



OCTOBER 2024



NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD 

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The start of the 2024-2025 school year has certainly been exciting and eventful. Our students have demonstrated resiliency by settling into new routines while learning many new concepts. We encourage you to check in regularly with your child to see what he/she is learning at school.

With the beginning of fall and the month of October, pause to appreciate the beauty that surrounds us at this lovely time of year. With Thanksgiving upon us, we are reminded to be thankful for our many blessings. We are truly thankful for the opportunity to grow and learn with our students, our families and our staff each day, and for your ongoing support of our school community and Catholic Education. We pray that your children will feel and believe that they are blessed, valued and loved members of our Canadian Martyrs Family.

Yours in Catholic Education,
Mrs. L. Incaviglia-Principal
Ms. W. Wilson -Vice Principal



Halloween at Canadian Martyrs

Thursday, October 31, 2024 will be an Out of Dress Code Day. The students are welcome to **wear costumes** if they have them or orange and black in the spirit of Halloween. **Students are to come to school in their costumes.** As has been the case every year, costumes that are intended to scare or have blood or weapons are not allowed.

There is absolutely no sharing of food items such as snacks and treats. Do not send your child with any food items for sharing with students and/or staff as they will not be permitted to distribute them. Only non-food items, such as pencils and stickers, are permitted to be distributed. We have many students with food allergies so we appreciate your cooperation as we work to keep all our students safe.

Halloween Dance-a-thon

We are so excited to announce our fall fundraiser. On Thursday, October 31, 2024 our students and staff will be dancing all day long to earn the pledges for our dance-a-thon. The funds raised will be used directly to purchase technology devices for our classrooms. There will be prizes for our top 3 sellers. We are hoping to raise \$6000.00 to \$8000.00. All pledges for this fundraiser are to be submitted through School Cash Online ONLY. Stay tuned for more details.



We are proud to be a part of the Holy Cross Family of Schools.



CANADIAN MARTYRS NEWS

*Do you have loved ones or friends
who have been away from the
Catholic Church for a long time?
Invite them to a:*

Day of Reflection

St. Alfred Church
272 Vine St., St. Catharines, ON L2M 4T3

October 5, 2024
from 8:00 a.m., concluding
with a mass at 5:00 p.m.

To register online

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Setting hearts on fire with God's love...

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The true spirit of Thanksgiving is to give thanks for all that we have received. We are having a Food Drive in support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society until Wednesday Oct 9th.

The St. Vincent De Paul Society is in need of the following non-perishable food items:

- Cereal
- Peanut butter
- Cheese Whiz
- Jam
- Juice boxes
- Canned soup or stew
- Canned vegetables
- Canned beans
- Canned pasta
- Canned protein, such as chicken or tuna

Any food items which you are able to contribute would benefit many families in need.

Your continued generosity in helping those in need is greatly appreciated.



Monthly Reflection

“I have even called you by your name” (Isaiah 45:4) Do you feel left out sometimes? Lonely or sad? That’s ok, because God is always with you and He knows exactly what you are going through. No matter what challenges you face, or seemingly impossible situations you get into; God will never leave you. He will make everything good for you and you can soak in His divine light. God calls each one of you by name. Jesus knows you by name! What a privilege! And what a comfort to those of us who place our faith in Christ! God loves us more than we can imagine. He has sworn never to let us go. Do you hear Him calling you?

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Father in Heaven, Creator of all, and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.

Thank you for all the graces and blessings you have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage, our food and shelter, our health, the love we have for one another, our family and friends.

Amen



School Nutrition Program

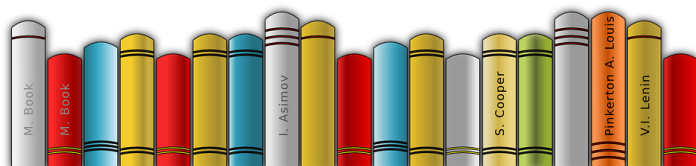
Our School Nutrition Program is underway. This year the Nutrition Program will continue to be delivered in a way that any student who wishes to participate can do so in a grab and go format. Our Nutrition Program plan will include a snack bin delivered to each classroom containing pre-packaged snacks and whole fruits.

Library News

We are kicking off October with a very exciting event in our school library – a Scholastic Book Fair! A book fair is a great way to boost our library's collection while at the same time giving students an opportunity to purchase books and other fun items for home. 50% of the money raised comes back to the library in books, which all students can enjoy.

Students will have an opportunity to view the book fair the week of September 30th, and then to purchase from October 7 – 10. Parents are invited to visit the book fair before or after school on October 9th and 10th. On those days the book fair will be open from 8am – 4pm. Please note that Scholastic has discontinued the option to order books online.

Thank you for your generous support of the book fair last year, and don't forget to look for the book fair flyer coming home soon!



Food Days

We will begin to have Food Days in October on Thursdays. We will be offering pizza every other week and a variety of other options each month on a rotating basis. All purchases must be made using School Cash Online. Cash payments will not be accepted. If you don't have an account yet, please go to our school's website and click on the School Cash Online link to create one.

ELEMENTARY STANDARDIZED DRESS CODE

Please review the following to ensure that your child is in proper dress code each day. If you require dress code clothing for your child, please call the office and we will provide you with gently used clothing items.

Shirts

- **All shirts must have a collar.**
- Navy blue or white oxford-style long-sleeved or short-sleeved shirt, polo-style long-sleeved or short-sleeved shirt.
- All sweaters must be navy blue or white.

Pants/Skirts

- Navy blue sweatpants are permitted for students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 only.
- Navy blue pants - Dress, Cargo, Denim, Kobe, Corduroy style for all students.
- Navy blue skorts or dresses - length must be appropriate and modest.
- **Dresses must have a collar. If your child's dress does not have a collar, please ensure they have a collared shirt on underneath the dress.**
- Navy blue walking shorts or capris.



PARKING LOT

We ask drivers to please “kiss and drive” straight through the **middle lane** of our school lot to avoid blocking the arriving and departing busses. Please refrain from parking in the “**No Stopping - Fire Route**” area. Please respect the pylons placed in the parking lot. They have been placed there to protect our students who exit their vehicle in the middle lane and walk through the staff supervised first lane to the safety of the school sidewalk. When entering the parking lot, please **REDUCE SPEED**. Keep children close to you when walking through. **The accessible parking spots are only to be used by those with a permit.** We want to ensure that we are keeping everyone safe. Thank you!

Canadian Martyrs Catholic School Council

This year’s Catholic School Council Meetings will be held on the following Mondays at 6:00pm in the school library:

November 25, 2024

February 24, 2025

April 28, 2025

All parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

WALKTOBER

As the rush of the new school year starts to settle down, consider walking, biking or rolling with your child to school.

Join families across Niagara and the world in celebrating October’s [International Walk to School Month](#) (Walktober). Kids who walk or bike to school arrive alert and ready to learn. If you live too far away to walk or wheel to school, try driving to a location near your school and walk the rest of the way. Using active transportation helps reduce congestion at your school.

This Walktober, enjoy **#ActiveSchoolTravel** and leave the car at home more often **@NiagaraParents @OntarioAST @NiagaraSTS**

Students around the world are walking and wheeling to school.

Join the global movement!

LET'S
WALK!
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