



# ST. PATRICK

# NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2025

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*As we come to the end of Lent this month, and prepare to celebrate Easter, I want to express my gratitude for the faith, reflection, and kindness our students and families have shown during this season of sacrifice and prayer.*

*Easter is a time of renewal and hope, reminding us of God's love and the promise of new beginnings. May the joy of the resurrection fill your hearts with peace and blessings this season.*

*Wishing you all a blessed and joyful Easter!*

*~ Ms. Romano*

### Important thanks and reminders for parents and guardians:

- Thank you for dropping off and picking up students in the church parking lot. This has helped keep the yard less congested.
- **When picking up children at the end of the day, please keep the church parking lot gateway clear so that children can exit safely and get to their parents**
- **A reminder that our dismissal is 3:25pm. Please be on time when picking up your children at the end of the day.**
- **Kindergarten parents, please drop off your children at the gated area and then leave the property. It makes it easier for children to say goodbye and begin their day.**
- **Please use the Safe Arrival system to report your child's absences. Early pick up and alternate dismissal arrangements should be made in advance and communicated with the school well in advance of the end of the school day.**
- **Ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and in school dress code.**
- **Complete School Cash and permission items on time so that children don't miss out on activities**

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## CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you to our CSC members, who alongside members of St. Patrick Church and St. Vincent de Paul Society, served pancakes to our students and staff on Shrove Tuesday.

**Thank you to them for also running our Spring Raffle during the month of April to help raise money to purchase student technology.**

Our next CSC meeting will take place on Monday, April 7 @ 5:30pm. All parents are welcome.



## SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR

Orders for Spirit Wear may be placed at any time by visiting <https://www.maddalena-uniforms.com/collections/st-patrick-catholic-elementary-spirit-wear-1>

When placing orders, please click STORE PICK UP. All spirit wear is delivered to the school on a weekly basis FREE OF CHARGE. You will need to put in your home address for online purchase but this is NOT for shipping. Thank you!



## DO WHAT YOU CAN'T

Congratulations to this past month's DWYC award recipients:

**Kyna E., Chance C., Christine C., Ivey V., Eva E., Zoe SM., Olivia P., Icka M.**

and a special thanks to all students, staff and parents for participating!  
Looking forward to celebrating again on April 29 in the library.



## FEBRUARY AND MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Our monthly birthday celebration for February and March Birthdays was held on March 31.

Thank you once again to our anonymous donor for sponsoring these celebrations for our students!

April birthdays will be celebrated on April 28.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN OUR SPRING RAFFLE!

PLEASE SEE CALENDAR BELOW.

*\*All proceeds from this raffle will go towards the purchase of student technology.*



# ST. PATRICK APRIL SPRING RAFFLE



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 RAFFLE DAY 1 Charcuterie Set	2 RAFFLE DAY 2 Zip Line Passes	3 RAFFLE DAY 3 Skylon Tower Gift Certificate	4	5
6	7 RAFFLE DAY 4 Flat Top Grill	8 RAFFLE DAY 5 Photography Gift Certificate #1	9 RAFFLE DAY 6 Picnic Basket Set	10 RAFFLE DAY 7 HOCO Passes	11 RAFFLE DAY 8 Photography Gift Certificate #2	12
13	14 RAFFLE DAY 9 Bird Kingdom Passes	15 RAFFLE DAY 10 Greg Frewin Tickets	16 RAFFLE DAY 11 Wildplay Tickets	17 RAFFLE DAY 12 Two Draws* Helicopter Passes & Blue Jays Basket	18	19
20	21	22 RAFFLE DAY 13 Two Draws* Bath & Body Basket & Dual Air Fryer	23 RAFFLE DAY 14 Flyable Drone	24 RAFFLE DAY 15 Whiskey Set	25 RAFFLE DAY 16 Hamilton Tiger Cat Tickets	26
27	28 RAFFLE DAY 17 Forge FC Tickets	29 RAFFLE DAY 18 Food Processor & Blender Combo	30 RAFFLE DAY 19 Comic Con Package			

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# The Giving Bowl



This Lenten Season, alongside the St. Patrick Church community, we will be participating in an Almsgiving opportunity by supporting The Giving Bowl initiative.

In many parts of the world, children face daily challenges that prevent them from thriving. From food insecurity to lack of access to education and medical services, these obstacles can seem insurmountable. That's where The Giving Bowl steps in – dedicated to breaking these barriers and creating opportunities for a better tomorrow.

## Monies donated help to provide:

- ***Nutritious Meals:*** ensure that children receive the nourishment they need to grow and thrive. Each meal is a step towards better health and a brighter future.
- ***Educational Support:*** providing resources and support, we open doors to learning and personal development, helping children to dream big and achieve their goals.
- ***Medical Care:*** Health is a cornerstone of well-being: offer essential medical services to ensure children can live healthy, happy lives.

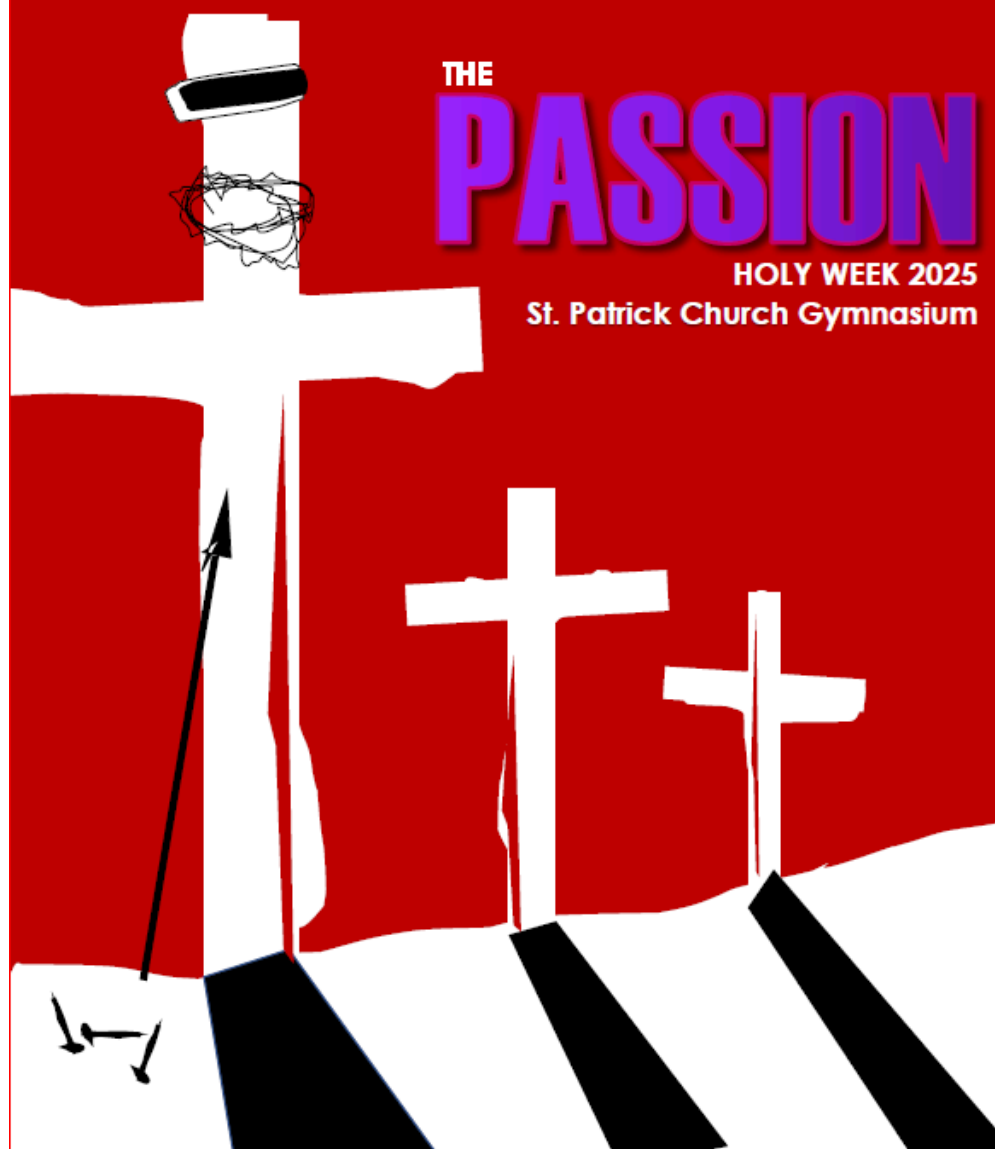
Every class has a Giving Bowl jar and will be collecting spare change during Lent.

The class that collects the most money in their jars will win a class prize.

Special thanks to Mr. Nieuwesteeg and Mrs. Ciocca for overseeing this worthy initiative!

Please consider sending in your spare change today!

The Grade 7/8 Class of St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School  
presents



Performance Dates and Times:

**April 14- 12:00pm**

**April 15- 1:00pm**

**April 16- 1:00pm**

**April 17-1:00pm**

Monetary donations to the Giving Bowl being  
accepted at every performance.



## 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](#).

