

Parish - St. Helen 4106 Mountain Road 905-562-7427

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

"Lord, I pray that the message of Christ and his sacrifice is the root of gratitude in my heart. That His gracious gift leads me to thankful living, setting an example for my children. That they will have their own relationship with Jesus one day, and that You would grow gratitude in their hearts out of the acceptance of Jesus as their Savior. Lead us to do everything in the name of Jesus and give thanks to You through Him."

In the month of October, we are reminded of how blessed we are to have the gift of friendship, the gift of family and the gift of our school community. It is time to come together and celebrate our blessings and be thankful for all of the great things that God has given us.

I want to thank all of our parents and families for the blessings you give us each day and the support you provide your Children to be the best that they Can be. We are thankful for our blessings as a staff. We will continue to show compassion, social justice and love for one another and those around us.

Sincerely J. Moccia

Principal St. Edward Catholic Elementary.



Confirmation Inscription mass October 20th 9am Please visit sthelenscatholic.ca for all updates on mass times

Dates to Remember

October 8th Cross Country October 9th Football Game at Blessed Trinity October 10th Hot Dog Day October 11th PA Day October 22nd Popcorn Day October 23rd Kindergarten to pumpkin patch October 24th Pizza Day October 30th Spirit Assembly

~~~ Mission Statement ~~~

"The Niagara Catholic District School Board, through the charisms of faith, social justice, support and leadership, nurtures an enriching Catholic learning community for all to reach their full potential and become living witnesses of Christ"

## **Standardized Dress Code**

A friendly reminder that all schools within the Niagara Catholic District School Board, follow a standardized dress code. Simplified dress code requires students to wear a **white** or **navy** shirt with a **collar** and **navy** bottoms (pants, shorts or skirts). St. Edward spirit wear may also be worn .





We will have our annual Halloween parage here at the school starting right after morning announcements at 9:30am. We ask that students come to school dressed in their costumes and avoid bringing any weapons or add ons for the school day but rather save them for night time (no weapons, blood or scary costumes that might be frightening for our younger students). We will begin with our kindergarten class and progress to our other classes.

#### School Safety and Parking

We strive to make our school a safe place and appreciate all your help with kiss and ride, parking and bus lanes. Please continue to park in the parking lot if you are exiting your cars to drop off your children and keep all bus lanes clear for our buses coming through. Also keeping the kiss and ride flow going helps greatly

Thanks for your support

#### **Catholic School Council**

On Monday, September 23rd we held our first Catholic School Council meeting of the school year and had a fantastic turn out, thanks to our members for their time and generosity. We welcome back MJ DiBartolomeo as our council chair. Parents are always welcome to join. Stay tuned for upcoming meetings.

# Terry Fox Walk

St. Edward participated in the Terry Fox Walk on September 19th. Your continued generosity in supporting this worthwhile endeavor is greatly appreciated. This year we are proud to have collected \$375 for cancer research.

### **Nut Allergies and Safety**

We do have students who are allergic to nuts and ask that parents are vigilent in packing lunches and sending in snacks that are school safe. With Halloween approaching, please be mindful of treats that may contain nuts and keep them at home so we continue to keep our stu-

dents safe.Thanks

#### Transition Visits and Events

Throughout the school year both Blessed Trinity and Denis Morris high schools will be providing our grade 8s with fantastic transition opportunities to become more familiar with their future home next year. Sporting events, school visits and days spent in the high school will be part of the transition plan for our grade 8s. We look forward to connecting with staff and students so our Kings are ready to become Reds and Thunder next year and get excited for the next chapter in their education.

Please stay tuned for those events as they are scheduled. In addition to these events both schools do a great job getting to know our students through transition meetings where we discuss all the great things our students will be bringing to their high schools.





#### Student Council Update

Our Student Council will begin this month gearing up for a fun year filled with leadership opportunities and the ability to mentor our younger students through fun activities and ideas. Stay tuned for any upcoming events so we can all support their initia-

tives and ideas and make this school year a fun one.

Please also continue to join us at our monthly spirit assemblies as we recognize our amazing Kings in all the greatness they display each day. Assemblies will take place on the last day of the month at 2:10pm in our gym.