

ST. PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

March 2025 Newsletter



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Principal's Message

February was an extremely busy month at St. Peter. Term 1 Report Cards were completed and available via our parent portal. All students participated in the annual Kids-Helping-Kids Campaign where we helped raise funds for the Niagara Children's Centre and

the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education and enjoyed some fun-filled theme days as well as our first winter carnival. Our classes also participated in a variety of activities for Black History Month. Our intermediate basketball teams were extremely busy this month, with both teams

participating in the NCDSB invitational tournament as well as the Board tournament . The Denis Morris Invitational this month will be another opportunity for our teams to demonstrate their skill. March promises to be busy as well as we begin our Lenten Journey, and prepare to celebrate Easter, the most important weekend in our Catholic Calendar. March break a gives everyone a well deserved break from school. On March 17 we celebrate the feast day of St. Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland. March 19th is the feast day of St. Joseph, Jesus' father and the husband of Mary. St. Joseph was a carpenter and is the Patron Saint of Workers. Spring begins later this month and with it we welcome longer and brighter days.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. K. Lamb

Principal

Called by Name: "Come, Follow Me"

Speakers often ask, "Do you follow me?" to make sure you understand. You can hear someone speaking, but to truly understand them, you have to listen. We often hear the words of Jesus in the Bible, at school, and during Mass. But are we taking the time to really follow what Jesus is saying? Jesus calls each of us to follow Him. Part of following Jesus means listening to His words, understanding His message, and living it out each day. What's one way you can follow Jesus more closely? How will you start building that habit today?



Lent: 40 days of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

"Teach us to give and not count the cost."

St. Ignatius Loyola

Ash Wednesday, which falls on March 4th this year begins the liturgical season of Lent. Our classes will be participating in a number of activities and prayer services during this time. Throughout the season of Lent we reflect upon the great sacrifice of Christ on the Cross. When Jesus calls us to be His disciples, He is challenging us to live lives of compassion and action recognizing that it isn't easy to truly sacrifice and give ourselves for one another. When we care about the people around us, we desire to reduce their suffering and hardships. May we take time this month to reflect upon what we can sacrifice to ease the suffering and hardship of others as we continue on our mission as disciples of Christ.

World Down Syndrome Day

World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD) is an annual March 21st celebration and global awareness day officially observed by the United Nations since 2012. March 21st (3/21) was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome.



EPILEPSY AWARENESS- DAY MARCH 26

Epilepsy Awareness Day on March 26th aims to increase the public's knowledge of a neurological condition affecting nearly 50 million people worldwide. Also known as Purple Day, people are encouraged to wear purple in support of epilepsy awareness.



The neurological condition, epilepsy, impacts the central nervous system causing seizures and other symptoms.

ECCO Club News – March Edition

March is a big month for environmental action at St. Peter's Catholic Elementary! Our ECCO Club is excited to take part in the *Big Gulp Challenge*, encouraging students to ditch single-use plastic bottles and embrace reusable water bottles to reduce waste. We're also gearing up for the *Great Big Crunch*, where the entire school will take a synchronized bite into a crisp apple to celebrate healthy, local food choices. Looking ahead, Earth Day is just around the corner in April, and our ECCO Club is already planning special activities to inspire eco-friendly habits. Let's all do our part this month to protect our planet—one sip, one crunch, and one action at a time!



Online Kindergarten Registration

During February we hosted our kindergarten open house and registration. Registration for Kindergarten can be completed online at anytime. The following documents are necessary for registration:



- Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate
- Immunization Record
- Birth Certificate
- Proof of Address
- Non-Catholic Form if registering as a non-Catholic.

Please complete the online registration by clicking the Register button on the NCDSB website niagaracatholic.ca and then you can call St. Peter to arrange to drop off the necessary documentation. You are also welcome to send digital copies at your earliest convenience. We encourage you to explore all that Niagara Catholic has to offer and look forward to welcoming your child to the Niagara Catholic family.



Daylight Savings

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday March 9th at 2:00am. Don't forget to move your clocks forward 1 hour on Saturday night before bedtime.

March Break 10-14

School will be closed from March 10-14. Students will return to school on Monday, March 17th. Staff and students can wear green on the first day back to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Please know that



students will be reminded to bring home all personal belongings, including all clothing, footwear, and learning materials. Parents are asked to please remind their child(ren) to ensure that all their items are brought home prior to dismissal on the last day before the March Break.

Sports Corner

The Intermediate Girls Basketball Team has had a busy past couple of months. At the end of January, this exceptional team participated in the Niagara Classic Invitational Tournament where 16 teams from across the board battled it out to become Tournament Champions. The girls' team went undefeated in all of their first 5 games and advanced to the finals to play a very talented Mary Ward Team. Unfortunately, the girls were one basket short of clinching the title and lost 36-34 but Ms. D was so proud of their grit and determination. As the girls advanced to the Top Tiered Division of the Board Championship, we knew that each game was going to be a tough battle. The girls started off strong, beating last year's champions, St. Alexander 21-15 but then falling short to 2 exceptional teams of Mary Ward and Fatima Grimsby. The girls have one more Friendly Tournament at Denis Morris on March 19th. Ms. D'Addario is very proud of these exceptional girls led by our Grade 8's, Skyla, Olivia, Moyosore, Lexi, Addyson, Tess and Siena. We are very fortunate to have these fabulous Grade 7s returning next year to lead the team, Charlotte, Sabina, Hannah and Shekinah. A special thank you to Sophie for being team manager and a very special thank you to Mr. Morosin for all his help this year. Well done girls!



Intermediate Boys Basketball

Congratulations to our Intermediate Boys Basketball team on an incredible season!

The team competed at Canada Games, starting with a hard-fought game that ended in a narrow one-point loss. However, they showed resilience, bouncing back with two strong wins to advance to the semifinals. There, we faced a tough St. Alexander team and, despite our best efforts, came up short by 12 points.

Beyond the tournament, our season was filled with great competition, including exhibition games against St. Ann's and St. Anthony, as well as participation in the Niagara Classic Invitational Tournament.

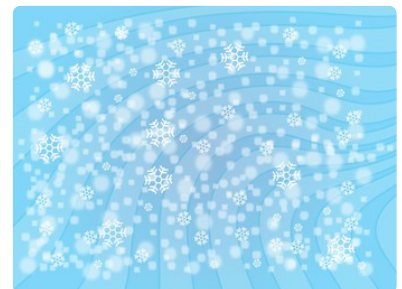
Congratulations to the entire team for your hard work, dedication, and growth throughout the season. Your teamwork, effort, and sportsmanship have made us all proud!

Team members consisted of: Lucas MS, Chidubem, Luka, Matthew, Jackson F, Nolan, Lucas R, Christian, Hunter , Evan and Sam.

Inclement Weather Procedure

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, CHECK OUR BOARD WEB-SITE FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE INFORMATION, LOOK FOR A MESSAGE FROM THE NCDSB IN SCHOOL MESSENGER AND LISTEN TO YOUR LOCAL RADIO STATION 105.7 FM & 1220 AM FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS!

CHECK Niagara Catholic District School Board website at www.niagaracatholic.ca.





St. Peter Bell Times

Supervision begins at 8:15 a.m.

Morning Bell rings at 8:30 a.m.

Nutrition Break #1 10:40 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Outside Recess 11:00 a.m. - 11:20 am

Nutrition Break #2 12:40 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Outside Recess 1:00p.m. - 1:20 p.m.-

Dismissal 2:50 p.m.

SAFE ARRIVAL/SCHOOL MESSENGER

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL WITH ANY CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGES.

Please use the Safe Arrival system to report all absences and lates for your child. You can report an absence by:

PHONE - 1-844-287-6287

ONLINE: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>

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