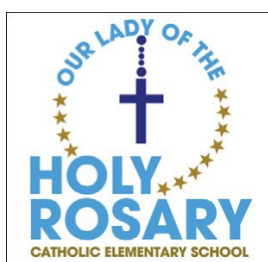


Weekly Update

April 28 - May 2, 2025



April Reflection

A big part of friendship involves sharing words with one other. Thoughts, ideas, feelings. All of these things, when shared, help a friendship to grow. But sometimes friendship consists of simply being with one another. Though no words are shared, it is still quality time spent with someone we care about. In our friendship with God it is the same. Sometimes in prayer we don't know what

to say. In those moments, we can simply be with God and recognize His presence with us. We can learn from the words of a simple peasant who explained his prayer to his parish priest, St. Jean Vianney: "I look at Him and He looks at me."

Week at a Glance

Monday, April 28 - Day 1

Book Fair purchasing begins (see information below)

Tuesday, April 29 - Day 2

Chicken Strips for those that ordered

Educational Assistant and Intervenor Appreciation Day

Jr. Girl's Handball Tournament

Wednesday, April 30 - Day 3

Waste Free Wednesday

Tuck Shop

Jr. Boy's Handball Tournament

Thursday, May 1 - Day 4



Pizza Day

Friday, May 2 - Day 5

Last day for Book Fair until 11:20AM

Weekly Update

OLHR families,

We hope and pray that families are staying well and healthy!



Earlier this week, we had an Olympian, Jackie Boyle, speak to our students about leadership, perseverance, and following your dreams. Students were excited to ask questions, listen to stories, and watch Mr. Zanuttini test his bicycle skills and race an Olympian! Thank you to Mrs. Tropea for organizing the event - the students were truly inspired! Below are some pictures from the school event. We also had our 'Student Vote' event here at the school, organized by Ms. Conlon. Students had the true experience of what voting entails and how the process works. In addition to all this, we had a two-day pickleball tournament held in our gym. Thank you to Mrs. Lindley and Mrs. Stoehr for convening.

Please note, the May calendar will be shared in next week's weekly newsletter.

Have a wonderful weekend,

OLHR Staff



Q and A



On your marks ...



Thank you!

April Calendar

April 2025						
Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Elementary School - Denis Morris Family of Schools -						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Day 4 April Fools! CHICKEN STRIPS DAY! Yearbook Orders Begin!	2 Day 5 World Autism Awareness Day	3 Day 1 Lenten Reconciliation Gr. 2-8	4 PA DAY!	5 Holy Rosary Church Children's Liturgy 5PM
6 Holy Rosary Church Children's Liturgy 8AM & 11AM	7 Day 2 School Council Meet @ 6PM Lenten Food Drive Begins!	8 Day 3 FDK Grade 2, 4, 7 Dental Screening	9 Day 4 FDK Grade 2, 4, 7 Dental Screening	10 Day 5 FDK Grade 2, 4, 7 Dental Screening	11 Day 1 FDK Grade 2, 4, 7 Dental Screening	12 Holy Rosary Church Children's Liturgy 5PM
13 Palm Sunday Holy Rosary Church Children's Liturgy 8AM & 11AM	14 Day 2 Holy Week	15 Day 3 Holy Week	16 Day 4 Holy Week	17 Day 5 Holy Week	18 GOOD FRIDAY	19 Holy Rosary Church Children's Liturgy 5PM
20 Easter Sunday	21 HAPPY EASTER! No School!	22 EARTH DAY! Day 1 1st Reconciliation 630 @OLHR Parish Canadiana themed dress day! PASTA DAY! Canadian Olympic community speaker @930	23 Day 2 8M to NF Hub Int. girls pickleball tournament @ OLHR Admin Assistant Appreciation Day!	24 Day 3 Int. Boys pickleball tournament at OLHR	25 Day 4 School Mass 10AM downstairs classes & 1230PM upstairs classes	26 Holy Rosary Church Children's Liturgy 5PM
27 Holy Rosary Church Children's Liturgy 8AM & 11AM	28 Day 5 Federal Election Day! Book fair!	29 Day 1 Junior girls handball tournament @ St. Anthony CHICKEN STRIPS DAY! Book fair!	30 Day 2 Gr. 2 Retreat Junior boys handball tournament @ St. Anthony Book fair!	Book Fair Dates: Previews: April 23-25 Sales: April 28-May 2		



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Educational Assistant and Intervenor Appreciation Day

Tuesday, April 29, 2025 is Educational Assistant and Intervenor Appreciation Day. This day is an opportunity to acknowledge the essential contributions these employees make in supporting Niagara Catholic's vision of "Encountering souls and opening minds so that all students succeed" and our mission as "a Christ-centered Catholic faith community that celebrates diversity and fosters spiritual growth, inspiring all to reach their full potential in mind, body, and spirit."

THANK YOU!



Dress Code

In Keeping with the Niagara Catholic District School Board Dress Code Policy, we ask that all parents please review the flyer attached within this weekly Update. The Board policy is also attached below this message. The Flyer is linked down below and will always be here for you to review. Students are required to abide by the Dress Code policy and select items of clothing that meet the standard requirements. Pants must be Navy Blue.

Other than the Navy Blue and White, students are welcome to also wear School Spiritwear which can be purchased through Front Row Sports. Please remember that hoodies and sweaters must also be Navy Blue, or school Spiritwear. The link to the Spiritwear provider is also always near the end of the weekly update.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

DRESS CODE reminders

Students are reminded to arrive to school dressed in full Dress Code. Information is noted in the pdf. below.



302.6.10 - Elementary Standardized Dress Code Policy AOP.pdf

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Dear Parents and Families:

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them on their journey to becoming lifelong readers. AND—as always—every purchase at the Fair benefits our school.

Here's what you need to know about the Fair, which will take place from Monday, April 22 – Friday, May 2 at the library.

- **Preview Days:** Tuesday, April 22 – Friday, April 25
Students are invited to make their wish list. We are not selling books during this time.
- **Sale Days:** Monday, April 28 – Friday, May 2
Students may bring cash to school to purchase books. Please check with your child(ren)'s homeroom teacher to know when their book sale visit is scheduled.
- **Family night:** April 29-30 after school between 3– 5:30 PM
Families are welcome to visit the book fair during this time to purchase books. We accept cash/debit/credit – tap option is also available. We DO NOT accept checks.

The countdown to more Bookjoy is on! Catch you at the Fair!

Happy reading,

Kathlyn Cho
Library Technician

Chris Zanuttini
Principal

Kiss & Ride and Parking Lot Routines

We ask that you please use the Kiss & Ride lanes at the Collier Road entrance to ensure greater student safety. If you are using the Sullivan Avenue parking lot, please **do not stop or park in the bus lanes** (beside the curb, closest to the school) and be mindful of students and others walking across the parking lot.



National Day of Mourning

Flags at all Ontario government buildings and establishments across the province will be flown at half-mast on Monday, April 28 to mark the National Day of Mourning for Persons Killed or Injured in the Workplace.



Parent Involvement Memo 079 (2024-2025) OAPCE Conference-May 24, 2025.pdf

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Parent Involvement Committee 2025-26

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

Grimsby/Lincoln/West Lincoln - 1 position

Thorold/Merritton - 2 positions

Niagara Falls - 2 positions

St. Catharines/Niagara-on-the-Lake - 2 positions

Welland/Pelham - 1 position

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 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

Catholic Education Week - 2025

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, "*Pilgrims of Hope.*"

The theme for Catholic Education Week 2025 was inspired by the following considerations:

- In February of 2022, Pope Francis announced that the theme for the upcoming 2025 holy year would be "Pilgrims of Hope." "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. (from Vatican News, a short video on the history of the Jubilee/Holy Year: <https://x.com/VaticanNews/status/1783768498885275868>)
- The Holy Father asks us to focus prayerfully on the bonds that unite our whole human family, to reflect on the rampant poverty in our world, and to think about the plight of the many refugees forced to leave their homes. He also summons us, as stewards of Creation, "to contemplate the beauty of creation and care for our common home."
- A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey of movement toward a goal, often lived together with others – and that certainly describes Catholic education. Hope – one of the three theological virtues – is grounded in our Easter faith in Jesus' resurrection and renewal; this is what enables us to be builders, dreamers and leaders in Jesus' name. Pope Francis invites us to keep moving ahead in faith, in joy, and in hope, as part of a pilgrim people. Even in challenging times, our eyes are focussed on the future.

There are five sub-themes for each day of Catholic Education Week:

Day 1: By honouring human dignity / Honorent la dignité humaine

Day 2: By caring for creation / Prennent soin de la création

Day 3: By responding to the poverties in our world / Luttent contre les pauvretés

Day 4: By serving in solidarity / Servent en solidarité

Day 5: By living as peacemakers / Vivent en artisans de paix

Every year, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) provides our Catholic schools with a resource kit to help schools prepare for Catholic Education Week. Using these resources, as well as our own developed activities, we have prepared a series of activities, which will highlight how the students and staff at our school are being *Pilgrims of Hope* together.



Balanced School Day 2024 - 2025

8:55 – 9:10	Students wait outside at the door area Kindergarten students enter at their gate	
9:10 – 9:20	Morning Routines / Announcements	
9:20 – 10:00	Period 1	
10:00 – 10:40	Period 2	
10:40 – 11:20	Period 3	
Break 11:20 – 11:40	Nutrition Break KC, KD, KE, 1, 2, 6T, 6O, 7 & 8	Recess KA, KB, KF, 3, 4, 5, 6D
Break 11:40 – 12:00	Nutrition Break KA, KB, KF, 3, 4, 5, 6D	Recess KC, KD, KE, 1, 2, 6T, 6O, 7 & 8
12:00 – 12:40	Period 4	
12:40 – 1:20	Period 5	
Break 1:20 – 1:40	Nutrition Break KC, KD, KE, 1, 2, 6T, 6O, 7 & 8	Recess KA, KB, KF, 3, 4, 5, 6D
Break 1:40 – 2:00	Nutrition Break KA, KB, KF, 3, 4, 5, 6D	Recess KC, KD, KE, 1, 2, 6T, 6O, 7 & 8
2:00 – 2:40	Period 6	
2:40 – 3:20	Period 7	
3:20 – 3:30	Dismissal	



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Allergy Alert

Please remember that Our Lady of the Holy Rosary is a Nut-Free environment. Please refrain from sending any products to school that contain peanuts or tree nuts. Also, we ask that you refrain from sending in any food items that are to be shared with other students.

Information Update

We remind you that it is important to keep the office updated with regards to any new information or changes to the information we have on file for your child. This may include new phone numbers, change of address, medical information, custody orders etc.



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Public Health Update

Families are reminded to please update your child/children's immunization records with Niagara Region Public Health. You may do so by clicking this [link](#). For more information please go to [NRPH website](#) if you have vaccine/record review questions or please call your health care provider. Families may also contact Public Health at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425 and ask to speak with a public health vaccine nurse.

Lunch Delivery

If you are dropping off a lunch or having one delivered to the school, please have your child's first and last name clearly labeled on the package. **Please make sure delivery services have the student's name when dropping off lunches.** Also, please verify in your SchoolCashOnline portal that you ordered lunches on our Specialty Food Days. We do not order extras and will not have additional food in case your child doesn't have a lunch. We do always have additional items in our snack bins and we will do our best to provide food if they cannot contact you. **Please review the new student Nutrition Break times.**



SAFE ARRIVAL



Please remember to report your child's absence using the [SAFEARRIVAL](#) portal. With the office being a very busy place, you can also put in an **EARLY DEPARTURE**. This will allow us to have your child ready and at the office for the time you have selected.

Often when parents call at the last minute, it may be difficult to get students down at the office due to the large number of calls. Advanced planning will be extremely helpful.

Gradwear Link



Our Lady of the Holy Rosary GRAD Store

stores.inksoft.com

OLHR SPIRITWEAR THROUGH FRONT ROW SPORTS- CLICK LINK BELOW



Our Lady of Holy Rosary School Spiritwear Store 2022-23!

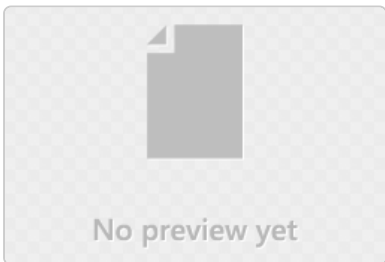
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STUDENT SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM - Niagara Catholic District School Board

Report an absence to the Student Safe Arrival Program. How to report by phoning, logging in or get the app. Help video included.

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OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY MASS TIMES

TUESDAY - SATURDAY 8:00 AM



SATURDAY EVENING 5:00 PM WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY
SUNDAY 8:00 AM, 9:30 ITALIAN MASS, 11:00 AM WITH
CHILDREN'S LITURGY



Child Care Registry

We have an online registration system that allows parents to search and apply for all licensed child care programs for children from birth to age 12, including licensed home child care. Submit one application for any licensed child care options and before-and-after school programs that meet your family's needs.

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