

April 2025 Newsletter

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Elementary School



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Principals Message

As we continue our Journey to Easter weekend and remind ourselves that we are an Easter People all year long we now long for those beautiful spring days full of new life and inspired hope. Our month of April is full of all kinds of different adventures. Our Kindergartens go off to the Sugar Bush to learn more about process for making that beautiful natural Maple Syrup we enjoy. Our long-standing Passion Play takes place throughout Holy Week. Our Mathletes compete for glory at the Board Competition as well as our always highly competitive Badminton Team. There is always lots going on here at OLV.

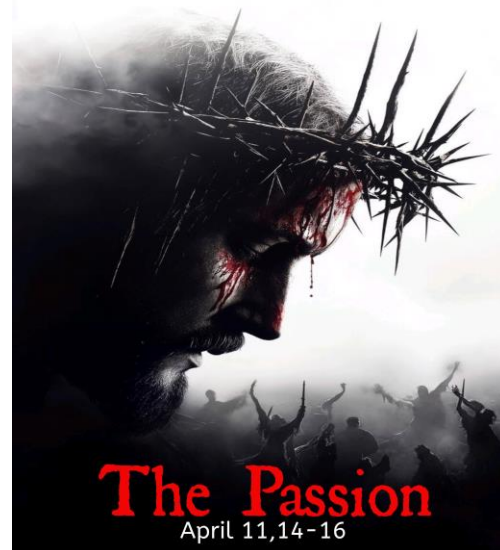
Catholic School Council/Parents for Victory

We are continuing to look for Bingo Volunteers. A short on-line training video and a two-hour shift is all that it takes to allow the school to continue to provide great opportunities free of charge utilizing the charity funds we receive back. If you are interested in parent council contact me directly. Thanks to our new member who have recently signed up.

Please follow our Parent Council Social Media account on Instagram at olvwolves_csc



Our Lady of Victory Presents



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Bell Times 2023-2024

Entry Bell – 8:55 am

Morning Nutrition Break

- 11:05 am – 11:45 am

Afternoon Nutrition Break

- 1:05 pm – 1:45 pm

Dismissal – 3:15 pm

PAYMENT FOR SPECIALTY LUNCHES & ACTIVITIES

Parents are asked to sign up for our convenient payment program- SCHOOLCASHONLINE. This is an excellent way to pay for student activities without sending money to school.

To register, please go to:

<https://ncdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>



One of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely to school each day. School Messenger allows parents to report their child's absence quickly and conveniently using a mobile app, a website, or an interactive toll-free phone line to report an absence, late arrival or early departure, in advance. This time savings makes it faster and more efficient to account for all students and their safety. If your student is marked absent and the absence hasn't been explained in advance, our Safe Arrival system will be able to rapidly contact you by automated phone call, text message, email, or mobile app push notification to get a reason for the absence. Calls and contacts will continue until you choose an option to explain the absence.



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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.**

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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

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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

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Reflection

In Mark's Gospel, we read about Jesus and the rich man, who asked what he had to do to inherit eternal life. The rich man explained that he had kept all the commandments, but "Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me'" (Mark 10:21).

The rich man chose not to follow Jesus because he loved his many possessions. Our hearts were made for God. In order to follow Jesus, we need to set aside the things that take His place in our hearts. Jesus wants to be the King of our whole heart, not just part of it. Like his call to the rich man, Jesus asks each of us to let go of everything that gets in the way of us following Him. Take a moment today to pray and ask Jesus to reveal any areas of your heart that need His healing touch and to help you fully entrust them to Him. By identifying and surrendering these parts of our hearts, we allow Jesus to transform us from within.

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