

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School

Principal: Mr. J. Romano Superintendent: Mr. D. Massi

Pastor: Father G. Schmidt

April 2025 Newsletter



April at a Glance

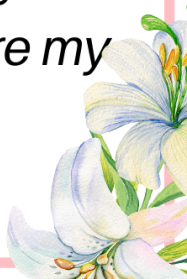
- 3.....Pickleball Instruction Jr. Ant. Grades
- 4.....PA Day (No School for students)
- 7.....Science Presentation (Gr. 5/6P)
- 10.....Syrup the Bunny Kindergarten Visit
- 11.....Jump Rope for Heart Kick-Off Assembly
- 11.....Student Council Elections (Grade 6 students)
- 11.....Science Presentation (Gr. 2 and Gr. 3)
- 14.....Purdy's Chocolate Pick Up
- 15.....Science Presentation (Gr. 8M)
- 18.....Good Friday (No School)
- 21.....Easter Monday (No School)
- 22.....Easter Mass at OLOS Church @ 9:30 a.m.
- 22.....Making of Rosaries (8M)
- 23.....Pickleball Tournament at OLOHR School (8M)
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- 24.....Delta Bingo Night (adults)
- 25.....Trivia Night (adults)
- 25.....Out of Dress Code Day
- 29.....#dowhatyoucant Assembly
- 30.....Confirmation Rehearsal



An Easter Prayer

Lord,
today I remember your
resurrection this Easter, and
rejoice in the victory you
have won over death.
You have given me the
hope of eternal life, and I
praise you because you
took my pain and bore my
suffering.

Amen.





LOTS OF SOCKS

On March 21st, our students all came dressed in their wackiest, most mismatched and most colourful socks as we recognized World Down Syndrome Day. We also had Tobias Special Edition Socks for sale. We are pleased to present the Niagara Children's Centre a cheque for \$450.00 in Tobias' name. Thank you to our Rock Your Socks Ambassador Tobias and to Mrs. Sirianni for leading this initiative. Thank you to our wonderful community for supporting!



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
- *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. 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 enroll 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.



TRIVIA NIGHT 2025

Our Trivia Night is taking place on Friday, April 25th. Tickets are going fast so don't be left out. It is a great night of fun! Your \$20 ticket includes: a night of trivia, chances for door prizes, wonderful food including pasta, meatballs, pizza and salad. There is also a cash bar (we also accept debit/credit), a penny raffle table and main draw raffles. Prizes are also awarded to the top team. Visit School Cash Online or simply scan the QR code posted on the exterior doors of the school to be directed to School Cash (sign out as guest is possible so no sign up required).

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR INTERMEDIATE GIRLS AND BOYS BASKETBALL TEAMS



Thank you to Mr. Porga and Mr. Niewesteege for coaching our Boys' Intermediate Basketball team. Their tournament took place at St. Paul High School. The boys played well, showing good sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the day. The boys ended the tournament with a 1-2 record. Great job boys. You made us very proud! Team members were: Travis G., Isaac R., Nathan T., Christian O., Avery S., Winston H., Layken C., Nicky R., Jackson S., Jaxon S. and Gabriel S. Thank you to our volunteer parent drivers. Our Girls' Intermediate Basketball team competed at the Canada Games Facility, showcasing incredible teamwork and sportsmanship. Thank you to Mr. Spiotti for coaching. Thank you also to our volunteer parent drivers. Team members were: Kaitlyn S., Lucia S., Kylie F., Mia C., Natalia S., Lila D., Elisa C., Sarah K., Vanessa W., Skylar M., Brianna W., and Joya F. The team had a challenging yet commendable performance. Congratulations to all the players for their hard work and dedication. You make us proud!



PURDY'S CHOCOLATES

Thank you to all of our families for supporting our Purdy's Chocolates drive. Thank you to Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Lambert for leading this initiative. All orders will be delivered on Monday April 14th, just in time for Easter! All profits raised by this initiative will go towards student technology. Many thanks again!



SHROVE TUESDAY

Thank you to Mrs. Rosano and our amazing Alternate Lunch members for organizing our Pancake Day for Shrove Tuesday (March 4th). Students received hot and delicious pancakes from iHop. Parents organizing, delivered and help distribute pancakes to all students and staff. Days like this one would not be possible without many hands on deck. If you are available to assist with food days, please reach out to Mrs. Rosano or Mrs. Lambert by emailing: SVDPCSC@outlook.com.



THE GREAT GULP



Also on March 21st, the staff and students of SVDP celebrated World Water Day by joining people across Canada taking part in "The Great Gulp". "The Great Gulp" invites everyone to take a collective drink of tap water from a reusable bottle, glass, or mug, in regions where safe and healthy tap water is accessible. By taking part in this whimsical event, students learned of interesting water facts, and of the benefits of using reusable bottles. Students were excited to take part in this event and to be given some time to think about their use of water and why it is so important to protect this resource. We are all proud to be doing our part here at SVDP acting as stewards of our beautiful earth. As always staff and students are encouraged to bring a reusable bottle or cup to school each day and make use of our hydration stations within the school.



SPIRIT WEAR STORE IS ALWAYS OPEN!

If you are interested in ordering spirit wear for your child, please visit the link below.



St. Vincent de Paul Catholic (Elementary School Spirit Wear)

IMPORTANT ***in NOTES, please include students name and teacher for easier distribution*...

Maddalena Apparel & Embroidery



CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL



Our next Catholic School Council meeting will be held on May 5th at 5:30 p.m. in the school library. New parents are always welcome! If you are interested in serving as a CSC parent member, please reach email: SVDPCSC@outlook.com.



MASTER WON TAEKWONDO EDUKICKS PROGRAM

Our Edukicks taekwondo program runs the first two weeks of April, (4 classes), with the fifth class taking place at the Taekwondo studio (graduation ceremony). Thank you to Mr. Won for donating all of the registration fees back to St. Vincent de Paul. Classes are on March 31st, April 2nd, April 7th and April 9th in the school gymnasium.

SWISS (HALET.



APRIL HOT LUNCH DATES



Pasta Fresca - April 1, 15

Swiss Chalet - April 8, 22, 29

Carmine's Pizza - April 3, 10, 17, 24



Delta

BINGO ▶ GAMING ▶ ONLINE



DELTA BINGO



On Thursday, April 24th at 6:00 p.m. is our very first BINGO night. Thank you to Mrs. Rosano for securing us this new license. St. Vincent de Paul Bingo nights will take place once a month at Delta Bingo (4735 Drummond Road, Niagara Falls). Mrs. Rosano has been searching for 3 volunteers for each month. If you are able to assist, please reach out to Mrs. Rosano. Your role is simply to be present at the bingo night. Thanks to this new license, we will be given additional funds for the school from OLG Gaming. Securing this license was a lengthy process and we would like to thank Mrs. Rosano for doing all the heavy lifting! Monies each year will go towards Field Trip subsidies, presentations, clubs, sports, technology, snacks, etc. If you are able to sign up for one session a year (a two hour commitment, we will be able to keep this license for many years to come. We are one of only a handful of schools in Niagara to have a bingo license and we are very grateful for this opportunity. Please email your interest to Linda Rosano at: SVDPCSC@outlook.com.



**Intermediate
Team
7th place**



**Junior Team 1
Gold
Medalists**



**Junior Team 2
Bronze
Medalists**



**CONGRATULATIONS
CHESS TEAMS!**



On Thursday, March 27th, our Junior and Intermediate Chess Teams travelled to St. Mary School in Niagara Falls to compete in their first tournament. All three teams represented St. Vincent de Paul with good sportsmanship and tremendous skill. Our Intermediate team finished in 7th out of 12 teams. Our Junior Team 2 finished the competition in 3rd place, capturing the bronze medal. Our Junior Team 1 finished the tournament in 1st team, winning the gold medal. This team will now move on to the Board Championship, taking place on April 9th at the Seaway Mall. Thank you to Mr. Porga for preparing and practicing with the teams during his lunch time. Our Intermediate Team members were: Sawyer H., Travis G., Jaxon S., Zayan K., Jaxon S., and Nathan T. Our Junior 1 team consisted of: Nate A., Max W., Kegan R., John K., Leo M., and Gurnoor B. Our Junior 2 team members were: Pio F., Owen K., Gio F., Jackson D., Jacob T., and Chase B. Great job everyone! You made St. Vincent de Paul very proud!



**OUR LADY OF THE
SCAPULAR CHURCH**



**EASTER MASS
APRIL 22nd**



Our Easter Mass will be taking place on April 22nd at Our Lady of the Scapular Church. Mass will begin at 9:30 a.m. If your schedule allows, please join us for mass. Thank you to Mrs. Reich for preparing our readers and gift bearers. Thank you to Mrs. Futino Vacca and Miss DeBlasis for preparing our choir.

#dowhatyoucant and St. Paul High School Award Recipients for March

On March 26th, we had our #dowhatyoucant monthly assembly. We recognized 11 new recipients, along with 2 St. Paul High School Students of the Month. Congratulations to the following students:

Mrs. Sirianni & Mrs. Blakely's class

Aairah K.

Mrs. D'Aiuto's class

Rylee B.

Miss Orsini's class

Ashton S.

Mrs. Futino-Vacca's class

Jackson B. (February), and Julia D. (March)

Miss DeBlasis' class

Senna M.

Mrs. Reich's class

Daniel D.

Mrs. Ramunno's class

Gabriella G.

Mr. Porga's class

Avery F.

Mr. Spiotti's class

Skylar M.

Mrs. Mascia's class

Lila D.



St. Paul High School Students of the Month

Myra B.
Annabelle R.

Door prizes,
raffles and
draws

LOTS OF
FUN!

Prizes for
winning
tables

St. Vincent de Paul Trivia Night

April 25, 2025

Open to anyone
19 years of age
or older

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

First question at 7:00 p.m.

\$20 per person

Proceeds raised go towards the
purchase of new technology

Call 905-356-7505 or email
stvincentdepaul@ncdsb.com
for tickets, or order
through School
Cash Online.

Food, Snacks
and dessert

Cash Bar -
Liquor Licensed
Event

Funds used for
technology



What is included in my \$20.00 ticket?

A fun night of trivia, door prize ticket, delicious food including pasta, meatballs, pizza, salad and dessert and coffee. There is also a cash bar, a penny raffle table, and main draw raffles. We accept cash and interac debit. Prizes are also awarded to the top team.

Click on the link below to order your tickets or scan the QR code using the poster on all our exterior doors.

<https://ncdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/123900/73/False/True>



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS NIAGARA CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (NCPIC) MEMBERSHIP 2025-2026



The Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) supports the Mission of Catholic education and the Mission, Vision and Values of the Niagara Catholic District School Board by providing a communication link to parents/guardians, Catholic School Councils, the Diocese, the Director of Education, and the Board. The NCPIC promotes active parent/guardian engagement within all schools for the improvement of student achievement and well-being of all students in the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

The NCPIC membership is made up of parents/guardians, community and student representatives, the Bishop of the Diocese of St. Catharines or his appointed representative, principals, teachers, support staff, the Director of Education or designate, the appointed Superintendent of Education and Trustees. The Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meets on the first Thursday of the month, on a bi-monthly basis (or as noted) at the Catholic Education Centre from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Meetings are open to the public, livestreamed and recorded.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

The Niagara Catholic District School Board is seeking to appoint up to three (3) community representatives for the 2025-2026 school year to the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee. Interested parties are to complete and submit the Community Representative Form, along with a letter of recommendation supporting the nomination from the community agency, association, or organization addressed to **Danny Di Lorenzo, Chair of the Board no later than 4:00 p.m., on Friday, May 16, 2025.**

PARENT/GUARDIAN REPRESENTATIVES

To be eligible for election/appointment as a parent/guardian representative to the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee, a person:

- must be a parent/guardian of a student enrolled in a school of the Niagara Catholic District School Board;
- must reside within the jurisdiction of the Board;
- must support the Mission, Vision and Values of the Niagara Catholic District School Board; and
- must fully participate in the annual Commissioning Ceremony of NCPIC members.

Available parent/guardian positions for the 2025-2026 Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Membership are as follows:

Fort Erie/Port Colborne/Wainfleet	2 positions	Parent/Guardian Representatives
Grimsby/Lincoln/West Lincoln	1 position	Parent/Guardian Representative
Thorold/Merritton	2 positions	Parent/Guardian Representatives
Niagara Falls	2 positions	Parent/Guardian Representatives
St. Catharines/Niagara-on-the-Lake	2 positions	Parent/Guardian Representatives
Welland/Pelham	1 position	Parent/Guardian Representative

Interested parents/guardians are to complete and submit the parent/guardian nomination form **no later than 4:00 p.m., on Friday, May 16, 2025.** Nomination forms are available at the school and on the Board website. Please click on the link: [Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee](#).

Please send nomination forms to: Catholic Education Centre
427 Rice Road
Welland, ON L3C 7C1
Attention: Yvonne Anderson
or by email to: yvonne.anderson@ncdsb.com

Niagara Region Public Health School Health Newsletter

April 2025

Connecting the Curriculum to Home

Your child might start learning about various parts of healthy human growth and development based on their grade and the [Ontario Health and Physical Education \(2019\) curriculum](#). One important topic that is covered is consent.

Starting the Conversation of Consent: Connecting The Curriculum to Home

(Parents of Elementary aged students)

With our School Health Nurses



Our Public Health Nurses Jenn and Austin discuss how to start the conversation of consent, and how to connect the curriculum to home.

- Watch here: [Starting the Conversation of Consent - Connecting the Curriculum to Home](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions about Puberty](#) as your child starts learning more about human development, our school health team wants to support adults with answering some of those tricky questions.

Happy Oral Health Month!

The Niagara Region Public Health Dental Program offers FREE dental clinics for children and youth 17 and under throughout Niagara.

Appointments are available at the following locations:

Office Location	Day and Time
Niagara Falls Public Health Office 7835 McLeod Rd	Mondays 11:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Niagara Region Headquarters 1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way	Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.
Welland Public Health Office 200 Division Street	Thursdays 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.



[Niagara’s Mobile Dental Clinic](#) also travels around Niagara to various locations throughout the week.

All of our dental clinics offer free dental assessments, cleanings, fluoride and sealants. To book an appointment [contact the Dental Program](#) or [book a dental assessment online](#).

Let's Talk Vaping

Even for elementary students, there's a good chance that kids have been exposed to vaping — whether at school, through friends, on social media, or in movies and TV shows. From one parent to another, learn the basics about vaping in just 12 minutes.



<https://www.notanexperiment.ca/parents/>

Be Safe for Niagara

It can be overwhelming to try to navigate mental health supports in Niagara. With the [Be Safe app](#), you can get the help you need, when you need it most. Be Safe is a free mobile app that offers information and links to mental health, addiction and suicide prevention resources in Niagara. It helps support you through the process of reaching out when life feels overwhelming.

The Be Safe App in Niagara:

- Allows users to create a digital safety plan
- Informs users about mental health and addiction resources in Niagara
- Helps you be prepared if you find yourself in a crisis

For more information, please visit <https://besafeapp.ca/>

You can download the app on the [App Store](#) or [Google play](#).

