



St. Ann January Flyer

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JANUARY, 2025

FAMILY ADVENT MASS

On Saturday, December 7, 2024, we hosted our First Annual Family Advent Mass at St. Ann Parish! Fr. Yasek presided over the Mass, and our students served as: the Readers; the Altar Servers; the Choir; and the Gift Bearers. It was a beautiful way to celebrate Advent as a School Community!

GINGERBREAD HOUSE NIGHT

The St. Ann Catholic School Council hosted a Gingerbread Night on Saturday, December 7th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Families had the opportunity to interact with one another and show off their creativity in decorating their own house to take home and enjoy over the holidays. Special thanks to the Staples family for donating the door prize!



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The St. Ann Kindergarten Open House date is **Wednesday, February 5th, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**, for families who have a child for Kindergarten (age 4 as at December 31, 2025) for September, 2025 school year start. We encourage all families to register within the months of January and February 2025. This helps to ensure proper staffing is in place for the new school year. Please share this information with any friends, family and/or neighbours who have a child that is ready to start school in September 2025.

We are very excited to have more students join our St. Ann family and the extended family of Niagara Catholic.

For registration, you are reminded to bring in the child(ren)'s:

- Birth Certificate;
- Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate and/or Baptismal Certificate of the child(ren)'s parents and/or guardian (if applicable);
- Proof of Residence within school boundaries; for example, a utility bill.

If applicable, original Landed Immigrant/Permanent Residence documentation, and the passport of the country of origin, indicating the date of entry into Canada.

Full Day Early Learning
Kindergarten Program



CHOIRFEST

On Thursday, December 12th, the St. Ann Choir traveled to *The Seaway Mall* for the Christmas Choirfest. Twenty-four angelic choir members sang various Catholic hymns and Christmas favourites. Many relatives, friends and shoppers gathered in the audience to hear the choir sing. Mrs. Ashby and Ms. Davis would like to thank the amazing choir who has been working tirelessly for the past few months in order to prepare for the Choirfest.



THANK YOU

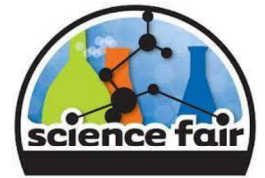
A special thank you is extended to the Intermediate Student Council who organized the Advent Food and Toy Drive at our school this year. In addition, we thank those who donated to make our Food & Toy Drive a great success! Through your generosity we were able to help many families within our school board community. Thank you for showing what Advent and Christmas are all about.



Thank You!

SCIENCE FAIR

The Grade 5 - 8 students will be participating in the Science Fair this year at St. Ann Catholic Elementary School. In an effort to assist with the Science Fair process there will be an after-school Science Fair Club in which students can research topics, conduct experiments, write their report, and construct their display.



Science Fair Agenda (on Thursday, February 6th, 2025)

- 8:30 – 9:15 a.m. *Set-up in the Gymnasium*
- 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. *Adjudication of Projects (no parents allowed)*
- 12:30 – 1:15 p.m. *School Viewing*
- 2:00 – 2:45 p.m. *Parent/Grandparent Viewing*
- 2:45 – 3:15 p.m. *Take down and Clean-up*

CHRISTMAS TURKEY RAFFLE

Thank you to the Vanderzanden family for donating 7 fresh turkeys to be raffled off for Christmas. The winning tickets were: Poppy M.; Sofia B.; Austin T.; Connor S.; Scarlett M. Adrian V.; and Emily C.



We raised \$525.00 toward our Science Equipment purchase. Thank you to everyone who participated!

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

Please know that all parents are welcome to attend any of our Catholic School Council Meetings. There is no experience necessary - just a desire to make St. Ann the best school that it can be.

Our next meeting will be on January 21st at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome.



TRIPLE BALL

On Tuesday, December 10th, 2024, The St. Ann Junior Girls' and Boys' Triple Ball teams each competed, and won, their Family of Schools Soccer Tournaments. Thank you to Mrs. Sahota and Mrs. Clifford for coaching. Great job Stallions!!



FRENCH IMMERSION ON-LINE OPEN PRE-REGISTRATION

The on-line open pre-registration window for students new to French Immersion in September 2025 is Monday, January 13th, 2025 at 7:30 a.m. through to Friday, January 31st, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. Pre-registrations outside of this window will not be considered. There are a limited number of spots available for students wishing to enter the French Immersion Program. Pre-registrations are on a first come, first serve basis. Each pre-registration will receive a time-stamp.

To register, please visit www.niagaracatholic.ca and click the first thumbnail-Registration. Then, click the *Let's get you registered!* link at the bottom of the page. An account must be created first through edsembli CONNECT to access the registration forms. This account can be created ahead of time.

LITERACY CORNER

Take an ABC Object Hunt using the items in your home, and the Scavenger Hunt worksheet (if you can't print the one at the bottom, you can make a list on blank paper)

Directions: Search your home to find an object that starts with each letter of the alphabet. First, find something that start with the letter A. Did you find an apple? An alarm clock? A toy alligator? The options are endless but it's certainly an amusing adventure! Add your A item to the Alphabet Scavenger Hunt worksheet.



Now it's time for B! Keep going until you've found 26 items and completed the Alphabet Scavenger Hunt Worksheet.

Alphabet Scavenger Hunt

A _____	B _____	C _____	D _____
E _____	F _____	G _____	H _____
I _____	J _____	K _____	L _____
M _____	N _____	O _____	P _____
Q _____	R _____	S _____	T _____
U _____	V _____	W _____	X _____
	Y _____	Z _____	

MATH CORNER

Counting principles: One-to-One Correspondence

Understanding that each object in a group can be counted once and only once. It is useful in the early stages for children to actually tag or touch each item being counted and to move it out of the way as it is counted.

In order for children to understand and apply the one-to-one counting principle, they must be able to orally count by rote. We can promote the development of this skill by regularly counting items during play and everyday life. Encouraging children to show quantities on their fingers is also helpful.

Strategies that Support Learning:

- Encouraging children to “tag” or move items out of the way while counting.
- Matching items with pictures. For example, using search and find books.
- Encouraging children to create a tally chart to count and track the quantity of food, toys, sounds (i.e.: taps on a drum), letters in a word or words in a sentence.

NOTRE DAME OPEN HOUSE



NOTRE DAME
COLLEGE
SCHOOL



GRADE 8 OPEN HOUSE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Tuesday, January 14th, 2025
6:30pm

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour the school
- Meet teachers
- Academic highlights and presentations
- Learn about sports and clubs

MORE INFORMATION

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