God, help me to be a doer of the word. When I am discouraged, help me to remember that "I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

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