



# Assumption Catholic Elementary School



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## WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS

World Autism Awareness Day will be held on **Tuesday, April 2, 2024**. To continue to support this event Autism Ontario is inviting all schools across Ontario to celebrate World Autism Awareness Day, together.



## Waste free Wednesday

Remember to pack a waste free lunch every Wednesday.



## Up and Coming Food Days & Tuck Shop Days

Friday, April 5 Submission Sub Day & Tuck Shop Day

Friday April. 12: Meltwich day & Tuck Shop Day

Friday April. 19: Swiss Chalet Day and Tuck Shop Day

Friday April. 26: Pizza Day & Tuck Shop Day



## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Registration is available online at [niagaracatholic.ca](https://niagaracatholic.ca). If you missed our open house, please contact the school to find out more about Kindergarten at Niagara Catholic.

To register your child, he or she must be turning four by December 31st, 2024. register anytime online at: <https://niagaracatholic.ca/registration/>

**Looking forward to registering our future Thunderhawks!**





## March Madness Free Throw Winners

Congratulate to our free throw winners:

Emily W	JK
Julian C	JK
John G	SK
Mikaela M	SK
Zya H	G.1
Franky B	G.1
Everett S	G.2
Everly A	G.2
Hudson O	G.3
Anna K	G.3
Lydia N	G.3
Titan O	G.4
Emilio C	G.4
Charlotte P	G.5
Branston G	G.6
Gemma C	G.6
Laila L	G.7
Jack P	G.8
Kaitlyn R	G.8

## Niagara Catholic Accessibility: An Evening Event in Support of Accessibility Awareness

The Niagara Catholic District School Board and the Accessibility Planning Committee are pleased to invite parents, guardians, staff and community partners to a motivational evening featuring Niagara Catholic graduate, public speaker, and activist, Michael Jacques and disability advocate Charlene VanderGriendt, from The Rick Hansen Foundation.

Public speaker, activist, and author Michael Jaques, has written and self-published his book Can't Read, Can't Write, Here's My Book using speech-to-text technology. Michael is diagnosed with autism and an intellectual disability and shares his life experiences to help audiences understand accepting and belonging.

Disability advocate, Charlene VanderGriendt, from The Rick Hansen Foundation will discuss how to speak and interact inclusively. Students with disabilities will share their perspectives on building a culture of acceptance through taped video interviews. The words we use carry meaning and power.

This exciting free event will take place on Monday, April 15th from 6:00- 8:00 pm at The Holiday inn and Conference Centre (327 Ontario Street, St. Catharines) and includes light snacks, refreshments and door prizes.

Please click [here](#) for event and registration details.



## March Madness 2024



March 4-8, 2024 was Assumption March Madness activities week.



From the exciting door decoration competition to the sweet McDonald's Shamrock Shakes on Friday, excitement filled every moment. It was a week of creativity, and celebration.

Thank you to all the students who participated in the activities. Congratulations to Kindergarten and Grade ¾, who have won the class competitions. **The prize for the winner is a class pizza party.**





**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](https://www.ncdsb.com).

**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)



Niagara Catholic  
Parent Involvement  
Committee

# You're Invited!

## Family Faith, and Learning WORKSHOPS

### Thursday, April 11, 2024

**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
460 LINWELL RD., ST. CATHARINES

Choose two workshops presented by Niagara Region Public Health

Click on the icons for further details



**RAISING  
COMPETENT,  
CONFIDENT KIDS**



**YOUTH  
CONNECTEDNESS:  
HELPING  
STUDENTS THRIVE**



**ADOLESCENT  
BRAIN AND  
SUBSTANCE USE  
PREVENTION**

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5:00 pm Light Refreshments • 5:30 pm Fr. Paul MacNeil Family Prayer

6:00 pm Breakout Session 1 • 7:00 pm Breakout Session 2

Childcare Available (school age children up to 12 years of age) • Workshop Raffles

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## 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!