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St. Edward



Proud member of the Denis Morris and Blessed Trinity Family of Schools



Parish - St. Helen 4106 Mountain Road 905-562-7427



Stay up to date with events through our Instagram page @stedwardkings

“Sharing the Good News”

In the month of April we share the Good News of the resurrection of our Lord. We continue to find ways to spread the Good News in our school community through Prayer, Acts of Kindness and the ways in which we treat one another each day. We have been given Eternal Life because of the sacrifice that Jesus made. During Easter we thank God for his many blessings and ask that he continues to watch over the staff, students and community of St. Edward each day in all that we do.
Amen

Dates to Remember This Month

Our PA day for the month of April will be on Friday April 4th, there will be no school for students

Friday April 18th is Good Friday and Monday April 21st is Easter Monday, please enjoy this four day weekend with family



Stations of the Cross

Mrs. Petriello's grade 7/8 class will once again do a presentation of the stations of the cross during Holy Week. If you are able to join us, please come out on Thursday April 17th at 12:15 in our gym.



~~~ Mission Statement ~~~

"The Niagara Catholic District School Board, through the charisms of faith, social justice, support and leadership, nurtures an enriching Catholic learning community for all to reach their full potential and become living witnesses of Christ"



IMPORTANT

St Edward families, it is very important to listen to calls and read the emails we send home to update and keep our families informed. Often those emails and messages going home contain important information and opportunities for our families that are time sensitive. If you miss out on these opportunities, it is often hard to get them back by not responding to them in time. We realize that life is busy, things happen and opportunities get missed but we are sensitive to sending unimportant information home and will only email or call when we feel it is important for you to know of these events or happenings in our school.

Joining our Kings Family

Registration for the 2025-26 school year can happen at any time. If you have children who will be joining us or know of families joining the St. Edward family next year, registration online can take place at any time and we can plan for a school tour to show you our great school and answer any questions you may have. Please call the school at any time 905-562-5531 to set up a tour. If you have any questions while registering, we will be happy to walk you through the process and we look forward to growing our family soon



CAUGHT IN THE ACT

Each month we celebrate the great things our Kings do when no one is looking with our Caught in the Act awards. Keep showing us how great you are Kings.

School Safe Arrival

To help keep with safety of our students it is important for our families to record any student absences or early departures through the safe arrival system. This is a direct line to our attendance and allows us to know where our students are if they are not at school or if they are leaving early for an appointment. We heavily rely on this information to continue to keep us updated and our students safe

Thanks for your support

Out of Dress Code Days

Each time we have an out of dress code day we will be sure to send home that information through email or call out. Be sure to have your children in dress code unless that messaging is sent for those special days. We have had some assumed out of dress code days that have occurred as of late.

Dress Code

With the change in weather, students are beginning to stray from dress code and we are asking families to help support the dress code and ensure their children are in dress code each day. Navy blue pants or jeans, navy blue shorts, blue or white collar shirts or Kings spirit wear are expected each day. We take pride in the dress code and having our students follow those expectations daily is important. Please help support us with continuing to ensure your children have the proper dress code items.



Cereal Box Lenten Challenge.

Thank you for your generosity and compassion during our March Lenten Cereal Box Challenge, we collected a remarkable 401 boxes of cereal that will now be donated to the Knights of Columbus who will see that they get into the hands of those that need our support. Once again you have shown that this small community is big in heart and spirit through your support

Thank You



Junior Handball

This month we will be taking part in junior handball tournaments at Blessed Trinity High School. Our boys team will be competing on Tuesday April 29th and our girls team will be competing on Wednesday April 30th. We look forward to a fun tournament with our family of schools



ECO News

Our Eco team has been busy planning a variety of initiatives to help our environment and teach our Kings how to be good stewards of our world. Through Mrs. Mandula's leadership we continue to achieve platinum status which is only accomplished by a few schools in our entire board. These great initiatives show our students how we can make a big change in our community with targeted projects that make a difference.

Thank you for always supporting these great ideas.

Krispy Kreme Fundraiser Success
Thank you St. Edward Family for making our Krispy Kreme Fundraiser a Success. We raised \$1673 that will go towards technology purchases.



Classroom Placements for Next Year

In the next coming weeks and months we will be busy thinking about next year and creating class lists. These decisions are very strategically thought out with our staff to ensure our students are placed in the best class they can be placed in order to reach their potential. We will always take into account friendships and social emotional well being of our students while creating this lists as well

Students will be made aware of class placements prior to the beginning of the school year.



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(Parents of Elementary aged students)

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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.

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 Pubert – 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.



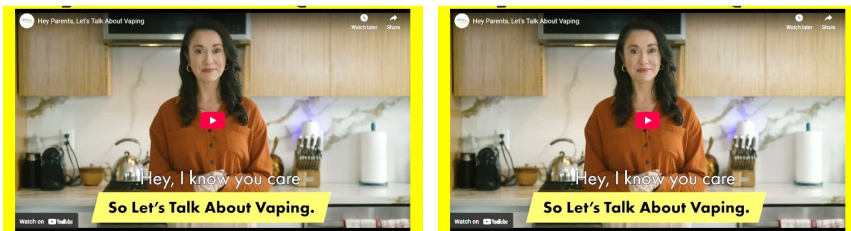
Appointments are available at the following locations:

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 Clinics 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

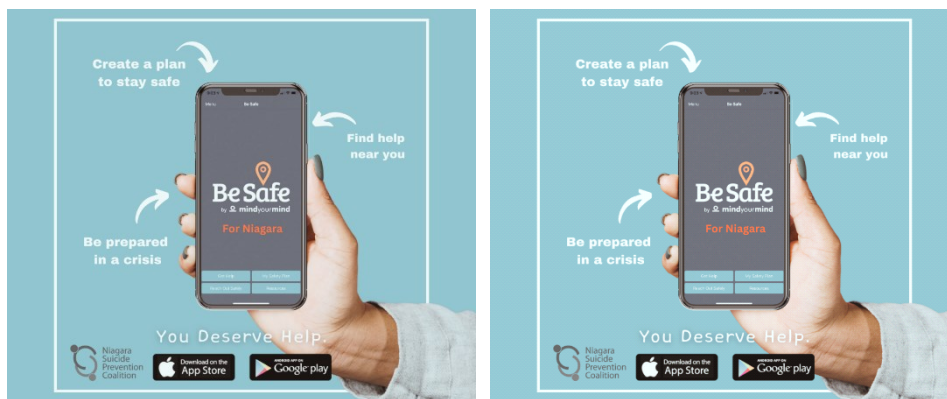
Let's Talk Vaping



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.