

ST. PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

October 2024 Newsletter

St. Peter Catholic Elementary School

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Principal's Message

October is truly the month of giving thanks. Our St. Peter Catholic community has much to be thankful for: wonderful enthusiastic children to teach, concerned supportive parents, prayerful comforting clergy, dedicated, caring and professional staff members. We are all working together to provide the best Catholic education for your children. Thank God for our families and all the special gifts which God has bestowed on us all. We have had a busy and exciting month of September and anticipate an even busier October with many exciting activities and opportunities for our students to participate in and learn from. Among other things we have had our "meet the teacher" night which gave many parents an opportunity to meet their child's teacher and tour the school. Our junior athletes will participate in the school

board soccer tournament and our cross country team will run their meet at Burgoyne Woods in October.

One of our core values is helping students recognize the importance of social justice. With this in mind we are having a Thanksgiving food drive to help the St. Vincent De Paul Society at St. Mary's parish.

Our Catholic School Council have started their fall fundraiser in conjunction with COB's Bread Bakery, This is a great product at a fantastic price; please support our council if you can. Our council will meet on Wednesday October 22 at 6:00 pm. I would like to extend an open invitation to all interested parents to attend these monthly gatherings whenever you are available, all are welcome!

If your child needs to leave school for some reason and will not be returning, we ask that you contact the office and not just your child's teacher. This is part of our Safe Arrival procedure and allows our secretary to manage attendance and helps the office ensure that all our students are in safe hands. Thank you for helping us keep all our students safe. On a personal note I would like to wish all the parents, students, staff and friends of St. Peter a joyous and Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. K. Lamb

Halloween

October 31st falls on a Thursday this year. Staff will be celebrating with various Halloween activities in their classrooms. As we did last year we ask students to come dressed in their costumes in the morning. We will give students the option to then change into our regular dress code at lunchtime if they would like to. Sitting in a costume all day can be difficult, particularly for younger students. As always we ask that you avoid costumes that depict gore/violence as what may seem appropriate for some can be a source of fear or anxiety for others. We want this to be a positive experience for all. Friday November 1 will be a regular dress down day with no set theme.



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HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Some pointers to keep the trick or treaters safe should parents decide to send their children out on Halloween night:

- Children under nine years of age should go out with an adult or responsible older child.
- Be sure your child stops at all curbs, looks left, right and left again for traffic. Remind children to cross at crosswalks, street corners or intersections.
- Bright coloured costumes will make your child more visible. Face paint instead of masks helps them to see better. Have your child carry a flashlight.
- When they get home, check all treats carefully. Throw out any treats that aren't wrapped.

COB's Bread Cards

Our Catholic School Council is partnering with COB's Bread again this year for our fall fundraiser. The fundraiser is available on school cash on line from September 26-October 15. Cards cost \$25 and allow you one complimentary loaf /month for 12 months. The loafs at COB's range in price from \$4.60-\$8.75 so the purchaser can save \$30-\$80 in a year. These cards make great gifts.



Sports Update

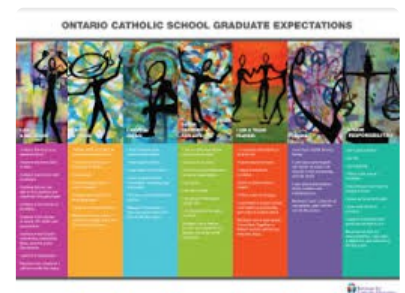
October Sporting Events

St. Peter has been busy in the sporting scene over the past few weeks. Under the watchful eyes and expert guidance of our coaches, Mme. Millar & Mr. Chipman, our cross country runners have been practicing for their upcoming meet on October 15th at Burgoyne Woods. Thank you for coaching and cheering on our runners. On October 9th and 10th, our Junior Girls and Boys soccer teams will participate in their tournaments at Linlake Park. Thank you to Ms. D'Addario and Ms. Carroll for their outstanding coaching and to our team members for their dedication and hard work.



Recognizing Catholic Graduate Expectations

Each month we continue to recognize a student from each class who has demonstrated one of the Catholic Graduate Expectations in word and deed. This month's recipients demonstrated skills such as; collaborative contributors, responsible citizens or being a responsible life long learner among others.



Niagara Region Public Health Dental Program

Niagara Region Public Health Dental Program will be offering [dental screening](#) to ALL GRADES on October 29 and 30, 2024

A registered dental hygienist will take a quick look in the child's mouth using a sterilized dental mirror and light.

The [Healthy Smiles Ontario](#) program may financially assist children who do not have access to dental care.

If you do not want your child(ren) to take part in the dental screening, you **MUST** complete the online [School Dental Screening Opt-Out Form](#) or call the Dental Health Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399 each school year.



St. Peter Bell Times

Supervision begins at 8:15 a.m.

Morning Bell rings at 8:30 a.m.

Nutrition Break #1 10:40 a.m. - 11: 00 a.m.

Outside Recess 11:00 a.m. -11-20 am

Nutrition Break #2 12:40 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Outside Recess 1:00p.m. -1:20 p.m.-

Dismissal remains the same at 2:50 p.m.

Supervision begins 15 minutes prior to the morning bell and concludes 10 minutes after dismissal. Outside of these timeframes, there is no schoolyard supervision. Thank you to the many families who ensure that their child(ren) arrive to school during supervised times. Please note that school begins promptly at 8:30 a.m. Students who arrive after the 8:30 a.m. bell must report to the office for a late slip. Thank you for your continued support.



Arrival of all Kindergarten students will take place in the Kindergarten gated area. Kindergarten students who are bussed will be met by staff and safely walked from the bus to their gated area upon arrival. The reversal will happen upon dismissal.

All other students upon arrival to school will proceed to the Playground area

SAFE ARRIVAL/SCHOOL MESSENGER

Please use the Safe Arrival system to report all absences and lates for your child. You can report an absence by:

PHONE - 1-844-287-6287

ONLINE: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>

APP: SchoolMessenger



NCDSB Elementary Standardized Dress Code

Shirts

- Navy blue or white oxford-style long-sleeved or short-sleeved shirt.
- Navy blue or white polo-style long-sleeved or short- sleeved shirt.
- School-designed spirit wear including shirts, sweaters or hoodies.
- All sweaters must be navy blue or white.



Pants / Skirts

- Navy blue sweat-pants for students in Kindergarten to Grade 3.
- Navy blue pants - Dress, Cargo, Denim, Kobe, Corduroy style.
- Navy blue skorts or dresses - length must be appropriate and modest.
- Navy blue walking shorts or capris or Grade 8 students have the option of wearing grey secondary uniform pants.

Shoes

We ask that parents/guardians please ensure that students come to school each day wearing appropriate and comfortable closed-toe footwear (i.e. running shoes with proper ankle support) that they can remain in throughout the duration of the school day. If they wear other forms of footwear that are fashionable at this time; e.g. crocs/sandals; we ask that they bring athletic type

footwear for physical education and other activities that take place. We also ask that if your child is still learning to tie laces that you send slip-on or Velcro shoes.

St. Peter Spirit Wear

Families can order Grad Hoodies and St. Peter Spirit Wear through the Big Bear Spirit Wear Website. Usually, the orders are delivered to the school to hand out to students. All orders are to be done by going to the Big Bear Spirit Wear website.



Lice Protocol

Our protocol is as follows:

1. Parents report any cases of lice to the office.
2. If lice are found, parents are informed.
3. Parents treat them with products available at the Pharmacy.
4. If live lice or nits are present, child(ren) will not be re-admitted to class.

Thank you for your co-operation in managing this situation.



Kevin Lamb

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