

# May 2024 Newsletter

## Our Lady of Victory Catholic Elementary School



*Superintendent Mr. Joseph Zaroda*

*Principal Mr. Chris Boyer*

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### Principals Message

The first week of May has always been a Celebration and Awareness Week for our Gift of Catholic Education and the importance of good Mental Health. This year we will celebrate at Our Lady of Victory along with our community the rich traditions of our Catholic Faith as found in our Celebration of the Eucharist on Wednesday May 8 at 10:30 AM at St. Michael's Church. We look forward to sharing our faith with families through the week.

### 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)



With April being Earth Month, the students of OLV have been especially great stewards of our planet. Along with our weekly litterless lunches, we have reduced waste through our aluminum can and battery collection. Thanks to the OLV community, we were able to raise funds for Community Crew, which provides lunches for kids. Together with our volunteers from the Fort Erie Horticultural Association, we have also begun planting seeds for our pollinator and veggie gardens. Stay tuned for more details about the yummy vegetables we will be growing in our very own community gardens. We celebrated Earth Hour by powering down and a few of our senior students are working on an upcoming campaign to raise awareness about access to clean water. Thanks for your "green" support at home. As the Lorax said, "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better - it's not."

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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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Follow the [link](#) for important information for families from Niagara Region Public Health.

Follow us on Social Media



@OLV\_Wolves

### 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/>



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#### Reflection

God loves to involve us in His plans to lead people to heaven. He often uses the weakest to lead the strong. Sometimes God speaks to us through other people. But, have you considered that God could use you to bring His message to others? What have you done today to share the love of God with those around you? Spend some time with God today asking Him to help you share His love to those in most need of it

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