



Holy Name Catholic Elementary School



November 2024

Remembrance Prayer

God of all, You have built up your Church through the love and devotion of your saints – all those faithful departed who share union in your glory and whom we commemorate today.

Inspire us to follow in their example, that we may rejoice with them in the vision of your glory, through Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Upcoming Events

November 4-8 - Treaty Week

November 7 - National Inuit Day

November 8 - Indigenous Veteran's Day

November 11 - Remembrance Day

November 14 - Parent-Teacher Interviews

Reminder to schedule a time on:

<https://holyname.schoolappointments.com>

November 20 - Academic Placement Information
Night at ND, 6:30 pm

November 18 - 22: Bully Prevention Week

November 25 - 28 Kinder Observation Days

November 26 - School Bus Safety Presentation

November 29 - PD DAY, No School

Food Days

Pizza Day

- November 1st and 15th

Toonie Treat Day

- November 22

Sacramental Preparation

- November 9 - First Communion Rite, St. Kevin at 5 p.m.
- November 13 - Confirmation Parent Meeting, St. Kevin at 6:30 p.m.
- November 23 - Confirmation Rite, St. Kevin, 5 p.m.

Progress Reports

Progress Reports will be available on the parent portal the week of November 11th.

Sporting Events

Junior Volleyball (Triple Ball) - Tentatively booked between November 12 - 15

Intermediate Volleyball - Boys November 21, Girls November 26

Sporting Event dates will be communicated with you once they are confirmed by the coaches.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONIES

On November 11th each year, Canadians stand in collective Remembrance of all who have fallen in the military service of their country.

Holy Name Remembrance Day Schedule

10:30 a.m. - Students from Gr. 4 - 8 will assemble in the gym. Gr. K - 3 will view a live stream of the ceremony that is taking place in the gym.

10:35 a.m. - Students will view a prepared presentation provided by Madame Fini and Madame Iuliano

11:00 a.m.- Observe a moment of silence

In the afternoon Lieutenant Colonel Philip Dyson, Commanding Officer of the Lincoln and Welland Regiment will visit the classrooms.

Classroom Events

All Classes

Bus Safety Presentation

November 26th

Grade 8

Notre Dame Retreat

November 28

Classroom teachers will provide you with additional information regarding classroom events.

Contact Information

905.732.4992

<https://schools.niagaracatholic.ca/holyname/>

Catholic School Council

Our next Catholic School Council meeting will take place November 25, 6:00 p.m.

SEAC

The Special Education Advisory Committee (S.E.A.C) of the Niagara Catholic District School Board is made up of Association representatives and trustees whose role is to support students with diverse needs and their families.

The Committee makes recommendations to the Board with regards to any matter relating to educational programs and services to be implemented in schools for our students.

All parents are welcome to attend the monthly meetings and learn about different programs and supports that are available in special education.

Meetings are held at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland, at 7:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month.

Please visit www.niagaracatholic.ca under Special Education, Special Education Advisory Committee.

For further information there are two links:

- The Special Education Advisory Committee website – www.seac-learning.ca
- Ministry of Education Special Education website www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/elemsec/spec_ed/speced.html

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Spirit Wear

Maddalena's Uniforms – Available through the Maddalena Uniform

Website:

<https://www.maddalena-uniforms.com/pages/elementary-schools>

Graduation Hoodies

Grad. Hoodies are also available through Maddalena's Uniform.

Dress Code

All students at Holy Name School will follow NCDSB Dress Code Policy.

STUDENT INFORMATION

If your contact information or your child's medical information changes, please inform us at your earliest convenience.

Parking Lot Safety

We ask that you exercise extreme caution when driving in our very busy parking lot, especially during the morning and at dismissal at the end of the day. Please "Kiss and Drive" so your vehicle is not blocking the arriving busses. Parents are encouraged to use the East parking lot to pick up or drop off students. Please help us to continue to keep all children's safety as it is our most highest of priorities. Together we can continue to keep our children safe.

Niagara Public Health School

Information

This link will provide you with information about school health such as dental screenings, head lice etc. If can also access this information by visiting: <https://niagararegion.ca/health/schools/>

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.



- Bottoms**
At a minimum, every student is required to wear one of the following:
- Navy sweat pants (Kindergarten - Grade 3) or;
 - Navy pants (jeans, cargo, denim, robe or corduroy) or;
 - Navy skirts, skirts or dresses or;
 - Navy walking shorts.

Only knee-length shorts, skirts or dresses are permitted. All clothing must be in good repair. Grade 8 students have the option to wear grey secondary uniform pants.



Shoes
For health and safety reasons, running shoes with a full back and closed toe are the recommended footwear. Parents/guardians should provide a pair of indoor shoes for physical education and indoor wear. Shoes must be worn with the elementary standardized dress code pants or shorts at all times.

Nurturing **Souls** & Building **Minds**

Treaty Awareness Week – November 4 – 8

In responding to the Truth & Reconciliation Calls to Action, beginning in 2016, the Ontario government designated the first full week of November as Treaties Recognition Week. Treaties Recognition Week is a time to recognize the importance of treaties as legal documents that are shared between sovereign nations. While we typically think of treaties as land claims between the Canadian government and Indigenous people, or between countries as a way of establishing peace, treaties have been a part of native culture for thousands of years and were legal agreements among the many Indigenous nations who shared this land long before European contact. Treaties are not a thing of the past. Even today, there are ongoing treaties in the Niagara Region and Niagara Peninsula that impact our staff and students who are of Indigenous heritage. For example, the 1492 Land Back Lane claim on Six Nations, the Haudenosaunee Right to Hunt in Shorthills, or the Mi'kmaq Lobster Fishermen on the east coast are recent international headlines.

Inuit Day – November 7

The Inuit (pronounced in-new-wheat) are found in the circumpolar regions of Canada, the United States, Greenland and Russia. November 7th has been designated Inuit Day to celebrate the history and lives of Inuit, as well as recognition of the creation of the Inuit Circumpolar Council representing approximately 160,000 Inuit from all four countries. While the number of people of Inuit heritage is small in Niagara, Niagara Catholic does have students who have identified as Inuit as part of the confidential self-identification process.

Indigenous Veterans Day – November 8

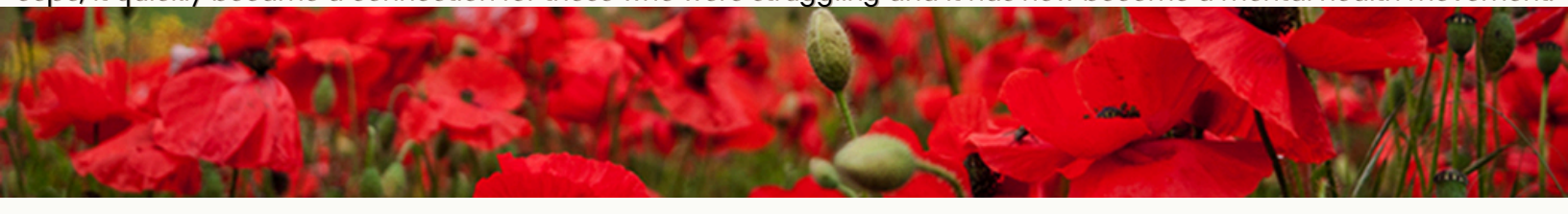
Indigenous people from this land have fought on the frontline of every major battle Canada has been involved in dating back more than 200 years to the War of 1812. It is estimated that 12,000 First Nations, Métis and Inuit men and women served as part of Canada's military in World Wars I & II as well as the Korean War. Please take a moment to acknowledge the contribution of all the brave men and women who served to keep Canada and the world a safe place for us to enjoy today.

Bullying Awareness Week – November 10 – 16

During this week, students, school staff and parents/guardians are encouraged to learn more about bullying and its effect on student learning and well-being. Bullying is defined as a form of repeated, persistent and aggressive behaviour directed at an individual or individuals that is intended to cause (or should be known to cause) fear and distress and/or harm to another person's body, feelings, self-esteem or reputation. Bullying occurs in a context where there is a real or perceived power imbalance. Kindness has never been more important than right now. It is a time where kindness can break down barriers and brighten the lives of those around us! That is why 'One Kind Word' is this year's BAPW theme.

Project Plaid – November 29

On students at Holy Name will be encouraged to wear plaid to support Project Plaid for Pathstones Mental Health. HOW IT BEGAN: #ProjectPlaid launched in 2019 after the tragic loss of Amelia Durocher to suicide. Taking quick action, with a resolve not to let this happen to other kids and families, Amelia's mom Shanta created #ProjectPlaid. It not only helped her cope, it quickly became a connection for those who were struggling and it has now become a mental health movement.



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Anaphylaxis Policy

At the beginning of every school year, we remind all students and parents/guardians of our Board's Anaphylaxis Policy.

At Holy Name Catholic School we have Emergency Procedures, which clearly state what medical procedures must occur for those students who have various life-threatening medical conditions.

We are reminding all students and parents/guardians that we have students in our school who are known to have a potentially life-threatening allergy called Anaphylaxis.

Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death. While fatalities are rare, anaphylaxis must always be considered a medical emergency requiring immediate treatment.

Symptoms of anaphylaxis generally include two or more of these four body systems: skin, respiratory, gastrointestinal and/or cardiovascular. However, low blood pressure alone (i.e. cardiovascular system), in the absence of other symptoms, can also represent anaphylaxis. Breathing difficulties and low blood pressure are the most dangerous symptoms and both can lead to death if untreated. Anaphylaxis is an unpredictable condition as signs and symptoms can vary from one person to the next and from one episode to another in the same person.

In Canada, the most common food allergens that cause anaphylaxis are: peanut, tree nuts (almonds, Brazil nuts, cashews, hazelnuts, macadamia nuts, pecans, pine nuts, pistachios, and walnuts), milk, egg, seafood (fish, shellfish, and crustaceans), soy, wheat, mustard and sulphites (a food additive).

Anaphylaxis requires immediate first aid response and immediate medical intervention

Reminders

NUT SAFE SCHOOL

Holy Name is a Nut Safe School. Please be aware that there are children in our school who have severe allergies to nuts and foods containing nut by-products. NASK (Niagara Anaphylaxis Support and Knowledge) recommends parents read and become familiar with food labels and check ingredient contents. Please send only foods that are peanut and nut safe.

Medication at School

Students who require medication to be administered at school must submit the appropriate forms signed by a doctor prior to them being administered by staff. Medication will be stored in a secure location and tracking sheets will kept in the Vice-Principal's office.