# ST. PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

January 2024 Newsletter



### St. Peter Catholic Elementary School

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# **Principal's Message**

Happy New Year and welcome back. On behalf of the staff of St. Peter I would like to offer our best wishes for a happy and healthy 2024. In January we celebrated the feast of the Epiphany on January 6th which marks the end of the Twelve Days of Christmas on the Catholic Calendar. As we move through this month you are likely to receive updates and communication from the BOARD, the SCHOOL and directly from your child's CLASSROOM TEACHER(S). Please make sure

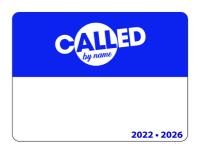


you are staying connected with us through School Messenger, The NCDSB web page, The Remind App and where applicable through your child's NCVLE platforms. Communication is critical and reading critical communication is key.

Yours in Catholic Education, Mr. K. Lamb Principal

# Called By Name " Hear My Voice" 2023-24

Our theme this school year is "Called by Name: Hear My Voice." And while our theme is about God's call to us, it should also serve as a reminder of our call to Him. Each day God says to us, "let me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet" (Song of Solomon 2:14). God doesn't want to talk at us; He wants to have a conversation with us. Have you given Him the pleasure of hearing your voice yet today?



### **Kindergarten Registration and Open House**

On Wednesday, January 7th, we will be hosting our kindergarten Open house from 9-6pm. If you have Kindergarten aged children or know someone who has, please drop in for a quick tour of the school. Registration for Kindergarten can also be completed online.



The following documents are necessary for online and in person registration:

- · Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate
- · Birth Certificate
- $\cdot$  Proof of Address
- · Non-Catholic Form if registering as a non-Catholic.

Please complete the online registration by clicking the Register button on the NCDSB website <u>niagaracatholic.ca</u> and then you can call St. Peter to arrange drop off of the necessary documentation. You are also welcome to send digital copies at your earliest convenience. We encourage you to explore all that Niagara Catholic has to offer and look forward to welcoming your child to the Niagara Catholic family.

# **Sports Update**

Congratulations to the **JUNIOR GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM** on capturing the **Gold Medal** at the Big School Tournament in December. The girls went undefeated for the entire tournament with 5 consecutive wins. The girls defeated a talented St. Anthony Team in the finals to capture gold in a close match. Tournament high scorers were Charlotte and Brianna. Ms. D would like to commend the girls on their dedication, grit and determination during the entire season. They worked hard at practice and continued to improve each and every time. They displayed tremendous sportsmanship and represented St. Peter's very well. Team Members include: Brianna, Caitlyn, Shekinah, Talia, Hannah, Peyton, Sabina, Lily, Karley, Charlotte. A special **Shout Out** to our Grade 7 helpers, Skyla and Olivia for assisting with the team and demonstrating exceptional dedication and leadership skills. Congratulations to the **JUNIOR GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM** on capturing the **Gold Medal** at 5 consecutive wins. The girls defeated a talented St. Anthony Team in the finals to capture gold in a close match. Tournament high scorers were Charlotte and Brianna. Ms. D would like to commend the girls on their dedication, grit and determination during the entire season. They worked hard at practice and continued to improve each and every time. They displayed tremendous sportsmanship and represented St. Peter's very well. Team Members include: Brianna, Caitlyn, Shekinah, Talia, Hannah, Peyton, Sabina, Lily, Karley, Charlotte. A special **Shout Out** to our Grade 7 helpers, Skyla and Olivia for assisting with the team and demonstrating exceptional dedication and leadership skills.

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#### **Mental Health**

How to access immediate help for mental health concerns: If you feel you need urgent assistance with your child's mental health, the following helplines are available, and/or you can seek help from your local hospital emergency room or acute care site. Ontario Help Lines for Mental Health:

· If you are in CRISIS, call Pathstone Mental Health locally at 1-800-263-4944. Walk-In Services are available by calling this number, to book a counselling session

 $\cdot$  Children and teens can speak with a counsellor 24/7 by calling Kids Help Phone at 1-800-668-6868 or texting CONNECT to 686868.

 The Black Youth Helpline offers support for all youth and specifically responds to the need for a Black youth specific service, positioned and resourced to promote access to professional, culturally appropriate support for youth, families and schools. Please call: 1-833-294-8650
The Hope for Wellness Help Line offers mental health counselling and crisis intervention to all Indigenous peoples across Canada. Please call 1-855-242-3310

• The Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) offers a 24-hour Mental Health and Addictions Crisis Line with culturally specific mental health and addiction supports for adults, youth, and families in Ontario in both English and French, please call: 1-877-767-7572.

Resources are available for both families and students. For resources for parents regarding tools for our Mental Health, please visit <u>https://smho-smso.ca/back-to-school/parents-and-families/</u> Parents and Families The Mentally Healthy Back to School Support package has practical, evidence-based resources to promote and protect mental health at school. smho-smso.ca

### **Inclement Weather Procedure**

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TO YOUR LOCAL RADIO STATION 105.7 FM & 1220 AM FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS! CHECK Niagara Catholic District School Board website at www.niagaracatholic.ca.





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 CONTACT THE SCHOOL WITH ANY CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGES.

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: <u>https://go.schoolmessenger.ca</u> APP: SchoolMessenger



Our school now has the ability to utilize the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about school and board events, school closings, safety alerts and more. Our Catholic School Council feels that text messages are a quick and easy way for the school to communicate such items. In order to receive these texts you have to "Opt in"

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# 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 the Big Bear Spirit Wear Website.

