

ST. PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

October is truly the month of giving thanks. Our St. Peter Catholic community has much to be thankful for: wonderful enthusiastic children to teach, concerned supportive parents, prayerful comforting clergy, dedicated, caring and professional staff members. We are all working together to provide the best Catholic education for your children. Thank God for our families and all the special gifts which God has bestowed on us all.

We have had a busy and exciting month of September and anticipate an even busier October with many exciting activities and opportunities for our students to participate in and learn from. Among other things we have had our "meet the teacher" night which gave many parents an opportunity to meet their

child's teacher and tour the school. Our junior athletes will participate in the school board soccer tournament and our cross country team will run their meet at Burgoyne Woods in October.

One of our core values is helping students recognize the importance of social justice. With this in mind we will be walking as an entire school in support of the Holy Childhood Association on October 13.

Our Catholic School Council have started their fall fundraiser in conjunction with Cobs Bread Bakery, this is a great product at a fantastic price, please support our council if you can. Our council will meet on Wednesday October 11th at 6:00 pm. I would like to extend an open invitation to all interested parents to attend these monthly gatherings whenever you are available, all are welcome!

If your your child needs to leave school for some reason and will not be returning, we ask that you contact the office and not just your child's teacher. This is part of our Safe Arrival procedure and allows our secretary to manage attendance and helps the office ensure that all our students are in safe hands. Thank you for helping us keep all our students safe. On a personal note I would like to wish all the parents, students, staff and friends of St. Peter a joyous and Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. K. Lamb

HALLOWE'EN

October 31st falls on a Tuesday this year. Staff will be celebrating with various Hallowe'en activities in their classrooms. As we did last year we ask students to come dressed in their costumes in the morning. We will then change into our regular dress code at lunchtime. Sitting in a costume all day can be difficult, particularly for younger students. As always we ask that you avoid costumes that depict gore/violence as what may seem appropriate for some can be a source of fear or anxiety for others. We want this to be a positive experience for all. Friday October 27th is a regular dress down day with no set theme.



HALLOWE'EN SAFETY

Some pointers to keep the trick or treaters safe should parents decide to send their children out on Hallowe'en night:

- Children under nine years of age should go out with an adult or responsible older child.
- Be sure your child stops at all curbs, looks left, right and left again for traffic. Remind children to cross at crosswalks, street corners or intersections

- Bright coloured costumes will make your child more visible. Face paint instead of masks helps them to see better. Have your child carry a flashlight.
- When they get home, check all treats carefully. Throw out any treats that aren't wrapped.



CALLED BY NAME: "HEAR MY VOICE"

"My sheep hear my voice" (John 10:27)

Jesus calls us His sheep. He is our shepherd. Like a shepherd cares for his sheep, Jesus cares for us. Like a shepherd searches for a lost sheep, Jesus helps us to repent and come back to him when we get lost through sin. But there is another way that we are like sheep. You see, sheep are completely dependent upon their shepherd. Without a shepherd it is very easy for sheep to be separated from the flock and to get into danger. Jesus reminds us that He is here to help us. He wants to keep us safe from everything that might lead us away from Him. We need Him more than a sheep needs its shepherd. When we rely on Him, we are able to do more and be more than we ever thought was possible. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, we trust in You!

HOLY CHILDHOOD WALK – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023

On Friday, October 13, students will participate in our Holy Childhood walk to raise funds for the Holy Childhood Association. We are hoping that every student/family can make a donation using School Cash Online. This is an activity that students in Niagara Catholic have participated in for many years. The Holy Childhood Association's motto is "Children helping Children". Under this banner it is present in 120 countries throughout the world and funds raised through schools are directed towards self help programs involving the building of schools, the provision of health and nutrition programs and medications, school fees as well as teaching and learning resources. Children in communities, orphanages, homes for the disabled, refugees and those living on streets are assisted by the generosity of the children who help raise funds and make the love of Jesus known everywhere.





COBS BREAD CARDS

Our Catholic School Council is partnering with Cobs bread again this year for our fall fundraiser. The fundraiser is available on school cash on line from October 2-16. Cards cost \$25 and allow you one complimentary loaf /month for 12 months. The loafs at Cobs range in price from \$4.60-\$8.75 so the purchaser can save \$30-\$80 in a year. These cards make great gifts.

SPORTS UPDATE

OCTOBER SPORTING EVENTS

St. Peter has been busy in the sporting scene over the past few weeks. Under the watchful eyes and expert guidance of our coaches, Mme. Millar & Mrs. Martineau, our cross country runners have been practicing for their upcoming meet on October 10th at Burgoyne Woods. Thank you for coaching and cheering on our runners. On October 4th and 5th, our Junior Girls and Boys soccer teams will participate in their tournaments at Club Roma.

Thank you to Ms. D'Addario and Mr. Langkamer for their outstanding coaching and to our team members for their dedication and hard work.



RECOGNIZING THE CATHOLIC GRADUATE EXPECTATIONS

We started a new initiative at St. Peter this September . Each month we'll recognize a student from each class who has demonstrated one of the Catholic Graduate Expectations in word and deed. This month's recipients demonstrated skills such as; collaborative contributors, responsible citizens or being a responsible life long learner among others.



ST. PETER BELL TIMES

8:40 am ENTRANCE

10:10 am – 10:25 am MORNING RECESS

11:25 am – 11:45 am LUNCH



11:45 am – 12:05 pm LUNCH RECESS

1:05 pm – 1:20 pm AFTERNOON RECESS

2:50 pm DISMISSAL

SAFE ARRIVAL/SCHOOL MESSENGER

Please use the Safe Arrival system to report all absences and lates for your child. You can report an absence by:

PHONE - 1-844-287-6287

ONLINE: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>

APP: SchoolMessenger



NCDSB ELEMENTARY STANDARDIZED DRESS CODE

Shirts

- Navy blue or white oxford-style long-sleeved or short-sleeved shirt.
- Navy blue or white polo-style long-sleeved or short-sleeved shirt.
- School-designed spirit wear including shirts, sweaters or hoodies.
- All sweaters must be navy blue or white.



Pants / Skirts

- Navy blue sweat-pants for students in Kindergarten to Grade 3.
- Navy blue pants - Dress, Cargo, Denim, Kobe, Corduroy style.
- Navy blue skorts or dresses - length must be appropriate and modest.
- Navy blue walking shorts or capris or Grade 8 students have the option of wearing grey secondary uniform pants.

Shoes

- In an effort to limit student traffic in hallways and keep students and staff safe, families are advised that students will not require a pair of indoor shoes to start the school year. We ask that parents/ guardians please ensure that students come to school each day wearing appropriate and comfortable closed-toe footwear (i.e. running shoes with proper ankle support) that they can remain in throughout the duration of the school day. We also ask that if your child is still learning to tie laces that you send slip-on or Velcro shoes.

ST. PETER SPIRIT WEAR

Families can order Grad Hoodies and St. Peter Spirit Wear through the Big Bear Spirit Wear Website. Usually, the orders are delivered to the school to hand out to students. All orders are to be done by going to Big Bear Spirit Wear website.



LICE PROTOCOL

Our protocol is as follows:

1. Parents report any cases of lice to the office.
2. If lice are found, parents are informed.
3. Parents treat them with products available at the Pharmacy.
4. If live lice or nits are present, child(ren) will not be re-admitted to class.

Thank you for your co-operation in managing this situation.