



St. Ann December Flyer



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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On behalf of the staff at St. Ann Catholic Elementary School, please accept our deepest wishes for a peaceful, holy and safe Advent and Christmas holiday. We are so blessed to be a part of this community and as educators and support staff, we feel honoured to be a part of the students' journey toward success.

Christmas Break
December 23rd, 2024 to January 3, 2025

WEEKLY ADVENT LITURGIES

Every week during Advent, the Intermediate Student Council will be leading a liturgy for each of our classes as we await the coming of baby Jesus! Each week's liturgy will be directed to the four themes of Advent: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.



FAMILY ADVENT MASS

We are delighted to host our first annual Family Advent Mass on Saturday, December 7th, at 5:00 p.m. at St. Ann Parish. Our students will serve as: the Readers; the Altar Servers; the Choir; and the Gift Bearers. We view this as a wonderful opportunity to strengthen the Home-Parish-School triad! Please consider joining us. All are welcome!



CONFIRMATION

On Saturday, November 9, 2024 the Grade Eight Class received their final rite of initiation, and became adults in the Catholic Church, as they were confirmed at St. Ann Church by Bishop Bergie. We are proud of our Catholic Leaders!



GINGERBREAD HOUSE NIGHT



The St. Ann Catholic School Council will be hosting a Gingerbread Night on Saturday, December 7th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Although pre-orders were collected in November through School Cash on-line, we did order a select number of additional Gingerbread House kits. Please contact the school if you'd like to purchase one. It promises to be a great night, as our Families will have the opportunity to show off their creativity in decorating their own house to take home and enjoy over the holidays!

CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

On Wednesday, December 18th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. the St. Ann Intermediate School Council presents the viewing of "The Polar Express" in the School Gymnasium. All students and an accompanying adult are welcome to attend! There will be no cost for the movie, snack, or juice boxes. We look forward to a fun-filled evening!



CHRISTMAS TURKEY RAFFLE

Thank you to the Vanderzanden family for donating 7 fresh turkeys to be raffled off for Christmas. Tickets can be purchased for \$5 each or 3 for \$10, and are available at school cash on-line or through the money envelopes sent home with the students. Ticket slips will be printed and turkeys raffled off on Monday, December 16, 2024. Thank you!



HALLOWE'EN DANCE-A-THON

On Thursday, October 31st, the Intermediate Student Council ran a Hallowe'en Dance-a-thon fundraiser. It was a huge success as we raised over \$3000.00 toward the purchase of new science equipment for the school! Also, congratulations to the Tupman family for winning the Samsung tablet raffle, and to the Kindergarten class for winning a free pizza party lunch on Thursday, December 5!!! Thank you to everyone who participated in our Dance-a-thon Fundraiser!!



CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

Please know that all parents are welcome to attend any of our Catholic School Council Meetings. There is no experience necessary - just a desire to make St. Ann the best school that it can be.

Our next meeting will be on January 21st at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome.



WINTER PLAYGROUND RULES

With the number of students in our school it is imperative that we all emphasize the dangers of throwing snowballs.

Please make sure your children are aware of the possible dangers/consequences of throwing snowballs. No one wants anyone to be seriously hurt. The following playground rules are in effect for the winter season.



- No kicking or throwing snow at other students;
- No face-washing

Please be advised that students engaging in these types of behaviours will be dealt with immediately. If this behaviour continues, parents will be contacted and further consequences will come into effect.

FRENCH IMMERSION ON-LINE OPEN PRE-REGISTRATION

The on-line open pre-registration window for students new to French Immersion in September 2025 is Monday, January 13th, 2025 at 7:30 a.m. through to Friday, January 31st, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. Pre-registrations outside of this window will not be considered. There are a limited number of spots available for students wishing to enter the French Immersion Program. Pre-registrations are on a first come, first serve basis. Each pre-registration will receive a time-stamp.

To register, please visit www.niagaracatholic.ca and click the first thumbnail-Registration. Then, click the *Let's get you registered!* link at the bottom of the page. An account must be created first through edsemblé CONNECT to access the registration forms. This account can be created ahead of time.

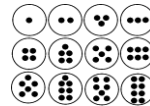
MATH CORNER

Subitizing is being able to quickly identify a quantity without having to count each individual item. Children can subitize small quantities by recognizing them, or by making smaller parts and combining those parts (for example, seeing 6 as "4 and 2"). The following activities can support students' ability to subitize:

- Identifying the dots on a die/dice without counting by ones



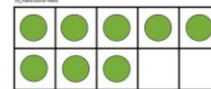
- Quick flash (2-3 seconds) of dot arrangements



- Quick flash (2-3 seconds) of ten frame arrangements (create your own with dry erase board and markers)



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LITERACY CORNER

Letter recognition is the first step towards reading. Play games like "*I Spy*" or "*Alphabet Scavenger Hunt*" where children identify letters in their surroundings. Use flashcards, magnetic letters, or letter puzzles to make the learning process enjoyable.



I Spy with my little eye... This classic game is a winner for teaching letter recognition. Whether you're in the classroom or the great outdoors, encourage your child to keep an eagle eye out for letters. Point out objects or features and ask your class to identify the letters. For added interest, give them a mini detective badge or a magnifying glass.

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CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

COLLECTING NEW UNWRAPPED
TOYS FOR CHILDREN AGED
NEWBORN TO TEENAGER.

TOYS WILL BE COLLECTED UNTIL
DECEMBER 12TH AND DELIVERED
TO
MCMASTER CHILDRENS HOSPITAL

Thank you for your generosity!

