

ST. PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

January 2025 Newsletter



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**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**

Principal's Message

Happy New Year and welcome back. On behalf of the staff of St. Peter I would like to offer our best wishes for a happy and healthy 2025. In January we celebrated the feast of the Epiphany on January 6th which marks the end of the Twelve Days of Christmas on the Catholic Calendar.

As we move through this month you are likely to receive updates and communication from the BOARD, the SCHOOL and directly from your child's CLASSROOM TEACHER(S). Please make sure you are staying connected with us

through School Messenger, The NCDSB web page, The Remind App and where applicable through your child's NCVLE platforms. Communication is critical and reading critical communication is key.

Yours in Catholic Education,
Mr. K. Lamb
Principal

Called By Name " Come, follow Me" 2024-25

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!"



Kindergarten Registration and Open House

On Monday, February 3, we will be hosting our kindergarten Open house from 9-6pm. If you have Kindergarten aged children or know someone who has, please drop in for a quick tour of the school. Registration for Kindergarten can also be completed online. The following documents are necessary for online and in person registration:



- Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate
- Birth Certificate
- Proof of Address
- Non-Catholic Form if registering as a non-Catholic.

Please complete the online registration by clicking the Register button on the NCDSB website niagaracatholic.ca and then you can call St. Peter to arrange drop off of the necessary documentation. You are also welcome to send digital copies at your earliest convenience. We encourage you to explore all that Niagara Catholic has to offer and look forward to welcoming your child to the Niagara Catholic family.

Sports Update

Junior Boys Tripleball

Congratulations to our Junior Boys' Tripleball Team who captured **Gold** at the Family of School Tournament. The boys went undefeated during the entire tournament, never losing a single set. Well done Boys!

Team members include Ivan, Jake, Nolan Gavin, Kendrik, Jack, Kaenon, Grady, Evin, and Matthew.



Junior Girls Tripleball

Congratulations to our Junior Girls' Tripleball Team who played well but lost in the semi-finals in our Family of School Tournament. Well done Girls!

Team members include: Genesis, Sadie, Charlotte, Sammi, Brianna, Gemma, Grace, Amelia F, Tegan and Aria

Senior Girls Volleyball

Congratulations to our Senior Girls Volleyball Team who captured **Gold** at the Family of School Tournament, played here at St. Peter's School. The girls demonstrated real growth and sportsmanship the entire tournament, dedicating much time and effort to the team. Well done Girls!

Team members include: Talia, Tess, Sabina, Karley, Megan, Addy, Siena, Shekinah, Lily, Charlotte, Peyton, Moyosore, Olivia and team captains, Lexi and Skyla!!

Senior Boys Volleyball

The Senior Boys Volleyball team played well at the Board tournament, competing very well but just coming up short.

Team members include, Hunter, Christian, Noah, Lucas, Luka, Nolan, Garrett, David and Chidubem.

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Mental Health

How to access immediate help for mental health concerns:
If you feel you need urgent assistance with your child's mental health, the following helplines are available, and/or you can seek help from your local hospital emergency room or acute care site.
Ontario Help Lines for Mental Health:

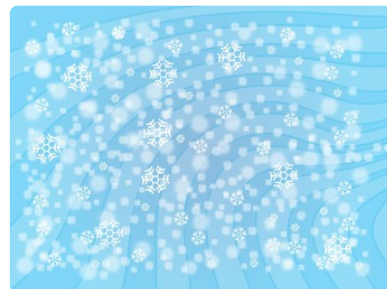
- If you are in CRISIS, call Pathstone Mental Health locally at 1-800-263-4944. Walk-In Services are available by calling this number, to book a counselling session
- Children and teens can speak with a counsellor 24/7 by calling Kids Help Phone at 1-800-668-6868 or texting CONNECT to 686868.
- The Black Youth Helpline offers support for all youth and specifically responds to the need for a Black youth specific service, positioned and resourced to promote access to professional, culturally appropriate support for youth, families and schools. Please call: 1-833-294-8650
- The Hope for Wellness Help Line offers mental health counselling and crisis intervention to all Indigenous peoples across Canada. Please call 1-855-242-3310
- The Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) offers a 24-hour Mental Health and Addictions Crisis Line with culturally specific mental health and addiction supports for adults, youth, and families in Ontario in both English and French, please call: 1-877-767-7572.

Resources are available for both families and students. For resources for parents regarding tools for our Mental Health, please visit <https://smho-smso.ca/back-to-school/parents-and-families/> Parents and Families The Mentally Healthy Back to School Support package has practical, evidence-based resources to promote and protect mental health at school. smho-smso.ca

Inclement Weather Procedure

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, CHECK OUR BOARD WEB SITE FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE INFORMATION, LOOK FOR A MESSAGE FROM THE NCDSB IN SCHOOL MESSENGER AND LISTEN TO YOUR LOCAL RADIO STATION 105.7 FM & 1220 AM FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS!

CHECK Niagara Catholic District School Board website at www.niagaracatholic.ca.



St. Peter Bell Times

Supervision begins at 8:15 a.m.
 Morning Bell rings at 8:30 a.m.
 Nutrition Break #1 10:40 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
 Outside Recess 11:00 a.m. - 11:20 am
 Nutrition Break #2 12:40 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 Outside Recess 1:00p.m. - 1:20 p.m.-

Dismissal 2:50 p.m.

Supervision begins 15 minutes prior to the morning bell and concludes 10 minutes after dismissal. **Outside of these timeframes, there is no schoolyard supervision.** Thank you to the many families who ensure that their child(ren) arrive to school during supervised times.

Please note that school begins promptly at 8:30 a.m. Students who arrive after the 8:30 a.m. bell must report to the office for a late slip. Thank you for your continued support.

SAFE ARRIVAL/SCHOOL MESSENGER

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL WITH ANY CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGES.

Please use the Safe Arrival system to report all absences and lates for your child. You can report an absence by:

PHONE - 1-844-287-6287

ONLINE: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>

APP: SchoolMessenger



Our school now has the ability to utilize the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about school and board events, school closings, safety alerts and more. Our Catholic School Council feels that text messages are a quick and easy way for the school to communicate such items. In order to receive these texts you have to "Opt in" which is a really easy thing for you to do. Please click on the link below for an instruction sheet to OPT-IN to receive SMS Messages from St. Denis.



School Apparel - Gradhoodies

St. Peter Spirit Wear

Families can order Grad Hoodies and St. Peter Spirit Wear through the Big Bear Spirit Wear Website. Usually, the orders are delivered to the school to hand out to students. All orders are to be done by going to the Big Bear Spirit Wear Website.



Kevin Lamb

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