



# St. Ann June Flyer

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JUNE, 2025

## TERM TWO REPORT CARDS

Term 2 reports and IEPs will be available to parents via the Parent Portal on Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025. We encourage you to view these important documents with your children. Student class placements for 2025-26 will be available in the Parent Portal and forwarded to families via email the last week of August. Please ensure your email information is up to date.



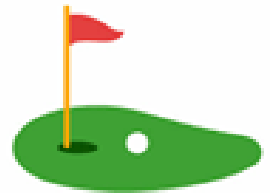
## GRADUATION

Our Grade Eight Graduation Committee is requesting that all grade eight parents save the date of Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 for the Grade Eight Graduation Ceremony. The Graduation will take place at St. Ann School in our Gymnasium. A reception will follow. If you are a grade eight parent and would like to join our decorating committee, please contact Mr. Ward at [Steven.Ward@ncdsb.com](mailto:Steven.Ward@ncdsb.com) to sign up to help! Thank you!



## SAWMILL GOLF

On Wednesday, June 11, 2025, the grade one to six students will be travelling by bus to Sawmill Golf Club and receiving a golf lesson at the facility. Each class will take turns shuttling over to the golf club for their lesson. There is no cost to our students for this experience. As this promises to be an exciting day for your students, we wish to thank Jeremy and Carrie Julie, the owners of Sawmill Golf Club, for their generosity and hospitality.



## SPORTS FLAG FOOTBALL

On Tuesday, May 20, 2025, our Intermediate Girls' Flag Football team competed in their family of schools tournament at Youngs Sportsplex. The girls performed very well all day, as they lost a very close championship game to St. Patrick! Special Thanks to Mr. Rusling for coaching the team!



### **CROWNING OF MARY**

On Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, we had a Crowning of Mary ceremony on our statue in the garden behind our school. Special thanks to Mrs. Stevenson for leading our Junior/Intermediate students in this beautiful event.



### **GRANDPARENTS DAY**

St. Ann Catholic Elementary School has a wonderful tradition of celebrating Grandparents during Catholic Education Week, as St. Ann was Mary's mother, and Jesus' grandmother! On Friday, May 9, 2025, we invited all grandparents to visit our school and watch a celebration as each class presented a song, skit, or presentation, to honour grandparents! It was a beautiful way to conclude Catholic Education Week!





### **CONFIRMATION MEETING**

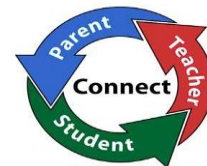
Next year at St. Ann Parish, both the grade seven and eight students will receive the Sacrament of confirmation. To this end, there will be a meeting of all current grade six and seven parents at St. Ann Church on Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

The Confirmation Mass is scheduled for Saturday, November 29, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. and the celebrant will be Bishop Bergie. Thank you for your continued support of Catholic Education!



### **CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS**

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the School Library. The meetings for the Catholic School Council will be noted on the calendar monthly. All are welcome!



### **TALENT SHOW**

The annual St. Ann Talent Show is fast approaching and we want to make sure that our students are ready. The show is scheduled for Thursday, June 19, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

All acts must be prepared at home and should be approximately 2 minutes in length. Students are responsible for supplying their music/props.

Auditions will take place in each class and must be completed by Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Students are permitted in one act only. If your child is interested in auditioning, please have them speak to their classroom teacher and a time will be arranged.

We are looking forward to seeing all of the Stallion talent!



### **EQAO ASSESSMENT 2023**

The Grade 3 and Grade 6 Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics will take place from Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025. We ask that you make every attempt to ensure that your child is at school during these dates, and that you try to avoid scheduling appointments or taking vacations during this time. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school. Thank you for your support.



### **LANGUAGE (READING) CORNER – *Print Awareness***

Print awareness (also called “concepts of print”) is a child’s earliest introduction to literacy. Children with print awareness understand that print carries meaning and has different functions depending on the context in which it appears — for example, menus list food choices, a book tells a story, a sign can identify a favorite restaurant or warn of danger.

Most children become aware of print long before they enter school. They see print all around them, on signs and billboards, in alphabet books and story books, and in labels, magazines, and newspapers. Seeing print and observing adults’ reactions to print helps children recognize its various forms.

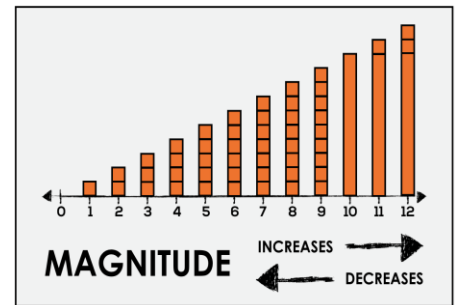
The ability to understand how print works does not emerge magically and unaided. This understanding comes about through the active intervention of adults and other children who point out letters, words, and other features of the print that surrounds children.

When children are read to regularly, when they play with letters and engage in word games, and later, when they receive formal reading instruction, they begin to understand how the system of print functions; that is, print on a page is read from left to right and from top to bottom; that sentences start with capital letters and end with periods, and much, much more.

## MATH CORNER – Counting: Magnitude

Understanding that as you move up the counting sequence (or forwards), the quantity increases by one and as you move down (or backwards), the quantity decreases by one or whatever quantity you are going up/down by.

Despite many believing that learning the alphabet is the same as learning how to count, our number system is much more complex than the alphabet. The letters in the alphabet are arranged in an order for no particular reason, whereas the stable list of numbers we use for measuring quantity through counting is ordered by magnitude.



## Niagara Region Public Health School Health Newsletter June 2025

### Things that Bite!

Ticks, mosquitos, and rabid animals can be a greater risk as the weather

- Mosquitoes transmit the [West Nile virus](#) to humans after becoming feeding on the blood of infected birds, which carry the virus. To to protect your family, visit [Reduce the Risk of West Nile Virus - Region](#).
- The blacklegged (deer) tick can transmit [Lyme disease and other tickborne diseases](#) to humans after becoming infected by feeding on the blood of small animals which carry the disease. To learn how to protect you and your pets, visit [Protect and Prevent Ticks - Niagara Region](#).
- [Rabies](#) is transmitted through saliva from bites and scratches, entering an open cut or wound, or from saliva contacting a mucous membrane, such as those in the mouth, nasal cavity, or eyes. To [reduce the risk of rabies](#), it's best to avoid contact with wild animals such as raccoons, skunks, and bats.



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For more information and free tick identification, individuals can visit [e-tick](#). General tick information can be found on our [Niagara Region Public Health website](#) or by contacting a Duty Officer directly at 905-688-8248 ext. 7590.

### Head safety – for bikes and other wheels

With warmer weather and summer break just around the corner, more kids will be outdoors taking part in activities, such as biking, skate boarding or roller blading. A [properly fitted and correct helmet](#) can cut the risk of a serious head injury by up to 85%. This means four out of five brain injuries could be prevented if every cyclist wore a helmet.

- Bike [helmets](#) should be replaced after five years **or** a crash where the cyclist has hit their head
- It's not safe to use a [second-hand helmet](#)
- Baseball hats, big hair clips and headphones should never be worn under a helmet

The human skull is just approximately one centimeter thick, so it is important to remind children to always protect their head when being active. To make sure a helmet fits right, follow the 2V1 Rule (image courtesy of [Parachute Canada](#))

## Make Immunizations Part of Your Summer Checklist!

As you prepare for the new school year this summer, remember to your child's immunizations are up-to-date. If you are unsure, talk to health care provider or [contact the vaccine team](#) at Public Health. to date with routine vaccinations helps protect your child from preventable diseases.



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If your child needs to get caught up on vaccines, you can:

- Make an appointment with your health care providers
- Visit a walk-in clinic (call ahead to confirm vaccine availability)
- Check availability of Public Health vaccination clinics. Call 905-688-8248, extension 7425 (Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.)

### Don't forget to report your child's vaccines to Public Health!

Every time your child receives a vaccine, it must be reported to Public Health. Doctors, child care facilities, and schools don't do this for you.

The fastest and most convenient way to report vaccines (except COVID-19 and flu shots) or request records is through [Immunization Connect \(ICON\)](#), a secure online system for tracking and reporting immunizations.

For more information on vaccines needed for school, visit: [Baby, Children and Youth Vaccinations](#)



### ***“Called By Name: Follow Me”***

*“We are 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.”*

