

January 2025 Newsletter

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Elementary School



Superintendent Mr. Joseph Zaroda

Principal Mr. Chris Boyer

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Principals Message

As we begin a New Year, I truly hope that everyone's time spent celebrating the birth of our savior was a memorable one and that you were able to use the time to slow down and reflect on the year past and prepare for the new challenges that are in front of us. We ended 2024 with a lot of excitement and compassion as we hosted a very successful Christmas Concert, and we were able to provide several families with a bounty to celebrate their Christmas season with. The school was a buzz of activity with so much going on preparing for Christmas. It will be nice that January is a little slower but it is also the last push before the first term ends in late January and Term 1 Report Cards come home in Early February.

Catholic School Council/Parents for Victory

We are continuing to look for Bingo Volunteers. A short on-line training video and a two-hour shift is all that it takes to allow the school to continue to provide great opportunities free of charge utilizing the charity funds we receive back. Please follow our Parent Council Social Media account on

Instagram at [olvwolves_csc](#)



Family Literacy Day takes place every January 27th to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. OLV will be celebrating this day with activities in the classroom and we encourage families to celebrate this day at home with some fun activities.

Niagara  Region

Follow the [link](#) for important information for parents, students and teachers from Niagara Region Public Health.

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Bell Times 2023-2024

Entry Bell – 8:55 am

Morning Nutrition Break

- 11:05 am – 11:45 am

Afternoon Nutrition Break

- 1:05 pm – 1:45 pm

Dismissal – 3:15 pm

PAYMENT FOR SPECIALTY LUNCHES & ACTIVITIES

Parents are asked to sign up for our convenient payment program- SCHOOLCASHONLINE. This is an excellent way to pay for student activities without sending money to school.

To register, please go to:

<https://ncdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>



One of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely to school each day. School Messenger allows parents to report their child's absence quickly and conveniently using a mobile app, a website, or an interactive toll-free phone line to report an absence, late arrival or early departure, in advance. This time savings makes it faster and more efficient to account for all students and their safety. If your student is marked absent and the absence hasn't been explained in advance, our Safe Arrival system will be able to rapidly contact you by automated phone call, text message, email, or mobile app push notification to get a reason for the absence. Calls and contacts will continue until you choose an option to explain the absence.



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Reflection

In the Gospel of Matthew we hear Jesus teaching his disciples saying,

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven"

Jesus called the disciples, as He calls each of us, to follow Him by living the Beatitudes. Jesus IS the Beatitudes. Looking at Him you see what it means to be poor in spirit, gentle and merciful, to mourn, to care for what is right, to be pure in heart, to make peace, and to be persecuted. This is why he has the right to say, "Come, follow me!" He does not simply say,

"Do

what I say." He says, "Come, follow me!"

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