



St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School

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March 2024 Newsletter



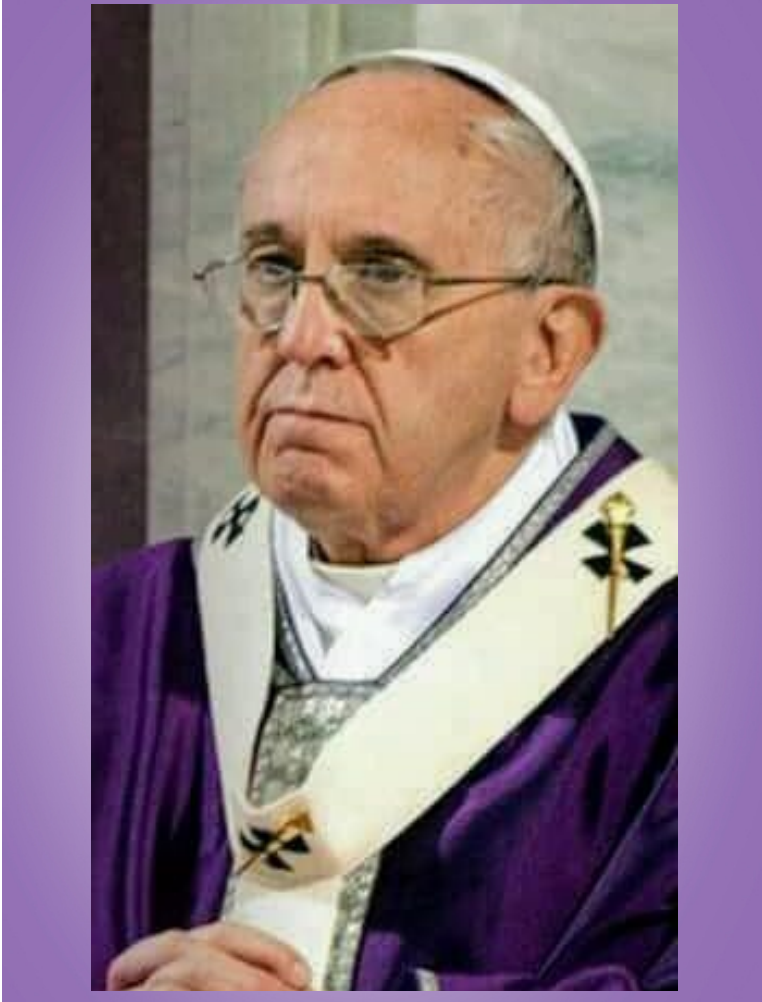
 *an* **IRISH**
Prayer
May God give you...

*For every storm, a rainbow,
For every tear, a smile,
For every care, a promise,
AND A BLESSING IN EACH TRIAL.
FOR EVERY PROBLEM LIFE SENDS,
A faithful friend to share,
For every sigh, a sweet song,
*And an answer for each prayer.**

Our Lenten Journey...

As we begin our Lenten journey, we seek to grow in our wisdom of the traditions and customs of the church during the season of Lent.

Throughout the season of Lent we reflect upon the great sacrifice of Christ on the Cross. When Jesus calls us to be his disciples, he is challenging us to live lives of compassion and action recognizing that it isn't easy to truly sacrifice and give of ourselves for one another. When we care about the people around us, we desire to reduce their suffering and hardships. May we take time this month to reflect upon what we can sacrifice to ease the suffering and hardship of the others as we continue on our mission as disciples of Christ.



Do you want to fast this Lent?

In the words of Pope Francis:

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



Order your 2023-2024 Yearbook Today!

Our 2023-2024 School Yearbook is in progress. This item has been added to School Cash Online. This year's publication can be purchased for \$21.00 Don't be left out - visit School Cash and order yours today! There are a handful left. Don't be left out!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to our wonderful parents who gave up their time to serve pancakes from iHop to our students on Shrove Tuesday. The pancakes were delicious and well received by all the students and staff. Thank you to Mrs. Spadafora, Mr. and Mrs. Rosano, Mr. and Mrs. Lambert, Mr. Olivieri, Mrs. Aviles and Mrs. Fadell! Your time is greatly appreciated!



CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

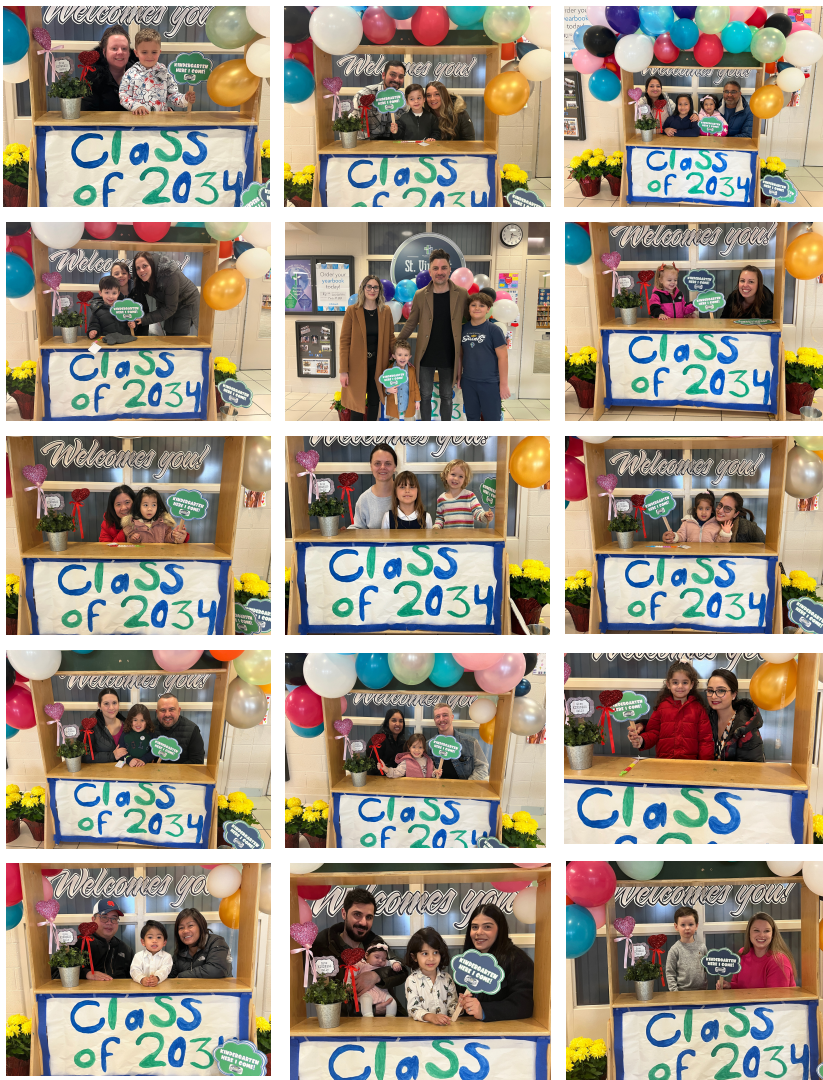
Our next Catholic School Council Meeting will be held on April 9, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the school library. Thank you to all of our parent volunteers who generously donate their time at SVDP. If you are interested in either joining our CSC or simply volunteering at one of our functions, please contact the school or email our CSC chair Mrs. Rosano at svdpcsc@outlook.com.



KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

Kindergarten Registration is always open. If you know of any families who are interested in joining our family, please have them visit niagaracatholic.ca for more information. We were happy to welcome many new families during our recent Open House who will be beginning Junior Kindergarten in September. Thank you to our Open House Team - Ms. Cullen, Mrs. Sirianni, Mrs. Sottile, Mrs. Blakely, Mrs. Salvo-Teutenberg and Mrs. Dougherty. Our new families are reminded to drop off any documents they may have to complete the registration process (birth certificate, baptismal certificate, proof of residency, immunization records, etc.). New families will receive correspondence through School Messenger about the date of our second Kindergarten Open House. That evening will take place in May, and will consist of a presentation from our Kindergarten Team, as well as a ride around the neighbourhood on the big yellow bus. Spread the news. St. Vincent de Paul is growing...and growing fast. St. Vincent de Paul is the place to be!

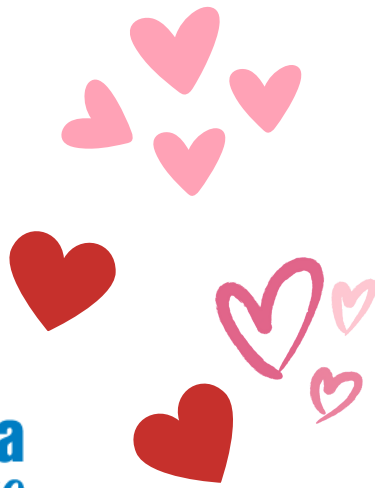
Kindergarten



CONGRATULATIONS ARTISTS!

Congratulations to John K., Minna M. and Hillary Z. for representing St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School at the 'From the heART' Art Showcase, held at the Seaway Mall on February 8, 2024. Artwork from all across Niagara Catholic was on display. Here are a few pictures from the evening. Thank you to Mrs. Cristelli from the Niagara Catholic District School Board for organizing this event for our students. Thank you also to Miss Orsini for welcoming our students!





KIDS HELPING KIDS DRIVE

Thank you to all the families for donating to our Kids Helping Kids Campaign this year. Students participated in a variety of themed days including Wacky Hat and Hair Day, Western Wednesday, Favourite Sports Team Day and My Favourite Colour Day. To win a prize, be the first to tell Mr. Romano the secret word of the month: 'trivia'. Congratulations to Mila M. who won the movie basket. Thank you to our organizers Ms. Cullen, Mrs. Futino-Vacca and Mrs. Sottile. We are happy to donate a total of **\$804.00** to the Niagara Children's Centre and to the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education. Your generosity over the last few weeks is greatly appreciated! THANK YOU EVERYONE!

MARCH HOT LUNCH DATES

Swiss Chalet - March 5th and March 19th

Firehouse Subs - March 26th

Carmine's Pizza - March 7th, 21st, 28th

Please mark these dates on your calendar if your child is to receive an order.

*April Lunch and Snack Orders are due on March 21st.



REMINDER

A reminder to parents/guardians of grade 2 students who are receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There are three dates to choose from: March 5th, 6th or 7th. The sacrament will be held at Our Lady of the Scapular Church at 7:00 p.m. Please inform your child's classroom teacher which night you will be attending.



SAVE THE DATE - APRIL 18 NCDSB CHESS TOURNAMENT

Our area Chess Tournament will be held on April 18th, 2024 at St. Mary Catholic Elementary School in Niagara Falls. Thank you to Mr. Porga who will be coaching our team!



SO MUCH FUN AT THE WINTER CARNIVAL

Thank you to School Senator Sienna R., for spearheading our Winter Carnival this year. Sienna, Mrs. Mascia and some students from Student Council organized, planned and facilitated the day of fun. Students took part in physical games/races, crafts, dance and even had a hot chocolate break. Thank you to Sienna, Mrs. Mascia, Rosie A., Antonella L., Mila C., Salena G., Natalia S. and Lila D. Great job girls! Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated!



BE A BETTER HUMAN FEBRUARY RECIPIENTS & ST. PAUL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE MONTHS

Congratulations to our February 'Be A Better Human' winners. We would also like to congratulate our St. Paul High School Students of the Month! Way to go Saints. The staff of SVDP are extremely proud of you all!



Ms. Cullen & Mrs. Sottile - Elijah A.

Mrs. Sirianni & Mrs. Blakely - Pierce K.

Mrs. Futino-Vacca - William S.

Miss Orsini - Chloe R.

Mrs. McLean - Mila M.

Mrs. Reich - Avery F.

Mrs. Ramunno - Maxim W.

Mr. Porga - Alexa R.

Mr. Spiotti - Kylie F.

Mrs. Mascia - Sienna R.

St. Paul Students of the Month

Nico M. (Mr. Porga's Class)

Travis G. (Mrs. Mascia's Class)



-MEET SVDP FAMILIES- -HAVE A FUN NIGHT OUT-

-SUPPORT OUR AMAZING SCHOOL-

Door prizes,
raffles and
draws

LOTS OF
FUN!

Prizes for
winning
tables

St. Vincent de Paul Trivia Night

March 22, 2024

Open to anyone
19 years of age
or older

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

First question at 7:00 p.m.

\$20 per person

Proceeds raised go towards the
purchase of new technology

Call 905-356-7505 or email
stvincentdepaul@ncdsb.com

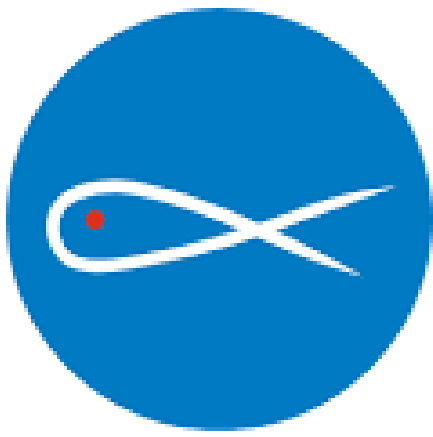
for tickets, or order
through School
Cash Online.

Food, Snacks
and dessert

Cash Bar -
Liquor Licensed
Event

Funds used for
sports jerseys,
technology &
graduation.





Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Food Drive

Runs until March 20, 2024

Each elementary school in our Family of Schools is participating in this Lenten Food Drive. Each school has been assigned specific items to collect. St. Vincent de Paul has been given the job of collecting canned fruit and canned vegetables. Please send in a can or two with your child. The classroom with the most cans will be awarded a pizza luncheon! Thank you for your generosity as we assist those most in need in our community.



13 KINGS CELLARS

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Join us in making a difference! 13 Kings Cellars along with Bella Terra Vineyards are teaming up for the first annual exclusive wine fundraiser at St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School.

We are coming together to support education, community and the spirit of giving. This fundraiser embodies the values of compassion and generosity that define the King Family, the winery, and the St. Vincent de Paul family. Combined, we wish to inspire hope and promise for a brighter future, reinforcing the belief that true prosperity is found in lifting others and nurturing the potential of every child.



Fundraiser Dates to Remember

Opening Date: February 20, 2024

Last Day to Order: March 22, 2024

Pick Up Date: March 28, 2024

Order through School Cash Online

All profits made from this fundraiser will go directly towards the purchase of new sports jerseys, new technology and graduation.

Thank you to our CSC Fundraising and Graduation Committees for running this event alongside the King Family.