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# SCHOOL NEWS

APRIL 2024

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*As we celebrate Easter, we are reminded of the beauty of spring and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Just as nature renews itself, Easter offers us a chance to renew our faith and embrace new beginnings.*

*Let's take this opportunity to shed old habits and embrace the promise of redemption. Like flowers blooming after winter, let's allow our hearts to bloom with love, forgiveness, and gratitude.*

*May this Easter fill your life with hope, joy, and the blessings of renewal.*

*~Ms. Romano*



Our Blessed Trinity staff and students earned a well-deserved March Break, and both are back refreshed and energized to tackle the rest of Semester 2. Our spring sports are getting revved up with tryouts and signups for boys' and girls' soccer, girls' rugby, boys' baseball, girls' softball, track and field and much more. For the first time ever Blessed Trinity will have a Girls Lacrosse team, proving again that there is something for everyone at BT. A reminder to our incoming Thunder to get involved once you get here.

April is another busy month at Blessed Trinity. Here are just a few of the events that will be taking place in April:

- Celebrating Holy Week with a school Mass
- Junior Formal for students in Grade 9 and 10
- All students will be participating in the University of Waterloo Compass Survey
- We will officially reach the middle of Semester 2 and parents will be invited to make appointments for Parent/Teacher Conference night on April 25th
- Members of our Thunderstruck-Link Crew Leadership group will be attending the Global Student Leadership Summit in Collingwood

Lastly, throughout the month of April, a member from our Student Services Department will be visiting the Grade 8 students with Course Verification forms to ensure students have selected the courses they want for Grade 9. This will be an opportunity for students to make any changes to their course selection.

Please contact Blessed Trinity – Mr. John Cino – 905-945-6706 Ext. 2330 or Mrs. Rose Bianco Ext. 2312, if any Grade 8 parent has any questions.

## FAMILY MATH CHALLENGE

Count all the pillows in your home and create a structure using all of them. Take a pic of your family in the structure holding a sign displaying the total number of pillows in different forms (standard, expanded, words, tallies, number line, ten frames- for example 3 white pillows + 5 blue pillows= 8 pillows altogether) and submit it to your teacher.

Good luck!

## STUDENT COUNCIL SENATORS

Elections for our Student Council Senators were held last month. We are very proud of all who were courageous enough to put their name forward. We are happy to announce that our Senators for 2024-2025 are: Lillia P. (newly elected) and Owen C. (returning). Congratulations!



## COBS BREAD FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all who supported our COBS Bread Fundraiser!

\$2,100 was raised and will go directly to technology for our school.



## BE A BETTER HUMAN KINGS COURT ASSEMBLY AND QMACK

Thanks to QMack for a perfect presentation to lead us into our BABH Assembly! And, congratulations to the following BABH Award Recipients for March:

Kaz P., Ashley V., Samantha K., Grace M., Layla R., and Megan M.

A special thank you to our Student Council for doing a wonderful job in leading us!

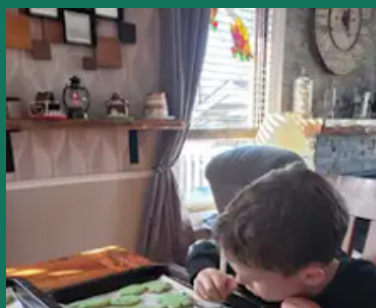


## FAMILY MATH CHALLENGE

Thank you to all who participated and submitted entries! The winner for the month of March is:

The Smits Family

Congratulations!





**The parents of our  
Grade 8 Graduating Class will be  
running a Fielding Wine Fundraiser  
from April 5-April 26.**

**Orders for wine may be placed via  
school cashonline.**

**Orders may be picked up at Fielding  
Winery on May 3.**

**All funds raised will go directly  
towards helping to off-set some of the  
costs associated with Graduation.**

**Thank you in advance for your  
support.**

**More information to follow.**



## SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

Report your Child's Absence

The Niagara Catholic Safe Arrival system is accessible to parents/guardians to report their child's late arrival or absence quickly and conveniently.

There are 3 ways to report an absence:

Call the toll free number:  
tel: 1-844-287-6287

Visit [SchoolMessenger.ca](http://SchoolMessenger.ca):  
[go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca)

Or use the SchoolMessenger app.



## SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

[ncdsb.schoolcashionline.com](http://ncdsb.schoolcashionline.com)

How Does This Work?

It's simple! Just follow the 4 easy steps to make payments. Then see your payment history and receive receipts via email.



## SCHOOL DRESS CODE AND SPIRIT WEAR

[maddelenas-uniforms.com](http://maddelenas-uniforms.com)

- Niagara Catholic has a standardized dress code for students in all of our Catholic elementary schools. All students wear navy blue bottoms and navy blue or white shirts.
- The elementary standardized dress code shirt must be plain (no logos or advertising) and buttoned in a respectable manner. Visible tshirts worn under the elementary standardized dress code top must be either navy blue or white.



## BUSES AND KISS AND RIDE

[nsts.ca](http://nsts.ca)

- Please use the Kiss and Ride Zone for quick pick ups/drop offs, and park in the parking lot for lengthier ones.
- Please do not let children walk alone through the parking lot.
- Please do not park in accessible parking spots unless you have a permit.



# MICHAEL JACQUES



**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.

## 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



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**How wonderful, Lord Jesus, You came back  
You suffered death but conquered it  
You laid in the tomb but on the third day  
You rose again  
O joyful day, Lord Jesus, when You returned  
You are the resurrection, our Hope and our Life  
O glorious and victorious Redeemer  
Help us not to be afraid of death  
For we must pass through it to see You face to face  
And on the last day we will rise again  
For you said so  
Let us rejoice and praise You  
Our blessed and triumphant Lord  
On this happy, joyful feast.**