



# ST. PATRICK

# NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2025

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we come to the close of another school year, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our students, families, teachers and staff for your continued support, dedication, and faith. Together, we have navigated challenges, celebrated successes, and grown in knowledge and spirit. This year, our students have not only advanced academically but also deepened their understanding of what it means to live as disciples of Christ. It is a joy and blessing to witness their growth in faith, compassion, and character.

As we enter the summer months, may God continue to bless us and our families with rest, renewal, and joy. Let us carry the light of Christ in all we do, and return in the fall ready to tackle another year in true Shamrocks spirit!

Happy Summer everyone!

~ Ms. Romano

### Important thanks and reminders for parents and guardians:

- **Thank you for dropping off and picking up students in the church parking lot. This has helped keep the yard less congested.**
- **When picking up children at the end of the day, please keep the church parking lot gateway clear so that children can exit safely and get to their parents**
- **A reminder that our dismissal is 3:25pm. Please be on time when picking up your children at the end of the day.**
- **Kindergarten parents, please drop off your children at the gated area and then leave the property. It makes it easier for children to say goodbye and begin their day.**
- **Please use the Safe Arrival system to report your child's absences. Early pick up and alternate dismissal arrangements should be made in advance and communicated with the school well in advance of the end of the school day.**
- **Ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and in school dress code.**
- **Complete School Cash and permission items on time so that children don't miss out on activities**

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## CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you to Trish McGilvery, Amy Tuck and Mrs. Rombough for joining Ms. Romano in volunteering at our first school bingo night at Delta Bingo on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Our next CSC meeting will take place on Monday, June 9 @ 5:30pm. All parents are welcome.



## SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR

Orders for Spirit Wear may be placed at any time by visiting <https://www.maddalena-uniforms.com/collections/st-patrick-catholic-elementary-spirit-wear-1>

When placing orders, please click STORE PICK UP. All spirit wear is delivered to the school on a weekly basis FREE OF CHARGE. You will need to put in your home address for online purchase but this is NOT for shipping. Thank you!

## DO WHAT YOU CAN'T



Congratulations to this past month's DWYC award recipients! May was our last Do What You Can't Assembly.

Congratulations also to all of our students for working hard this year, doing what they couldn't do at the beginning of the year!

Thank you to all staff and parents for participating in all assemblies!



## MAY BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATION

Our monthly birthday celebration for May was held on May 26.

Thank you once again to our anonymous donor for sponsoring these celebrations for our students! June, July and August birthdays will be celebrated on June 23.

A special thank you to Mrs. Lubocki, Mrs. Ciocca and Mrs. Frascino for helping out each month!



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to our grade 2 students who received the sacrament of Holy Communion on May 23.

May God continue to bless all of them!

Thank you to Mrs. Johnstone and Mrs. Szick for preparing our students well and to Fr. Gerard and Fr. Joi for celebrating a beautiful mass.



## FLAG FOOTBALL AND TRACK AND FIELD

Congratulations to our girls' Flag Football team for coming in First Place at the recent Board Tournament!

Thank you to Mr. Basilone for coaching!

Thank you also to Mr. Basilone and staff and parent volunteers for running a successful school Track and Field Meet!

And congratulations to all students who actively participated!

Way to go, Shamrocks!



# *Sacred Heart of Jesus*

*I give You my thoughts,  
words, actions, joys and  
difficulties. I put my  
trust in You. Please, be  
my comfort and the King  
of my heart.*

*Amen.*

*The Sacred Heart of Jesus*



## 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 warms up.

- Mosquitoes transmit the [West Nile virus](#) to humans after becoming infected by feeding on the blood of infected birds, which carry the virus. To learn how to protect your family, visit [Reduce the Risk of West Nile Virus - Niagara 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.

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 check if your child's immunizations are up-to-date. If you are unsure, talk to your health care provider or [contact the vaccine team](#) at Public Health. Staying up to date with routine vaccinations helps protect your child from preventable diseases.

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](#)

## Bike to School Week 2025



Walking or biking to school is a great way to help kids stay active, healthy, and focused throughout the day and get them out in their communities! Regular physical activity boosts mood, improves fitness, and supports learning by helping kids concentrate better in class. It also helps create safer, less congested school zones by reducing traffic and pollution.

From **June 2–6**, families across Ontario are encouraged to participate in **Bike to School Week!** Invite your child to ride with friends or family, and join in creating a healthier, happier community. To learn more, visit the [Bike to School Week](#) webpage and see how your school can get involved!