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NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



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THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

Happy Thanksgiving -- a time to remind us to always be thankful. This month as we celebrate Thanksgiving let us be mindful of those who have gone without and for those who will be celebrating alone. Let us express gratitude and thankfulness. In the Bible, the meaning of 'Thanksgiving' reflects adoration, sacrifice, praise, or an offering. Thanksgiving was a grateful language to God as an act of worship. May the spirit of 'Thanksgiving' always be in your hearts and in your minds. God bless you and your family; remain healthy and grateful for the tiny moments that spread hope and love.

Mrs. Solomon & Staff



HAPPENINGS THE WEEK OF OCT. 16-20

Monday Oct. 9 - Happy Thanksgiving - Firehouse Subs Due by visiting School Cash Online

Tuesday Oct. 10 - Day 4 - Halloween Cookies & Sundaes Orders Due

Wednesday Oct. 11 - Day 5 Cross Country Meet

Thursday Oct. 12 - Day 1 Cross Country Rain Date

Friday Oct. 13 - Day 2 Firehouse Subs Day and Greener Links Visits Gr.3 to do a Nature Walk



THANK YOU ALL FOR A WONDERFUL MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT!

Thank you to Mrs. Shewfelt and all her Grade 8 students for helping with this event. A special thank you to Noah, Maliah, Lacey and Rim for hosting and help organize and run the evening.

Thank you to our Catholic Co-Chairs Mrs. Corona and Ms. Lynett for your generous donations and helping us set-up and run the event along with all our Catholic School Members that helped with the evening. A special shout out to Mr. Copeland who was able to connect with Cat's Kitchen and Bar for all the pizza to be donated making a \$210.00 profit for the school.

Thank you to the Roberto Family owners of Cat's Kitchen and Bar for generously donating all the pizza!! Thank you to the Tim Horton's on Stanley Avenue for donating the coffee and hot chocolate to help bring all families together for a special time.

Thank you to all our St. Mary families who attended and made this a special event.

SAFETY FIRST!

We've had a great start to the school year! Thank you to all our hard working and dedicated staff who continue to make a difference in the lives of our beautiful children at St. Mary Catholic. We continue to work to make the school environment as safe as possible for our students to ensure that cars are moving along safely without parking or making illegal U-Turns in front of the school.

There will be changes to the crosswalk in front of the school. More information will be forthcoming from the City of Niagara Falls Transportation Services.

Please remember to ensure:

- your child arrives to school before 8:45 am (supervision begins at 8:35 am). This will help develop routines, value the importance of being responsible and be ready for learning
- Kiss N Ride is used to safely drop off and pick up your child without leaving your vehicle
- you use Law St. to park your vehicle if you wish to walk your child to and from school
- Staff Parking should not be used to park your vehicle due to students and families walking on the sidewalk along Morrison Street and at the furthest end closest to the cemetery it is used to transition our students from the school to Kiss & Ride.

We are committed to making every effort to support a positive learning experience that helps to build disciplined, responsible and resilient learners. Your support and partnership is greatly appreciated and valued! Please make every effort to have your child(ren) arrive to school during 8:35 to 8:45 each morning and to be dismissed at 2:55.

FIRE PREVENTION AND LOCKDOWN DRILL

Fire Prevention Week runs from October 11-13. We will be having a practice exercise during this week supported by the Niagara Falls Fire Department. Students will be participating in a scheduled practice fire drill to remind us of safety procedures.

TRUTH & RECONCILIATION – EVERY CHILD MATTERS

On September 29 students participated in Indigenous Games organized and facilitated by our dedicated staff. THANK YOU to Mr. Russell for all his hardwork organizing this eventful day. Students participated in stations in their designated cohorts. Primary Stations consisted of: Tatanka Tatanka, Back Slapping Race and Foot Tag. Junior Stations consisted of: Rattler/Back Slapping Race, Siturtag Dance and One/Two Foot High Kick. Intermediate Stations consisted of: Lacrosse and Hand Games/Animal Muk.

SEPTEMBER 22, 2023 TERRY FOX WALK

On Friday, September 22, 2023 students participated in the annual Terry Fox Walk. The goal was to raise awareness and action as much funds to support those who are battling with Cancer.

Thank you to Mr. Russell, staff and students for an amazing day. **Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Terry Fox Foundation and for raising \$1290.00 as a school community. AMAZING!!**

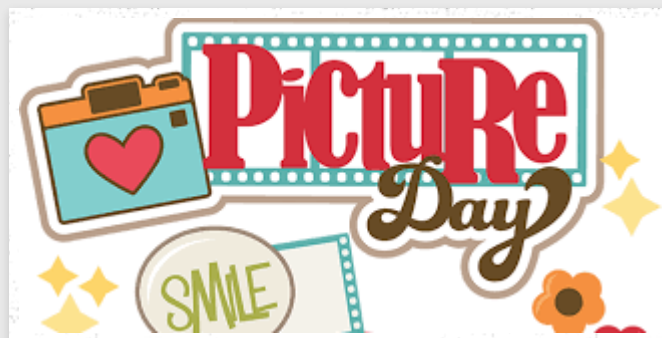


SCHOOL MESSENGER: – SAFE SCHOOL ARRIVAL

Please continue to use the Niagara Catholic District School Board online system to record absences. If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, the absence **must be reported by 8:30 am** as follows: 'go.schoolmessenger.ca' or call: 1-844-287-6287. **Please do not call the school to report your child's absence. Use the above format instead.**

PICTURE DAY! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Our school pictures will be taken by Edge Imaging Photography on October 16, 2023



NIAGARA NUTRITION PROGRAM

We are pleased to announce that we will be offering Nutritional Snacks beginning in October. We have placed an order and will be waiting for supplies as early as next week (Oct 10-13). We

will also be trying something new for our Nutritional Program. We will begin offering a hot breakfast once a week. More information to follow over the next week or two.

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH – MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m

THANKSGIVING MASS

Please join us for our Thanksgiving School Mass on October 17, 2023 at St. Patrick Catholic Church at 10:00 am for Grades 1 to 8. Kindergarten students will be joining us for all school masses beginning in December.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next Catholic School Council meeting is on October 25, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

NIAGARA REGION PUBLIC HEALTH DENTAL PROGRAM

Niagara Region Public Health Dental Program will be offering Dental screening to grades JK, SK, 2, 4, 7 and 8 on October 23 and 24, 2023.

A registered dental hygienist will take a quick look in the child's mouth using a sterilized mirror and light. Staff will be wearing a mask, eye protection, gloves and performing hand hygiene between each student. The Healthy Smiles Ontario program may financially assist children who do not have access to dental care.

If you do not want your child(ren) to take part in the dental screening, you MUST complete the online School Dental Screening Nonparticipation Form or call the Dental Health Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399 each school year.

If your child(ren) is not in one of the grades listed above, they may have the opportunity to participate in the dental screening. If you would like your child to be screened, please complete the School Dental Participation Form.

ST. MARY BELL TIMES

8:35 am Supervision Begins

8:45 Announcements

10:15-10:30 Recess

11:30-12:10 Lunch (indoor/outdoor)

1:10-1:25 Recess

2:55 Dismissal

