



# St. Ann March Flyer

St. Ann Catholic Elementary is part of the Notre Dame Catholic Family of Schools



MARCH, 2025

## ASH WEDNESDAY MASS and THE LENTEN SEASON



On Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. Fr. Jasek will celebrate our Ash Wednesday Mass. Mrs. Sahota's Grade 5-6 class will serve as the Ministers of the Word and our Choir will provide the gift of music. All are welcome to attend!

Although the Lenten season often seems to be cold and the landscape barren, we need to look with hope to the promise of Easter and the Spring season that comes with it. Lent is a wonderful season during our liturgical year to share the concepts of prayer, fasting and almsgiving with our children. To this end, our Intermediate Student Council will be coordinating a Food Drive from throughout the Lenten Season. Thank you for your continued support.



## SHROVE TUESDAY/ASH WEDNESDAY

On the morning of Tuesday, March 4, 2025 we will be serving pancakes to our entire school. Thank you to our Catholic School Council for their efforts to bring events like this to our students. Special thanks to the Bering family for generously donating the maple syrup for our pancakes!



## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

For families who have a child for Kindergarten (age 4 as at December 31, 2025) for September, 2025 school year start, we encourage you to register as soon as possible. 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.

Full Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program



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.

## 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!



## **SCIENCE FAIR**

We hosted our St. Ann Science Fair on Friday, February 7, 2025. It was a wonderful event for our Grade 5 - 8 students. Brock University adjudicated the projects in the morning and Parents (and Grandparents) visited in the afternoon. The top projects, listed below, will be invited to apply to the Niagara Regional Science and Engineering Fair on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025.



### ***Top Juvenile (Gr. 5-6) Projects***

1. *Leela T./Elia K. Green Gone Wrong*
2. *Giorgia C. To Fizz or not to Fizz*
3. *Emmett S. In Rocky Waters*
4. *Scarlett M. Crystal Clear*
5. *Gabriel B. Electrolyte Power*

### ***Top Junior (Gr. 7-8) Projects***

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| 1. <i>Carlee B./Emma B.</i>          | <i>Toothpaste Tango</i>         |
| 2. <i>Elia C.</i>                    | <i>You Are What You Breathe</i> |
| 3. <i>Sofia I.</i>                   | <i>The Power of Perception</i>  |
| 4. <i>Will B./Adrian V./Paige M.</i> | <i>Gaming: Retro vs. Modern</i> |
| 5. <i>Evie B./Paige D./Bea M.</i>    | <i>Beat the Heat</i>            |

Enjoy some photos of our Science Fair.



## **JUNIOR BASKETBALL**

Our junior girls' and boys' basketball teams competed at the Family of Schools tournaments at Notre Dame in February. Both teams competed and played with all elements of fair play that we expect in our Catholic Community. Enjoy the photos of the two teams!



## **FROM THE HeART GALLERY**

Congratulations to Brayden S.; Brianna T.; and Elia C. for having their art pieces selected to represent St. Ann school at the From the HeART Gallery at the Catholic Education Centre on Monday, February 10, 2025. Enjoy the photos for the event below.



## **KIDS HELPING KIDS**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Kids Helping Kids campaign this year! This year marked the 27<sup>th</sup> year that all schools in the Niagara Catholic District School Board participated in the ***Kids Helping Kids*** fundraiser. 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.

As a school community, we raised \$462.00 toward the campaign! Thank you for supporting!



## **GRADUATION**

Our Grade Eight Graduation Committee is requesting that all grade eight parents save the date of Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 for the Grade Eight Graduation Ceremony. More details will follow.



## **LITERACY CORNER**

Learning to read is complex. Children don't learn one reading-related skill and then move on to the next in a step-by-step process. Instead, they are learning to do many things at the same time: decoding, reading with comfortable fluency, absorbing new vocabulary, understanding what the text says, and discovering that reading is pleasurable and builds knowledge about the world.

When children are read to regularly, when they play with letters and engage in word games, and later, when they receive formal reading instruction, they begin to understand how the system of print functions; that is, print on a page is read from left to right and from top to bottom; that sentences start with capital letters and end with periods, and much, much more.

Reading with your children is an excellent use of time.



## **MATH CORNER Conservation in Counting**

Understanding that the count for a set group of objects stays the same no matter whether they are spread out or close together. If a student counts a group of items that are close together and then needs to recount after you spread them out, they may not have developed an understanding of the principle of conservation.

Counting and Quantity Tip: Avoid Rushing to Symbols

It is all too common that we rush towards symbols in mathematics and counting is no different. Help children develop a firm grasp of the quantity associated with each number concretely before we formally introduce the symbolic form of number.



## **Conservation**

The count for a set group stays the same no matter whether the distance between the objects are spread out or close together.

# Trivia Night

April 25th

Doors open at 6:30pm, game starts at 7:00pm

Fire Station #2  
766 Welland Road

Tickets | Tables of 8  
**\$25** | **\$200**

Pizza and snacks provided  
Cash bar available

Purchase Tickets at School Cash Online

Donations Welcome

Deadline to drop off donations April 17th



\*Funds raised go to support field trips and educational upgrades\*



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*"We are a Christ-centered Catholic faith community that celebrates diversity and fosters spiritual growth, inspiring all to reach their full potential in mind, body and spirit."*

