



# St. Teresa of Calcutta Elementary Chronicle

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## THE MONTH OF MARY



During the Month of May we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. Without Mary giving birth to Jesus, all the events that followed: Jesus' life, death, and resurrection wouldn't have happened. So, it's believed that May (when nature is showing signs of life) is the ideal month to honor the woman who gave life to our Savior.

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

Catholic Education Week will take place from May 5th - May 9th with a number of activities planned throughout the week to celebrate this wonderful gift. Please refer to the May calendar. This year's theme is, "Pilgrims of Hope".



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



We would like to congratulate the students who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on **Saturday, May 3rd at the 5:00 pm** Mass at Star of the Sea Church. The grade 2 students have put a lot of effort into building a stronger connection to God and are now ready to receive this gift of God. If your child is above grade 2 and has not yet received their First Holy Communion or has not yet been baptized but is asking for this, please contact the parish main office.

## VICTORIA DAY



**Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025** is Victoria Day. This is an opportunity to enjoy a long weekend with our family and friends.

## FLAG FOOTBALL

This year our Intermediate Students will be participating in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Invitational Flag Football Tournament taking place on **Tuesday May 20<sup>th</sup> 2025** for the girls and **Thursday May 22<sup>nd</sup>** for the boys at the Welland Soccer Dome. Thank-you to Mr. Kwinecki, Mr. Ukrainetz & Mr. Cassolato for coaching.



## CHESS CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to our Junior Chess Team for winning the NCDSB Chess Championship! The team consists of **Clark D., Zack P., Lincoln L., Carter M., Ben L. and Roman K.** Thank-you to Mr. Kwinecki for coaching.



## MATHLETES CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to our Intermediate Math Team for winning the NCDSB Mathlete Championship! Our intermediate team tied for 1<sup>st</sup>. The team consists of **Andi B., Natalie E., Winston K., and Julia V.** Thank-you to Mrs. Simpson and Mr. Kwinecki for coaching.



## **TRACK & FIELD**



This year's track and field event will take place at Westpark School on **Monday, May 12th, 2025**. Students in grades 4 to 8 will participate in a number of running events as well as long jump. Grade 7 & 8 students will also be participating in shot put. To help make this a successful event, please pack a number of additional small snacks as well as a water bottle, sunscreen and a hat that they can wear. The students will be outside for much of the day and are encouraged to wear athletic clothing (Out of dress code). Concessions will be sold at the venue. More details to follow. Parents are welcome to attend.

## **PRIMARY TRACK & FIELD**

Once again, this year our grade K to 3 students will be participating in a Primary Track & Field Event on **Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup> 2025** (No rain date at this point). This will be taking place at the school with modified events suitable to the student's ages. Our Intermediate students will once again be assisting with this. The students will be outside for much of the day and are encouraged to wear athletic clothing (Out of dress code). As always parents are more than welcome to attend. More details to follow in the upcoming weeks.

## **VACCINATION CLINICS: PUBLIC HEALTH**



Over 14,000 students in Niagara region still need to provide an up-to-date immunization record or valid exemption to Public Health. To help students catch-up with their immunizations, Niagara Region Public Health is offering vaccination clinics in various locations and many appointments are available. Please book an appointment with Public Health by calling 905-688-8248 ext. 7425. Individuals can also visit the "Where to Get Vaccinated" webpage at [niagararegion.ca/vaccines](http://niagararegion.ca/vaccines) for more information.

## **PARKING AND LANEWAYS**



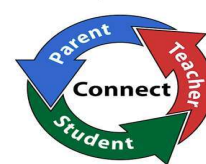
Just a reminder about parking and parking lanes at the end of the day. Kiss N' Ride cars should be in the first lane closest to the school with a driver in the car. Please be aware that students do exit from the front of the building to the middle parking lot which crosses the laneway. In the middle lot, cars should not be standing without drivers in them, especially in the laneway. Other parked drivers need to get out of the parked spots safely. Finally, please note the Kindergarten lane way/parking area is 'one way' only. There is also the do not enter sign right by the kindergarten walk way which identifies no entry beyond that point heading towards the front of the school. Be mindful that we just want to keep everyone safe and traffic flowing in an orderly fashion. Thank-you for your co-operation.

## **LATES**

Parents are to encourage their children to be at school on time by 8:25 a.m. Students arriving late are asked to report to the office to acknowledge they are present. All parents must report to the office to sign out their child once the school day has started. If returning to the school later, students must check in at the office before returning to class.

## **CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS**

Our final meeting for the school year will be held on Tuesday June 17th, 2025 at 5:45 p.m. in the library. The meetings for the Catholic School Council will be noted on the calendar monthly. Everyone is welcome!



## **EARTH MONTH**

We will continue to accept batteries during Earth Month up until May 9th, we will be collecting old batteries to encourage proper recycling. Please bring the old batteries in a ziplock bag. Below is a list of acceptable and unacceptable batteries.



### **Acceptable batteries**

- Standard A, AA, AAA, C, D, 6V, 9V
- Lithium
- Mercury
- Rechargeable batteries (Lithium Ion, Nickel Cadmium, Small Sealed Lead Acid)

### **Unaccepted batteries**

- Car batteries (wet lead acid batteries)
- Leaking batteries



Thank you for your support!

### **EQAO ASSESSMENT 2025**

The Grade 3 and Grade 6 Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics will take place from May 10th – June 14th, 2025.

Grade 3 EQAO assessment will be written from **May 26<sup>th</sup> to May 30<sup>th</sup>**

Grade 6 EQAO assessment will be written from **June 3<sup>rd</sup> to June 6<sup>th</sup>**



Parents of our Grade 3 & Grade 6 students are asked to please plan vacations, appointments and/or other absences around these dates as attendance during these assessment times is vital.

Parents may also visit the EQAO site at [www.eqao.com/Parents/Elementary](http://www.eqao.com/Parents/Elementary) to look at types of questions and samples of past assessments to provide practice with students at home.

Thank you for your support!

### **MAY IS BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH**



Throughout the day you talk to family, friends, and colleagues. You use your hearing and speech all the time. You probably take them for granted. Imagine not being able to communicate simple thoughts like "Thank you" or "Tell me a story." For many Canadians with speech and language disorders, this is reality. For them, words don't come easily. But when is the last time you really thought about it? May is Better Hearing and Speech Month, the perfect time to communicate some important information about hearing and speech.

Hearing and Speech Month is celebrated each May to raise public awareness of speech and language disorders that affect many Canadians. Speech and language disorders can take many forms and can limit academic achievement, social adjustment, and career advancement. An individual may be born with a speech or language disorder, or it may be caused by accidental injury or illness.

One in 10 Canadians has a hearing, speech, or language problem, a condition that makes it difficult to communicate with others. Anyone, of any age, can have or develop an impairment of the ability to hear, speak, or understand effectively. At any time, illness or accidental injury can impair your ability to hear and talk. Treatment to eliminate or minimize communication problems is available.



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