

Holy Name Catholic Elementary School

December 2024

A Christmas Blessing

May love come alive within your heart

As Christmas time draws near. May hope fill each room you decorate.

And bring joy to those you hold dear. May peace be before you at every meal.

And faith ring through every song. For Christ is alive, the light of the world.

May He bless you all season long

Amen

Upcoming Events

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Notre Dame - Gr. 8 Retreat
K Field Trip

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Advent Confessions Gr. 3-8

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School Mass at St. Kevin

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Elf Production Gr. 3/4R, 4R, 7/8H

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Dental Visit JK/SK Classes

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Primary Christmas Concert

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Last Day of School in 2024!

Spirit Days

11th - Christmas Hat/Headwear Day

12th - Christmas Sweater Day

19th - Christmas Sock Day

20th - Non-Dress Code Day

Food Days

Pizza Day

- Tuesday, December 17, 2024

Toonie Treat Day

- Thursday, December 12, 2024

Sporting Events

Junior Volleyball (Triple Ball)

December 9, 2024 at Notre Dame

**Sporting Event dates will be
communicated to you once they are
confirmed.**

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Primary Christmas Concert Information

Date: Wednesday, December 18, 2024

1st Performance Time: 10 a.m.

(A-L Student last names)

2nd Performance Time: 12:30 p.m.

(M-Z Student last names)

We kindly ask that you stay for the entire performance. We also strongly encourage parents to keep their child at school for the remainder of the school day and not be signed out after the performance.

Donations

To contribute to Holy Name's Christmas Food Drive, we are asking all those who are able to bring in 2 non-perishable food items on the day of the Christmas Concert.

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 February 10, 2025 at 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 Uniforms.

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 (jean, cargo, denim, robe or corduroy) or;
- Navy skirts, slacks 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**

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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.

We pray that this season of Advent will be a grace-filled opportunity for you and your family to prepare for the birth of Jesus.

Wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas!

**Sincerely,
Holy Name Staff**