



ST. PATRICK

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2024

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we approach the joyful season of Christmas, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for making this school year truly special. This season reminds us of the light and love that Christ brings into our lives, and it is in this spirit that we celebrate our shared faith, community, and commitment to growth.

May your Christmas be filled with peace, joy, and the warmth of family and friends. Let us carry the hope of the season into the New Year, continuing to support and uplift one another in the love of Christ.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

~Ms. Romano



**Important thanks and reminders for
parents and guardians:**

- **Thank you for dropping off and picking up students in the church parking lot. This has helped keep the yard less congested.**
- **When picking up children at the end of the day, please keep the church parking lot gateway clear so that children can exit safely and get to their parents**
- **A reminder that our dismissal is 3:25pm. Please be on time when picking up your children at the end of the day.**
- **Kindergarten parents, please drop off your children at the gated area and then leave the property. It makes it easier for children to say goodbye and begin their day.**
- **Please use the Safe Arrival system to report your child's absences. Early pick up and alternate dismissal arrangements should be made in advance and communicated with the school well in advance of the end of the school day.**
- **Ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and in school dress code.**
- **Complete School Cash and permission items on time so that children don't miss out on activities**

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you to Mrs. McGilvery and our CSC members for providing popcorn for our students on Popcorn Fridays!
Our next CSC meeting will
Monday, December 2 @ 5:30pm.



TRIPLE BALL

Congratulations to our Jr. Boys and Girls Triple Ball Teams for representing our school well at their recent tournaments! Thank you to Coaches Johnstone and Ciocca for devoting the extra time to our kids!



DO WHAT YOU CAN'T

Congratulations to this month's DWYC award recipients:

**Trevor R., Hector E.B.,
Dhyan N.,
Roman H., Juliet K.,
Solenn D.R.,**

Lanson H., and Aaron G.

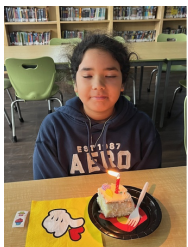
and a special thanks to all students, staff and parents for participating!

Looking forward to celebrating again next month!



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

We were once again blessed by an anonymous donor and had a mini birthday celebration for all of our November birthdays. Check out those smiles!



LEAD OUT LOUD

Vyella D. and Stephanie K. along with Mrs. Cardamone, our CYW, represented our school well at the recent Lead Out Loud Student Voice Conference held at St. Alfred Church. They listened to and were inspired by Jon Hansen is an inspirational speaker, coach, and veteran teacher



INTERMEDIATE VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to our Intermediate Girls and Boys Volleyball teams who recently competed in tournaments. Both teams represented our school with great sportsmanship, skill and enthusiasm. The girls team won their tournament and came back with First Place Medals! Thank you to Ms. Zitano for coaching both teams and to all parent supporters for cheering on both teams!



THANK YOU!

Thank you to Dave Wheeler and the Stamford Lions Club of Niagara who blessed us with a generous Staples School Supply donation!





Heavenly Father, we thank You for this day and the many blessings You've given us. Grant us restful nights of sleep as we await the celebration of the birth of Your Son, Jesus.

Amen.



NIAGARA REGION PUBLIC HEALTH SCHOOL HEALTH NEWSLETTER

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ROUTINE VACCINATION AND IMMUNIZATIONS



Protect your children from vaccine preventable diseases this school year by ensuring their routine vaccinations are up to date.

If your child missed their opportunity to receive any routine vaccine(s), it is important to get them back on schedule.

Learn more about the [vaccinations for children in school](#) and which vaccine(s) your child may need on our [website](#).

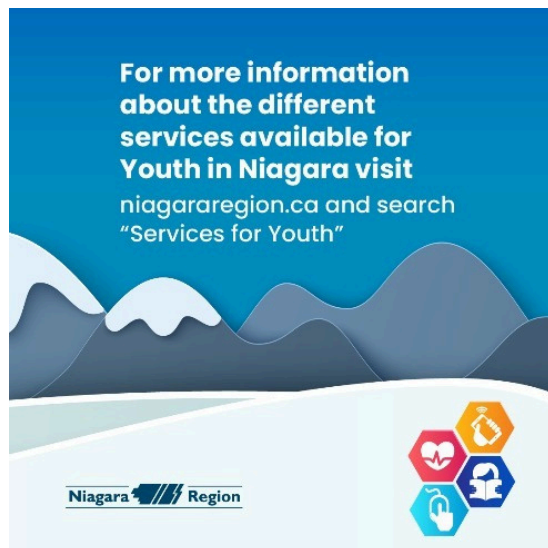
All vaccines for children under 18 years of age must be [reported to Public Health](#). Every time your child receives a vaccine, you must report it:

- [Online](#)
- Phone: 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425

Please note, you do not need to report any COVID-19 or influenza (flu) vaccination details.

HOLIDAY EXPECTATIONS

The holidays may be a difficult time for your child. A change in routine and different holiday expectations can be stressful and isolating. Here are some tips and resources to share with your child throughout the holiday season:



1. **Validate Feelings:** Let your child know it's okay not to feel happy during the holidays. Their thoughts and emotions are valid. Encourage open conversations about any concerns.
2. **Find Quiet Relief:** When things get overwhelming, suggest to your child that they find a quiet place to take a break. This can help alleviate anxious feelings.
3. **Explore Support:** Help your child discover available support services and guide them in accessing what they believe will be most beneficial.

For more information about the different services available for Youth in Niagara visit: <https://www.niagararegion.ca/health/schools/youth-services.aspx>

DISCOVER THE BENEFITS OF YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY!



Looking for a safe and welcoming space to relax, learn, and connect?

Libraries offer more than just books—they're a free resource for promoting mental wellbeing, accessing technology, and engaging with your community. Whether you're seeking a quiet spot to unwind, attending a workshop, or discovering new hobbies, your library has something for everyone. Visit your local library today!

Learn more about libraries in your area and the services they offer by visiting: [Public Libraries Niagara](#).

GIVING BACK

Supporting families in need during the holiday season is a wonderful way for the community to come together and make a positive impact. Here are some charities and organizations in the Niagara Region, or those that have a presence in the area, that you can consider supporting:

A charitable organization affiliated with your church

[St. Vincent de Paul](#)

[Community Care](#)

[Newark Neighbours](#)

[Salvation Army Community and Family Services](#)

[Pelham Cares](#)

[The HOPE Centre](#)

[Project SHARE](#)

[Grimsby](#)

[Benevolent](#)

[Fund](#)

[Port Care Reach Out Centre](#)

[Open Arms Mission](#)

[United Way Niagara](#)

[Niagara Nutrition Partners](#)

