St. Ann February Flyer

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## FEBRUARY, 2025

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The St. Ann Kindergarten Open House date is **Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.

# **PROVINCIAL REPORT CARDS & PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT INTERVIEWS**

Your child's first term Provincial Report Card will be available in the parent portal on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

The Provincial Elementary Report Card:

- Uses letter grades for Grades 1 6 and percentage marks for Grade 7 8 so you clearly understand how your child is doing;
- Parent/Teacher/Student Conference will be arranged based upon parent/guardian or teacher request.

If you wish to meet with your child(ren)'s classroom teacher(s) please schedule an appointment. Communication and co-operation between home and school positively influences student achievement.

#### ST.ANN TRIVIA NIGHT



The St. Ann Catholic School Council is requesting that you save the date of **Friday**, **April 25**<sup>th</sup>, **2025** for the St. Ann Trivia Night! This promises to be an enjoyable evening as parents will have the opportunity to come out, play trivia, raise some money

for our school, and have fun with our community! More information will be forthcoming in a flyer home later in February.

Thank you for your continued support!



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#### SCIENCE FAIR

The Grade 5 - 8 students will be participating in the Science Fair this year at St. Ann Catholic Elementary School. Brock University students will arrive in the a.m. to adjudicate the projects. Parents (and Grandparents) are invited to visit our Science Fair in the afternoon from 2:00 - 2:45 p.m. The top projects will be invited to apply to the Niagara Regional Science and Engineering Fair on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025.



#### Science Fair Agenda

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

#### FENWICK FLOSSIE VISIT

On Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, we were unable to visit Fenwick Flossie due to the rainy weather. Thankfully, the Fenwick Lions Club brought Fenwick Flossie to us!! The Lions Club Members and Flossie dropped by at about 11:15 a.m., brought cookies and hot chocolate for our students in Kindergarten to Grade Three! Enjoy these great photos from their visit!



#### KIDS HELPING KIDS

This year will mark the 27<sup>th</sup> year that all schools in the Niagara Catholic District School Board will participate in the *Kids Helping Kids* fundraiser. We will continue to support the Niagara Children's Centre and the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education. This year's fundraiser will be held from **February 10-21, 2025**. Many former and current students in the Niagara Catholic District School Board system have received or are receiving therapy at Niagara Children's Centre and have benefited by the Centre's programs and services.

We will have three out of dress code days:

- Red/White Day on Thursday, February 13th, 2025
- Jersey Day on Thursday, February 18th, 2025
- Hat Day and Toonie Treat Day on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

If you would like to make a donation to this most worthwhile cause, you may do so at School Cash On-line. Thank you for supporting!



## 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.



#### MATH CORNER

## **Counting principles: Cardinality**

Understanding that the last number used to count a group of objects represents how many are in the group. A child who recounts when asked how many candies are in the set that they just counted, may not have an understanding of the cardinality principle.

If you want to know whether your child firmly grasps the cardinal principle, consider asking the them to count a group of items and then ask them to put the same quantity into a bag. If they must recount, they may not have a firm understanding of cardinality.

Strategies that Support Student Learning

- Encouraging your child to show you a group of items to match a specific number.
- Ask your child to count a group of items in a set. Then, explicitly ask them to show you how many objects in that group represent that amount.

If you observe your child building a tower out of lego...consider asking if they can use the same amount of lego to create a path, to see if they understand cardinality.



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