



## Alexander Kuska K.S.G. Catholic School

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### Alexander Kuska K.S.G. Catholic School Mission Statement

*As a community of faith, the mission of Alexander Kuska Catholic Elementary School is to work in partnership with the home and the parish to provide a Christ-centered learning environment which allows students to grow spiritually, to strive for academic excellence and to become responsible citizens with a love of learning.*

# January 2025



### Prayer for January

God of new beginnings, bless us in the month of January, it is the time of new beginnings, the time of promises, the time of hope.  
We place our hopes and dreams in the care of our loving God,  
so that we may become better people.

### Follow us on Social Media



**@kuskaknights**

In the Gospel we hear the calling of Jesus' Apostle Matthew. Matthew was a tax collector and, just like now, tax collectors weren't especially popular. But this didn't stop Jesus from calling Matthew to be His disciple. Jesus saw the potential in him and this was enough for Matthew to leave his job and immediately begin following Jesus. Jesus sees the potential in each of us, despite the mistakes we make. By choosing to follow Jesus, we are turning away from sin and striving to become the saints He calls us to be.

### ~~~ Niagara Catholic District School Board Mission Statement ~~~

*We are a Christ-centered Catholic community that celebrates diversity and fosters spiritual growth, inspiring all to reach their full potential in mind, body and spirit.*



# January 2025



## HAPPENINGS

Colour Wars			
Team Red	Team Green	Team Pink	Team Purple
1646pts	1230pts	1559pts	1490pts

### Colour Wars - Results

Congratulations to the **Red Team** for winning the 2024 Kuska Colour War with a total of 1,646 points. Points were awarded throughout the month for participation in the events that the Student Council Spirit team organized. Thanks to Mme Fini and Mme Volante for overseeing this fun student idea! It has been so fun to see all of our students excited and engaged in these challenges!

### Food/Clothing Drive -Thank you!



Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity! The Hope Centre was very grateful to receive all of your donations.

Thank you for helping us show love to our community and for sharing the Christmas spirit!

### St. Kevin's Mass Times

**Saturday** - 5:00 pm

**Sunday** - 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am



### Specialty Lunch Days



Wednesday, January 8



Wednesday, January 15



Wednesday, January 22

### REMINDERS

- **P.D. Day** - No school for students on Friday, January 17.

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.*

- John 1: 1-5 -



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### New to French Immersion - On-line Open Pre-Registration

French Immersion registration is coming up! The registration window for students **new** to French Immersion in September 2025 will be:

**Monday, January 13 at 7:30am until Friday, January 31 at 4:00pm**

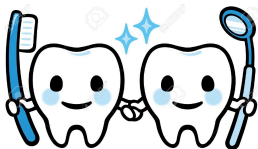
#### Reminders:

- Pre-registrations outside of the registration window will not be considered.
- There are a limited number of spots available for students wishing to enter the French Immersion Program. An account must be created first through Edsempi to access pre-registration forms.
- Pre-registrations are on a first come, first serve basis. Each pre-registration will receive a time-stamp.
- Please visit [www.niagaracatholic.ca](http://www.niagaracatholic.ca) and click ☐ the French Immersion Registration banner to find out details about the program.

### Dental Screening

On January 27 & 28, Niagara Region Public Health will be at the school to provide dental screening for students in Kindergarten, Grade 2, 4, 7 and 8.

Students in Kindergarten will also have the option to have a fluoride treatment on this day. Consent for fluoride has been sent home via School Messenger and **must be completed by January 6 for your child to participate.**



### Grade 8 Grad Photos

Grade 8 Graduation Photos will be taken on:

**Thursday, January 16**



All graduates should wear a white collared shirt for photos that day.



### Eco-Schools *Tip of the Month!*

Pack a waste free lunch!  
Use reusable containers and water bottles to reduce single-use plastics.





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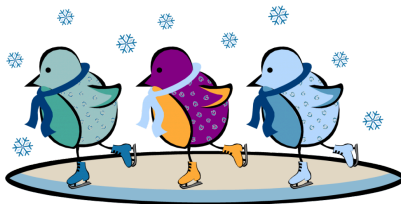
## Happenings

### Skating

Stay tuned for the dates when students in Grades 1 - 8 will venture to the Meridian Community Centre to go skating! We look forward to this fun opportunity for students to skate together.



**Please note: the snack bar is not open. There is no need to send money for the vending machines. We are there to skate and will eat prior to skating, as well as upon our return to the school.**



**All skaters must have a PROPERLY FITTING CSA approved hockey helmet with a strap. Students will not be permitted to skate with a bicycle helmet.**

## coming soon

### Kindergarten Open House & Registration

**Thursday, February 6, 2025**

We will be holding a Kindergarten Open House for new students born in 2021 and their parents to come visit the school, take a tour, and meet our Kindergarten team.

We look forward to hosting our future Kuksa Knights!

**Kindergarten  
Open House**



**GRADE 8  
OPEN HOUSE  
2025-2026  
SCHOOL YEAR**

#### EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour the school
- Meet teachers
- Academic highlights and presentations
- Learn about sports and clubs

#### MORE INFORMATION

- 📞 (905) 788-3060
- 🌐 [www.notredamecollege.ca](http://www.notredamecollege.ca)
- 📍 64 Smith St, Welland, ON

**Tuesday, January 14th, 2025  
6:30pm**





## Designer Purse Bingo

Join us for an evening of bingo, door prizes, pizza and of course fun.... all while supporting our school. This fundraiser will assist in building a friendship garden within the school grounds that will be a multi-phase project. This fundraiser will assist in funding the first phase of the garden area.

### **When:**

February 7, 2025  
Doors Open at 6pm  
Games begins at 7pm

### **Where:**

Croatian National Home Hall  
6 Broadway Ave, Welland

### **Who:**

Only for those who are 18 years of age or older

### **Cost:**

\$40 (includes 10 games, door prizes, and pizza)  
Tables of 10 preferred  
Limited single tickets available

Click on the [link](#) to purchase your tickets now!  
Tickets on sale until February 1!

## Niagara Region Public Health School Health Newsletter

January 2025

### Access and Update Your Child's Immunization Record

Niagara Region Public Health would like to remind parents and guardians to keep their children's immunization record up to date. This can easily be completed by using Immunization Connect.

*Immunization Connect* is a quick, confidential, and secure system where you can access your child's vaccination record and report vaccines. Report every time your child receives a vaccine directly to Public Health with *Immunization Connect*. **Health care providers do not do this for you.**

Visit [niagararegion.ca/vaccines](https://niagararegion.ca/vaccines) for other ways to report vaccination information to Public Health.

## Wintertime Well-Being

As the weather changes and days get shorter, many people, including children and youth, may feel more anxious, depressed, or tired. It's essential to be mindful of our emotional well-being. Beat the winter blues and check out these simple activities to boost your and your child's mood.

- [8 feel good tips to boost your mood](#)
- [Easy and Fun Mental Health Activities for Home](#)
- [Active Play ideas - Active4Life](#)

## Snow Safety for Kids

Embrace the thrill of tobogganing this winter, but remember, safety comes first! Whether your child is racing down the slopes or enjoying a leisurely ride, follow these snow safety tips to make the most of winter adventures:

1. **Gear Up:** Wear appropriate winter gear such as gloves, and sturdy boots to provide protection from the cold.
2. **Choose Safe Hills:** Pick tobogganing hills that are marked as a safe place and free from objects such as trees, rocks, or traffic. Avoid hills with steep inclines or crowded areas.
3. **Follow Etiquette:** Be mindful of others on the hill. Encourage your child to wait their turn and choose a clear path to avoid collisions. Respect the space and safety of fellow tobogganers.
4. **Think Safety:** Help your child to sit facing forward on the toboggan with their feet first. Remind tobogganers to hold on firmly and avoid standing or kneeling during the ride.
5. **Stay Visible:** If tobogganing in the evening, ensure visibility. Wear bright colours and consider adding reflective elements to clothing.

Remember, tobogganing is all about having fun, but safety ensures that the enjoyment lasts throughout the winter season. So, bundle up, find a safe hill, and make lasting memories with your child and friends in the winter wonderland!

