



St. Teresa of Calcutta Chronicle

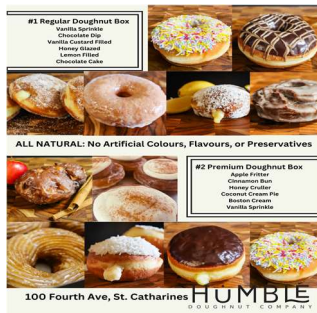


St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Elementary
Part of the St. Francis Family of Schools

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***“Actions speak louder than words. Let your words teach, and your actions speak.”
– St. Anthony of Padua***

HUMBLE DONUTS FUNDRAISER



Just a reminder that we have our Humble Donuts fundraiser continuing up until **February 6th**. Get your donuts to enjoy for the Family Day Weekend. This is a chance to support your school and a local business. All of the profits will go back directly into the school. We have purchased a set of 10 new tablets for students in JK/SK to access Literacy and Numeracy Activities. These should be arriving within the next few weeks.

When picking up your donuts you just need to give the name of the school, the name that the order is under and they will fill your order on site: 100 Fourth Ave. Unit 28.

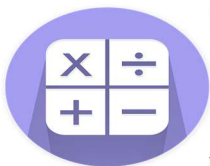
**PICK UP DATES: Wednesday February 12th from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Saturday February 15th from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

NATIONAL SWEATER DAY



National Sweater Day will be observed on **Tuesday February the 4th**. Students are encouraged to wear sweaters on that day (Dress Code Bottoms). The idea behind this day is to conserve energy by encouraging people to wear layers of sweaters and other warm clothing instead of turning up the heat. Sweater Day also helps raise awareness about climate change. It is a great opportunity to demonstrate how together everyone can be a part of the much-needed solution to global warming.

INTERMEDIATE SCIENCE FAIR



On Wednesday February 5th our Intermediate students will be displaying their ‘Scientific Knowledge’ by participating in our St. Teresa of Calcutta Science Fair here at the school. Students will be presenting their experiments all around the school and explaining their work to both judges and younger students. Parents are welcome to attend at anytime during the day.

SPOKEN WORD POETRY:



Tshepiso Thato Mogomela, known by her artistic name Promise Love, is a poet, author, and Slam Poetry Champion. As the author of *Heal First, Then Give*, she has been using poetry as a powerful tool for self-expression and healing for over a decade. Promise Love has graced numerous esteemed stages and facilitated transformative poetry workshops, leaving a lasting impact wherever her words are heard. We are excited about this opportunity to have her at the school on **February 10th and 11th** working with our grade 1 to 8 students.

VALENTINES DAY



We will be celebrating Valentine's Day on **Thursday February 13th** as part of our Kids Helping Kids Week, students will be participating in individualized Valentines Classroom Celebrations. Students are able to bring in Valentine's Day cards to distribute to their classmates. Any baked snack items brought in by students will be returned home. However, if parents wish they may send in a 'sealed' grab bag that can go home with the students. Students are encouraged to wear any clothing that is either red, pink or white.

PA Day

Friday, February 14th, 2025 is a Professional Activity Day. There will be no school for students as staff will be involved in workshops all day. Enjoy the long weekend.

FAMILY DAY

Monday, February 17th, 2025 is Family Day. Celebrating *Family Day* is important to us because it is a chance to stand in unity with families in our community who share in the challenges, struggles and successes that come with family life. *Family Day* is an opportunity to celebrate our commitment to our family and our values.



SOUP DAY



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Soups are good for your soul, a bowl of heart-warming soup has the ability to make you feel comforted and cared for. On **Tuesday February 18th**, thanks to the generous breakfast donations by Star of the Sea Church/St. Vincent De Paul Society and the many donations by the parent community we are able to offer all of our students (if they wish) a free bowl of soup. This is a Cash on Line item for free. The breakfast fund will be paying for the soup (Tim Hortons will provide the chicken noodle soup).

KIDS HELPING KIDS

Niagara Catholic's 25th Annual **Kids Helping Kids** fundraiser will take place from February 10th - 13th, 2025.

This year's event will once again jointly support the Niagara Children's Centre, as well as the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education.

Kids Helping Kids is a fun, informal fundraiser, which supports these causes through participation in events such as Superhero/Jersey Day, and Red, White & Pink Day.



We will have four out of dress code days:

Monday, Feb. 10th: Jersey Day/Wacky Socks;

Tuesday, Feb 11th: Superhero Day/Wacky Hair;

Wednesday, Feb. 12th: Wear what you want day;
Thursday, Feb 13th: Red, White and Pink Day;

Tuck Shop items will be sold **all week** starting on Monday Feb 10th 2025. Half of all proceeds this week will be donated to the **Kids Helping Kids Fund**. Donations to the **Kids Helping Kids** fundraiser can also be made in **School Cash Online**. Thank you for supporting!

Anyone who wants to support the Foundation with a direct donation will receive a tax receipt for donations of \$20.00 or more. Donations may be made online at www.nfce.org. Thank you for your Catholic school community's support for this year's fundraiser. For further information about the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education, please contact Jim Marino, at 905.735.0240 ext. 210 or jim.marino@nfce.org.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Our system-wide Registration and In-person Open House for Kindergarten will take place on **Wednesday February, 5th, 2025 from 9:00 – 6:00 p.m.** at the school. Any families that have children who will be 4 years old as of December 31, 2025 are encouraged to visit our website to register as soon as possible 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.

Full Day Early Learning
Kindergarten Program



We are very excited to have more students join our St. Teresa of Calcutta 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.

BASKETBALL

Our intermediate girls and boys basketball teams participating in the St. Catharines Invitational Intermediate Basketball tournament hosted here at St. Teresa of Calcutta School (Girls), our boys team travelled to St. Ann school on January 27th & 28th. The NCDSB tournament will be taking place sometime in late February/early March. A concrete date has not been established yet. Good Luck to both of our teams! Thank-you to Mr. Kwinecki and Mrs. Haywood for coaching.



Currently our Jr. Girls and Boys basketball teams are trying out and practicing for their upcoming tournament. Thank-you to Mr. Ukrainetz for coaching.

ELEMENTARY TERM 1 REPORT CARDS

Term One Reports will be made available to parents through the Maplewood Parent Portal the week of **February 10th, 2025**. A direct link will be sent out that week.

The Report Card will reflect achievement of curriculum expectations, development of learning skills and work habits from September - February. Interviews can occur in person or by telephone at the request of the parent or teacher. Please feel welcome to request an interview with your child's teacher to discuss areas of growth and next steps to improve their learning in term two.

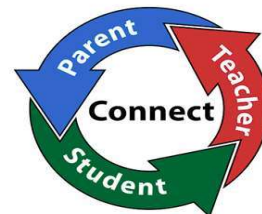
PINK SHIRT DAY



The theme for Pink Shirt Day 2025 is 'All Kinds of Kindness'. We encourage all students to wear pink on **Wednesday February 26th 2025**. Today our diversity is becoming more visible than ever as people continue to embrace their cultures, identities, and true selves in more open and direct ways; making the need to give All Kinds of Kindness and have greater acceptance, respect, and inclusion for everyone so important.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Our council meetings will usually be the last Tuesday of the month, if any parents would like to participate or volunteer or have any comments or questions please contact the school and speak to Mr. Morawek. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 29th at 5:45 pm**. Everyone is welcome.



EXTRA CLOTHES



As the weather gets colder and the students begin to play in the snow parents are reminded to send extra standardized dress code clothing to school especially for the children in the Kindergarten and primary levels. This will avoid inconveniencing parents when it becomes necessary to find dry clothes. All students are expected to have an indoor pair of shoes to wear in the halls and classrooms. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

MATH CORNER

Board Games are a great way to have fun as a family and learn Math! Here are a list of great Family Math Board Games:

- Mathopoly – a clever take on the classic board game Monopoly – which is also a great game!
- Equate – making equations can be a fun, challenging game!
- Pay Day – family finances is fun in Pay Day! Get paid and decide how to spend your money!
- Knowledgehook activities --- Students have access on-line

"A lot of scientific evidence suggests that the difference between those who succeed and those who don't is not the brains they were born with, but their approach to life, the messages they receive about their potential, and the opportunities they have to learn." (Boaler, 2016)



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