

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School

Principal- Mrs. R. Araujo Vice-Principal- Mrs. M. Kish

Proud to be a part of the Blessed Trinity CSS Family of Schools



April, 2025 NEWSLETTER

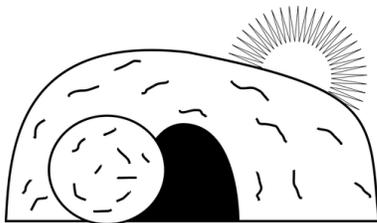
Message from Mrs. Araujo and Mrs. Kish

As we gather to celebrate the joy of Easter, we are reminded of the profound meaning of this season-the resurrection of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Let us rejoice for He is Risen! Alleluia! Easter is not only a time for reflection and spiritual renewal but also a celebration of hope, love and new beginnings.

During this holy season, let us take a moment to appreciate the blessings we have and to show gratitude for the gift of life and the love that surrounds us. Just as Jesus rose from the dead, we too are called to rise above our challenges, to embrace kindness and share our light with others. Let us remember that Easter is a time to reach out to those in need, to offer forgiveness, and to embody the love that Christ has shown us.

As we celebrate with family and friends, may our hearts be filled with the peace and hope that comes from hearing His voice and from knowing Him.

May you have a joyful and blessed Easter.



Faith Matters



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.



World Autism Day is **Wednesday, April 2nd** and will be celebrated across all Niagara Catholic District Board schools in an effort to help to raise awareness in support of initiatives being developed locally or provincially to increase the understanding and acceptance of people with Autism around the world.

NATIONAL GOOS PAPER DAY



Join students, teachers, workplaces, and families across the country on **Thursday, April 3rd** to celebrate National GOOS Paper Day. GOOS stands for Good On One Side. GOOS paper is paper that has been used on one side, but is still blank and usable on the other side. Using GOOS paper means ensuring both sides of a piece of paper are used before it is recycled.



April 4 is a PA Day- NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS!!!



Earth Day

April 22, 2025 is Earth Day! Let's celebrate and find the leader in each of us, so that every day can be Earth Day.



[Class Placements for September 2025-2026- IMPORTANT PLEASE READ](#)

In the weeks and months ahead we will begin organizing our school for the upcoming school year. Teachers and support staff will dialogue and determine where each child needs to be placed to best meet their needs and ensure success. Similar to last year, we are providing parents with the opportunity to place their requests in for their children. **ALL REQUESTS WILL NEED TO BE MADE VIA THIS GOOGLE FORM-**

<https://forms.gle/vAa6kDsKkX41mCob8>

Please do not provide this information to the classroom teacher or via email. All class placement requests will be centrally located. If you are having difficulty accessing the link, please email the school.

We are asking that parents limit their requests to TWO per child. There is no option to NOT be placed with a teacher. We feel that all of our teachers are qualified staff members who have only the best interests of your children in mind. We hope you understand. However, you can ask to be placed **with** a certain teacher.

All requests must be made using the Google form no later than May 31, 2025. Any requests made after this date will not be entertained. Please understand that creating class lists for this size of a school is a huge undertaking and one that we take very seriously. It is very difficult to make changes last minute as it affects many other classes, teachers and students. Your understanding is anticipated and appreciated.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

It is still not too late to register your child for KINDERGARTEN (age 4 as at December 31, 2025) for September, 2025 school year start. We encourage all families to register as soon as possible. This helps to ensure proper staffing is in place for the new school year. Please share this information with any friends, family and/or neighbours who have a child that is ready to start school in September 2025.

We are very excited to have more students join our Our Lady of Fatima Family and the extended Family of Niagara Catholic.

For registration, you are reminded to bring in the child(ren)'s:

*Birth Certificate;

*Immunization Records;

*Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate and/or Baptismal Certificate of the child(ren)'s parents and/or guardian (if applicable);

*Proof of Residence within school boundaries; for example, a utility bill.

If applicable, original Landed Immigrant/Permanent Residence documentation, and the passport of the country of origin, indicating the date of entry into Canada.

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 sign ups 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 student 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.

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](#).

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](#).

