



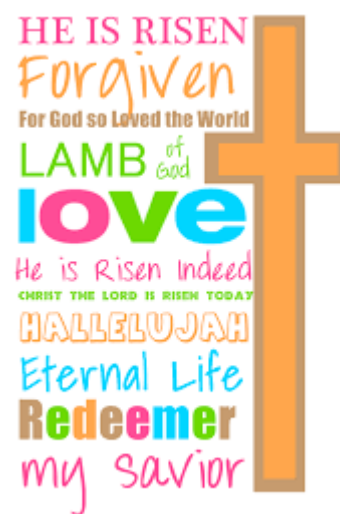
St. Mark Catholic

Home of the Mountain Lions

A Member of the Blessed Trinity Family of Schools

Easter Prayer

Dear Lord,
We put ourselves into your hands
and pray that God will bless us
and our families during the coming Holy Days.
May each of us help to make our homes,
and our school, places of joy, love, peace, and safety.
May we be generous and considerate,
helping others keep the celebration of the dying and rising,
of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen



Lucas's Garden 🌻

It has been one year since Lucas's passing. As a community, we would like to create a calming, safe space for students to be able to play, read or just enjoy God's natural creations. This space will be called Lucas's Garden in his memory. Staff and students will be creating the space out front of the school where the flagpole is located filling it with wooden benches, an area for digging, an

area to play with cars, and an area to read or just talk with friends. Students will have access during recess and classes will be able to use the space as an outdoor classroom.

To complete this space, we need a little help from our community. If you can donate or help with any of the following, please reach out to Mr. Moscato - jeffery.moscato@ncdsb.com



- pressure treated 4 x 4 posts
- Pea Gravel
- 10 mm rebar
- tree stumps to create seating
- screening for under bricks
- Help with relocating the large rocks (will require machines)
- black mulch
- 10" structural screws
- 6 tires

Thank you to our Mountain Lion families for your ongoing support.

Please continue to keep the Thomas family in your hearts.

Changes for September

Please join me in wishing Mr. Tolomeo all the best as he transfers to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary in September. Mr. Tolomeo has been a noticeably big part of our Mountain Lion community over the past two years, and we will miss him.

In September, Ms. Vilella will be joining our Mountain Lion family as our Vice-Principal. She comes to us with experience, and we all look forward to working with her next year.



Event Information

Grade 8 Graduation - Save the Date!

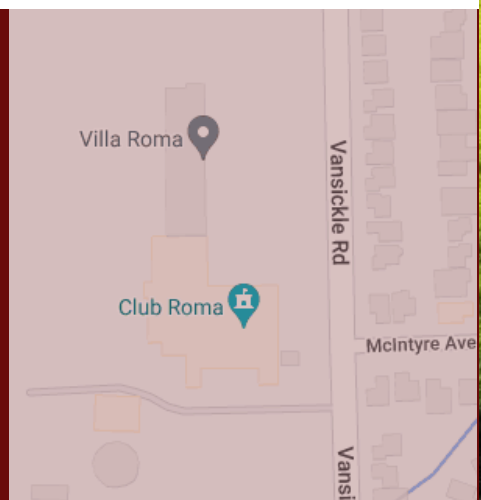
Save the date for our Grade 8 Graduation!

More information and details on graduation will be communicated to families in May.

When?

Thursday, Jun 20, 2024, 05:00 PM

Where?



Classroom Organization for 2024-2025

Plans are in the preliminary stages for the 2024-25 school year. Our Beamsville community continues to grow, and we are awaiting approval from the board office on the number of classes and teachers required for the 2024-2025 school year. Many situations unfold from now until the beginning of a new school year. As experts in education, we will base all student placement decisions on what is in the best interest of the entire student grade-level community at St. Mark. These decisions are made in good faith and based on, but not necessarily limited to, the following considerations: individual needs of students; academic strengths, weaknesses, and needs; social and emotional needs of the students; special needs; resource support requirements and personnel allocation; and classroom teacher strengths. **Due to the size of the school and anticipated changes including teacher placement, no requests will be taken this school year.** We ask that you trust the decisions that our staff make regarding your child's placement for next school year.

2023-2024 Yearbook Update

Over the past two years our Yearbook has been created through the Picaboo platform owned by Edge Photography. This school year we have decided to switch companies so we will be using the Pegasus platform to complete our yearbook. Pegasus is the photography company who have been taking our school pictures over the past few years. **If you would not like to have your child(ren) in the yearbook, please email the school st.mark@ncdsb.com to let us know.**

This year's yearbook will be eighty colour pages with every class highlighted and capture our year at St. Mark Catholic.

The cost for the yearbook is \$30.00 and can be ordered through School Cash Online beginning in April.

Information on purchasing advertising space will be sent out to our community through school messenger soon.

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Kindergarten Registration Time!

On Thursday, February 8th, we had our Kindergarten Registration 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!

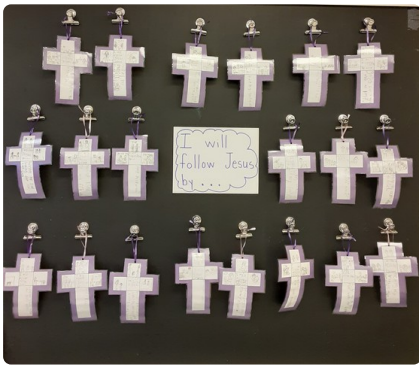


Around the School in March

Grade 6 Fish Project

This year some of our grade 6 students had the opportunity to raise brown trout in our classroom as part of understanding Biodiversity and the many different organisms we share our earth with. Students raised fish from eggs in December to fry in March. We then released our 60 survivors into the waters of 40 Mile Creek in Grimsby. The hope is that in understanding the lives of other living things and helping to add to our local ecology and environmental stewardship, our students will share their learning and be better informed about sustaining our ecosystems in the future.





Mrs. Romano's Grade 1 Cross Project

Students created crosses to illustrate what actions they will do to follow Jesus during the season of Lent.



Kindergarten trip to Agape Sugar Bush

Our Kindergarten students went to the Agape Sugar Bush in Ridgeway to explore how maple syrup was made. They got to go for a wagon ride, tour the sugar shack and eat some delicious pancakes.



Grade 3 trip to Richardson Farm & Market

Our Grade 3 students took a trip to Richardson's Farm & Market in Dunnville to also explore how maple syrup was made. They got to go for a wagon ride, tour the sugar shanty and eat some delicious pancakes.



Congratulations to our Vex Robotics Teams!

On March 7th, St. Mark's VEX Robotics Team travelled to Loretto Catholic to participate in the annual Vex Full Volume 2023-2024 Skills Competition. Since October, teams have been dedicated to building and making adjustments to their robots and have participated in various challenges in preparation for this event. This year, St. Mark entered three teams to compete with other schools for a chance to represent NCDSB at this year's Ontario Skills Competition. Each team participated in 10 qualification matches where they collaborated alongside other teams to move blocks with their robot to the score zones. We are thrilled to announce that Team Robo – Mountain, consisting of Joey C., Christian B., and Kane B. placed third overall with an average score of 69.50. The following members of the Robotics Team should be very proud of their hard work and scores with Team Robo- Mark (Jacob F., Livia O, Lucas R.) averaging a score of 53.67 and Team Robo-Lion (Ashley D., Francesca A.) averaging a score of 52.17. Stay tuned for one more event –Saint Mark will be hosting the final friendly VEX Full Volume Competition on May 9th, 2024.



Grade 6 Trip to the Niagara Power Plant

Students in all of our grade 6 classes are studying the Science curriculum unit covering Electricity and Energy. We had the opportunity to attend the Niagara Parks Power Station guided tour to explore how power is generated and distributed by the falls.



Rocking our socks on World Down Syndrome Day!



Student Monthly Awards!

In the month of April, we celebrate the theme of "Caring Family Member", as we continue to acknowledge and learn about our Catholic Graduate Expectations.

Caring Family Member:

- I love God, myself and my family.
- I care about and respect my larger "Family" - the one at school, at my parish Church, in my community and throughout the world.

- I believe that school, because it is like a second home, is a place for me to show how much I care for my fellow students.
- I believe that through prayer our family stays connected to God and each other.

I care, I pray for all my families and friends,
and I will live my life like Jesus.

Congratulations to our March winners, "Collaborative Contributors".

World Autism Day - April 2, 2024

On Tuesday April 2nd, 2024, we will be recognizing World Autism Day. Wear blue to celebrate this day!

Blessed Trinity Corner

Our Blessed Trinity staff and students earned a well-deserved March Break, and both are back refreshed and energized to tackle the rest of Semester 2. Our spring sports are getting revved up with tryouts and signups for boys' and girls' soccer, girls' rugby, boys' baseball, girls' softball, track and field and much more. For the first time ever Blessed Trinity will have a Girls Lacrosse team, proving again that there is something for everyone at BT. A reminder to our incoming Thunder to get involved once you get here.



April is another busy month at Blessed Trinity. Here are just a few of the events that will be taking place in April:

- Celebrating Holy Week with a school Mass
- Junior Formal for students in Grade 9 and 10
- All students will be participating in the University of Waterloo Compass Survey
- We will officially reach the middle of Semester 2 and parents will be invited to make appointments for Parent/Teacher Conference night on April 25th
- Members of our Thunderstruck-Link Crew Leadership group will be attending the Global Student Leadership Summit in Collingwood

Lastly, throughout the month of April, a member from our Student Services Department will be visiting the Grade 8 students with Course Verification forms to ensure students have selected the courses they want for Grade 9. This will be an opportunity for students to make any changes to their course selection.

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.

Health and Safety

Solar eclipse

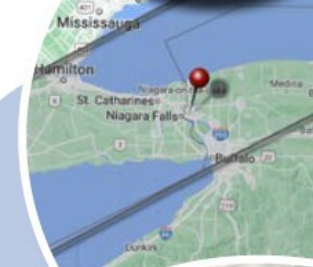
In case you've missed it, Niagara is in the path of totality of the solar eclipse on April 8.

[A solar eclipse is a rare and beautiful event](#) that can only be seen in parts of the world. It's even more rare to be in the path of totality. The moon will begin to pass in front of the sun at approximately 2:04 p.m., gradually making it feel like twilight. It will cover the sun at about 3:18 p.m., plunging us into daytime darkness for just a few precious minutes before the skies will begin to lighten as the moon will make its way away from the sun. The eclipse will end at approximately 4:30 p.m.

As the big day draws closer, more people are planning to make their way to Niagara to see the full eclipse. Hotel rooms and short-stay rentals are already booked solid for April 7. Niagara's Emergency Communicators Group expects heavy traffic in the area on Monday morning as people set up camp in their preferred location and again as people make their way out of Niagara afterward. Niagara Falls, vineyards, and beaches are heavily favoured as places to view the eclipse. Let's hope for a bright, sunny day so we can make the most of this once-in-a-lifetime experience in our area!

A few tips:

- Gas up your car Saturday or Sunday morning.
- Get your eclipse viewing glasses now if you don't have ones already. Many municipalities and public libraries are giving away eclipse glasses. These glasses have been purchased from reputable sources and are safe when worn correctly. If buying glasses, make sure they conform to and meet the standard [ISO 12312-2](#), for safe viewing. Stay safe and visit [Public Health's Solar Eclipse safety page](#).
- Remember, never look directly at the sun, even when it is obscured in an eclipse. The damage to your eyes can be long-lasting – or permanent!





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Family Faith, and Learning WORKSHOPS

Thursday, April 11, 2024

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL
460 LINWELL RD., ST. CATHARINES

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5:00 pm Light Refreshments • 5:30 pm Fr. Paul MacNeil Family Prayer
6:00 pm Breakout Session 1 • 7:00 pm Breakout Session 2

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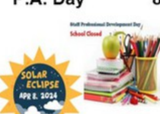


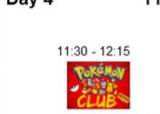






















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April 2024



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March 31 Easter Sunday 	1 Easter Monday 	2 Day 3 WORLD AUTISM DAY 	3 Day 4 SHELBY'S 	4 Day 5 Milk  Pizza 	5 Day 1	6  Mass St. Helen Church 5:00 p.m.
7 Mass St. Helen Church 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.	8 P.A. Day 	9 Day 2 VIMY RIDGE DAY 	10 Day 3 Gr 6—Student Senate 	11 Day 4 11:30 - 12:15 	12 Day 5	13  Mass St. Helen Church 5:00 p.m.  5:00 pm @ St Helen Church
14 Mass St. Helen Church 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.	15 Day 1	16 Day 2  CHES Easter Mass Gr 7 & 1 @ St. Helen @ 12:30 pm Triple Ball @ St. John  	17 Day 3 SHELBY'S 	18 Day 4 Milk  Pizza 	19 Day 5 Earth Day Presentation 12:30 pm Gr 4 - 8 1:45 pm Gr K - 3 	20  Mass St. Helen Church 5:00 p.m.
21 Mass St. Helen Church 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.	22 Day 1 	23 Day 2 Easter Mass Gr 6 @ St. Helen @ 12:30 pm  FIREHOUSE SUBS	24 Day 3 Administrative Professionals Day 	25 Day 4 FEAST OF SAINT MARK 11:30 12:15 	26 Day 5 Colour War Out of Dress Code Day Kinder—purple Primary—yellow Junior—Green Intermediate—Red	27  Mass St. Helen Church 5:00 p.m.
28 Mass St. Helen Church 9:00 am & 11:00 am	29 Day 1  THE ARTIST IN THE CLASSROOM! KA, KB, KC, KD, KE	30 Day 2  STUDENT LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM Easter Mass Gr 5 @ St. Helen @ 12:30 pm CSC meeting @ 6:00 pm 				

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