

ST. ANN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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“We are proud to be part of the Notre Dame Catholic Family of Schools”

Principal: Mr. Paul Moccia

Superintendent: Mrs. Kim Kinney

St. Ann: A School where we “build minds and nurture souls”.

INTRODUCTION

We are in the very busy season of spring at St. Ann Catholic Elementary School. May begins with the celebration of Catholic Education and Mental Health week (**May 6-10**). The theme for Catholic Education week is, **“We are Called to love”**. This is an opportunity to highlight the strong connection between our Catholic faith and mental health and well being in Niagara Catholic Schools. While we strive to provide a wide variety of opportunities for students, we continue to keep our focus on our “partnership to foster academic, social and spiritual growth according to the teachings of Christ.”

SACRAMENTS: HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion will take place on **Sunday, May 5 at 2:00 p.m.**

“We Are Called to Love” CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 2024

Catholic Education Week Prayer

God of mercy,

*We thank you for the gift of Catholic education.
We walk in faith and thanks, guided by those
who have gone before us, who nurtured and
sustained Catholic education.*

*Inspired by our Catholic Graduate
Expectations, we acknowledge that the promise
of Catholic education is within us, that it is a
promise that we live out in our families, schools,
parishes and communities.*

*It is a promise that we proclaim in acts of
justice and compassion, in word and in deed.*

*We make this prayer that we may live out the
promise of Catholic education daily and for
many more years to come.*

Amen.

CATCH THE SPIRIT AWARD

2024: May 8, 2024

Congratulations to **Brook Lilliott**, the St. Ann Catholic School recipient for the NCDSB Annual “Catch the Spirit Award”. This award is presented to recognize excellence within the Niagara Catholic student population. The students selected have demonstrated qualities in areas such as Catholic Faith and Catholic School Philosophy, Family Commitment, High Degree of Academic Excellence and School Community Relations. We are honoured and proud of **Brook** for being a representative of the St. Ann Catholic Community.

GRADE 8 GRADUATION-TUES, JUNE 25TH

The Grade 8 Graduation is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday, June 25 at 6:00 p.m.** Specific information as per logistics is forthcoming.

MOTHER’S DAY PRAYER: May 12th

On behalf of the school community of St. Ann, I would like to wish all of our Mothers a very happy Mother’s Day and a sincere thanks for your care, support and nurturing.

Heavenly Father, hold my mother close to your
Heart

As we hold her close to mine. Let her know today and
every day

How much we love her. Lord, comfort her mind and
reassure her

that her motherly care was everything we needed and
wanted

And that we love her dearly.

Lord, comfort her body as she ages and grant her
health and

Vitality as she goes through her days here on earth.
Bring all

Good things to my precious mother, dear God, and
bless her

Every day, in every way. Amen!

CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Please trust our professional judgment to make good pedagogically sound decisions regarding your child's class placement for September. We are well educated professionals with your child's best interests at heart. Talk positively and hopefully to your child about next year. If your child is with a different group of students, discuss the value of new friendships and fresh starts. With some large and small numbers in many grades, and Ministry caps in the primary division, we still may be faced with a combined grade classrooms in September. This is a reality with declining enrolment across the Board.

A combined grade is no different than a single grade classroom where there are children at many different learning levels. All teachers use differentiated instruction to meet the needs of all learners in their classrooms.

Guidelines that we consider may be one, some or all of the following:

Learning style/social needs

Work habits

Special program needs

Behaviour

Gender balance

In all class situations, present and possibly receiving teachers meet with the principal and education resource teacher to make the final decision. We are looking forward to another wonderful school year with your support.

ECO SCHOOL MESSAGE FOR MAY

What is Ontario EcoSchools?

Ontario EcoSchools is an environmental education and certification program for grades K-12 that helps school communities develop both ecological literacy and environmental practices to become environmentally responsible and reduce the environmental footprint of schools. The key areas of focus and achievement are: Teamwork & Leadership, Energy Conservation, Waste Minimization, School Ground Greening, Curriculum, and Environmental Stewardship.

The St. Ann ECO team, has worked extremely hard this year with all of the ECO initiatives and especially with the recycling program.

We are extremely proud of all their hard work and dedication to the program.