



St. Teresa of Calcutta Chronicle



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PA DAY

Just a reminder that **Friday April 4th 2025** is a PA Day for all elementary students. No school today!



GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER MONDAY

Just a reminder that Friday April 18th is Good Friday and Monday April 21st is Easter Monday. Therefore, there will be no school on either of these days. Please take the time to rest and enjoy a wonderful long weekend with your families during this blessed season.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS



On Thursday, April 17th, 2025, Mr. Ukrainetz's grade 7 class will lead a liturgy depicting the Stations of the Cross for grades K – 8 students. Thank-you to Mr. Ukrainetz and his students.

EASTER FOOD DRIVE



Once again this year the students of St. Teresa of Calcutta will be organizing and collecting food for the St. Vincent De Paul Society for our Easter Food Drive. The food drive will begin on Monday April the 7th and end on Wednesday April 16th 2025. Donations will be picked up on that day. Thank-you for your support!

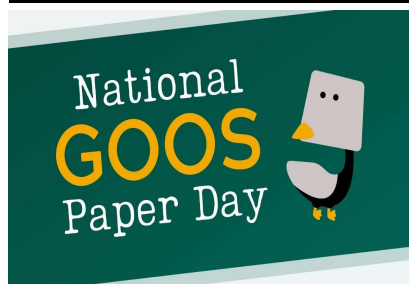
JUNGLESPOORT



Climbing has been an integral part of physical education since the advent of indoor gymnasiums. JungleSport recognizes the importance of the natural method of physical education and has developed a modern climbing apparatus to give schools the ability to re-introduce these fundamental skills to their curriculum. JungleSport is coming to St. Teresa of Calcutta School the **week of April 28th**. **All students** will have the opportunity to participate a minimum of twice that week in this exciting event. A full functioning indoor climbing structure will be set up in the gym which will also be supported by 2 instructors (from JungleSport) daily. All physical activities will be grade appropriate. Thanks to our COBs fundraiser the parent council was able to pay for all of the cost and there will be no cost to parents. A waiver will be coming home the second week of April that must be completed in order for a child to participate. Please see the link below for some information on JungleSport:

<https://www.junglesport.com/#junglesport>

NATIONAL GOOS PAPER DAY



Join students, teachers, workplaces, and families across the country on Thursday April 3rd to celebrate **National GOOS Paper Day**. **GOOS** stands for **Good On One Side**. GOOS paper is paper that has been used on one side, but is still blank and usable on the other side. Using GOOS paper means ensuring both sides of a piece of paper are used before it is recycled.

WORLD AUTISM DAY



World Autism Day is **Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025** and will be celebrated across all Niagara Catholic District Board schools. Students are encouraged to wear **tie dye shirts or any colour shirt** on this day to highlight the differences we all have. This effort can help to raise awareness in support of initiatives being developed locally or provincially to increase the understanding and acceptance of people with Autism around the world.

HANDBALL TEAM

On Thursday, May 1st our Jr. Girls and Boys Handball teams (Grades 4-6) will be travelling to St. Francis High School to participate in the NCDSB Family of Schools Tournament. Throughout the month of April try-outs will be taking place. Good Luck to both of our teams.



INTRAMURAL HANDBALL



Currently our PTM Physical Education Teacher is working with our grade 2 & 3 students to teach them the rules of Handball. They have been working with them for the past week and when we return from Easter break we will start our Grade 2/3 Co-ed Handball League. Our Grade 8 students will be the coaches and our teachers will be running the games during lunch recess in the gym. We look forward to fun and skill development for all students. Any students who would like to play will be put on a team.

EARTH WEEK

During Earth week, from April 20th-27th, we will be collecting old batteries to encourage proper recycling. Please bring the old batteries in a ziplock bag. Below is a list of acceptable and unacceptable batteries.



Acceptable batteries

- Standard A, AA, AAA, C, D, 6V, 9V
- Lithium
- Mercury
- Rechargeable batteries (Lithium Ion, Nickel Cadmium, Small Sealed Lead Acid)

Unaccepted batteries

- Car batteries (wet lead acid batteries)
- Leaking batteries



Thank you for your support!

ECO DOOR DECORATING CHALLENGE

God calls us to be stewards of His beautiful creation, and we can do our part by reducing waste and reusing materials! Our school is taking on an **Eco Door Decorating Challenge** using only recycled and repurposed items. By turning old materials into something new, we are showing love for God's world and caring for our planet. Let's get creative and inspire others to reduce, reuse, and recycle—one door at a time! Doors will be completed by Thursday April 3rd.



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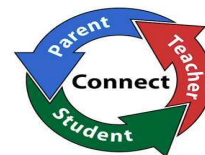


On March 25th the students from Grades 4 to 8 represented our school at the NCDSB Chess Tournament taking place at St. Mary's School in Niagara Falls. Our Team 1 Juniors won the Gold Medal. Team 2 Juniors came in 5th. Both of our Intermediate teams placed 5th. Congratulations to all teams and thank-you to Mr. Kwinecki for coaching.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 29th, 2025 at 5:45 pm.

The meetings for the Catholic School Council will be noted on the calendar monthly. A presentation will be made to council regarding the parameters around class size and class organization & information about class trips for the upcoming year. Everyone is welcome!



GRADE EIGHT GRADUATION



The Graduation student sub-committee at the school has been diligently planning for the Grade Eight Graduation of 2025. The date has been reserved for **Tuesday, June 24th, 2025**. The Ceremony will begin at 5:00 p.m. at The Holiday Inn and Suites St. Catharines Conference Centre. At approximately 6:30 p.m. the students will participate in their dinner and party at Parkway Social. Parents are asked to pick up their child(ren) at approximately 9 p.m.

Any parents wishing to assist that evening please contact Mrs. Simpson directly via e-mail. It promises to be a wonderful evening for our graduates.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

It is still not too late to register your child for KINDERGARTEN (age 4 as at December 31, 2025) for September, 2025 school year start. We encourage all families 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.



We are very excited to have more students join our St. Teresa of Calcutta Family and the extended Family of Niagara Catholic.

For registration, you are reminded to bring in the child(ren)'s:

- ☐ Birth Certificate;
- ☐ Immunization Records;
- ☐ 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.

LATE SLIPS



In order to be more ECO friendly we have moved away from providing students with 'Physical Late Slips'. Mrs. Olsson now records when the student comes into the building through Safe Arrival. Parents are to encourage their children to be at school on time by 8:25 a.m. Students arriving late are asked to report to the office to acknowledge they have arrived safely into the building. All parents must report to the office to sign out their child once the school day has started.

CLASSROOM ORGANIZATION for 2025 - 2026

Plans are in the preliminary stages for the 2024-2025 school year. While we await approval from the board office on the number of classes and teachers required, we ask that you submit any specific requests concerning academic and social grouping placements in writing to the office by April 30th, 2025, to the attention of Mr. Morawek. Many situations unfold from now until the beginning of a new school year. As experts in education, we will consider all requests, but we will base all student placement decisions on what is in the *best interest of the entire student grade-level community at St. Teresa of Calcutta*. These decisions are made in good faith and based on, but not necessarily limited to, the following considerations: individual needs of students; academic strengths, weaknesses and needs; social and emotional needs of the students; special needs; resource support requirements and personnel allocation; and classroom teacher strengths.



EQAO ASSESSMENT 2025

The Grade 3 and Grade 6 Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics will take place from May 8th – June 12th, 2025.

Grade 3 EQAO assessment will be written from **May 26th to May 30th**

Grade 6 EQAO assessment will be written from **June 2nd – June 6th**



Parents of our Grade 3 & Grade 6 students are asked to please plan vacations, appointments and/or other absences around these dates as attendance during these assessment times is vital.

Parents can view the following video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jGSF2KmwZQY> to look at types of questions and samples of past assessments to provide practice with students at home.

APRIL IS ORAL HEALTH MONTH

Keeping your child's teeth healthy

Children can receive a free fluoride varnish application from the Niagara Region Public Health dental program. Fluoride varnish is a protective coating that is painted onto the teeth with a tiny brush. It helps reduce cavities if applied twice a year.

Why do we recommend fluoride varnish?

- Tooth decay is the number one chronic disease of children
- In the 2015/2016 school year over 25,000 school-aged children were screened by Public Health. 39 per cent of those school-aged children were identified having as having cavities.
- Untreated cavities can lead to difficulties eating and sleeping, self-esteem issues, decreased school performance and attendance, pain, discomfort, infection and poor overall health
- Fluoride is not added to Niagara's drinking water



Tips to keep your child's teeth healthy...

1. Brush teeth **two times** per day

2. **Use** a pea-sized portion of **fluoride** toothpaste
3. Spend **two minutes** brushing each time with help from an adult
4. Floss daily
5. Provide a healthy diet and limit sugary drinks, sticky candy and snacks. **Water is best.**
6. Schedule regular dental checkups at least once a year (cleaning, fluoride varnish application and sealants).

For more information on dental services and programs please call the Dental Health Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399 or visit www.niagararegion.ca/health.

REMEMBER TOOTH DECAY IS A PREVENTABLE DISEASE!



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