



Mary Ward Catholic School



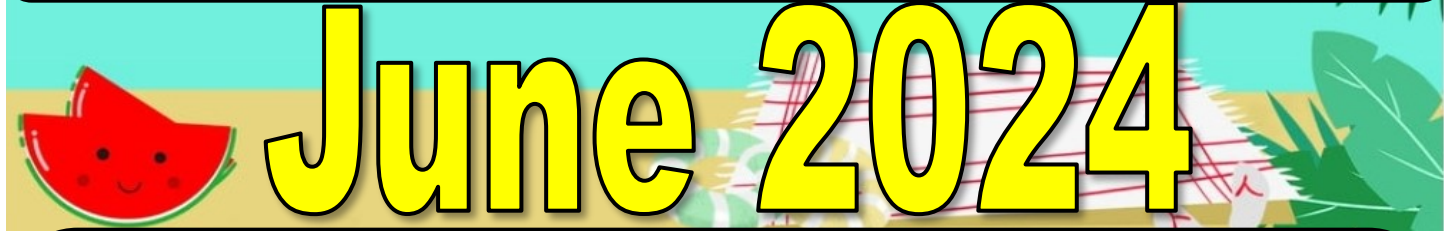
Principal: Mr. A. Cardamone

Superintendent of Education: Mr. D. Massi

Parish: Our Lady of the Scapular Church **Pastor:** Fr. M. Basque and Fr. D. Corso

Mary Ward Catholic School Mission Statement

As a community of faith and lifelong learners, we nurture hearts, minds and souls to grow and lead with truth, justice and love.



Monthly Reflection

Have you ever tried talking to someone in another room? It can be difficult to hear what the other person is saying because of all the walls and obstacles in the way. Sometimes we put obstacles up that make it hard for us to hear God's voice. God never moves away from us, but we can turn away from Him. Even still, God is never far from us. He loves us and wants to lead us back home. One of God's ways of removing these obstacles is by forgiving us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The words we hear from the priest are the words of Jesus: "I absolve you of your sins." Let us give thanks to God for His mercy and take advantage of this great gift of God's forgiveness.



Social Media

Follow us on social media to get the latest updates:



@marywardniagara

Principal's Message

God of Wisdom, we thank you for all of the gifts you have given us throughout this school year. We praise you for giving us life, for saving us in Christ and for choosing us to be your people.

As we come to the end of this school year, we voice our gratitude for the good things you have done in us and we praise you for all who have shared in the work of this school.

We ask you to bless them in your love and give them peace. We praise you God, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Amen

Mr. A. Cardamone

Niagara Catholic District School Board Mission Statement

We are a Christ-centered Catholic faith community that celebrates diversity and fosters spiritual growth, inspiring all to reach their full potential in mind, body and spirit.



June 2024



HAPPENINGS

FAMILY FOOD TRUCK EVENT

Our Mary Ward Family Food Truck event is happening soon! It takes place on **Wednesday, June 5 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm**. Food and beverages will be provided by MJ Ingribelli and Johnny Rocco's Pizza Wagon.

Food and beverages have been pre-ordered. Some food may be available for purchase through the Food Trucks.

Raffle tickets for the amazing baskets that your donations created are also on sale. Tickets are on sale at the school and will also be available for purchase at the event.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU

Congratulations!

Our Grade 8 Graduation is scheduled for **Thursday, June 20, 2024**. Students and their families will gather at The Double Tree Resort and Spa for a Graduate Blessing and Award Ceremony. Graduates will also enjoy a delicious dinner and a dance!

We are looking forward to gathering to celebrate all of their accomplishments!



NCDSB Summer School

The Niagara Catholic DSB offers students the opportunity to earn high school credits by taking courses in summer school. For Grade 8 students, it gives them a head start on earning credits towards their Ontario Secondary School High School Diploma, as well as an opportunity to build connections with other students.

You can find more information about the NCDSB summer school program and register for courses by clicking [here](#).



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COMING UP

Alternate Lunch



Tuesday, June 25th - Pizza Day from Carmine's Pizzeria



Milk Orders



The **LAST DAY** for milk will be **Tuesday, June 25.**

Matilda the Musical

On Tuesday June 11, 2024, Matilda the musical will be performed in our gymnasium. There will be three show times for parent viewing: 10:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and an evening performance at 6:30 p.m.

All tickets can be purchased on Cash Online.

A special thank you to Mr. Marrie, Ms. Picard, Madame Covelli, Madame Driscoll, Mrs. Lawrence and Mrs. Figueroa for leading our students.

September - 2024/2025

Information regarding student placement for September will be shared with you in August. A great deal of time and effort is spent determining the composition of classes. When organizing class groupings, attention and diligence is required by the classroom teachers, resource teacher, and principal. A variety of factors were seriously considered when establishing classes. Creating a successful learning environment for all students is a goal we aim to achieve. Some of the factors considered include: ability, individual needs, behaviour, work habits, age, learning styles, class size and friendship. *Please note: once class lists have been created, no changes will be made.*

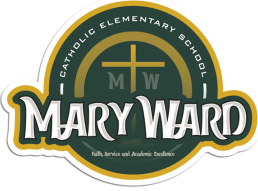


HOW CAN PARENTS HELP? Talk positively to your child about next year. If your child is with a different group of students, please discuss the opportunity for relationship building and new friendships.



Olympic Sports Play day

On Tuesday, June 25th, students will be participating in a sports-themed play day to promote physical health and fitness. While playing on teams, students will enjoy various sports such as curling, tchoukball, cricket and bocce. Remember to wear proper attire, footwear and sunscreen. Thank you to Mr. O'Neil, Mrs. Fera and Student Council for organizing this fun day!



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ECO - SCHOOL NEWS

ECO Team News

Lights Out Month!

Throughout the month of June, classes are encouraged to turn off lights where it is safe to do so and where it will not adversely disrupt normal classroom teaching. This ECO team initiative helps reduce our energy footprint at Mary Ward.



National Indigenous History Month

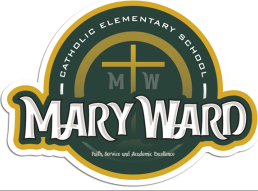
June is National Indigenous History Month. During this month, take time to recognize the rich history, heritage, resilience and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples across Canada. To commemorate this month, students will participate in learning experiences related to this important subject.



Dress code donations



If you have any gently used dress code items that your child has outgrown or is no longer using, please consider donating them to the school. Simply bring them to the office, freshly laundered and we will be sure they are given to a family who needs them. We are in need of boys and girls sizes 10-14.



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HAPENINGS

Catholic Education Week

Mary Ward Catholic celebrated Catholic Education and Mental Health Week 2024, from May 6th – 10th. The theme this year was “Called By Love.” Each year, the Catholic community of Ontario engages in a week-long celebration of the unique identity and distinctive contributions of Catholic education during Catholic Education Week. The week draws attention to the special role that Catholic schools have as faith communities. All community members – parents, students, teachers, administrative and support staff, pastors and parish staff – have been called by name to grow and walk joyfully in our faith that is nurtured by the local parish, the home and the school.

Mary Ward students and staff participated in many activities that within our school community and classrooms to celebrate Catholic Education. Activities included morning Liturgies, Parent Day, “Drawing God”, Primary Prayer Stations and much more!

Thank you to Mrs. Marrie and the Catholic Education Committee who planned and organized Catholic Education Week!

Schedule for 2024-2025

For the 2024-25 school year, Mary Ward Elementary School will have an earlier start time and a later dismissal time, as well as a balanced day schedule.

Our **school start and end times** are reviewed each year by NSTS to ensure transportation services are the most efficient. Bell times will impact bus pickup and drop-off times. This will be communicated by NSTS during the regular process for the 2024-2025 school year and will be made available on the NSTS Portal in mid-August. The morning bell will ring at **8:35 AM** and the dismissal bell will ring at **2:55 PM**.

Supervision will start every morning at 8:25 AM and all students are welcome to enter the school at that time.

Our new **school balanced day** schedule is designed to enhance learning, foster healthy habits, and encourage daily physical activity.

Balanced School Day Schedule at Mary Ward

8:45 – 10:05 a.m. – 80 instructional minutes

10:05-10:45 a.m.. – 40 minutes nutrition/physical activity break

10:45-12:45 p.m. – 120 instructional minutes

12:45 – 1:25 p.m. – 40 minutes nutrition/physical activity break

1:25 – 2:45 p.m. – 80 instructional minutes



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HAPPENINGS



Year End Field Trips and Fun



Kindergarten - Safari Niagara on June 19th

Grades 1, 2, 3 - PALS at Brock University on June 6th
And River Lions on June 20th

Grade 4 – Medieval Times on June 21st

Grade 5 - Zacada Circus on May 13th

Grade 6 - Wildplay on June 12th

Grade 7 - Hockey Hall of Fame and Blue Jays Game on June 6th

Grades 8 - Canada's Wonderland on June 12th



Yearbook Arrival - September 2024

As the 2023-2024 school year comes to a close, the memories created throughout the year will be celebrated and remembered in the Mary Ward Catholic School yearbook.

This wonderful keepsake will arrive in mid September. Current Grade 8 students who have ordered a yearbook are encouraged to visit mid-September to pick up their yearbook.

Thank you to Mrs. Ramunno and Mrs. Zappia for the time spent putting this special book together.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Delta Bingo & Gaming

Mary Ward Catholic School would like to extend a big thank you to **Delta Bingo & Gaming on Drummond Rd.** for their contributions to our school fundraising initiatives. This could not be possible without the help of parent volunteers from our community. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Robyn Pearson at robbyndpearson@gmail.com.





Mary Ward **NEW** Spirit Wear

ON SALE

All spirit wear will be delivered to the school in September.

*Spirit Wear is available for purchase online at
<https://www.maddalena-uniforms.com/collections/mary-ward-catholic-elementary-spirit-wear>*

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*Any questions contact us @ 905-708-1111 or
cassandra@maddalena-uniforms.com*



2025 Mary Ward Grad Hoodie

ON SALE

*\$55 taxes included (Champion)
Order between June 10th-June 28th and
delivery the first week of September*

*They are available online at
<https://www.maddalena-uniforms.com/collections/mary-ward-catholic-elementary-spirit-wear/products/mary-ward-catholic-elementary-school-grad-hoodie-2025> or in store.*

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