

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School

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MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER



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by name

**"Hear My Voice"
Reflection**

2022 • 2026

God loves to involve us in His plans to lead people to heaven. He often uses the weakest to lead the strong. Sometimes God speaks to us through other people. But, have you considered that God could use you to bring His message to others? What have you done today to share the love of God with those around you? Spend some time with God today asking Him to help you share His love to those in most need of it.

Mother's Day Prayer

*I said a Mother's day prayer for you
to thank the Lord above
for blessing me with a lifetime
of your tenderhearted love.*

*I thanked God for the caring
you've shown me through the years,
for the closeness we've enjoyed
in time of laughter and of tears.*

*So I thank you from the heart
for all you've done for me
and I bless the Lord for giving me
the best mother there could be!*



Our Lady of the Scapular Church Mass Times

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9am

Tuesday and Thursday

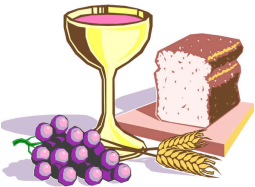
7pm

Saturdays

5pm

Sunday

8am, 9:30am & 11am



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Throughout the month of April, and during the first weekend of May, our grade 2 students received/will be receiving the Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion at Our Lady of the Scapular Church. Thank you to Miss Orsini, Mrs. Futino-Vacca, Mrs. McLean and Mrs. Smith for preparing our students for this special day. Students will be making rosaries on May 7th to recognize this special sacrament. Thank you in advance to our Gr. 2 teachers, Jose from the Legion of Mary and Mrs. Rosano, our Catholic School Council Chair for preparing a beautiful First Communion Tea which will take place on May 8th. Parents are reminded to RSVP to the invitation sent out by Friday, May 3rd.



CONFIRMATION

We would like to congratulate all of our Grade 8 students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 25th at 7 pm. The ceremony took place at Our Lady of Scapular Church. Thank you to Mrs. Mascia for preparing our students! A big thank you to Mrs. Zahn who created the Confirmation stoles with our grade 8 students! Your time is greatly appreciated!

KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM



Children who will be four years of age by December 31, 2023, are eligible to enroll in the Kindergarten Program. Please supply the following documents for your child:

- * *Birth and Baptismal Certificates*
- * *Proof of Address (e.g. utility bill/lease agreement/tax statement)*

Students currently attending the first year Kindergarten program will be automatically enrolled in second year Kindergarten program in September 2024.

Parents/Guardians are asked to register their child online at www.niagaracatholic.ca. If you know of any eligible neighbours, friends or relatives, please encourage them to contact us at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School, and enroll their children in a catholic school. Our flourishing community needs active support from its members.

Registrations will be accepted at any time throughout the year, however, early registration helps with the necessary planning and preparation for your child.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

MAY 8, 2024

Our Parent Information Night will be held on May 8, 2024 from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Parents and new kindergarten students can visit the classrooms from 5:00-5:30 p.m. A presentation will be given by the classroom teachers from 5:30-6:00 p.m., and then students can experience the "First Ride" by riding the bus around the neighbourhood with a parent from 6:00-6:20 p.m.. An invitation was emailed to new parents last week.



EQAO PROVINCIAL TESTING

Our Grade 6 EQAO Provincial testing will take place from May 21-24. Grade 6 students in Mr. Porga's class and the grade 6 students in Mr. Spiotti's class will be participating. Our Grade 3 EQAO Provincial testing will take place from May 28-31. Grade 3 students in Mrs. Smith and Mrs. McLean's class as well as the students in Mrs. Reich's class will be participating. **Please ensure that your child is present and on time during testing weeks.** Thank you to all of our teachers and support staff for preparing our students.



FLAG FOOTBALL

Congratulations to the Intermediate flag football team who competed in the FOS Tournament on April 23. It was a great learning experience and we're already looking forward to playing again next year to apply our new-found knowledge and skills. The team showed tremendous skill and sportsmanship, making it all the way to the finals, finishing in second place. Team members were: Alex R., Marco D., John S., Alex A., Travis G., Devin D., Adrian L., Anthony R., Carter H., Kaitlyn S., Sienna R., Antonella L., Ryaiden G., Mia C., and Lucia S. Thanks to Mrs. Teutenberg and Mr. Porga for the time and effort they put into coaching this team. Way to go Saints!



CHESS TOURNAMENT



On April 18th 2024, our Junior and Intermediate Chess Teams, under the coaching of Mr. Porga, competed in the Family of Schools Tournament at St. Mary Catholic School. The teams showed excellent team work and strategy throughout the tournament. In the end, both teams finished as bronze medalists! Way to go Saints! You continue to make St. Vincent de Paul very proud. Thank you to coach Porga for all of his time in preparing the team. Team members were: Marco D., Anthony R. Devin D., Travis G., Carter H., Alex A., Nate A., John K., Sawyer H., Gabriel S., Jaxson S., and Max W.

JR GIRLS SOCCER



Congratulations to the members of the Junior Girls Soccer Team for an outstanding performance at the Family of Schools Soccer Tournament at St. Paul High School on Thursday, April 25th. The team went undefeated in all three games. The girls showed a great amount of skill and sportsmanship. Team members included: Penelope R., Avery P., Sarah K., Elisa C., Sophia L., Vanessa W., Gabriella G., Avery F., Brianna W., Malea H., and Alexa R. Thank you to assistant coaches Adrian L., and Alex A. Well done girls! A big thank you to Mrs. Reich for coaching our girls!

JR BOYS SOCCER



Our Junior boys' soccer team had an awesome time at St. Paul High School at their Family of Schools event on April 26th. They competed well winning all three of their games. The best part was visiting with friends and a concession stand with lots of great treats. Congratulations goes out to our team: Jackson T., Sawyer H., Jackson S., Makylo S., Nicky R., Alton W., Nico M., Gianluca W., Gabriel S., Jaxson S., John K., and goalkeepers Owen K., and Max W. Well done boys! Thank you Porga for coaching our boys! Great job Saints!



SPRING DANCE-A-THON

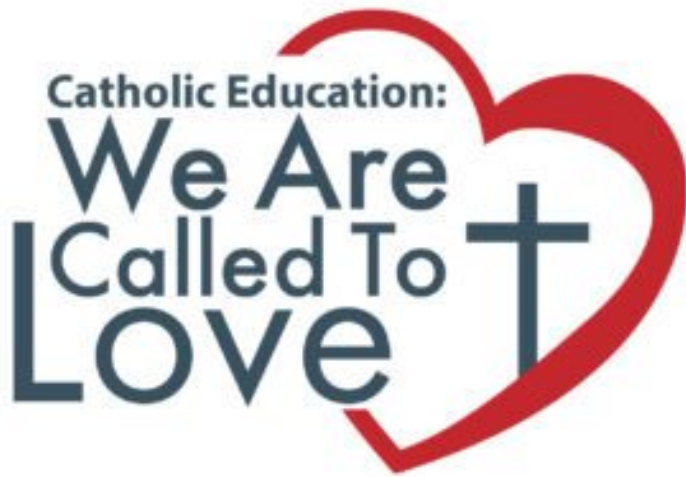
On Wednesday, May 1, our Grade 8 class hosted another successful Dance-a-thon with proceeds going toward their graduation in June. Students dressed up in beach wear attire to participate. There was popcorn, drinks, glow bracelets and mystery bags!! Thank you to all students who made purchases to support this fun event. Big Thanks to Mrs. Mascia, Mrs. Chudy, Mrs. Davey and Mrs. Zahn and the grade 8 students for making this event a wonderful success!! Thank you to Mrs. Aldana for donating all the popcorn and bags for the event, and to Mrs. Reich for donating all the juice boxes. Your generosity is much appreciated. Thank you to Mrs. Rosano who purchased all the items for the mystery bags and kept everything so organized for us all.



STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS AND STUDENT LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM

Congratulations to the grade 6 student candidates who ran for 2024-2025 Student Senate position. All students did a great job preparing and delivering a speech in front of their peers. Congratulations to our newly elected student senator - Elisa C. Elisa will be our grade 7 student senator next year, joining Lucia S., who returns as our Grade 8 student senator. Thank you to our outgoing senator Sienna R. for your years of service. All three students attended the Leadership Symposium at Club Roma on April 30th. Thank you to our CYW Ms. Botell for escorting our students. Our 2024-2025 Student Council will be established in September 2024. Thank you to Mrs. Mascia for being our Student Council rep. Your time and leadership is greatly appreciated.





CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

MAY 5th – MAY 10th

It's that time of year again. St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School, along with every school from the Niagara Catholic District School Board will be celebrating Catholic Education Week from May 1-5, 2023. This year's theme is "We are Many, We are One." This week, staff and students will be taking part in various activities which strengthen the triad of home, school and church. Along with our team at Our Lady of the Scapular Church headed by Father Michael, our staff will continue to cultivate our unique Catholic identity. There will be numerous activities throughout the week for students, staff and the parent community to take part in. Classroom teachers have also received lessons and activities focusing on this year's theme to complete with their students. The school has purchased all the recommended Catholic Education Week read aloud books for students to read. Please reference our Catholic Education Week Planner for a list of initiatives taking place. Thank you to Miss Orsini and Ms. Cullen for planning this week for our students. It promises to be a great week!

Sunday, May 5th

- First Holy Communion at OLOSC

Monday, May 6th

- CEW prayers over announcements
- Grade 1/2V, 1/2O, 2/3SM trip to Safety Village
- School Wide Heart Scavenger Hunt

Tuesday, May 7th

- CEW prayers over announcements
- Kindergarten Indigenous Presentation
- Gr. 2 Making Rosaries with CSC and OLOSC
- I Support Catholic Education Sticker Distribution

Wednesday, May 8th

- CEW prayers over announcements
- First Communion Tea
- Celebrating Excellence Celebration

Thursday, May 9th

- CEW prayers over announcements
- Morning Mass with Fr. Michael 9:00 a.m. in the gym
- Primary Pray Day

Friday, May 10th

- CEW prayers over announcements
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Mental Health Fair in the library



**CATHOLIC
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WEEK**

MAY 5 – MAY 10, 2024

"We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members, one of another."
(Romans 12:5)



CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next Catholic School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 7th at 5:30 p.m. in the staff room.

All are welcome to attend.



2023-2024 CATCH THE SPIRIT AWARD RECIPIENT SIENNA R.

The community of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School would like to congratulate Sienna R. in grade 8 for being named the SVDP 2023-2024 Catch the Spirit Award winner. Sienna is in Mrs. Masica's class. She will receive her award at the Celebrating Excellence Award Ceremony on Wednesday, May 8th, 2024 at Brock University – David S. Howes Theatre at 7:00 p.m. Congratulations Sienna!! We are all very proud of you!

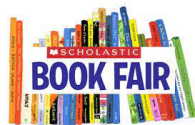
MAY HOT LUNCH DATES



May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – Carmine's Pizza

May 7 and May 21 – Far East Restaurant

May 14 and May 28 – Swiss Chalet



IMPORTANT DATES IN JUNE

We would like to take this opportunity to inform families of some important dates for the month of June.

June 4 – Play Day

June 5 – Niagara Falls Track and Field Meet at Oakes Park

June 10 to 13 – Scholastic Book Fair

June 10 – KC, KS, 1/2V, 1/2O, 2/3SM Trip to Safari Niagara

June 11 – 6/7S, 7/8M Trip to Club Italia

June 11 – Family Fun Fair

June 13 – NCAA Track and Field Meet at Niagara Olympic Park

June 14 – Instrumental Music Showcase (Jr. and Int. students)

June 17 – Graduation Trip to Canada's Wonderland

June 18 – Niagara Falls Public Library Visit (Summer Reading Programs)

June 20 – Grade 8 Graduation

June 21 – Kindergarten Celebration of Learning

Week of June 24 – Report Cards available on Parent Portal

June 27 – Last day of school for students



Live the Skilled Life!



Skilled
Trades
Promotion
Night

FOOD
STATIONS

PRIZE
GIVEAWAYS

WEDNESDAY MAY 15 • 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

>>Notre Dame College School<<
Welland

Learn about how the trades and apprenticeship pathway can be a great choice for you, from industry and government partners. Speak to company, union and agency representatives about the options available for your future.



OUR LADY OF THE SCAPULAR CHURCH

Second Annual

TRIVIA NIGHT



Fundraiser

WHEN:

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2024

6:30 to 9:00 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM)

WHERE:

OUR LADY OF THE SCAPULAR PARISH HALL

6557 THOROLD STONE ROAD NIAGARA FALLS, ON L2J 1B2

*Bring A Team or Join a Table (8 people max)...
..also bring your own snacks!*

**For more
information
call the Parish
Office at
905-358-7611**

**Register
NOW at
scapular.ca/trivia**

\$25 /person

**FREE Pizza Provided
Cash Bar Available**

- * Prizes ***
- * Penny Raffle ***
- * 50/50 ***

Niagara Region Public Health School Health Newsletter

May 2024

Vision Health Month

Visual health is an important part of a child’s overall health and well-being. Proper vision is important for a child’s movement and coordination, independence, play and learning. If left untreated, vision problems may become serious and prevent a child from reaching their full potential.



A yearly eye exam is FREE – the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) covers the cost of an eye exam every 12 months for children up to the age of 19 with a valid OHIP card. [Find an eye doctor near you.](#)

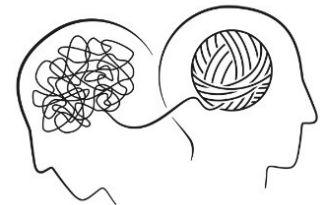
Also, contact an eye doctor if you see ANY of these signs:

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| • Squinting or holding objects close to the eyes | • One eye that turns out or in |
| • Blinking often | • Rubbing, tearing, itchy or burning eyes |
| • Turning or tilting the head to the side often | • Reporting blurry or double vision |
| • Covering or closing one eye | • Reporting headaches, nausea or eye strain |

For more information on vision screening, please visit <https://www.niagararegion.ca/health/schools/vision-screening.aspx>.

Mental Health Week 2024: A Call to be Kind

Showing compassion toward others can have a huge impact on someone’s life. Mental Health Week in Canada runs from May 6 to 12, and this year’s theme is focussed on the healing power of compassion. One of the most important ways that we can demonstrate compassion is through active listening without judgment. Actively listening can create a safe space for people to share their thoughts and feelings. You can do this by avoiding interrupting or dismissing their experiences.



Let’s all learn to be more present, attentive, and empathetic.

- [Explore how compassion connects us all](#)
- [Learn to safely support someone struggling with their mental health](#)

#CompassionConnects #MentalHealthWeek