

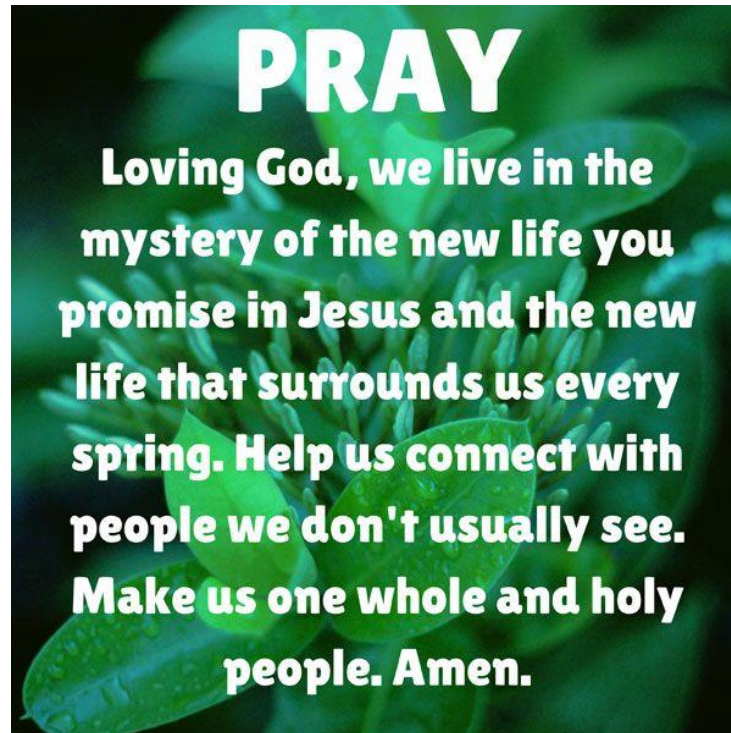
## Important Dates

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- April 2  
World Autism Day, Science in the Classroom 7D, Art Gallery Jr./Int CSC
- April 3 Pasta Day, Art Gallery Jr./ Int
- April 4 Mass at St. Kevin 10 AM
- April 8- PA Day
- April 9 Let's Talk Science
- April 11 Scientist in the Classroom 6/7M
- April 12 Pizza Day
- April 16<sup>th</sup> Gr. 7 Immunizations
- April 17<sup>th</sup> Gr. 8 Confirmation Retreat, Student Leadership Symposium
- April 18<sup>th</sup> Badminton
- April 19<sup>th</sup> Chess
- April 20<sup>th</sup> Rite of Commitment
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> Artists in the Classroom JK/SK

# Holy Name Catholic School

## April Prayer



### Reporting Attendance in Safe Arrival

Please ensure that student absences are recorded in Safe Arrival. The prompt completion of attendance helps to ensure student safety. Please enter your child absence into Safe Arrival.

### World Autism Day

World Autism Day is April 5<sup>th</sup>. Students are encouraged to wear blue.

- April 25<sup>th</sup> First Communion Practice
- April 27<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Communion @ 2PM
- April 30<sup>th</sup> Student Leadership Symposium

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### St. Kevin Parish

- Mass Times – Saturday 5 PM
- Sunday 9 AM, 10:30 AM, 5 PM

## School News

### Spirit Wear- Maddalenas Uniforms

Spirit Wear is available through the Maddalena Uniforms. [Maddalena-uniforms.com](http://Maddalena-uniforms.com)

### Catholic School Council

Our next CSC meeting will take place April **2nd** in our library. **This meeting will be to plan our Pizza Kit fundraiser.**

### Hot Lunches

Hot Food Days will be continuing in April. All food day orders will be taken online. **Pizza Days will be April 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. We will be having Pasta Day on April 3.**

### Parking Lot Safety

Please ensure that all parents exercise caution during morning drop off and pick up of students. Please ensure that all parents drive at a speed in and out of the parking lot that ensures student safety at all times. Let's ensure our kids are safe at all times.

### School Sports

Badminton- Badminton Tournament will take place April 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Chess

The Chess Tournament for Junior and Intermediate students will take place on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Jr Basketball

Jr. Basketball will be April 16<sup>th</sup>

### Jr. Volleyball

Jr. Volleyball will be April 30<sup>th</sup>

### Class Placement

This year, all class placement decisions will be made by School Staff. We will not be taking parent requests for class placement.



## Niagara Region Public Health School Health Newsletter

### April 2024

#### Connecting the Curriculum to Home

Your child might start learning about various parts of healthy human growth and development based on their grade and the [Ontario Health and Physical Education \(2019\) curriculum](#). One important topic that is covered is consent.

### Starting the Conversation of Consent: Connecting The Curriculum to Home

(Parents of Elementary aged students)

With our School Health Nurses

Our Public Health Nurses Jenn and Austin discuss how to start the conversation of consent, and how to connect the curriculum to home.

- **Watch here:** [Starting the Conversation of Consent - Connecting the Curriculum to Home](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions about Puberty](#) – as your child starts learning more about human development, our school health team wants to support adults with answering some of those tricky questions.

#### Niagara Ontario Health Team – Events Calendar

The [Niagara Ontario Health Team](#) created an events calendar tool to highlight the diverse activities happening in our region. This initiative highlights the importance of health and wellness. It also serves as a valuable link, connecting community members to resources available in Niagara.

The [calendar](#) makes it easier to find and explore new things to do. It also helps create meaningful connections in our community. Visit today to learn more about what is going on near you!



#### Benefits of Risky Play



Did you know that letting kids [play freely outdoors](#), even if it involves a bit of risk, is super important for their growth and well-being? Learn about the benefits of exciting play that might seem a little risky, and how it can help kids develop better physically, mentally, and socially. Let's rethink how we see risks and explore how adventurous play can actually help kids stay healthier and happier in the long run. Join us in creating a world where every child has the chance to thrive!

For more information on what it is meant by risky play, check out [Active For Life webpage](#).



## Happy Oral Health Month!

Niagara Region Public Health Dental Program offers **FREE** dental clinics for children and youth 17 and under throughout Niagara.

Appointments are available for children in:

- Niagara Falls on Tuesdays
- Thorold on Mondays (afternoon and evening) and Wednesdays
- Welland on Thursdays



[Niagara's Mobile Dental Clinic](#) also travels around Niagara to various locations throughout the week.

All of our dental clinics offer free dental assessments, cleanings, fluoride and sealants. To book an appointment [contact the Dental Program](#) or [book a dental assessment online](#).



## Educational Resources

### Opportunities for Every Student with Play for All



To ensure a thriving intramural program, prioritize student safety and inclusivity. Tailor activities to student preferences, communicate goals clearly, and offer flexibility for participation. Cultivating student leadership is key for long-term success.

Explore [ophea.net/play-all](https://ophea.net/play-all) to discover additional resources, including planning tools and activity suggestions to enhance your students' physical activity throughout the day.

### Student Mental Health Ontario: Wayfinder

Unlock the power of mental health promotion and literacy in your classroom with confidence and ease! [School Mental Health Ontario Wayfinder](#) provides a clear framework for mental health learning in the classroom. Empower your classroom with mental health promotion and literacy tools perfectly aligned with the Ontario curriculum, fostering an inclusive space for students to support each other's mental well-being.

Wayfinder provides:

- A digital guide of lessons and activities with easy-to-follow instructions
- Ready-to-use communication materials to foster home-school connections
- Regular email messages to offer you tips, support and new classroom resources



**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS  
NIAGARA CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (NCPIC)  
MEMBERSHIP 2024-2025**



The Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) supports the Mission of Catholic education and the Mission, Vision and Values of the Niagara Catholic District School Board by providing a communication link to parents/guardians, Catholic School Councils, the Diocese, the Director of Education, and the Board. The NCPIC promotes active parent/guardian engagement within all schools for the improvement of student achievement and well-being of all students in the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

The NCPIC membership is made up of parents/guardians, community and student representatives, the Bishop of the Diocese of St. Catharines or his appointed representative, principals, teachers, support staff, the Director of Education or designate, the appointed Superintendent of Education and Trustees. The Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meets the on first Thursday of the month on a bi-monthly basis (or as noted) at the Catholic Education Centre from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Meetings are open to the public and are livestreamed.

**COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

The Niagara Catholic District School Board is seeking to appoint up to three (3) community representatives for the 2024-2025 school year to the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee. Interested parties are to complete and submit the Community Representative Form, along with a letter of recommendation supporting the nomination from the community agency, association, or organization addressed to *Danny Di Lorenzo, Chair of the Board no later than 4:00 p.m., on Wednesday, May 1, 2024.*

**PARENT/GUARDIAN REPRESENTATIVES**

To be eligible for election/appointment as a parent/guardian representative to the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee, a person:

- must be a parent/guardian of a student enrolled in a school of the Niagara Catholic District School Board;
- must reside within the jurisdiction of the Board;
- must support the Mission, Vision and Values of the Niagara Catholic District School Board; and
- must fully participate in the annual Commissioning Ceremony of NCPIC members.

Available parent/guardian positions for the 2024-2025 Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Membership are as follows:

Fort Erie/Port Colborne/Wainfleet	2 positions	Parent/Guardian Representatives
Grimsby/Lincoln/West Lincoln	2 positions	Parent/Guardian Representatives
Thorold/Merritton	2 positions	Parent/Guardian Representatives
Niagara Falls	4 positions	Parent/Guardian Representatives
St. Catharines/Niagara-on-the-Lake	3 positions	Parent/Guardian Representatives
Welland/Pelham	2 positions	Parent/Guardian Representatives

Interested parents/guardians are to complete and submit the parent/guardian nomination form *no later than 4:00 p.m., on Wednesday, May 1, 2024.* Nomination forms are available at the school and on the Board website. Please click on the link: [Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee](#).

Please send nomination forms to: Catholic Education Centre  
427 Rice Road  
Welland, ON L3C 7C1  
Attention: Yvonne Anderson  
or by email to: [yvonne.anderson@ncdsb.com](mailto:yvonne.anderson@ncdsb.com)

**Holy Thursday:**  
**Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm**

**Good Friday:**  
**The Passion of our Lord 12:00pm & 3:00pm**  
**Stations of the Cross - 7:00pm**

**Holy Saturday:**  
**Easter Vigil 8:00pm**

**Easter Sunday:**  
**Masses at 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm**

