

June Newsletter

St. Ann Catholic School

As this strange year ends, so does my term as Principal at St. Ann Catholic. I would like to thank the parent community of St. Ann for their warm welcome when I arrived, their support over the last 6 years and their continued commitment to Catholic Education.

I consider myself lucky to have had the chance to lead the community of St. Ann. Father Richard is a great partner and I will miss his leadership and commitment to the spiritual path of our staff and most importantly the students of St. Ann. The partnership that we have with Star of the Sea is not always evident in other communities that I have worked in and I am grateful for his leadership, sense of humour, and engagement with the students and staff at our school.

I would like to thank our CSC for their commitment over the past 6 years. I would especially like to thank Roncia Zinati, Vanessa Levay, Rebecca Bodnar and Joanne Azzopardi for their hard work as Chairs of our council.

It has been a pleasure to work with the staff at St. Ann and I will certainly miss them as I move on to Holy Name. Their commitment to their students combined with their collegiality they have shown as coworkers has created a very positive climate for staff to work and students to learn.

Finally, I would like to thank the students of St. Ann. Their energy, faith and kindness has made it a joy to come to work over the last 6 years. We have endured labour interruptions, historic cold snaps, a pandemic and through it all, the interactions and love of learning that your children have displayed has made this an easy place to come to work. I will miss the students at St. Ann most of all.

May God bless all of you and wish the entire community of St. Ann a lifetime of good blessings.

Scott

"There are no goodbyes for us. Wherever you are, you will always be in my heart. "

Mahatma Gandhi



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS NIAGARA CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (NCPIC) MEMBERSHIP 2021-2022



The Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) supports the Mission of Catholic education and the Mission, Vision and Values of the Niagara Catholic District School Board by providing a communication link to parents/guardians, Catholic School Councils, the Diocese, the Director of Education, and the Board. The NCPIC promotes active parent/guardian engagement within all schools for the improvement of student achievement and well-being of all students in the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

The NCPIC membership is made up of parents/guardians, community and student representatives, the Bishop of the Diocese of St. Catharines or his appointed representative, principals, teachers, and support staff, the Director of Education or designate, the appointed Superintendent of Education, and Trustees. The Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meets on the first Thursday of the month on a bi-monthly basis at the Catholic Education Centre from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., in-person or electronically.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

The Niagara Catholic District School Board is seeking to appoint up to three (3) community representatives for the 2021-2022 school year to the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee. Interested parties are to complete and submit the Community Representative Form, along with a letter of recommendation supporting the nomination from the community agency, association, or organization addressed to **Larry Huibers, Chair of the Board no later than 4:00 p.m., on Wednesday, September 15, 2021.**

PARENT/GUARDIAN REPRESENTATIVES

To be eligible for election/appointment as a parent/guardian representative to the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee, a person:

- must be a parent/guardian of a student enrolled in a school of the Niagara Catholic District School Board;
- must reside within the jurisdiction of the Board;
- must support the Mission, Vision and Values of the Niagara Catholic District School Board; and
- must fully participate in the annual Commissioning Ceremony of NCPIC members.

Available parent/guardian positions for the 2021-2022 Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Membership are as follows:

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| Fort Erie/Port Colborne/Wainfleet | 2 positions | Parent/Guardian Representatives |
| Grimsby/Lincoln/West Lincoln/Pelham | 1 position | Parent/Guardian Representative |
| Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake | 2 positions | Parent/Guardian Representatives |
| St. Catharines | 3 positions | Parent/Guardian Representatives |
| Thorold/Merritton | 1 position | Parent/Guardian Representative |
| Welland | 1 position | Parent/Guardian Representative |

Interested parents/guardians are to complete and submit the parent/guardian nomination form **no later than 4:00 p.m., on Friday, October 8, 2021.** Nomination forms are available at the school and on the Board website, or by clicking on the link: [Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee](#).

Please send nomination forms to:

Catholic Education Centre
427 Rice Road
Welland, ON L3C 7C1
Attention: Yvonne Anderson
or by email to: yvonne.anderson@ncdsb.com

Learning Modality- September

Please ensure that you complete the Permission Click survey that was sent out in early June to indicate how your child will participate in school next year (online/in person) . There will be another survey sent to parents in August. Information from these surveys will be used to staff and create classes.

Report Cards

Report Cards will be distributed once again through the Maplewood Portal. They will be uploaded on June 28th. Please contact the school if you have difficulty accessing

1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion

First Communion for our current Grade 2 students will be rescheduled for the fall. For Grade 2 students who have not completed their First Reconciliation, they will have the opportunity in the fall as well.

Star of the Sea

Please contact Star of the Sea for current capacity standards if you would like to attend scheduled masses.

Catholic School Council

I would like to thank all of our Catholic School Council members for their support this year. 2020-2021 was an atypical year due to the pandemic restricting our ability to provide the supports that we usually provide. I would like to thank Joanne Azzopardi for her support and hard work over the last 2 years in her diligent work as our CSC Chair. This year we had one fundraiser that was our Donation Fundraiser. I would like to thank our parent community for their generous support. All fundraising this year went to the purchase of Chromebooks. CSC is still pursuing the painting of our playground and the purchase of armour stone to create an outdoor classroom. CSC's future goals continue to be the promotion of our Catholic School Identity, and a focus on improving student achievement. Our goal over the last 5 years has been the purchase of technology, namely Chromebooks. We have been very successful in this area and we currently have one to one Chromebooks for all students attending in- person learning at this time.

Class Placement

Class placement of students for next school year have started. Many parents have emailed the school and teachers to request specific placements for their child. Requests are considered but the final decision regarding class placements will be made by school staff.

Niagara Region Public Health School Health Newsletter



For Parents

COVID-19 Update

As Public Health continues to ramp up vaccinations to eligible groups and individuals, please remember to follow the [safety measures in place to protect you, your family, friends and our community](#).

Check out Public Health's [Frequently Asked Questions about the COVID-19 Vaccine](#) to answer questions or concerns you may have.

For up-to-date information on COVID-19 and vaccine eligibility, please visit the Niagara Region Public Health's [website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

Identifying Ticks During COVID-19

Now that the warmer weather has arrived, so has tick season in Ontario. Regional Public Health offices are currently closed to public access, but if you remove a tick you can have it identified by:

- [Downloading a free app](#) and uploading photos of the tick for identification
- OR
- Take a picture of the tick and submit it to inspect@niagararegion.ca



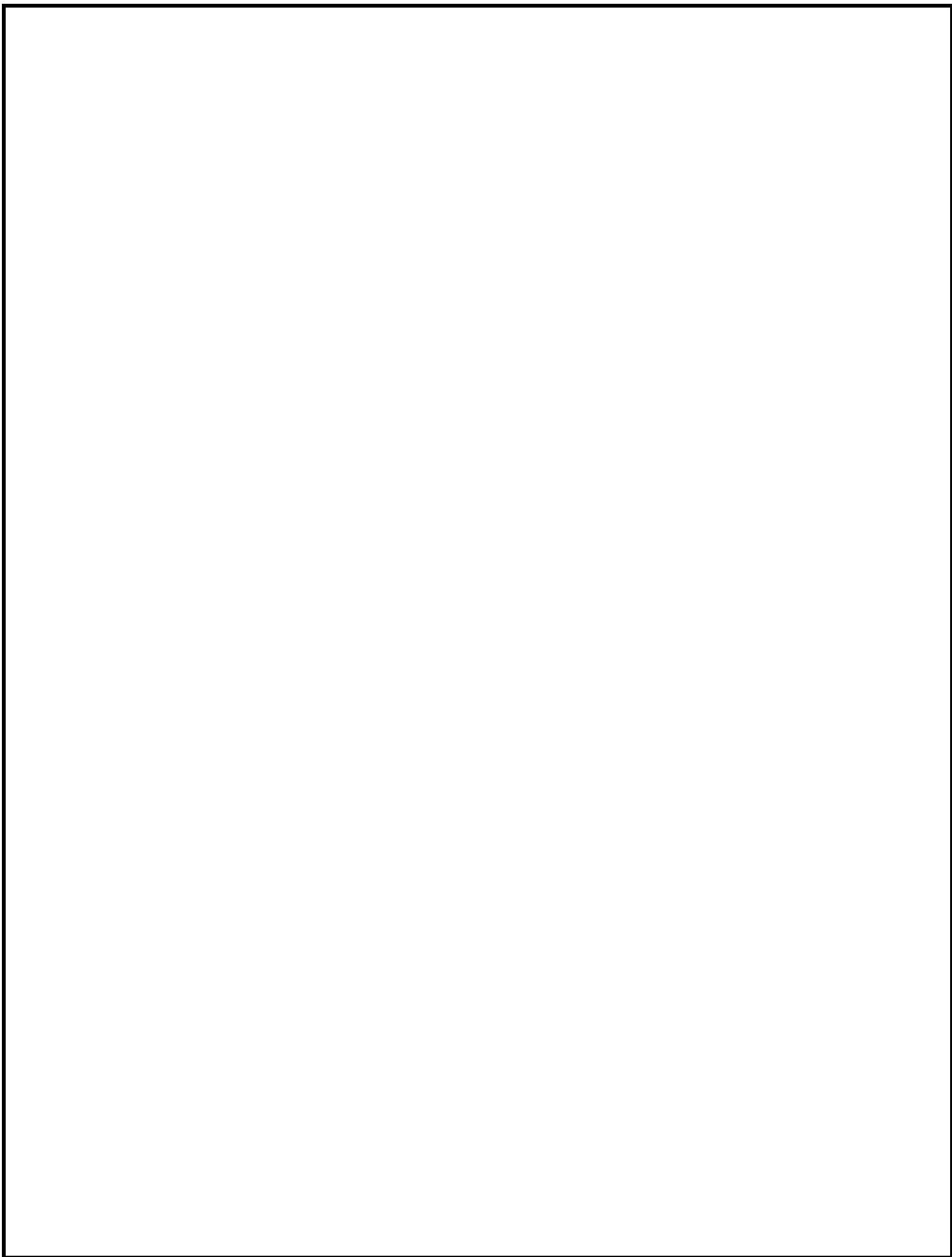
If more information is required once the tick has been identified, individuals can contact a Duty Officer directly at 905-688-8248 ext. 7590. Tick identification services will resume when our offices reopen to the public.

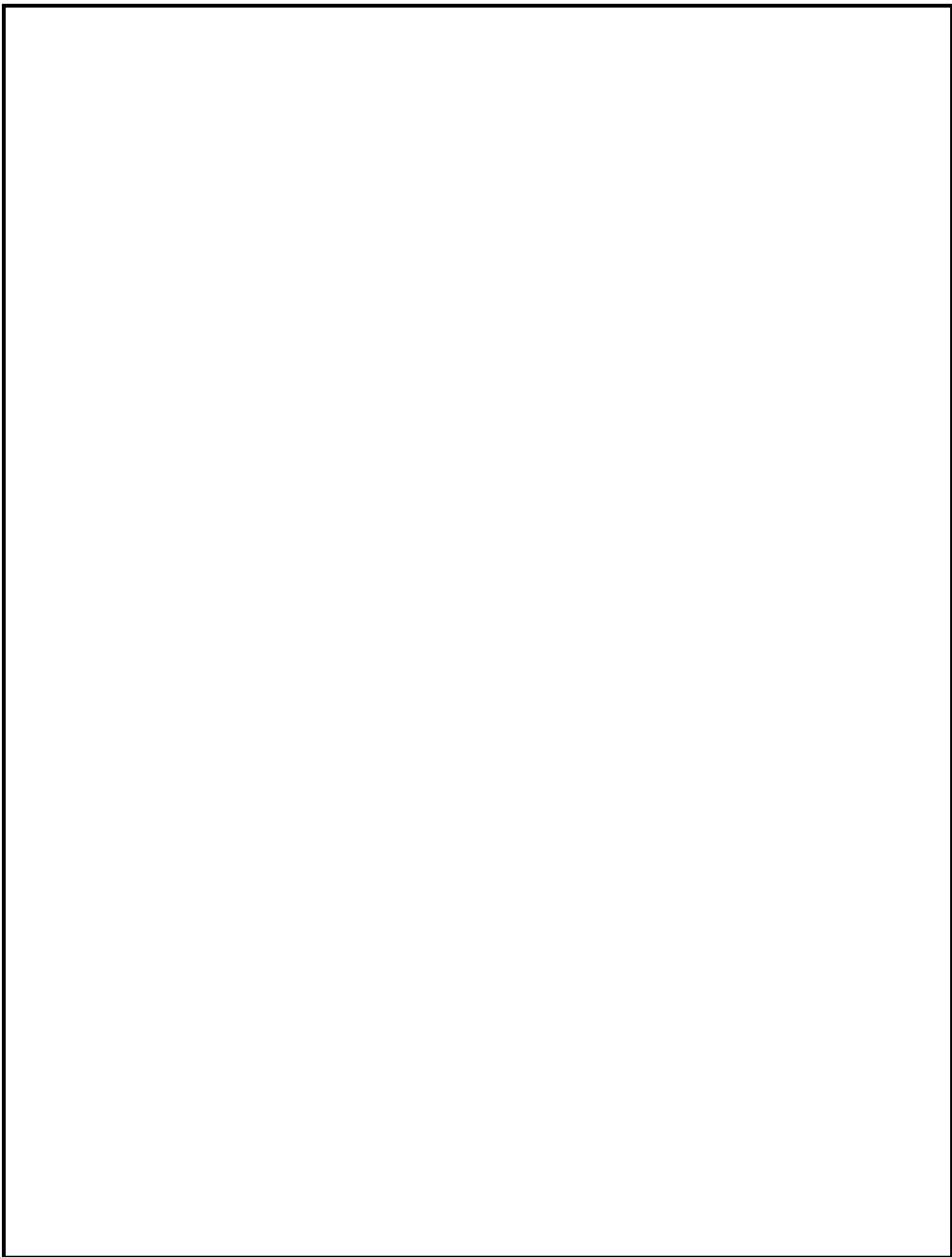
Sun Safety

When enjoying the outdoors and getting some natural Vitamin D, Public Health would like remind kids and adults to use proper protection from the sun.

For sun safety tips and information, visit Niagara Region Public Health's [website](#).

Supporting Parents During the Summer





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For Parents

COVID-19 Updates

- For information regarding schools and COVID-19, including screening, symptoms, prevention and protection measures, visit <https://www.niagararegion.ca/health/covid-19/reopen/schools.aspx>
- If you have general COVID-19 questions, you can also speak with health care professional seven days a week 9:15am to 4:15pm 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074, press 7

Vaccine Rollout

- For more information on distribution and eligibility please visit [Niagara Public Health COVID-19 Vaccination](#)

April is Oral Health Month!

- Public Health recommends that children's teeth should be brushed twice daily for two minutes with a pea sized amount of fluoride toothpaste to prevent cavities
- Children under the age of three should have their teeth brushed by an adult, using a rice grain sized portion of fluoride toothpaste until the child can spit out
- Parents and caregivers with children under six years should apply the toothpaste to the toothbrush and supervise to ensure proper brushing

For more information, visit https://www.niagararegion.ca/living/health_wellness/dental/prevent-cavities.aspx

School Dental Screening Updates

- Due to COVID-19, public health dental staff have not been able to provide school dental screenings in the 2020-2021 school year
- If your child is experiencing dental pain or discomfort, please connect with our dental program through the [Niagara Region Public Health dental website](#) or call the Dental Health Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399

Niagara Parents Promo

Children come in different shapes, sizes and grow at different rates. A child's growth depends on genetics (how their parents grew).

Your child may be taller or shorter, bigger or smaller than other children. Height and weight changes generally follow a regular pattern that is right for your child.

Do you have questions about your child's growth and development?

Connect with Niagara Parents to speak with a public health nurse: niagararegion.ca/parents

For School Staff

Low Threshold for Covid-19 Symptoms

We want to remind staff to continue to have a low threshold for symptoms. Staff should stay home, self-isolate and get tested for ANY mild symptom. Please visit <https://www.niagararegion.ca/health/covid-19/symptoms.aspx> to familiarize yourself with the symptoms of Covid-19. With Covid-19 numbers declining in Niagara Region it remains important that we work together to continue implementing Public Health measures within our home and school communities.

