

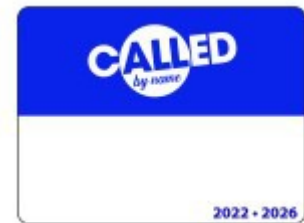
THE WEEKLY UPDATE

November 18- 22, 2024



November Reflection

What does it mean when we “follow” someone on social media? When we do this we are saying we want to know more about them, to see how they live, how they act, what they say. But what we see on social media isn't always reality. It's often hidden behind filters, edits, and multiple takes. What if instead of “following” in this way, we choose to follow someone who only shows us what is real and what is true? Jesus is calling us to follow Him, to live our lives according to the Gospel and to share His love with those around us. So the question is, who will you choose to follow today?



Follow us on Instagram!
@stanthonys_knights

Week at a Glance November 18 - 22, 2024

Monday November 18, 2024 - DAY 2

OPEN DAY

Tuesday November 19, 2024-DAY 3

Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-6:00 PM (Gym and Library)

Wednesday November 20, 2024- DAY 4

Red Shirt Day-for Persecuted Christians around the world (**Alternate Dress Code Day-Shirts ONLY**)

Waste Free Wednesday

Thursday November 21, 2024-DAY 5

Intermediate Boys' Volleyball Tournament @ Niagara College

Pizza Day

Friday November 22, 2024-DAY 1

Lights Out Lunch Day



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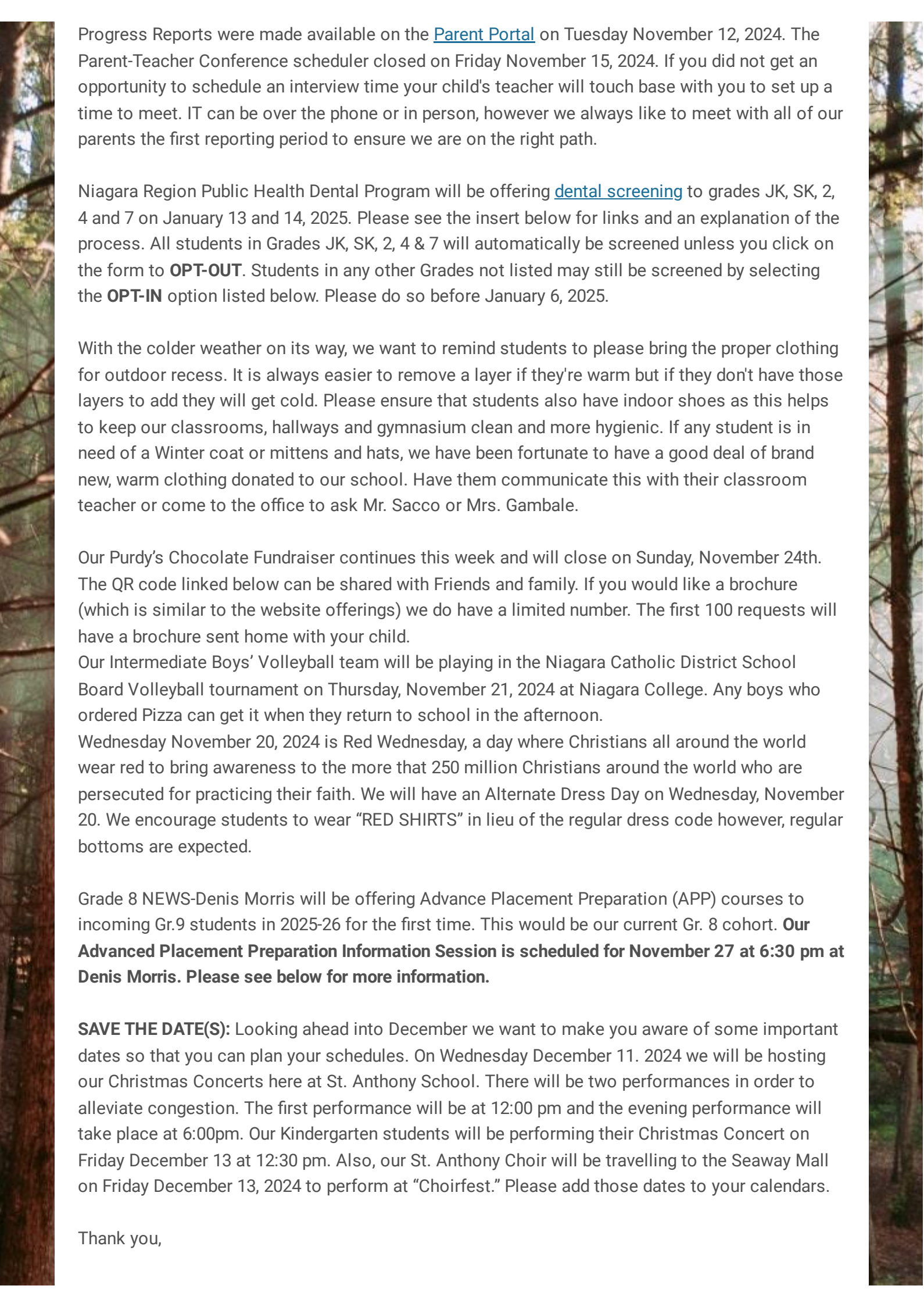
Weekly Update November 18-22, 2024

Dear St. Anthony Family,

We started the week off on Saturday with our students who made their first Reconciliation at St. Mary of the Assumption Church.

Congratulations to them as they continue their faith journeys toward the next step in the Roman Catholic Church, their First Holy Communion. That will be celebrated on Sunday May 25, 2025 at 2:00 PM. If you wish for your child to make their sacraments, please do not forget to contact the church to sign them up and they will notify you of the next steps. A reminder that our Grade 8 Confirmation Candidates will be receiving their Sacramental Blessing next Saturday November 23, 2024 at 11:00 am. We look forward to celebrating their sacrament with them.

On Monday November 11, 2024 we paid our respects for those fallen soldiers who sacrificed their lives for us in many different wars over the years. We also paid respect to those who fought for our freedom and returned home from those wars along with the many that continue to serve in the armed forces all around the world. They continue to preserve our way of life and try to afford the freedoms we enjoy to many around the world. We want to thank Mrs. Weber and Miss Cousineau and their Grade 8 students for leading us during this ceremony. A special thank you to Mr. Trent Akalu, a parent and former member of the Canadian Armed Forces for his playing of "Last Post" and "Reveille" on the trumpet. And a final "Thank You" to our students who displayed a great deal of respect throughout the ceremony.



Progress Reports were made available on the [Parent Portal](#) on Tuesday November 12, 2024. The Parent-Teacher Conference scheduler closed on Friday November 15, 2024. If you did not get an opportunity to schedule an interview time your child's teacher will touch base with you to set up a time to meet. IT can be over the phone or in person, however we always like to meet with all of our parents the first reporting period to ensure we are on the right path.

Niagara Region Public Health Dental Program will be offering [dental screening](#) to grades JK, SK, 2, 4 and 7 on January 13 and 14, 2025. Please see the insert below for links and an explanation of the process. All students in Grades JK, SK, 2, 4 & 7 will automatically be screened unless you click on the form to **OPT-OUT**. Students in any other Grades not listed may still be screened by selecting the **OPT-IN** option listed below. Please do so before January 6, 2025.

With the colder weather on its way, we want to remind students to please bring the proper clothing for outdoor recess. It is always easier to remove a layer if they're warm but if they don't have those layers to add they will get cold. Please ensure that students also have indoor shoes as this helps to keep our classrooms, hallways and gymnasium clean and more hygienic. If any student is in need of a Winter coat or mittens and hats, we have been fortunate to have a good deal of brand new, warm clothing donated to our school. Have them communicate this with their classroom teacher or come to the office to ask Mr. Sacco or Mrs. Gambale.

Our Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser continues this week and will close on Sunday, November 24th. The QR code linked below can be shared with Friends and family. If you would like a brochure (which is similar to the website offerings) we do have a limited number. The first 100 requests will have a brochure sent home with your child.

Our Intermediate Boys' Volleyball team will be playing in the Niagara Catholic District School Board Volleyball tournament on Thursday, November 21, 2024 at Niagara College. Any boys who ordered Pizza can get it when they return to school in the afternoon.

Wednesday November 20, 2024 is Red Wednesday, a day where Christians all around the world wear red to bring awareness to the more that 250 million Christians around the world who are persecuted for practicing their faith. We will have an Alternate Dress Day on Wednesday, November 20. We encourage students to wear "RED SHIRTS" in lieu of the regular dress code however, regular bottoms are expected.

Grade 8 NEWS-Denis Morris will be offering Advance Placement Preparation (APP) courses to incoming Gr.9 students in 2025-26 for the first time. This would be our current Gr. 8 cohort. **Our Advanced Placement Preparation Information Session is scheduled for November 27 at 6:30 pm at Denis Morris. Please see below for more information.**

SAVE THE DATE(S): Looking ahead into December we want to make you aware of some important dates so that you can plan your schedules. On Wednesday December 11, 2024 we will be hosting our Christmas Concerts here at St. Anthony School. There will be two performances in order to alleviate congestion. The first performance will be at 12:00 pm and the evening performance will take place at 6:00pm. Our Kindergarten students will be performing their Christmas Concert on Friday December 13 at 12:30 pm. Also, our St. Anthony Choir will be travelling to the Seaway Mall on Friday December 13, 2024 to perform at "Choirfest." Please add those dates to your calendars.

Thank you,



GRADE 8 INFORMATION EVENING AT DENIS MORRIS HIGH SCHOOL

Advanced Placement (AP) is a program designed to challenge secondary school students academically. Advanced Placement (AP) exams allow high school students in Gr. 12 who excel on these exams the opportunity to gain university credits while still in high school. These exams are written in May and are usually 2-3 hours in length. What sets AP apart is its rigorous curriculum, which goes beyond the standard high school curriculum and delves into more complex and in-depth subject matter. Students

taking AP and APP courses will be assessed and evaluated on the Ontario Curriculum; the AP curriculum is built into the course as an enhancement to the Ontario Curriculum. Gr.9's who enroll in the AP program would have a secondary pathway of taking APP courses in Gr.9 -11 then take the AP course (and exam) in Gr. 12.

Our Advanced Placement Preparation Information Session is scheduled for November 27 at 6:30 pm at Denis Morris. Any students and families who might be interested in the AP program are encouraged to join us to find out more on November 27th. Student Services will also explain pathway selection including APP during the upcoming Gr. 8 day on Tuesday, November 26th and during our course selection presentations in December.

Niagara Region Public Health Dental Program

Niagara Region Public Health Dental Program will be offering [dental screening](#) to grades JK, SK, 2, 4 and 7 on January 13 and 14, 2025.

A registered dental hygienist will take a quick look in the child's mouth using a sterilized dental mirror and light.

The [Healthy Smiles Ontario](#) program may financially assist children who do not have access to dental care.

If you do not want your child(ren) to take part in the dental screening, you MUST complete the online [School Dental Screening Opt-Out Form](#) or call the Dental Health Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399 each school year.

If your child(ren) is not in one of the grades listed above, they may have the opportunity to participate in the dental screening. If you would like your child to be screened, please complete the [School Dental Opt-In Form](#).



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**Special Education Advisory
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(SEAC)**

NCDSB Special Education Advisory Committee Monthly Updates

Niagara Catholic's Special Education Advisory Committee (**SEAC**) is a group of representatives from community organizations, school board trustees and school board staff. The role of the SEAC is to collaborate on school board policies and programs related to special education. SEAC advocates on behalf of students with special education needs and their families. SEAC meets monthly. More information on how to join the livestream meeting can be found on the [Niagara Catholic website](#). Over the next several months, a community agency represented on SEAC will be highlighted in the school newsletter and in The Chronicle. Stay tuned to be informed!



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Dress Code

In Keeping with the Niagara Catholic District School Board Dress Code Policy, we ask that all parents please review the flyer attached within this weekly Update. The Board policy is also attached below this message. The Flyer is linked down below and will always be here for you to review. Students are required to abide by the Dress Code policy and select items of clothing that meet the standard requirements. Other than the Navy Blue and White, students are welcome to also wear School Spiritwear which can be purchased through Front Row Sports. With the weather

DRESS CODE

turning cooler and students wearing additional layers, please remember that hoodies and sweaters must also be Navy Blue, White or school Spiritwear. The link to the Spiritwear provider is also always near the end of the weekly update. Students that are not following the Dress Code will be asked to call home for a change of clothing. If we cannot make those arrangements, students will be provided by the school an item of clothing that meets the guidelines. This item will be returned so that we can wash them and use them again in the future. Thank you for your

cooperation in this matter.

DAILY SCHEDULE

MORNING SUPERVISION 8:15 - 8:30

MORNING ENTRY 8:30

ANNOUNCEMENTS 8:40

AM RECESS 10:40-11:00 (Grades 1, 2, 3, 4,5 & Kindergarten RECESS) Grades 6,7,& 8 **NUTRITION BREAK**)

AM RECESS 11:00-11:20 (Grades 6,7,& 8 RECESS) (Grades 1, 2, 3, 4,5 & Kindergarten **NUTRITION BREAK**)

PM RECESS 12:40 - 1:00 (Grades 1, 2, 3, 4,5 & Kindergarten RECESS) Grades 6,7,& 8 **NUTRITION BREAK**)

PM RECESS 1:00-1:20 (Grades 6,7,& 8 RECESS) (Grades 1, 2, 3, 4,5 & Kindergarten **NUTRITION BREAK**)

DISMISSAL 2:50



SCHOOLMESSENGER®

Safe Arrival- School Messenger

Please remember to report your child's absence using the [SAFEARRIVAL](#) portal. With the office being a very busy place, you can also put in an **EARLY DEPARTURE**. This will allow us to have your child ready and at the office for the time you have selected. Often when parents call at the last minute, it may be difficult to

get students down at the office due to the large number of calls. Advanced planning will be extremely helpful.

Lunches

If you are dropping off a lunch or having one delivered to the school, please have your child's first and last name clearly labeled on the package. **Please make sure delivery services have the student's name when dropping off lunches.** Also, please verify in your SchoolCashOnline portal that you ordered lunches on our Specialty Food Days. We do not order extras and will not have additional food in case your child doesn't have a lunch. We do always have additional items in our snack bins and we will do our best to provide food if they cannot contact you. **Please review the new student Nutrition Break times.**



Public Health



Families are reminded to please update your child/children's immunization records with Niagara Region Public Health. You may do so by clicking this [link](#). For more information please go to [NRPH website](#) if you have vaccine/record review questions or please call your health care provider. Families may also contact Public Health at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425 and ask to speak with a public health vaccine nurse.

Information Update

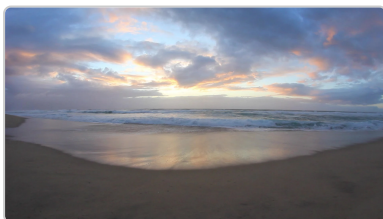
We remind you that it is important to keep the office updated with regards to any new information or changes to the information we have on file for your child. This may include new phone numbers, change of address, medical information, custody orders etc.



St. Anthony Catholic Elementary Spirit Wear

IMPORTANT*** ***in NOTES, please include students name and teacher for easier distribution*** ALL Spirit Wear will OPEN July 2nd for purchasing over the summer. Delivery will be the first/second week of September to the school. Please note that all Spirit Wear orders are NON-REFUNDABLE.

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Report an absence to the Student Safe Arrival Program. How to report by phoning, logging in or get the app. Help video included.

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Child Care Registry

We have an online registration system that allows parents to search and apply for all licensed child care programs for children from birth to age 12, including licensed home child care. Submit one application for any licensed child care options and before-and-after school programs that meet your family's needs.

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