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SCHOOL NEWS

JUNE 2024

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we close the books on another fantastic school year, and for me personally, another chapter in my career, I want to extend a huge thank you to everyone for your hard work, dedication, and support of me and our wonderful school over the past two years.

Students, thank you for being really great humans. Enjoy your summer adventures, keep safe and keep learning. I look forward to hearing about all the great things you achieve.

Parents, thank you for your kindness and support. You are truly partners in this journey and a vital part of your child's academic, spiritual and social learning. I pray that you continue to see yourselves as such and continue to support our school in all of the great things happening in and out of its walls.

Staff, your dedication and commitment to academic excellence is second to none. And your willingness to go the extra mile and take on extra work and responsibilities to provide extra-curricular opportunities for our students is commendable. Though there are few of you, our students never miss opportunities to learn and grow.

Thank you!

My prayer for all of you is that you take well-earned time this summer to recharge and return refreshed and ready for more amazing experiences in the this fall.

May God continue to bless all of you and our school community and may St. Edward continue to pray for you.

All the very best,

Ms. Romano



May was another very busy month at Blessed Trinity. Some of the highlights in May included:

- Chicago Trip for our Social Science and Business students
- Catholic Education Week – Catch the Spirit Awards
- Mental Health Awareness Week
- Lots of Spring Sports – Flag Football, Lacrosse, Soccer, Baseball, Slo-Pitch, Track and Field, Rugby
- Spring Music Concert

Teachers and students are starting to wrap up the semester and prepare for final exams. We wish all the elementary teachers and students and great end to another school year.

We are already preparing for next year. At this time, we are starting to put together timetables for all of our students, including our newest grade 9 students. We are also preparing our Orientation Day which will be in the last week of August before school starts. More information will be sent over the summer with details. All of our current grade 8's who will be coming to BT in September should plan to be attend the Orientation Day where they will receive their schedule, locker, tour the school and have some fun with our grade 11 and 12 Thunderstruck-Link Crew leaders.

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.

FAMILY MATH CHALLENGE

Take a pic of your family wearing matching summer outfits. All clothing items must be the same colour and everyone must be wearing sunglasses. Email the pic to your teacher.

Good luck!



CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next meeting is Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 5:30pm.

If you would like to know more about getting involved or volunteering, please email stedwardcsc@gmail.com

FUN FAIR

June 12th 4-7pm

Our CSC is hosting a Fun Fair for members of our school community. This will be a fun night to mingle, enjoy good food and entertainment and celebrate the end of another great school year!

Food trucks on site for this event:

Avellas Pizza Kool Jims Ice Cream 905HotdogPound

All food items can be purchased directly at the trucks.



BE A BETTER HUMAN KINGS COURT ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the following BABH Award Recipients for May:

Maia G., Lauren K., Marlee R.,
Matthew K., Maia B., and Kina K.

A special thank you to our Student Council for doing a wonderful job in leading us!

This was our last month celebrating these awards. At the end of the month we will congratulate all of our Kings for being great humans!



FAMILY MATH CHALLENGES

Thank you to all families who participated in these challenges this year. It was a fun way to connect math learning to home and the world around us.

Well done everyone!

SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

Report your Child's Absence

The Niagara Catholic Safe Arrival system is accessible to parents/guardians to report their child's late arrival or absence quickly and conveniently.

There are 3 ways to report an absence:

Call the toll free number:
tel: 1-844-287-6287

Visit SchoolMessenger.ca:
go.schoolmessenger.ca

Or use the SchoolMessenger app.



SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

ncdsb.schoolcashonline.com

How Does This Work?

It's simple! Just follow the 4 easy steps to make payments. Then see your payment history and receive receipts via email.



SCHOOL DRESS CODE AND SPIRIT WEAR

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- Niagara Catholic has a standardized dress code for students in all of our Catholic elementary schools. All students wear navy blue bottoms and navy blue or white shirts.
- The elementary standardized dress code shirt must be plain (no logos or advertising) and buttoned in a respectable manner. Visible tshirts worn under the elementary standardized dress code top must be either navy blue or white.

BUSES AND KISS AND RIDE

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- Please use the Kiss and Ride Zone for quick pick ups/drop offs, and park in the parking lot for lengthier ones.
- Please do not let children walk alone through the parking lot.
- Please do not park in accessible parking spots unless you have a permit.



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O Lord of all seasons, as summer's embrace draws near,
We gather in prayer, our hearts filled with cheer.
As school days fade and vacations begin,
We seek Your grace, Your light within.

Bless this time of leisure, of sunlit days,
Grant us Your wisdom in all our ways.
Guide our steps as we roam and explore,
In the beauty of nature, we find You more.

May this summer break be a time of grace,
Where we grow in faith and in Your embrace.
In moments of rest and moments of play,
May Your love shine bright in all we say.

Protect us, O Lord, in our travels and rest,
Grant us safety and peace, by Your love blessed.
May this season be a time to renew,
Our spirits, our minds, our bonds with You.

So as we embark on this summer's delight,
Fill us with joy and hearts so light.
In Your name we pray, now and always,
Amen.

Niagara Region Public Health School Health Newsletter

June 2024

Check your Immunization Records and Travel Health Notice

If you are planning to travel, add these actions to your planning checklist to help make your trip a healthy one.

1) Make sure you and your children are up-to-date with vaccinations.

Staying up-to-date with vaccinations is important all year round. It is especially important before travelling.

• When travelling, you may be at risk for vaccine preventable illnesses.

Check your [immunization records](#) or talk to your health care provider.



- Learn more about [where to get vaccinated](#). Remember to report vaccinations to Public Health for children 0 – 17 years of age. Report [online](#) or call 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425

2) Review the Public Health Agency of Canada's [travel health notices](#). These notices outline potential health risks to Canadian travelers and ways to help reduce them. Stay informed as you plan your travel.

Ticks

Ticks, mosquitos and rabid animals can be a risk as the weather warms up.

• Mosquitoes transmit the [West Nile virus](#) to humans after becoming infected by feeding on the blood of birds, which carry the virus. To learn how to protect your family, visit [Reduce the Risk of West Nile Virus - Niagara Region](#).

The black- legged (deer) tick transmits [Lyme disease](#) to humans after becoming infected by feeding on the blood of small animals which carry the disease. To learn how to protect you and your pets, visit [Protect and Prevent Ticks - Niagara Region](#).

• [Rabies](#) is transmitted through saliva from bites and scratches, entering an open cut or wound, or from saliva contacting a mucous membrane, such as those in the mouth, nasal cavity or eyes.



For more information and [tick identification](#), individuals can contact a Duty Officer directly at 905-688-8248 ext. 7590. General tick information can be found on our [Niagara Region Public Health website](#).

Head safety – for bikes and other wheels

With warmer weather and summer break just around the corner, more kids will be outdoors taking part in activities, such as biking, skate boarding or roller blading. A [properly fitted and correct helmet](#) can cut the risk of a serious head injury by up to 85%. This means four out of five brain injuries could be prevented if every cyclist wore a helmet.

- Bike [helmets](#) should be replaced after five years or a crash where the cyclist has hit their head
- It's not safe to use a [second-hand helmet](#)
- Baseball hats, big hair clips and headphones should never be worn under a helmet

The human skull is just approximately one centimeter thick, so it is important to remind children to always protect their head when being active. To make sure a helmet fits right, follow the 2V1 Rule (image courtesy of [Parachute Canada](#))



Food Literacy

Want to get your kids excited about food? Food literacy is more than just what's on your plate. It's about loving everything to do with food! Picture your child confidently picking out fresh veggies, cooking healthy meals, and knowing how to keep food safe and budget-friendly.

Food isn't just about eating—it's about enjoying different kinds of food, tasting delicious flavors, and making special memories with family.

Here are some fun things you can do with your kids this summer to help them learn more about food:

- Kitchen Adventures: Cook together, try new recipes, and let your kids help with chopping, stirring, and tasting.
- Grocery Store Scavenger Hunt: Turn a trip to the grocery store into a game where you look for foods from different groups or colors.
- [Grow Your Own Garden](#): Start a small garden and teach your kids about planting, taking care of plants, and harvesting their own veggies.
- Food Tasting Party: Have a party where your kids can try new fruits, veggies, cheeses, and talk about how they taste and feel.
- Cultural Food Tours: Explore foods from around the world through virtual or real tours, learning about new flavors and cooking styles.
- Visit a [Local Market](#): Take a trip to a farmers' market, where your kids can meet the vendors and learn about where food comes from.

These activities not only teach kids about food but also make them love cooking, eating, and discovering new foods!



Educational Resources

Welcome to Kindergarten – Public Health Resources

When children are starting kindergarten it is important that that parents are aware of the following information regarding:

- Childhood [immunizations](#) and vaccines required for school
- [Oral health](#)
- [Vision health](#) and eye exams
- Hand hygiene
- Sleep
- Nutrition

This video is available with additional information for parents. [Welcome to Kindergarten video!](#)

Public Health Nurses are available to attend 'Welcome to Kindergarten' events, schools call 905-688-8248 ext. 7379 or email healthyschools@niagararegion.ca to schedule an nurse at an upcoming event.

OPHEA – Outdoor Education Toolkit

With the beautiful weather quickly approaching [Outdoor Education Toolkit](#) was developed to enrich and promote a culture of safety-mindedness, increase teacher awareness, confidence, and preparedness to teach outdoor education safety and risk management, and increase student awareness, confidence, and preparedness about outdoor education safety and risk management.

Blue the Butterfly Pedestrian Safety

Thinking about a walk to school event with the warmer weather? Consider using the Blue the Butterfly Pedestrian Safety video to support your event. [CLICK HERE](#)
Blue's tips include:

- Walking to school reduces cars on the street which is good for safety and the environment, and walking in groups can be fun.
- Before you start walking, check the weather and dress properly.

- Walk where motorists expect to see you, like on a sidewalk or pathway.
- Stay alert, pay attention and listen for traffic.
- Use your pointer finger to express your intention to cross a street to motorists and obey the traffic signals.
- Show everyone respect while walking, including to fellow pedestrians and property.

Remember, most students who travel to school on the bus are pedestrians on their journey to the bus stop and can benefit from watching this video too! Visit [Pedestrian Safety Program for Primary Grades \(nsts.ca\)](https://www.nsts.ca/PedestrianSafetyProgramforPrimaryGrades)