

St. Mark Catholic

Home of the Mountain Lions

**A proud member of the Blessed Trinity High School
Family of Schools**

June 2025

Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the Serenity
to accept the things I cannot change.
The courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time,
enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace;
Taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is;
Not as I would have it;
Trusting that You will make all things right
if I surrender to Your will;

So that I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely
happy with You forever in the next.

AMEN

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Thank you for a Fantastic Year!

What a busy year we have had at St. Mark Catholic!

Thank you to all our Mountain Lion Community - staff, students and families for another amazing year and we look forward to 2025-2026.

Enjoy your summer and we hope it will be filled with laughter and fun with family and friends.

Mrs. DeCoff, Ms. Villella, and the St. Mark Staff

Classroom Requests for September 2025

Our registrations continue to change which affects the number of staff required at St. Mark.

Classroom assignments will be communicated once staffing is confirmed in late August. We

continue to be in an incredibly unique position with our ever-changing population in Beamsville and we thank you for your patience and understanding with the staffing process.

BOOK FAIR SUCCESS!

Scholastic Book Fair

THANK YOU St. Mark Mountain Lions for a successful book fair.
Your generosity and support raised funds to purchase amazing new books for our school library.
Happy Reading!



A few reminders for the month of June . . .

The end of the school year is fast approaching but we would like to include a few reminder for parents and students.

1. Dress Code - with the warmer weather students are wearing shorts to school. As per our school's dress code, shorts must be navy blue walking shorts. Therefore, no washed denim, no black, no short shorts. They must be a respectable length. If students are out of dress code, a phone call home for appropriate attire will be made.
2. Water bottles - please remind your child(ren) to bring a reusable water bottle to school.
3. Two nutrition breaks - this year with the balanced day, we have two nutrition breaks. Please ensure your child(ren) have enough food for both breaks and remind them not to eat all of their food during the first break.

We thank you for assisting with these issues.

Basket Raffle & Ticket Sales

Our annual basket raffle is back! Thank you to everyone who donated.

Tickets are \$2.00 for a sheet of 25 or 3 sheets for \$5.00.

Ticket sales are on Monday June 2nd ,Tuesday, June 3rd ,Wednesday, June 4th and on Thursday, June 5th from 9:00-11:30 am. Winning Tickets will be drawn on Monday June 9th and announced in the after over our PA system.

All proceeds will be used to replace aging technology for all grades.

Thank you for your continued support!



Around the School in May

Grade 8 Confirmation

On May 3rd our grade 8 students received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Bergie during the 5:00pm Mass at St. Helen Church. We would like to congratulate all of the students on this important step in their faith journey. God Bless.



Zacada Grade 6 Class Trip

On May 12, 2025 the Grade 6 students travelled to Zacada Circus School in Stoney Creek for a class trip. The students participated in an a variety of obstacles including trapeze, ariel hoops, silks, ninja warrior courses and the very steep warp wall! The students had a great day and pushed themselves to try new and challenging activities!



Girls Handball Tournament

Congratulations to the Jr Girls Handball on their gold medal win. Mrs Morewek and Mrs Dionne want to thank the girls for their hard work, dedication and sportsmanship throughout the season!



Niagara Catholic's Music Festival

Congratulations to the St. Mark Grade 4-8 choir for their amazing performance at the Niagara Catholic Music Festival. Mrs. Dionne and Mrs. Morawek would like to thank all the members for their dedication and passion on making this year an absolute success. The link below is a recording of their performance at the Festival.



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Grade 2 Culturefest

On May 9th our grade 2 students took part in Culturefest 2025. As part of their Social Studies program, students researched their family heritage and created visual displays with interesting information about the country their family descended from. Parents were invited to come and tour the various displays and engage with the students asking questions about their work. All of the students did a great job and were excited to share their information with parents, students and staff.



Intermediate Flag Football

Girls - on May 20th our intermediate girls Flag Football team competed in the NCDSB tournament in Welland. The girls played hard, had a lot of fun and finished in first place. Congratulations girls!

Boys - they were supposed to compete on May 22nd but mother nature did not cooperate; the tournament was postponed due to



rain. A new date has not yet been set. We wish them all the best when they get to play in their tournament.

St. Mark Track & Field

On May 27th our students in grades 4 to 8 participated in our annual Track & Field event. The running events were held at the park behind the school and the field events on our field by the baseball diamond. Students gave it their all and the top place finisher in each event will move on to the Blessed Trinity Family of Schools Track & Field event on June 4th. We would like to thank Miss Sirianni and Mr. Costantini for all their hard work in putting this day together.



Big Bear Spiritwear

Orders for spirit wear will continue to be on going throughout the summer months. Orders can be placed using this link: [St. Mark](#)

[Mountain Lions – Big Bear Spiritwear](#)

Grad hoodies are now available through Big Bear's website for our current grade 7 students going into grade 8. All orders placed over the summer will be delivered to the school in early September.



The Blessed Trinity Special Education Transitions EXPO is happening Thursday June 5.

Date: Thursday June 5, 2025

Time: 1:30pm to 5:00pm

Location: Blessed Trinity Cafeteria - 145 Livingston Ave - Grimsby

The Special Education Department at Blessed Trinity is hosting its first ever Transitions Expo. This is a vendor style event for families of current Special Education students at Blessed Trinity (grades nine to age twenty-one) **as well as prospective Special Education students from our feeder schools in grades five through eight.** Students and families will have an opportunity to meet, chat, network

and gain information from local organizations that may be of benefit to them currently or in the future. Some organizations in attendance will be Niagara College, Mohawk College, Community Living Grimsby/Lincoln, Mainstream, Contact Niagara, Red Roof Retreat and more! We invite you to join us in our school cafeteria on Thursday, June 5th, 2025 from 1:30-5:00pm. Refreshments and snacks will be served, courtesy of the Blessed Trinity Culinary Program. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Dustin Wiley, Program Chair of Special Education at 905-945-6706 extension 3322 or at dustin.wiley@ncdsb.com . We look forward to seeing you there!

Please note- there will be a therapy dog present on the day of the event.

BT Corner

BT Corner – June 2025

May was another very busy month at Blessed Trinity. Some of the highlights in May included:

- Prom for all of our graduating students
- Boston Trip for our Social Science and Business students
- Catholic Education Week – Catch the Spirit Awards
- Mental Health Awareness Week
- Lots of Spring Sports and NCAA Championships – Flag Football, Lacrosse, Soccer, Baseball, Slo-Pitch, Track and Field, Rugby
- Spring Music Concert

Teachers and students are starting to wrap up the semester and prepare for final exams. We wish all the elementary teachers and students and great end to another school year.

We are already preparing for next year. At this time, we are starting to put together timetables for all of our students, including our newest grade 9 students. We are also preparing our Orientation Day which will be in the last week of August before school starts. More information will be sent over the summer with details. All of our current grade 8's who will be coming to BT in September should plan to be attend the Orientation Day where they will receive their schedule, locker, tour the school and have some fun with our grade 11 and 12 Thunderstruck-Link Crew leaders.

Grade 9 orientation will be held on Wednesday, August 27th from 8:30am – 12pm

Please contact Blessed Trinity – Mr. John Cino – 905-945-6706 Ext. 2330 or Mrs. Rose Bianco Ext. 2312, if any Grade 8 parent has any questions.

Public Health



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!



ST HELEN CHURCH



COUNCIL 15999



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

08TH JUNE

12:30 PM - 3:00PM

KINSMEN PARK
3280 FROST ROAD

Please use email below
for more information

EMILIO MURILLO

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sign up sheet at the back of the Church
Goodwill Offering for Church Lift Project



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1	Day 4	2	Day 5	3	Day 1	4	Day 2	5	6	7	
	GR. 6 E.Q.A.O		E.Q.A.O		BT FOS Track & Field		Gr. 6 EQAO			Mass: St. Helen Church 5:00 p.m.	
	RAFFLE BASKET TICKET SALES										
			CSC Meeting 6pm SUBWAY		PASTA		PIZZA				
8	Day 3	9	Day 4	10	Day 5	11	Day 1	12	Day 2	13	14
Mass: St. Helen Church 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.	Basket Draws!		Kindergarten Soccer World 		Grade. 8 Wonderland		NCAA Board Track and Field Meet PIZZA		Play Day Gr. 1-8 Knights of Columbus BBQ		Mass: St. Helen Church 5:00 p.m.
15	Day 3	16	Day 4	17	Day 5	18	Day 1	19	Day 2	20	21
Mass: St. Helen Church 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.			NCAA Track Rain Date SUBWAY		Shawarma by SHELBY'S		Grade 8 Graduation PIZZA		Kinder Play Day Gr. 1 PALS @ Brock Gr. 2 Safari Niagara Gr. 4-6 Niagara River Lions Games		Mass: St. Helen Church 5:00 p.m.
22	Day 3	23	Day 4	24	Day 5	25	Day 1	26	Day 2	27	28
Mass: St. Helen Church 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.			Report Cards Go Live		Grade 7 Clifton Hill				 Out of Dress Code		Mass: St. Helen Church 5:00 p.m.
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