

THE NEWMAN NEWS: FEBRUARY 11, 2022

- Monday, February 14th – Happy Valentine's Day – please wear something red, white or pink!
- Tuesday, February 15th – Crazy Hair & T-shirt Day!
- Wednesday, February 16th – Crazy Hat, Sock & Accessory Day!
- Thursday, February 17th – Out of uniform Day! – Sub Day; Kindergarten Virtual Open House – 12:30 & 4:00
- Friday, February 18th – PD day – no school for students!



Thoughts to Reflect Upon



Here are a few things to ponder and reflect upon as we greet the weekend ahead!

1. Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but rather a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.
2. Why is a car's windshield so large and the rear view mirror so small? Because our **past** is not as important as our **future**. So **look ahead and move on**.
3. Friendship is like a book. It takes **a short time** to burn it but **years** to write it.
4. All things in life are temporary. If it's going well, enjoy it because it may not **last long**.
If it's going badly, don't worry, that **won't last long either**.
5. Old friends are gold! New friends are diamonds! If you get a diamond, don't forget the gold!
Because to hold a diamond, **you always need a base of gold!**

COVID 19 Self Screening at home by Parents

Parents are reminded that your children are required to complete a daily self-assessment on the Niagara Catholic District School Board Website. Thank you for your cooperation as we all continue to keep our school safe!

Kiss and Ride Parking Lot

Thank you for your on-going cooperation to keep our parking lot safe.

****PLEASE BE PATIENT DURING PICK UP/DROP OFF AS STUDENT SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY.** We ask that parents exit the parking lot/Kiss and Ride area immediately after dropping off or picking up their child. **PLEASE NO LOITERING.** Thank you.

School Spirit Wear

If you would like school spirit wear, please visit the

Big Bear Spirit Wear Website

- <http://www.bigbearspiritwear.com/cardinal-newman-niagara-falls/>
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Valentine's Card and Celebrations

As in the past, we will celebrate Valentine's Day with classroom activities. Students are welcome to bring in **Valentine's Day cards** for their own classmates only (students will not be able to hand out cards to friends in other classes). Classroom teachers will organize the distribution of the cards throughout the day and we will continue to direct students to follow hand hygiene before and after distribution.

At this time, **food items and/or goodie bags are not permitted for sharing** due to allergies and covid safety guidelines. Please ensure all Valentine's Day cards are addressed "**To my friend**" or **just signed with your child's name** to allow for easier distribution of cards. On this day, students are welcome to wear red, white and/or pink to celebrate.

Thank you for your cooperation with this activity.

We are looking forward to a safe and fun-filled day!

NSTS School Bus

To receive updates on bus delays impacting your child's bus route, please download the **BusPlanner Delay app**, subscribe in the parent portal to receive email alerts, or visit [NSTS.ca](https://nsts.ca) for alerts. There are new bus drivers in training and we are working hard to minimize delays.



When a bus is running late (defined as a delay of 10 minutes or more) the bus companies are required to enter the delay in BusPlanner. This delay is posted on the NSTS website and it also goes out as an email to parents who have subscribed to alerts via email or the BusPlanner app. Please subscribe to this so that you receive these notifications.

The NSTS website has recently posted additional language around the current delay volumes encouraging parents/families to sign up for alerts.

- For changes, please contact NSTS: <https://nsts.ca/>



Visitors to the School: Sign in/Sign out for Parents/Guardians

- At this time, visitors to the school are not permitted to come into the building.
- Parents are asked to call in advance if your child needs to be signed out
- FOOD DROP OFF: If you are dropping off food, please buzz the office. The food will be left outside the door (in a bin) and a secretary will bring it inside. Please ensure that your items being left are clearly labeled with your child's name and grade. Thank you.



Thanks to the SP Guidance Team who came to visit our Gr. 8 students this past week to start the registration process with them.

Catholic School Council - CSC



Members of our CSC are looking into a Spring fundraising activity for the school. More info to come soon. Our next virtual CSC meeting will be on March 29th at 6:30.

Grade 8 Grad Photo Day

We have a new date for Gr. 8 Grad Photos – March 23rd! More details will follow.

Kids Helping Kids

This year's KHK campaign starts on Feb. 14th. During this week our school will have a number of different spirit days. We are asking students and families to make a donation to this wonderful cause. Thank you for supporting our KHK week.

Please Mark Your Calendar!

- February 21st – Family Day – no school.
- February 22nd - Term 1 Report Cards will be available on-line.
- February 23rd – Pink Shirt Day; Popcorn Day.
- February 25th – Pizza Day.

Happy Super Bowl weekend!