



# St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School

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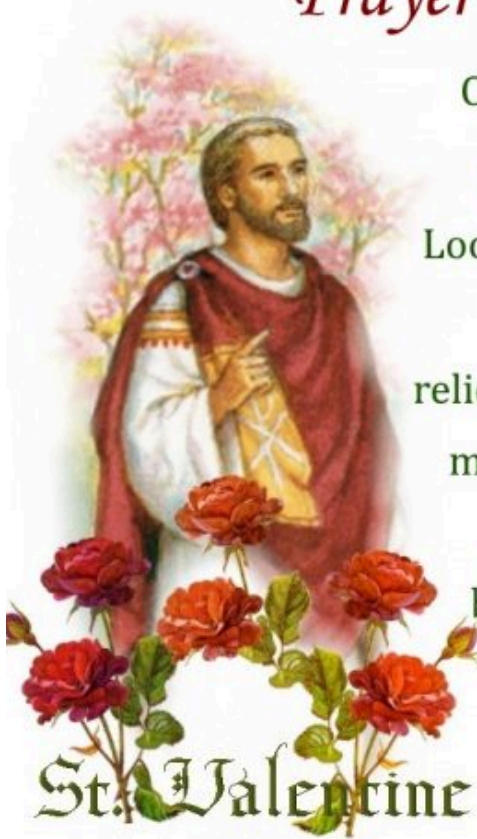


**Proud Feeder School of  
St. Paul Catholic Secondary School**

# February 2025 Newsletter



## *Prayer to Saint Valentine*



O glorious advocate and protector, St. Valentine, Look with pity upon our wants, hear our prayers, relieve by your intercession the miseries under which we labor, and obtain for us the divine blessing, that we may be found worthy to join you in praising the Almighty for all eternity: through the merits of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **February At a Glance**

- Feb. 3: Kindergarten Open House
- Feb. 11: Report Cards on Parent Portal
- Feb. 14: PA Day - No School for students
- Feb. 17: Family Day - No School
- Feb. 18-21: Kids Helping Kids Week
- Feb. 28: Out of Dress Code Day



Join Us

for our

**Kindergarten  
Open House and  
Registration**

February 3, 2025 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**St. Vincent de Paul  
Catholic Elementary School  
3900 Kalar Road, NF**

**Visit Kindergarten Classrooms**

**Meet the Staff**

**Tour the School**

**Register Online at**

**[www.niagaracatholic.ca](http://www.niagaracatholic.ca)**

## **Kindergarten Program**

Children who will be four years of age by December 31, 2025, are eligible to enroll in the Kindergarten Program. Please supply the following documents for your child:

- \* Birth and Baptismal Certificates
- \* Immunization Record
- \* Proof of Address (e.g. utility bill/lease agreement/tax statement)

Students currently attending the first year Kindergarten program will be automatically enrolled in second year Kindergarten program in September 2025.

Parents/Guardians are asked to register their child online at [www.niagaracatholic.ca](http://www.niagaracatholic.ca). If you know of any eligible neighbours, friends or relatives, please encourage them to contact us at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School, and enrol their children in a Catholic school. Our flourishing community needs active support from its members.

Registrations will be accepted at any time throughout the year, however, early registration helps with the necessary planning and preparation for your child. Our Kindergarten Open House and Registration date is Monday, February 3, 2025 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

We look forward to meeting our future SAINTS!



## **February is Black History Month**

Every February Canadians are invited to participate in Black History Month which honours the legacy of Black Canadians, past and present. Black History month in Canada runs from February 3 to February 28, 2025. Students will be learning about influential black Canadians all month.

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## **Order your 2024-2025 Yearbook Today!**

Our 2024-2025 School Yearbook is in progress. Check out School Cash Online on Monday, February 3rd to order your copy. This year's publication can be purchased for \$21.00 Don't be left out! Thank you to Mrs. Bevilacqua for leading our Yearbook Committee again this year!



# Catholic School Council

March 4, 2025 @ 5:30pm School Library

Our next Catholic School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 4th at 5:30pm. New members are always welcome. You can also be part of a sub-committee like Spirituality, Food Days, Beautification, Fundraising and Graduation or simply act as a volunteer during one of our functions. Whatever your schedule allows, we would be happy to see you involved in our school!



## CARNAVAL (Grades 1-6)

We are excited to announce that once again this year, Madame Bevilacqua will be hosting a Carnival day. This event will take place on February 28th. Carnival is an annual event which takes place each year in Quebec. The Carnaval de Quebec runs from February 7-16, 2025. At this event, visitors immerse themselves in the French culture, visiting ice sculptures, and watching canoe races. You'll have to wait and see what's in store for our Carnival this year. Thank you Madame Bevilacqua for leading this event!



## Report Cards

Report Cards for Term One will be available on the Parent Portal on Tuesday, February 11th. **Interviews will occur by parent or teacher request. If you are interested in scheduling a phone or in-person appointment with any of your child's teachers, please contact them directly using your regular form of communication or contact the school.**



## Rosary Club

Thank you to Jose and his team from The Legion of Mary at Our Lady of the Scapular Church who run Rosary Club. Thank you also to our volunteers Mrs. Fadell, Aline Jackl, and Gina Pangan. The Rosary Club meets each Wednesday in our Library.



# Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championships

January 26, 2025  
Thank you Mrs. Salvo-Teutenberg



Congratulations to the following students who represented St. Vincent de Paul at the Annual Knights of Columbus, Free Throw Championship at the MacBain Community Centre on Sunday, January 26, 2025. This event was sponsored by Knights of Columbus Hennepin Council 1652 and is an annual event opened to boys and girls, ages 9 to 14. Each child who wished to participate, competed first in their own class, and then moved on to a final round in the gymnasium, supervised by Mrs. Salvo-Teutenberg. Thank you to everyone who participated to make this event a success. You have all made St. Vincent de Paul proud!

The St. Vincent de Paul Champions that represented the school are:



Travis G.	Gr. 8 Champion
Jaxon S., Skylar M.	Gr. 7 Champions
Jake K., Austin A.	Gr. 6 Champions
Sebastian Z., Annabelle R.	Gr. 5 Champions
George P.	Gr. 4 Champion

Special mention goes to Jake K. who finished second and Travis G. who finished first. Both will be moving on to the regional finals in February.

Thank you to all the homeroom teachers for organizing their representatives during gym class and thank you to Mrs. Salvo-Teutenberg for practicing with the students and supporting them at the McBain Community Centre.



## CSC Family Event SAVE THE DATE - APRIL 11

Back by popular demand!!! Don't miss out on this year's event. It's going to be so much fun! Start organizing your tables of 8 players now! More information will be communicated via School Messenger. Stay tuned!



## VALENTINE'S DAY

This year, Valentine's Day falls on a Professional Activity Day. Therefore, we will be celebrating Valentine's Day on February 13th instead. Students may come to school wearing red, white or pink. Students may also bring in Valentine's for their friends. As always, please adhere to our Food and Beverage Policy by refraining from sending in any candy to share with other students. If you choose to add something to the Valentine's Day card, pencils, stickers or small toys from the Dollar Store are more suitable. Thank you for your cooperation.

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orders

### Hot Lunch Dates

**February 4 & 18 - ANTIPASTOS**

**February 11 & 25 - PITA PIT**

**February 6,13,20,27 - CARMINE'S PIZZERIA**

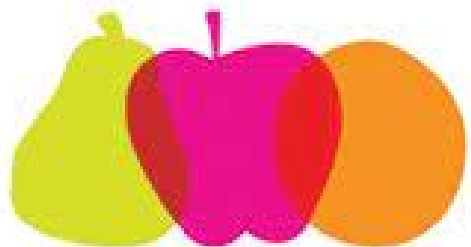
Please mark those dates on your calendar if your child is to receive an order.



## Niagara Nutrition Partners

**Thank you for our snack program!**

Thank you to Niagara Nutrition Partners representative Meghann Riley, and our amazing staff members Mrs. Zahn, Mrs. Chudy, Mrs. Davey, Mrs. Antonio and Miss Reichenbach for running our NNP Snack Program. Thank you also to our NNP Champion Tobias for making this program possible.



Niagara Nutrition Partners



# Junior Girls and Boys Basketball

## Thank you Mr. Porga and Mr. Niewesteeeg

On Wednesday January 22nd and Thursday January 23rd the Junior Boys and Girls Basketball teams participated in their tournament at St. Paul Catholic High School. Both teams did an awesome job representing St. Vincent de Paul. The girls team used excellent teamwork to win their first 2 games which landed them in the semi finals. Here, the girls won a hard fought game against St. Mary and made it to the finals. In the finals, the girls faced a tough Mary Ward team who was also undefeated at this point. After a back and forth game the girls basketball team ended up with a silver medal. The boys team demonstrated teamwork and support for one another for the duration of their tournament. They worked hard and unfortunately lost a close game to St. Patricks which ended up in the boys being sent to the consolation game. Great job to both teams for representing St. Vincent de Paul.

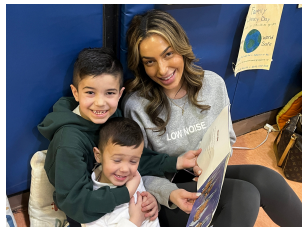


# Congrats


The Girls' Team consisted of: Annabelle, Penelopy, Avery P, Avery F, Makena, Alexa, Gabriella, Malea, Winn, and Holly. The Boys' team consisted of: Austin, John, Emmett, Nate, Jake, Reed, Leo, Sebastian, Nolan, Maxim, Brendan, George, Martin, Gianluca, Luca.

## FAMILY LITERACY DAY January 27 Thank you to our AMAZING Primary Team

On January 27, 2025, St. Vincent de Paul welcomed parents and grandparents for Family Literacy Day. This year's theme was Learn to be Green Together. Thank you to our amazing Primary Staff who planned this day for our Kindergarten to Grade 3 students: Ms. Cullen, Mrs. Sottile, Mrs. Sirianni, Mrs. Blakely, Mrs. D'Aiuto, Miss Orsini, Mrs. Futino-Vacca, Miss DeBlasis, Mrs. Reich and Madame Bevilacqua. Staff did a lot of read alouds and art activities prior to this special day. Staff also worked hard filling the gymnasium with artwork and decorations. It truly looked spectacular! A special thank you to the Niagara Region Waste Management Team and mascot 'Phil'. It was so much fun! We look forward to planning yet another Family Literacy Day next year!



# KIDS HELPING KIDS

<b>Monday</b> <b>February 17th</b>	<b>FAMILY DAY - NO SCHOOL</b>
 <b>Tuesday</b> <b>February 18th</b>	<b>DISNEY DAY</b> <b>Students are invited to wear a anything and everything Disney!</b>
 <b>Wednesday</b> <b>February 19th</b>	<b>SPORTS JERSEY DAY</b> <b>Students are invited to wear their favourite sports/team jersey!</b>
 <b>Thursday</b> <b>February 20th</b>	<b>FAVOURITE DECADES DAY</b> <b>Students are invited to dress up in 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s gear! Be creative. I'm sure parents and grandparents have just the thing for you to try on!</b>
 <b>Friday</b> <b>February 21st</b>	<b>BACKWARDS DAY</b> <b>Students are invited to come dressed backwards for the day. Inside out? Upside down? Any way that looks like you may have been sleeping while getting dressed!</b>

Niagara Catholic's 27th Annual Kids Helping Kids fundraiser will once again take place in February. This year's event will jointly support the Niagara Children's Centre, as well as the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education. Some of the funds raised go directly for the delivery of therapy services resulting in a positive difference in the lives of many children at the Niagara Children's Centre. Other funds will go to The Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education. This is a registered charitable foundation, which strives to assist those in the Niagara Catholic District School Board who may have some difficulty in providing essentials for daily school life. This is achieved through the Foundation's involvement in outreach programs such as providing warm boots and coats, supporting Nutrition Programs in schools, funding for the purchasing of school uniforms and personal care items, and financial assistance for students achieving a higher level of education through scholarships. Kids Helping Kids is a fun, informal fundraiser, which supports these causes through paid participation in events such as special theme days at the school. These days are always so much fun for the students. Donations to the Kids Helping Kids fundraiser can be made in School Cash Online. We are asking for a donation of \$2.00 per child or \$5.00 per family. Your participation in this wonderful fundraising initiative is greatly appreciated. Please see the schedule to view the theme days planned for our school.

Thank-you in advance for your continued support. As always, it is greatly appreciated. Looking forward to a fun-filled Kids Helping Kids week! A big thank you to Ms. Cullen for planning our fun week!



# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR

## JANUARY dowhatyoucant RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to our dowhatyoucant Recipients for the month of January!

Congratuatiions to:

**Leo L. – Ms. Cullen & Mrs. Sottile**

**Julian K. – Mrs. Sirianni & Mrs. Blakely**

**Michael C. – Miss Orsini**

**Pierce K. – Mrs. Futino-Vacca**

**Eliana P. – Miss DeBlasis**

**Alessia E. – Mrs. Reich**

**Luca S. – Mrs. Ramunno**

**Pio F. – Mr. Porga**

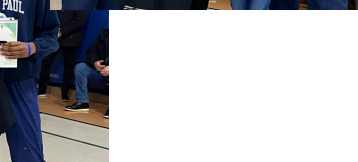
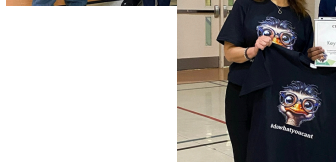
**Jake K. – Mr. Spiotti**

**Alyssa M. – Mrs. Santini-Mascia**

*Congratuatiions also to our  
St. Paul Catholic High School  
Students of the Month.*

**Mackenzie G. – Mr. Porga**

**Isabella R. – Mr. Porga**





# February Calendar Draw

February Calendar Fundraiser St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School						
<i>Thank you for your support!!</i>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>\$10 per calendar with a chance to win a prize 28 times!</b>				Americana Waves Waterpark 4 Passes \$200 1
Gift Card Bundle Red Ganache \$25 Baton Rouge \$25 Amazon \$30 Ultimate Dining \$25 2	Shoppers Drug Mart Gift Card \$50 3	Lululemon Gift Card \$50 Coscto Gift Card \$100 4	Amazon Gift Card \$100 5	Sculpt Medical Aesthetics \$100 6	Simply Fit Health Club 3 Month Membership \$200 7	Girasole Salon Gift Certificate \$50 8
Landmark Cinemas Gift Card \$100 9	TGI Friday's Restaurant \$120 10	Vittorio's Restaurant \$150 11	Country Basket Gift Card \$125 12	Ruth's Chris Steak House Gift Certificate \$300 13	Winery Guys Tours Gift Certificate \$350 14	Indigo Gift Card \$50 15
Footlocker Gift Card \$50 16	Antica Pizzeria \$50 17	Cineplex and Ultimate Dining Gift Cards \$50 18	Amazon Gift Card \$100 19	Starbucks Gift Card \$50 20	Willodell Golf Gift Certificate 4 Players \$320 21	Amazon Gift Card \$100 22
Thorowest Bakery Gift Card \$50 23	Sportchek Gift Card \$50 24	Shoppers Drug Mart \$50 25	Antica Pizzeria \$50 26	Home Sense \$100 27	Penninsula Lakes Golf Certificate 4 Players \$800 28	

Registration # M847679

Thank you to all of our sponsors for your generous donations! Thank you also to our families for selling so many tickets! Follow us on Instagram at SVDPSaints to see if you're a winner. Weekday draws will be held LIVE. Weekend draws will be pre-recorded. Each ballot entry has 28 chances to win, so even if you're a winner, your ticket goes back in the drum! Thank you to our CSC organizers: Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Spadafora! All proceeds will go to student technology, sports equipment and to grade 8 graduation. **GOOD LUCK!**

# Niagara Region Public Health School Health Newsletter

## February 2025

### Welcome to Kindergarten!

#### Do you have a little one starting Kindergarten?



Public Health works in partnership with teachers, support staff, students, and parents to build a healthier school community.

Check out our [School Health webpage](#) for some important links and supports:

- [Childhood illnesses and diseases of public health significance](#)
- [Non-reportable illnesses and exclusion periods](#)
- [Dental Screening](#)
- [School-aged vaccines](#)
  - o Parents and legal guardians of junior and senior kindergarten registrants and students new to Ontario are asked to report their vaccinations to [Public Health](#).

### Is your child due for vaccines?

Go to [Immunization Connect](#) to review your child's immunization history and check the **Immunizations Needed** section for missing vaccines.

If your child is missing any vaccines, book an appointment to get them vaccinated. Vaccines are available at healthcare providers' offices, walk-in clinics or Public Health vaccination clinics.

Bring your yellow card or immunization record print out from [Immunization Connect \(ICON\)](#) to each vaccine visit. This will help you and your health-care provider keep an up-to-date record of which vaccines have been received.



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[niagararegion.ca/vaccines](https://niagararegion.ca/vaccines)

**Can't find any immunization records?** Here are some [tips](#) to help you.

- **Previous healthcare providers** will keep records for a limited time. Also check with local health units, your pharmacist, and any urgent care clinics, as well as hospital emergency departments.
- **At home** – Close family members such as parents or guardians may have copies of your childhood immunizations in old papers, including baby books and school or camp forms.

- **Schools, colleges, universities or other post-secondary institutions** may still have records for you or your child.
- **Previous employers**, including the military, may still have records from your employment.

If your family is having trouble with locating or transferring immunization records, please [contact the Vaccine Team](#) and a nurse will discuss what needs to be done. Translation services are also provided.

## Eating Disorders Awareness Week

From **February 1st to 7th 2025** join, National Eating Disorder Information Centre (NEDIC) and eating disorder groups nationwide that come together to observe [Eating Disorder Awareness Week](#). This dedicated week of action aims to educate the public about eating disorders, raising awareness of their impact, dispelling harmful stereotypes and myths, and highlighting available support for those living with or affected by these disorders.

Discover the support services provided by the National Eating Disorder Information Centre for [parents and caregivers](#). Below are some resources worth exploring:

- [Niagara Region x National Eating Disorder Information Centre “Transform the Narrative” Livestream](#)
- [A Parents' and Caregivers' Guide to Supporting Youth with Eating Disorders](#)
- [A Guide to Discussing Your Concerns with Your Child's Primary Care Provider](#)
- [Coping Strategies for Families and Partners of an Individual Living With an Eating Disorder](#)

## Family Day



Family Day is coming up on **Monday, February 17th** and it's a great chance to spend time with loved ones Whether it's starting a new tradition like a family hike, playing outdoors, trying a nutritious recipe, or enjoying a fun board game together, this Family Day can be all about building lasting memories and promoting a healthy lifestyle.

To support you in making Family Day a meaningful occasion, we invite you to explore local programs and events to make the most of the day and keep your family active, engaged, and healthy!

- **Explore an EarlyON centre**, providing free, high-quality drop-in programs for children from birth to six years of age. Click [here](#) to access their family day calendar!
- **The local Performing Arts Centre** has a full day of exciting events for all ages. Check out their [schedule](#) and enjoy a variety of activities happening throughout the day.
- **Visit the Merriton Community Centre** on February 15th for their annual Family Fun Day
- **Find a new adventure spot** in a [regional walking or hiking trail](#)
- **Check your [local public library](#)** for free family day activities

