



# St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School

Principal: Mr. J. Romano

Superintendent: Mr. D. Massi

Pastor: Fr. G. Schmidt

CSC Co-Chairs: Mrs. L. Rosano & Mrs. B. Lambert

## November 2024 Newsletter



### *In Flanders Fields*

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,  
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.*



### *A Prayer for Remembrance Day*

Loving God,  
have mercy on your people,  
and open our hearts  
to peace and love.  
Reward all who have died  
for their country,  
and grant that Canada  
and all nations  
may continue to work  
for peace and justice.  
Bless us in your service,  
and help us to follow  
Jesus Christ,  
who is our Saviour  
and our Lord  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## November at a Glance

- 1- Holy Child Association Walkathon
- 4- CSC Meeting & December Food Items Open on School Cash
- 5- November Mass at SVDP with Father Greg at 9:00 a.m.
- 6- Picture Re-Take Day
- 11- Remembrance Day Liturgy led by Mrs. Mascia's class
- 12- Progress Reports available on Parent Portal
- 13- Jr. Girls Triple Ball Tournament at OLM Carmel School
- 13 - Jr. Boys Triple Ball Tournament at St. Paul High School
- 14 - Stuffy Sales for Our Lady of the Scapular Church
- 15 - Stuffy Sales for Our Lady of the Scapular Church
- 18-Board Chaplaincy Visit (all classes)

- 19- Stuffy Sales for Our Lady of the Scapular Church
- 20- Parent/Teacher Conferences from 3:00-7:00 p.m.
- 20- Stuffy Sales for Our Lady of the Scapular Church
- 20- Intermediate Boys Volleyball Tournament at Denis Morris
- 21- Grade 8 Open House at St. Paul High School
- 21 - Bullying Awareness Assembly
- 22- December Food Items Close on School Cash
- 22-Out of Dress Code Day for Students
- 25-Intermediate Girls Volleyball Tournament at Holy Cross
- 27- Lead Out Loud Student Conference
- 28- Project Plaid and Gr. 7 HB/HPV Vaccination #1
- 29 - PA Day (No School for Students)



## DAILY MASSES

Monday: 9:00am  
Tuesday: 7:00pm  
Wednesday: 9:00am  
Thursday: 9:00am  
Friday: 9:00am  
Saturday: 9:00am

## LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm\*  
Sunday: 8:00am  
Sunday: 9:30am  
Sunday: 11:00am

\* Mass is live-streamed



## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

### THANK YOU SVDP FAMILIES

A great big thank you to all who supported our Thanksgiving food drive. We were able to send a large carload of non-perishable items to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you to Miss O'Rourke and Mrs. Masica for spearheading our food drive. Thank you also to Mr. Anello and our grade 8 students for helping pack all the canned goods and deliver them to the church.

## HALLOWEEN DANCE-A-THON



A big thank you to Mrs. Mascia and the members of Student Council for hosting the Halloween Dance for our students. Everyone had an opportunity to purchase glow bracelets, popcorn, drinks and mystery bags. Students also had a great time dancing and socializing with their classmates. Thank you to all the families for supporting our Grade 8 Fundraiser! Thank you also to the teachers and families who donated to this event. Your donations are so appreciated! A special thank you to Mrs. Spadafora for donating popcorn for the event and Mr. and Mrs. Colaneri for donating pumpkins for our Pumpking Decorating Contest. Congratulations to Mrs. Sirianni and Mrs. Blakely's class for coming in 3rd, Mrs. D'Aiuto's class for coming in 2nd and Mrs. Mascia's class for coming in 1st!



## THANKSGIVING LITURGY THANK YOU

Thank you to Mr. Spiotti and his grade 6/7 class for leading our Thanksgiving Liturgy. Great job everyone!

## KRISPY KREME DONUTS THANK YOU



Thank you to **Mrs. Rosano** for leading our Krispy Kreme Fundraiser. Thank you also for picking up the donuts and supervising the pick-up and distribution to families. A big thank you also to Anthony R., Mrs. Zimmerman and Mr. Wales for assisting with pick-up. Thank you also to the many families who purchased boxes of donuts - thanks to your active participation and collective efforts, we were able to raise **\$1985.00** for new technology for students which we already purchased and received. We look forward to hosting this fundraiser again next year!



## BUS SAFETY PRESENTATION

On October 10th, students from K-3 took part in a safety presentation starring Buster the School Bus. The Safe Rider Program also presented to students in grades 4-8 about school bus and road safety. The thirty minute presentations included opportunities for students to answer trivia questions about bus safety. Classroom teachers received a teacher guide to pre-teach students and to review concepts presented. Thank you to Stephanie Knight and the staff at Intertrain Incorporated.



## PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY

Hey Saints - don't forget to get your smiles ready! Picture Retake Day is on Wednesday, November 6th! All picture orders from the original picture day have been submitted to Lifetouch. On this day, students who were absent will also have their picture taken. Class photos will also be taken.

# CONGRATULATIONS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM



Thank you to the entire Cross Country Team for an outstanding performance at the Niagara Falls Cross Country Meet on Wednesday, October 9th, 2024. Unbelievable dedication and perseverance was shown throughout the past 3 weeks. Over 25 students from St. Vincent de Paul competed this year, 4 of these students placed in the Niagara Falls Family of Schools Top Ten.



Thank you to the managers who helped organize practices and helped on the day of the event: Elisa C. and Sarah K. in Grade 7. A special mention also goes out to our Captains Brianna W. and Jackson T. who led all our warm ups and cool downs. Thank you saints.

The Cross Country team consisted of:

Grade 4

Caitlin S., Lucas C., George P., Colin T., Gio F.

Grade 5

Chase B., Pio F., Sebastian Z., Jacob T., Jennayah P., Gabriella G., Avery F., Mackenzie G., Malea H.

Grade 6

A.J. S., Jake K., Logan M., Max W., Gianluca W., Aden G.

Grade 7

Jackson T., Briana W.

Grade 8

Mia C., Kylie F., Travis G., Lucia S.



Special mention goes to our top 10 Winners: George P. who came in 9th, Gio F. who came in 10th, Mia C. who came in 8th and Travis G. who came in 1st. These 4 students will be moving on to the NCAA Board Meet on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at Firemen's Park.

Congratulations to the entire team for their dedication and performance.

A big thank you to our amazing coaches Mrs. Salvo-Teutenberg and Mr. Porga! We appreciate all the time you devoted to coaching our team!



# DO WHAT YOU CANT SPIRIT ASSEMBLY

Each month, we will be recognizing students at our #dowhatyoucant Spirit Assembly. On October 28th, we recognized one student per class as our dowhatyoucant award winner. Recipients' parents attended the event. Students who were selected received a certificate of achievement and a dowhatyoucant t-shirt which they can wear at Spirit Assemblies each month.

The criteria for selection was as follows:

- Sets an achievable goal
- Works to potential
- Is enthusiastic while striving to attain the goal
- Persists while encouraging others

We would like to acknowledge the following students who were our October dowhatyoucant Award Winners.

Ms. Cullen & Mrs. Sottile:  
Daniel S.

Mrs. Sirianni & Mrs. Blakely:  
Jaiden V.

Mrs. D'Aiuto  
Jonathan D.

Mrs. Futino-Vacca:  
Eapen S.

Miss Orsini:  
Abigale M.

Miss DeBlasis  
Eva G.

Mrs. Reich:  
Taha O.

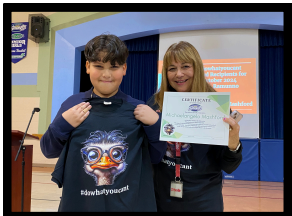
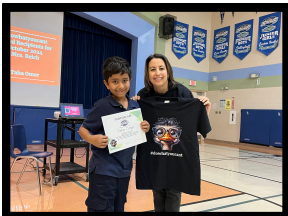
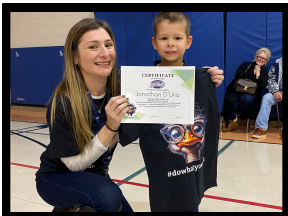
Mrs. Ramunno:  
Michaelangelo M.

Mr. Porga:  
Aleah R.

Mr. Spiotti:  
Fernanda G.

Mrs. Mascia:  
Natalia S.

We would also like to announce that Brianna W. and Jackson T. were recognized by the principal of St. Paul High School Mrs. Majka as students of the month. Congratulations!



#DoWhatYouCant





# CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next Catholic School Council meeting will be held on Monday, November 4th at 5:30 p.m. in the library. All are welcome to attend.



## NOVEMBER FOOD DAYS

Carmines Pizza - Every Thursday

Firehouse Subs- November 5 & 19



Pasta Fresca - November 12 & 26



Snacks are distributed to those who have purchased on Mondays and Fridays weekly.

## NIAGARA CATHOLIC Standardized Elementary Dress Code

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.

### OUR DRESS CODE COLOURS

- Tops**  
At a minimum, every student is required to wear one of the following:
- Navy or white Oxford shirt (short or long sleeve) or;
  - Navy or white collared shirt (short or long sleeve) or;
  - School-designed spirit wear

The elementary standardized dress code shirt must be plain (no logos or advertising) and buttoned in a respectable manner. Visible t-shirts worn under the elementary standardized dress code top must be either navy blue or white.



## DRESS CODE AND SPIRIT WEAR STORE

A reminder to families to adhere to our Standardized Elementary Dress Code. Students are expected to wear a white or navy blue collared shirt with no logo present. All pants/skirts/shorts must be in good condition and navy in colour. Each month, students will have the opportunity to come to school in out of dress code. These dates are communicated through our school calendar. Our spirit wear store is always open. If you would like to purchase spirit wear, please visit the Maddalena Spirit Wear Store at:

<https://www.maddalena-uniforms.com/collections/saint-vincent-de-paul-catholic-school-spirit-wear>



# EXPERIENCE THE PATRIOT DIFFERENCE

**REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2025/2026 SCHOOL YEAR @ SPCHS.CA**

**PLEASE COME AND JOIN US ON THURSDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2024 AT 6:30PM FOR OUR GRADE 8 OPEN HOUSE!**

## SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL GRADE 8 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

- **GRADE 9 CURRICULUM**
- **ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM**
- **DESTREAMING**
- **SHSM**
- **FRENCH IMMERSION**



**PLEASE COME AND JOIN US ON TUESDAY JANUARY 14, 2025 FROM 6-7PM IN OUR SAINT PAUL THEATRE!**

### A Message from Mrs. Majka about the St. Paul Pilgrimage

Our Annual Pilgrimage was a beautiful expression of our faith in action. The mild, pleasant weather perfectly complemented the spirit of determination and joy shared by our staff and students as we celebrated Mass and walked in solidarity for our sister school in Haiti. It was an inspiring sight to see Saint Paul students, along with Grade 8 students from our Family of Schools, lining Dorchester Road in a powerful public demonstration of social justice, living out the Gospel through their actions. I'm thrilled to announce that we surpassed our School Goal of raising \$15,000 and are currently at over \$16,000! A heartfelt thank you for your continued support of our annual Pilgrimage. Your generosity will have a lasting impact on the students and families in Haiti. Our Family of Schools alone raised over \$2,200 dollars and should be congratulated for their efforts. Well done and thank you again for organizing this so that our Grade 8's can take part. Much appreciated.

## NIAGARA REGION PUBLIC HEALTH: SCHOOL HEALTH NEWSLETTER

November 2024

### HEAD LICE



Students are now back into the swing of things and spending lots of time with friends and classmates during school and after school. Lice can spread regardless of a student’s age. Head lice are spread by direct head-to-head contact or by sometimes sharing items like combs, brushes, hats, pillows, etc. Anyone can get head lice, it's not a sign of poor personal hygiene or an unclean environment.

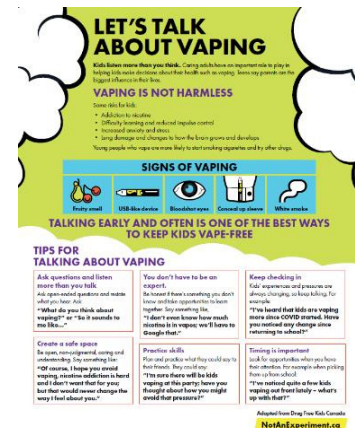
Check out School Health’s new webpage on head lice for more information: [Head Lice - Niagara Region, Ontario](#)

### YOUTH VAPING PREVENTION

Caring adults have an important role to play in helping kids make decisions about their health. Vaping is harmful and addictive, so we must empower young people with the right health information and refusal skills to ensure they don’t start vaping.

Vaping risks include:

- Addiction to nicotine – nicotine changes how the youth brain develops affecting learning, memory, concentration, and impulse control.
- Exposure to cancer-causing chemicals and metals
- Lung damage
- Increased stress and anxiety
- Increased likelihood of smoking cigarettes



In November, elementary schools across Niagara Region will be receiving vaping resources for grade 7 and 8 classrooms. To compliment the in-class education, we encourage parents and caregivers to learn about vaping and tips on how to talk to your kids about it. For more information, or to download the parent/caregiver *Let's Talk About Vaping* resource visit: [www.notanexperiment.ca/parents](http://www.notanexperiment.ca/parents)

### EpiPen® AND AUTO-INJECTORS

During the school day, your child will be in contact with many staff members and other children, moving around to different locations inside and outside. Remember to check if your child’s EpiPen® Auto-Injectors are up to date (not expired).



Check out [Food Allergy Canada - elementary school](#) for some great tips and resources!