

# ST. PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

May 2025 Newsletter



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## Principal's Message

May brings many exciting events to St. Peter. In the first week of May we celebrate the unique and special gift of Catholic Education. The theme for Catholic Education Week this year is "**Pilgrims of Hope**". In conjunction with Mental Health Week (MHW) May 4-May 9, we will take opportunities to highlight the connection between our Catholic faith and mental health with our students.

Later in the month, our intermediate students will participate in the school board flag football tournaments. St. Peter's track and field day is May 29, where students in grades 4-8 will travel to the

Niagara Olympic Club to compete. Our grade 3 and 6 students will participate in the EQAO assessment later this month .

May is also the month we dedicate to Mary the mother of Jesus, a model of holiness, who continues to encourage us to continue Christ's mission here on Earth.

Yours in Catholic Education,  
Mr. K. Lamb  
Principal

## Mothers Day Prayer

*God our Father, we have come together to thank You for Mary  
Mother of Jesus, and our mother too.*

*She always did what You wanted her to do.*

*We thank You for the gift of our mothers who, like Mary, provide us  
wisdom, comfort and unending love.*

*We make our prayer through Jesus, Your Son, who lives and reigns  
with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.*



## Catholic Education Week and Mental Health Week

*St. Peter will celebrate Catholic Education and Mental Health Week  
2025, "Pilgrims of Hope" from May 4- May 9th and invites you to  
participate in the prayer services and special activities which are  
listed on the schedule you received in school messenger as your  
personal time and work schedule permit.*



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.

We hope to see many of you during our school celebrations!



### First Communion

Our grade 2 students will receive their First Holy Communion on May 4th at St. Julia at 2pm. The grade 2 communicants are excited and enthusiastic about receiving the sacrament and the celebration is always a beautiful occasion for all involved. We are

very grateful to Father Ronald and to Mrs. Dikic and Ms. Verone for all their hard work getting the students ready for the occasion.

### Catch The Spirit Award

Congratulations to **Sienna Felice** the St. Peter Catholic School recipient for the NCDSB Annual "Catch the Spirit Award of Excellence" who will be recognized during Catholic Education Week. This award recognizes excellence within the Niagara Catholic student population. It was established to honour students who represent Catholic Leadership and have demonstrated qualities in areas such as; Catholic Faith and Catholic School Philosophy, Family Commitment, A High Degree of Academic Excellence, Commitment to Difficult Situations or Tasks as well as School and Community Relations. We are honoured and proud of **Sienna** for being a such a good representative of the St. Peter Student Community.



### Rankin Cancer Run

St. Peter Catholic Elementary School has had a great tradition in years past of participating in the annual Rankin Cancer Run. We are going to once again support this event this year by having our students and staff Walk to support Cancer research on Tuesday, May 28. If you would like to purchase a Rankin Run T shirt the cost is \$10 and will be available shortly on school cash online. Adult sized T shirts are \$20. If you would





like to make a donation that will also be available on school cash. If you are able to join us please come and walk with us on the day. More information will be sent out next week.

## EQAO

St. Peter Grade 3 & 6 students will be taking part in the Provincial Assessments during the window of **May 21- June7, 2024**.

**It is extremely important that students do not miss any school during the assessment time for their class. Please try to avoid making any appointments for your child during the test period.** Please re-assure your children that this is but one assessment and that as always, they should try their best. We appreciate your support in having students arrive at school well rested and ready to go.

This year the format will again be a web based model rather than paper and pencil as in previous years. It will include activities in Math, Reading, and Writing, and is based on the learning expectations stated in the Ontario Curriculum of the Ministry of Education. During the assessment period, the students will be continuing work in some of their subject areas.

The purpose of the assessment is to provide all the education stakeholders with additional information about Grade Three and Grade Six students' knowledge and skills. It will augment the information teachers gather within the classroom throughout the year, so that they can suitably adapt curriculum and instruction for their students. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's teacher.

**Education Quality and  
Accountability Office**



## Online Kindergarten Registration

We continue registration for Kindergarten online. The following documents are necessary for online registration:



- Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate
- Birth Certificate
- Proof of Address
- Non-Catholic Form if registering as a non-Catholic.

Please complete the online registration by clicking the Register button on the NCDSB website [niagaracatholic.ca](http://niagaracatholic.ca) and then you can call the St. Peter to arrange drop off of the necessary documentation. You are also welcome to send digital copies at your earliest convenience. We encourage you to explore all that Niagara Catholic has to offer and look forward to welcoming your child to the Niagara Catholic family.



## NCDSB Dress Code

The following serves as a reminder for families as the warmer weather approaches and if dress code purchases are being made. Students must wear the elementary standardized dress code items properly and in compliance with the expectations throughout the school day and at all activities and events as

representatives of the school and/or Board. It is the expectation that students wear the elementary standardized dress code as a condition of attendance in an elementary school within the Niagara Catholic District School Board at a minimum, if the elementary student is not in compliance with

the mandatory elementary standardized dress code, parents and guardians will be contacted to bring the required dress code items to school.

At a minimum, every student is required to wear one (1) of the following items:

- Navy Blue sweat pants for students in Early Learning Kindergarten to Grade 3
- Navy Blue Pants (Cargo, Corduroy, Denim, Dress, Kobe styles permitted)
- Navy Blue Dresses or Skorts; or
- Navy Blue Capris or Walking Shorts.
- Grade 8 students have the option to wear grey secondary uniform pants purchased through Board uniform suppliers.

Pants, skirt or dress length must be appropriate and modest. Only knee length capris or shorts are permitted. All clothing must be in good repair.

At a minimum, every student is required to wear one (1) of the following items:

- Navy Blue or White Oxford shirt (short or long sleeve)
- Navy Blue or White Polo shirt (short or long sleeve); or
- School designed spirit wear polo shirt. The elementary standardized dress code shirts, either polo or oxford must be buttoned in a respectable manner. Visible t-shirts worn under the elementary standardized dress code top must be either navy blue or white.

In addition, approved sweaters and hoodies embroidered and/or screened with the school logo are permitted to be worn as part of the elementary standardized dress code.

Running shoes are the recommended footwear with a full back and a closed toe. It is recommended that parents/guardians provide a pair of indoor shoes for physical education and indoor wear.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: <https://www.niagaracatholic.ca/policies-protocols-docs/policies/>  
(Elementary Standardized Dress Code Policy)

## **St. Peter Bell Times**

Supervision begins at 8:15 a.m.

Morning Bell rings at 8:30 a.m.

Nutrition Break #1 10:40 a.m. - 11: 00 a.m.

Outside Recess 11:00 a.m. -11-20 am

Nutrition Break #2 12:40 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Outside Recess 1:00p.m. -1:20 p.m.

Dismissal 2:50 p.m.



## **SAFE ARRIVAL/SCHOOL MESSENGER**

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL WITH ANY CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGES.

Please use the Safe Arrival system to report all absences and lates for your child. You can report an absence by:

PHONE - 1-844-287-6287

ONLINE: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>

APP: SchoolMessenger



Our school also has the ability to utilize the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about school and board events, school closings, safety alerts and more. In order to receive these texts you have to "Opt in" which is a really easy thing for you to do. Please click on the link below for an instruction sheet to OPT-IN to receive SMS Messages from St. Peter.



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