



CANADIAN MARTYRS NEWS



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NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are already into February! Within the month of February we think of Valentine's Day which is recognized as a day of love and devotion and Family Day which is a day to celebrate the love and joy of family.

Valentine's Day brings good news because we can connect to the best kind of love, God's love.

February is also Black History Month. Every February, Canadians are invited to participate in Black History Month festivities and events that honour the legacy of Black Canadians, past and present.

During this special month, we need to take time to show affection, to bring a little more meaning into everyday actions. By taking the time to show affection to others through words and deeds, we will demonstrate our love for God.

Yours in Catholic Education,
Mrs. L. Incavaglia, Principal
Ms. W. Wilson, Vice Principal

Act of Love Prayer

Jesus, my God,

Thou art infinitely **good** and perfect.

I love Thee above all things
and with my whole heart.

I desire to receive Thee in **Holy Communion**
that I may love Thee more and serve Thee better.

Come to me and strengthen me,
so that I may never be separated from Thee on
earth
and that I may live with Thee eternally in heaven.

Amen

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration can be done online anytime through the school website <https://schools.niagaracatholic.ca/canadianmartyrs/>. If your child is presently attending Kindergarten at Canadian Martyrs there is no need to re-register. **After submitting your online registration, you will be contacted to submit your child's Baptismal Certificate, Birth Certificate and Proof of Address (current utility bill) in order to complete the registration.**



Black History Month 2025 Black Legacy and Leadership: Celebrating Canadian History and Uplifting Future Generations

The month of February gives us all the chance to celebrate the diversity and achievements of Black people in Canada. However, it is also a time to reflect on Canada's painful history and the distinct challenges that Black people in Canada continue to face in their daily lives, such as systemic barriers, racism and discrimination.

Our government has been steadfast in their commitment to combatting systemic barriers and creating a more equitable and just future for Black Canadians. To that end, Canada officially recognized the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent in 2018. We also welcomed the adoption by the United Nations of the second International Decade for People of African Descent. To read more about Canadian Heritage funding opportunities to support Black communities, visit the [Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Program](#) web page. As we celebrate Black History Month, I want to invite you to join us in highlighting and celebrating the remarkable contributions that Black people in Canada make to our country every single day.

We are proud to be a part of the Holy Cross Family of Schools.





Niagara Catholic’s 27th Annual **Kids Helping Kids** fundraiser will take place from **February 10-21, 2025.**

This year’s event will 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 paid participation in events such as Jersey Day and Disney Day. Kids Helping Kids donations can be made through School Cash Online.

Please go to our school’s website, under News/ Events to see our daily plans for our Kids Helping Kids Campaign.

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. To find more information about the Niagara Children’s Centre, please visit their website: Niagara Children's Centre.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.
1 Corinthians 13:4-7

PARKING LOT SAFETY

Please refrain from parking in the **“No Stopping - Fire Route”** area. Please respect the pylons placed in the parking lot. They have been placed there to protect our students who exit their vehicle in the middle lane and walk through the staff supervised first lane to the safety of the school sidewalk. When entering the parking lot, please **REDUCE SPEED**. Keep children close to you when walking through. It is very busy and we want to make sure everyone is safe.

Accessible Parking - The accessible parking spots in the school parking lot are intended only for those with a disabled parking permit. If you do not have a disabled parking permit, you are not to use the accessible parking spots for any reason. These spots cannot be used for dropping off or picking up students. These spots need to be open and available for those with a disabled parking permit.

Kiss and Ride – If you are dropping your child(ren) off at school in the morning, please “kiss and drive” straight through the **middle lane** of our school lot to avoid blocking the arriving and departing busses. Please use the middle lane, drive to the far end and let your child(ren) out where staff are on duty. Do not let your child(ren) out of your vehicle until you are at the top of the lane where staff is present. It is very unsafe to have children weaving through the cars in the parking lot so please follow the Kiss and Ride procedures.

Dismissal Procedures - All students grades 1 to 8 will be dismissed at 2:50 p.m. from the east field at the front of the school next to the parking lot. Parents/guardians are asked to wait on the field to receive their child(ren). Teachers will only dismiss students from this area. Kindergarten students are to be picked up in the Kindergarten play area. We ask that parents/guardians and visitors exercise caution when driving in our very busy parking lot.

Please ensure that everyone who drops off/picks up your child (for example, family member, friend, grandparent, etc.) is aware of these drop-off and pick-up procedures. Thank you for your continued support.



Reflection #6

“Come, follow me!” These words of Jesus are an invitation for each and every one of us. How can each of us better follow Jesus right where we are today? How can we become missionaries encouraging each other to look up from the table, let go of our sins and see the finger of Jesus pointing at each of us personally beckoning us to hear the command call?: “Come, follow me!”

National Sweater Day

February 6, 2025 is National Sweater Day. National Sweater Day is an opportunity to raise awareness about climate change and energy conservation, and show how together – classroom by classroom, school by school – we can be a part of the solution. Let’s make an impact beyond National Sweater Day by asking your child to reflect on their personal carbon footprint and make personal commitments in their own lives to help keep climate change in check. Collectively, we can have a powerful impact.

All students are invited to wear a sweater on February 6th. Students can wear any sweater in addition to their dress code clothing.

TERM 1 REPORT CARDS

Report Cards for Term 1 will be printed and distributed to families, as well as made available in the Niagara Catholic Maplewood Parent Portal during the week of February 10, 2025. Term 2 Individual Education Plans (IEPs) will also be distributed during the week of February 10, 2025. Please be advised that parent-teacher conferences for this term will be at the request of the teacher and/or parent(s)/guardian(s). Teachers will be making a request to the parents of students for whom they feel an interview would be necessary. After the Report Cards are made available, parents/guardians may also request an interview by contacting the teacher to arrange a convenient time.

Candy Grams

Candy Grams are coming!!! This Valentine season, the grade 8 students are helping spread the Valentine’s Day spirit by selling candy grams to students.

Candy grams are \$1 each and will be sold using cash only. Each Candy Gram will include a Rocket Double Lollipop with a To: and From: tag attached. Students gifting the Candy Gram can leave the From: section blank if they wish to keep things secret. Please note that Rocket Double Lollipops are peanut free and gluten free.

Starting Monday, February 3rd to Wednesday, February 12th, grade 8 students will go to classrooms daily to collect money and provide assistance with filling out each tag correctly. All Candy Grams will be delivered to classrooms on Thursday, February 13th.

All proceeds will go toward the purchase and repair of physical education equipment at Canadian Martyrs. To support this initiative, Toonie Tuesday sales will be on hold and will resume on Tuesday, February 18th.

Thank you all for your support!



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CANDY GRAMS**



**HELP SPREAD THE
VALENTINE'S DAY
SPIRIT**



CANDY GRAMS \$1.00

**INCLUDES A ROCKETS LOLLIE
AND A
TO AND FROM TAG**



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