



Agenda
ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
May 9th, 2023
6:30 pm @ St. Mark

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Land Acknowledgement and Opening Prayer - Mr. Tolomeo
2. Roll Call - Jennifer DeCoff., Joe Tolomeo, Wendy Wilson, Bonnie Manchuk, Abby Nicolazzo, Paula Jubenville, Jacqueline Swart, Amanda Pokolic, Kerie Raymond, Rob Rapiti, Lori P, Mychalyna Olwage
3. Approval of Agenda - Jacqueline Swart approved, Amanda Pokolic seconded.
4. Approval of [Meeting Minutes](#) - Paula Jubenville approved, Jacqueline Swart seconded

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Student Council Report – no report

D. POLICIES FOR VETTING FEEDBACK

- [Employee Workplace Harassment Policy \(201.7\)](#)
- [Employee Workplace Violence Policy \(201.11\)](#)
- [Occupational Health and Safety Policy \(201.6\)](#)

Please submit your feedback to Anna Pisano by May 24, 2023 - 12:00 p.m

E. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – see end of Minutes for report.

1. Catholicity
2. Student Achievement
3. School Climate

F. OAPCE REPORT – no new report - here is the link to the website!

<https://www.oapce.org/home-splash/>

G. STAFF REPORT – Mrs. Wilson/Mrs. DeCoff

- Staff mentioned the extra-curricular activities that have and will take place - basketball, chess club, coding club, and upcoming - track and field, soccer and Pokemon club.

H. SUBCOMMITTEE Reports

1. Community outreach /Safe Schools - Mychalyna Olwage (Chair), Monica Giammarco – no report
2. Fundraising - Cara Hinkley (chair), Monica Giammarco, Nikole Edwards, Stephanie Muhic, Amanda Pokolic, Loni Pereira
 - Bingo was cancelled due to poor ticket sales and discussion around doing it at possibly Beamsville Legion. Another idea would be kid/parent

Bingo where parents can play with and spend an evening with their children. Basket sales makes some money. Next year - Dance - a - thon on Joy Day will stay, basket raffle and possibly tie it in with the BBQ in the fall. Money goes to chromebooks, flat panels and desks/chairs. Another option would be a silent auction.

3. Graduation - Paula Jubenville (chair), Cara Hinkley, Monica Giammarco, Lindsay Twardawa, Diane Lavigne, Jodi Thompson, Kerry Hart, Jill Lampman
 - Club Roma - clear chairs, purple napkins, silver centerpieces
 - Arrival time at 5pm. 5:30 - 6:30pm is the ceremony, Dinner is 7:15pm and the Dance is 8:00-10:00 pm for the DJ.
 - Less balloons were ordered and the marquee 2023. Congratulations Graduates will be on the podium. Candy Bar is ordered as well.
 - Group picture will be taken and possible given at another time
 - Idea to create a keepsake for the students to take home the night of the graduation
 - VIMEO link option for parents to watch the video simultaneously with the slide show, so that everyone can see it better
4. Church Liaison - Nancy Hermans, Monica Giammarco
 - Report from the church...
 - 1 - This weekend is the Mother's Day Plant and Craft Show on Saturday May 13th from 9am until 2pm. Penny raffle, BBQ peameal bacon on a bun, 17 vendors and lots of plants!! Come and support the church fundraiser. Volunteers needed, please email Nancy/Rebecca at sthelenfundraiser@gmail.com
 - 2 - Volunteers are also needed to help edge and mulch around the church trees. The date is **Saturday May 20th, 2023.** Interested people should email Craig Luey at craig.luey@gmail.com for details.
 - 3 - Bingo happens twice a week in the church hall. Thursdays at 11am (doors open at 10am) and Friday at 7pm (doors open at 6pm). Friday's Jackpot is \$2,500!!
 - 4 - While Father Kris is away Father Aji is celebrating masses at their usual times, and everyone is encouraged to attend!!

I. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Further support for Lucas' family - The family is very appreciative and the Catholic School Council can still provide support. An idea would be to collect donations to support and make things easier for the family. An idea would be to donate to the Autism Society or Gain possibly. An award in memory could also be an idea, revolving around inclusion. As a council, what will be collected can be given as a gift card.

J. NEXT MEETING - September 2023

K. CLOSING PRAYER - Hail Mary

L. ADJOURNMENT - 7:45pm



May 2023 St. Mark Catholic Elementary School Principal's Report



Catholic Faith and Community

During the month of February, we celebrated Kids Helping Kids month through a variety of out of dress code days, and a variety of activities within the classroom. All money raised was donated to the Niagara Children's Centre and the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education. Our Easter mass schedule began and kindergarten to grade 8 students attended mass at St. Helen celebrating the Easter Season. The month of May brought Catholic Education Week and many different activities celebrating our faith in action. Our focus on incorporating Catholic Graduate Expectations will continue through the month of June.

Student Achievement

Student Achievement continued to be a strong force with our students participating in many different activities. St. Mark hosted our very first Vex Robotics Tournament during Catholic Education week, where students demonstrated complex problem solving skills by building and competing in a tournament where their robot had to complete activities to gain points. Our Junior and Intermediate teams displayed sportsmanship and a strong understanding of technology and robotics.

Staff continued with professional development in Structured Literacy and piloting new reading assessment resources. These assessments will help us better understand where our students are at with their understanding of phonological skills and phonemic awareness.

Mental Health, Well-Being and Engagement

Mrs. Dekoe, Child and Youth Worker continued to work with all classrooms on social skills and programming. Class trips that incorporated physical activity and wellness have been planned for various classes throughout the school and will be taking place in late May, early June. Track and Field is being revamped and students from grades 4 to 8 will be trying out for Track and Field. In the past our student have tried out during class, however this year class will be for practice and official tryouts will take place on May 26. Students will sign up for events prior to the day, all events will take place on school property and at the park, and a concession stand will be set up for student to purchase snacks. Our much anticipated Basket Raffle will be taking place in early June and staff are hard at work completing our First St. Mark yearbook to celebrate our year together.



Our Mission

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.

Our Vision

Encountering souls and opening minds so that all students succeed.

Our Values

JUSTICE

We are committed to equity, works of social action, and the celebration of diversity.

COMPASSION

We practice forgiveness, generosity, kindness, humility, and service in our interactions with others.

STEWARDSHIP

We care and act respectfully and responsibly for all God's creation.

ACCOUNTABILITY

We take ownership for the impact and consequences of actions and decisions.

COMMUNITY

We foster connections where all belong and work collaboratively with our partners.

INTEGRITY

We act in a manner that is consistent with gospel values.

FAITHFULNESS

We are nourished by our Catholic faith through the word, spirit, and prayer.



2021 · 2026 STRATEGIC PLAN

LISTENING, LEARNING, AND LEADING

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS



ADVANCE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS

- Focus on student success promoting and supporting all pathways for student achievement
- Support students' mental health & wellness
- Prepare students in global competencies



CELEBRATE THE RICHNESS OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH AND OUR HOLISTIC, VALUES-BASED, CATHOLIC EDUCATION

- Anchor our work in the Gospel as lived in the person of Jesus Christ
- Prepare our students to live out the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations
- Appreciate and highlight faith-based role models putting a 'face to our faith'



FOSTER INCLUSIVE, EQUITABLE, AND SAFE SCHOOL COMMUNITIES WHERE ALL ARE WELCOMED AND 'CALLED BY NAME'

- Strengthen and promote opportunities for student voice
- Advance Indigenous Education guided by the Truth & Reconciliation recommendations and the local Indigenous community
- Develop and honour a culture of respect, acceptance, and belonging
- Prioritize a diverse workforce that reflects our communities



MANAGE OUR RESOURCES EFFECTIVELY TO BUILD A SUSTAINABLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD IN THE NIAGARA REGION

- Design opportunities to address changing enrollment
- Optimize our facilities through responsible stewardship and engage in environmental sustainability



FOSTER AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIPS WITH ALL OUR STAFF TO STRENGTHEN OUR WORK WITH STUDENTS

- Facilitate positive employee engagement, faith formation, and community belonging
- Create opportunities to promote staff health and wellness
- Invest in staff learning opportunities and leadership development

Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations – A Vision of the Learner



2. AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR who speaks, writes and listens honestly and sensitively responding critically in light of gospel values.



3. A REFLECTIVE, CREATIVE AND HOLISTIC THINKER who solves problems and makes responsible decisions with an informed moral conscience for the common good.



4. A SELF-DIRECTED, RESPONSIBLE, LIFELONG LEARNER who develops and demonstrates their God-given potential.



5. A COLLABORATIVE CONTRIBUTOR who finds meaning, dignity and vocation in work which respects the rights of all and contributes to the common good.



6. A CARING FAMILY MEMBER who attends to family, school, parish and wider community.



7. A RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN who gives witness to Catholic social teaching by promoting peace, justice and the sacredness of human life.