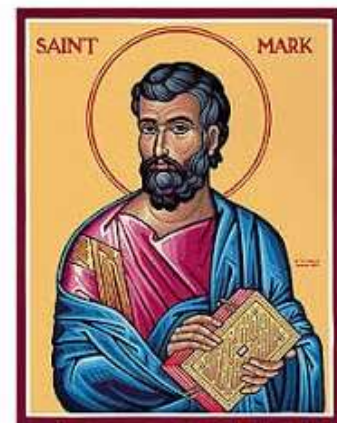


St Joseph Phoenix News

April 2025

Reflection for April

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.



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Spring is finally here. With it comes a new energy around the school. April has a lot of activities packed in it, none more important than our Easter preparations and celebrations! We will be focusing on Holy Week in our classrooms, discussing the importance of Good Friday and Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday. You are encouraged to ask your children to share what they have learned. We will be having a prayer service on Holy Thursday at 2:00pm. All are welcome to join us!

Right after our Easter weekend, we will be celebrating First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 26 with our Grade 2 friends. We look forward to this special day in our Catholic Community. Our busy month ends with our Junior Boys and Girls handball tournaments on the 29th and 30th. I hope we all have a wonderful start to our Spring! God Bless.

Mr. T. Atkinson

World Autism Awareness Day

When we wear blue, it's not only about keeping that conversation going about autism but, it's also making sure that those with autism and their families don't feel alone. So on April 2nd please wear something blue and tell your friends to do the same.



Earth Day 2025

April 22nd is Earth Day and student's may choose to wear Earth Colours of Earth Accessories on that day as it will be an Out of Dress Code day.

Scholastic Book Fair

Our students had a great week participating in the Book Fair this year. Our sales totalled \$6,996.35 which gives the school library \$3,228.30 to purchase more books and resources for our students. Thank you to our school community for your generous support of our Book Fair. And a big thank you to Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Vanaselja for decorating for the "Hollywood" book fair!

Niagara Region

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.

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](#).

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 Representatives

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 and the link is also below or 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



NPIC Nomination Form.pdf

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BT Corner

Our Blessed Trinity staff and students earned a well-deserved March Break, and both are back refreshed and energized to tackle the rest of Semester 2. Our spring sports are getting revved up with tryouts and signups for boys' and girls' soccer, girls' rugby, boys' baseball, girls' softball, track and field and much more. A reminder to our incoming Thunder to get involved once you get here. April is another busy month at Blessed Trinity. Here are just a few of the events that will be taking place in April:

- Celebrating Holy Week with a school Mass
- All students will be participating in the University of Waterloo Compass Survey
- We will officially reach the middle of Semester 2 and parents will be invited to make appointments for Parent/Teacher Conference night on April 24th

Lastly, throughout the month of April, a member from our Student Services Department will be visiting the Grade 8 students with Course Verification forms to ensure students have selected the courses they want for Grade 9. This will be an opportunity for students to make any changes to their course selection.

Please contact Blessed Trinity – Mr. John Cino – 905-945-6706 Ext. 2330 or Mrs. Rose Bianco Ext. 2312, if any Grade 8 parent has any questions.



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