



# Mary Ward Catholic School



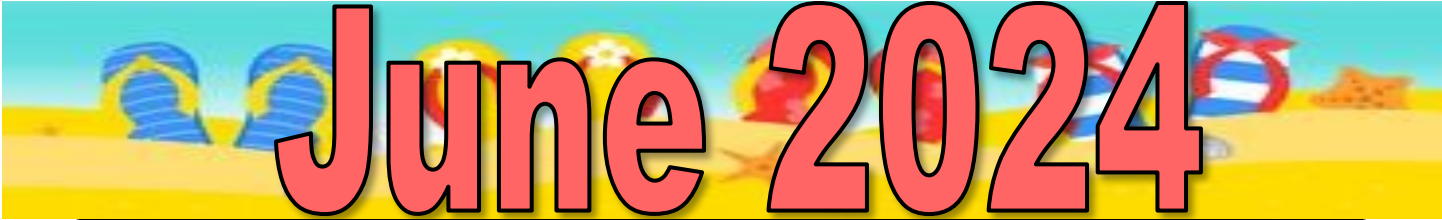
**Principal:** Mr. A. Cardamone

**Superintendent of Education:** Mr. D. Massi

**Parish:** Our Lady of the Scapular Church    **Pastor:** Fr. M. Basque & 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.*



## Principal's Message - Mr. A. Cardamone

With the blink of an eye, the end of June is here; how quickly this school year passed! It is now time to celebrate all of the accomplishments, talents and gifts that our Catholic community has witnessed. With a sense of pride and profound gratitude, we thank our Lord God who has journeyed with us, and recognize the work of the Holy Spirit in the many ways that the students of Mary Ward have grown as people of virtue.

Our Tiger Staff wishes to thank you – the parents and guardians, for all the ways that you have supported your child this school year. The triad of family, school and church is a pillar of Catholic Education. A special thank you to Fr. Michael and Fr. Daniel for their spiritual leadership.

To our students, staff, parents and extended community, have a safe and spiritual summer. Enjoy your well-deserved and precious family time and may God bless you on your holidays.

I look forward to welcoming everyone back to Mary Ward, a school where we nurture hearts, minds and souls to grow and lead with truth, justice and love.

### Social Media

Follow us on social media :



@marywardniagara



## End of School Year Prayer

Dear Lord, We thank you for the many blessings we have received this 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 our school. We ask you to please bless our learners, their families and our staff. Give them refreshment and peace during these summer holidays.

Amen

## 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.*



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## HAPPENINGS

### Until we meet again .....

A fond farewell to the staff members who will be leaving the Tiger community—

**Mrs. Kelly, Ms. Bilous, Mrs. Fera, Mrs. Keltos, and Miss Orth.**

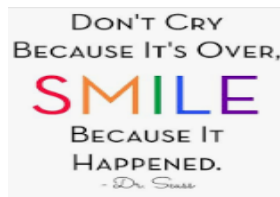
We thank them for the time and energy they dedicated to our students. We wish them well as their journeys continue at new schools. They will be missed!

We thank **Fr. Michael and Fr. Daniel** for their continuous invitation for each of us to be an active participant in our faith. Best of luck as they leave this summer to lead new communities.

We hope all of our staff, students and families have a safe and blessed summer. Enjoy a relaxing summer break full of family, friends and amazing memories!

We look forward to seeing everyone back at Mary Ward in September.

Wishing you all the best!



### EarlyON News

EarlyOn Child & Family Centers offer free programs to parents/caregivers & their children from birth to six years of age. We welcome all families to participate in our programs that help strengthen adult-child relationships, support parents, and help foster healthy child development. We are open this summer at our Mary Ward School location and our MacBain Community Centre. Please follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/EarlyONNCDSB> to view our programs, calendars and hours of operation.

For more information, please call

905-357-2398.



### Congratulations Graduates of 2024!

Wishing the class of 2024 all the best in secondary school and with their future endeavors. As with any school year, this year has presented you with many opportunities to grow academically, socially, and above all, spiritually. There have been many occasions to use the skills that you have acquired at Mary Ward - a positive attitude, a willingness to do your best, and the belief that with Jesus, prayer and faith, anything is possible! It was a beautiful Graduation ceremony at the Double Tree, which included a liturgy, presentation of diplomas and awards, dinner and dance. Thank you to **Mrs. Wojtastik & Mr. O'Neil** for planning and organizing our Graduation Ceremony! Thank you to all staff that assisted and attended the ceremony! **Congratulations Graduates and may God Bless you and guide you always. May you continue to grow and lead with truth, justice and love.**





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## COMING UP

### 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. Our students and staff thank you so much for your generosity!!! We look forward to continuing our school fundraising through our partnership.

Last year, funds raised through volunteering allowed the school to purchase Chromebooks, classroom resources and physical education equipment to enhance student learning. 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 [robyndpearson@gmail.com](mailto:robyndpearson@gmail.com).

Thank you in advance for your help.



### Class Placement for 2024/2025

Information regarding student placement for September will be shared with you through the **Parent Portal at the end of August.** A great deal of time and effort is spent determining the composition of 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.

### Final Report Card 2023-2024

The Kindergarten Communication of Learning Reports and Grades 1 to 8 Provincial Report Cards are now available in the Niagara Catholic Maplewood Parent Portal at [www.niagaracatholic.ca/reportcards](http://www.niagaracatholic.ca/reportcards) by selecting Mary Ward.

For those students that have an Individual Education Plan and/or Alternative Report, paper copies have been sent home.

Although there are no formal parent-teacher interviews for this reporting period, you are always welcome to contact teachers about your child's learning, progress and achievement. If you require a paper copy of a report card, please contact the office at 905-354-9221.

### 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.





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### Transportation 2024-2025

In mid-August Niagara Student Transportation Services (NSTS) will post preliminary back to school transportation arrangements for each student enrolled, if they meet policy eligibility for transportation, including bus route numbers, stop locations and times. Finalized Transportation information will be available in late August.

Please visit [www.nsts.ca](http://www.nsts.ca) and sign-in to the secure parent portal to get your child's student transportation information. To sign-in to the portal you will need your child's Ontario Education Number (OEN) which can be found on their report card. While signed in, please subscribe to the delay and cancellation module for direct and timely emails regarding student transportation that impacts your child's bus route. Please complete the Opt-In to Transportation form in the parent portal to notify NSTS if you intend to have your child(ren) ride the bus. **If you have Opted-In your child(ren) for student transportation this school year (2023/24), there is no need to Opt-In again for the new school year (2024/25).** Changes to home, pick-up or drop-off addresses must be made through your child's school. During the summer you may notify NSTS of address changes so we can ensure a bus stop is available for your child to start the school year; however, NSTS is not authorized to change student address information.



## 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**

8:35 a.m.— Morning Bell

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

2:55 p.m.— Dismissal Bell