

# ST. PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

June 2024 Newsletter



## St. Peter Catholic Elementary School

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### Principal's Message

As the school year draws to an end I would like to extend my most sincere thanks to the many people who have made the year at St. Peter such a great experience. To all our parents for your assistance, cooperation, and support throughout the year. To our Catholic School Council for your unwavering commitment to our school. To our staff who are in my opinion some of "The best in the business" and finally to our students, for all your hard work,

kindness, and enthusiasm throughout the year.



I would like to wish our grade 8 graduates good luck as they continue on to the next stage of their educational journey. High school is a great experience, make sure it is for you!  
Regarding final report cards, they will be available on the parent portal the week of June 24th.  
And finally, I would also like to wish you all a safe and happy summer. Enjoy the holidays and a well-deserved break. See you on September 3.

May The Road Rise To Meet You...

Mr. K. Lamb

Principal

## Called by Name -June 2024

Have you ever tried talking to someone in another room? It can be difficult to hear what the other person is saying because of all the walls and obstacles in the way. Sometimes we put obstacles up that make it hard for us to hear God's voice. God never moves away from us, but we can turn away from Him. Even still, God is never far from us. He loves us and wants to lead us back home. One of God's ways of removing these obstacles is by forgiving us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The words we hear from the priest are the words of Jesus: "I absolve you of your sins." Let us give thanks to God for His mercy and take advantage of this great gift of God's forgiveness.



## Grade Eight Graduation

Congratulations to our students who are graduating this year. Our graduation date will be on Thursday, June 20, 2024, more details to be shared soon.

## Term 2 Report Cards

Please be advised that Term 2 Ontario Provincial Report Cards will be made available in the Niagara Catholic Parent Portal the week of Monday, June 26th. .



## Father's Day Prayer

Lord, please take care of our dads.

Though they are brave and protective,  
they must also be frightened sometimes.

When money runs low and when we need things,  
Lord, when their hearts break because they can't do it all;  
Please help us to let them know how much we love them.

And how much You love them.

Amen!



## Balanced Day 2024-25

As we continue to work together as a Catholic community of learners, this letter is to notify you that all Niagara Catholic elementary schools will be on a Balanced School Day schedule effective September 3, 2024. A Balanced School Day is a modified elementary school schedule designed to enhance learning, foster healthy habits, and encourage daily physical activity.

This schedule comprises three instructional blocks interspersed with two nutritional breaks of approximately 40 minutes, allowing 20 minutes for a nourishing lunch and an additional 20 minutes for indoor and/or outdoor physical activity.

A typical Monday to Friday Balanced School Day at St. Peter would be:

### **8:30-10:40** 130 Minute Instructional Block

(10 min - Announcements, 40 min each for period 1, 2 and 3)

### **10:40-11:20**

40 Minute Nutrition Break (20 min in, 20 min out)

### **11:20-12:40** 80 Minute Instructional Block

(40 min each - periods 4, 5)

### **12:40-1:20** 40 Minute Nutrition Break (20 min in, 20 min out)

### **1:20-2:50** 90 Minute Instructional Block

(40 min each for period 6, 7, 10 min - end of day announcements)



## Lyme Disease - Fight the Bite!!

Ticks, mosquitos and rabid animals have no boundaries and can be a risk to you and your family when walking to and from school or work, waiting at the bus stop, family trips, and while playing in the yard at home or at the park. Protect yourself and your family from West Nile Virus: Reduce standing water, as it's where mosquitoes breed. Cover up, wear long sleeved shirts, long pants, hats, socks and shoes Repair any damaged window screens. Use insect repellants containing DEET or Icardin (follow

manufacturer's instructions). Reduce the risk of Lyme disease: Wear light coloured clothing to help spot ticks Use insect repellants containing DEET or Icardin (follow manufacturer's instructions). Check yourself, your children and pets for ticks after being outdoors. Cut your grass and dispose of leaf litter where ticks can live. Presently, all of these diseases exist in Niagara.

For more information, contact Niagara Region Public Health. 905 688 8248 ext. 7590 or 1 888 505 6074

## Playday

St. Peter Catholic School Annual Play Day is scheduled for Tuesday June 25th at School from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. Students in Gr. JK - 8 will be placed in multi-aged teams and enjoy a variety of outdoor activities. Our intermediate students will act as team leaders and

run the events with our teachers. This will be an out of dress code day where students should wear appropriate athletic attire and running shoes. Please remember to bring your lunch, water and sunscreen and our theme is "be beach" if you want to wear appropriate beach attire





## Fun Fair: Friday June 14th

Our annual Fun Fair will be held on Friday, June 14, 2024. There will be a BBQ, carnival games, and inflatables for the children. It will be a fun time for the whole family! The event will begin at 4:00 and run until 7:00 p.m. We will be selling hamburgers, cheeseburgers, veggie burgers, and hot dogs. Water, Juice boxes, pop, and freezies are also available.

We are asking families to pre-order food and the due date is June 6th

## Farewell

In June we inevitably have to say goodbye to staff members who are leaving St. Peter. We would like to thank Mr. Fera our long serving grade eight teacher whose time at St. Peter will end in June. Mr. Fera's contribution to our school over the past sixteen years has been immeasurable and he has given hundreds of our senior students wonderful memories to carry on in life. His production of "GREASE" every year will be sorely missed

We would also like to wish farewell to both of our Miss Marano (Kidergarten and grade 6) and Mrs. Broadley who have all been wonderful additions to our staff this year. We wish you all continued success in your careers.

## FAREWELL



## SAFE ARRIVAL/SCHOOL MESSENGER

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL WITH ANY CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGES.

Please use the Safe Arrival system to report all absences and lates for your child. You can report an absence by:

PHONE - 1-844-287-6287

ONLINE: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>

APP: SchoolMessenger

Our school now has the ability to utilize the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about school and board events, school closings, safety alerts and more. Our Catholic School Council feels that text messages are a quick and easy way for the school to communicate such items. In order to receive these texts you have to "Opt in" which is a really easy thing for you to do. Please click on the link below for an instruction sheet to OPT-IN to receive SMS Messages from St. Peter.

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**Kevin Lamb**

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