

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School

Principal: Mr. J. Romano Superintendent: Mr. D. Massi

MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER



MAY AT A GLANCE

- 5 - Primary Pray Day
- 5 - June Lunches Open on School Cash
- 5 - Catholic School Council Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- 5 - Festival of Music (Ms. Tham and Gr. 3R)
- 6 - ECO Schools Clean Up
- 6 - Celebrating Excellence Award
- 6 - Mass with Fr. Greg (11:30 a.m. in the gym)
- 6 - Social Justice Fair Gr. 6/7 - (1:20-2:30 p.m)
- 7 - Student Leadership Symposium
- 7 - Track and Field (Gr. 4-8 @ Oakes Park)
- 7 - Gr. 2 Praying of the Rosaries
- 8 - Jump Rope for Heart
- 8 - Delta Bingo
- 9 - Indigenous Presentation (All Grades)
- 9 - Junior/Intermediate Pray Day
- 13 - Welland Jack Fish Presentation
- 14 - Fire Drill
- 15 - Pickleball Tournament (@ St. Patrick -NF)
- 16 - Internal Lockdown Drill
- 19 - Victoria Day (No School for Students)
- 20 - Gr. 3 EQAO Begins
- 21 - St. Vincent de Paul Night at Delta Bingo
- 22 - Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Supper
- 23 - Olympic Games at OLOMC School
- 26 - Gr. 6 EQAO Begins
- 27 - Kindergarten Fluoride Varnish (NRDP)
- 29 - dowhatyoucant Assembly (11:20 a.m.)
- 30 - Out of Dress Code Day for students

Mother's Day Prayer

*I said a Mother's day prayer for you
to thank the Lord above
for blessing me with a lifetime
of your tenderhearted love.*

*I thanked God for the caring
you've shown me through the years,
for the closeness we've enjoyed
in time of laughter and of tears.*

*So I thank you from the heart
for all you've done for me
and I bless the Lord for giving me
the best mother there could be!*



Our Lady of the Scapular Church Mass Times

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9am

Tuesday and Thursday

7pm

Saturdays

5pm

Sunday

8am, 9:30am & 11am



God Bless You
on your



Confirmation



CONFIRMATION

We would like to congratulate all of our Grade 8 students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 1, 2025 at 7 pm. The ceremony took place at Our Lady of Scapular Church. Thank you to Mrs. Mascia for preparing our students! A big thank you to Bishop Bergie, Father Greg and Father Ronnie! Thank you also to the Legion of Mary and to the CWL of Our Lady of the Scapular Church for the gifts. Congratulations Nitzana, Alyssa, Kylie, Lucia, Mia, Natalia, Travis, Nathan, Avery, Tobias and Jakob!



KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

Children who will be four years of age by December 31, 2023, are eligible to enroll in the Kindergarten Program. Please supply the following documents for your child:

- * *Birth and Baptismal Certificates*
- * *Proof of Address (e.g. utility bill/lease agreement/tax statement)*

Students currently attending the first year Kindergarten program will be automatically enrolled in second year Kindergarten program in September 2025.

Parents/Guardians are asked to register their child online at www.niagaracatholic.ca. If you know of any eligible neighbours, friends or relatives, please encourage them to contact us at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School, and enroll their children in a catholic school. Our flourishing community needs active support from its members.

Registrations will be accepted at any time throughout the year, however, early registration helps with the necessary planning and preparation for your child.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

JUNE 5, 2025

Our Parent Information Night will be held on June 5, 2025 from 4:30 – 6:15 p.m. Parents and new kindergarten students can visit the classrooms from 4:30–5:30 p.m. A presentation will be given by the classroom teachers from 5:30–6:00 p.m., and then students can experience the "First Ride" by riding the bus around the neighbourhood with a parent from 6:00–6:15 p.m.. An invitation will be emailed to new parents. Stay tuned!



EQAO PROVINCIAL TESTING

Our Grade 3 EQAO Provincial testing will take place from May 20–23. Grade 3 students in Mrs. Reich's class and the grade 3 students in Miss DeBlasis' class will be participating. Our Grade 6 EQAO Provincial testing will take place from May 26–29. Grade 6 students in Mr. Porga's class as well as the grade 6 students in Mr. Spiotti's class will be participating. **Please ensure that your child is present and on time during testing weeks.** Thank you to all of our teachers and support staff for preparing our students.

CHESS TOURNAMENT



Congratulations Sawyer, Travis, Jaxson, Zayan, Jaxon, Max, Nate, Kegan, Leo, John, Gurnoor, Pio, Owen, Gio, Jackson, Jacob and Chase!

Congratulations to our Chess Teams who competed in the Family of Schools tournament at St. Mary Catholic School in Niagara Falls. Our Intermediate Team finished in 7th place. Our Junior Team II won the bronze medal, and our Junior Team I won the gold medal. The Junior Team I went on to the Niagara Catholic Championships at the Seaway Mall in Welland. Congratulations to members of all 3 teams. A special thank you to Mr. Porga for coaching. Your time and dedication is greatly appreciated.



2024-2025 CATCH THE SPIRIT AWARD RECIPIENT NATALIA S.

The community of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School would like to congratulate Natalia S. in grade 8 for being named the SVDP 2024-2025 Catch the Spirit Award winner. Natalia is in Mrs. Masica's class. She will receive her award at the Celebrating Excellence Award Ceremony on Tuesday, May 6, 2025. Congratulations Natalia!! We are all very proud of you!



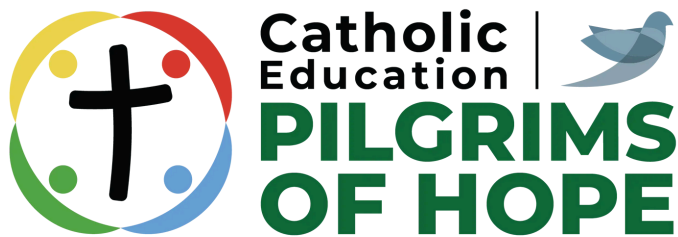
STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS CONGRATULATIONS ALEXA R.

Congratulations to the grade 6 student candidates who ran for 2025-2026 Student Senate position (Yooni, Alexa, Gurnoor, Aiden, Liyanna, Kailyn, and Makena). All students did a great job preparing and delivering a speech in front of their peers. Congratulations to our newly elected student senator - Alexa R. Alexa will be our grade 7 student senator next year, joining Elisa C., who returns as our Grade 8 student senator. Thank you to our outgoing senator Lucia S. All three students will attend the Leadership Symposium at Club Roma this month. Our 2025-2026 Student Council will be established in September 2025. Thank you to Mrs. Mascia for being our Student Council rep. Your time and leadership is greatly appreciated.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next Catholic School Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 5th at 5:30 p.m. in the library. All are welcome to attend. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but would like to volunteer for upcoming events (Tuesday lunch days, Bingo nights, etc.), please email Linda Rosano at SVDPCSC@outlook.com

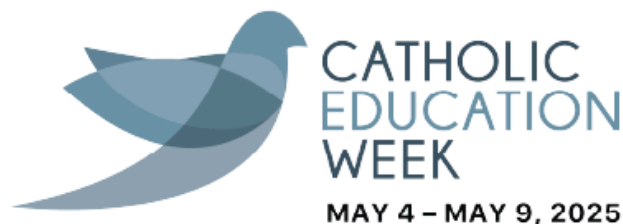


CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

MAY 4th – MAY 9th

It's that time of year again. St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School, along with every school from the Niagara Catholic District School Board will be celebrating Catholic Education Week from May 4-9, 2025. This year's theme is "Pilgrims of Hope." This week, staff and students will be taking part in various activities which strengthen the triad of home, school and church. Along with our team at Our Lady of the Scapular Church headed by Father Greg, our staff will continue to cultivate our unique Catholic identity. There will be numerous activities throughout the week for students, staff and the parent community to take part in. Classroom teachers have also received lessons and activities focusing on this year's theme to complete with their students. Please reference our Catholic Education Week Planner for a list of initiatives taking place. Thank you to Miss Orsini, Ms. Cullen, and Mrs. Futino-Vacca for planning this week for our students. It promises to be a great week!

"We must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us."



Sunday, May 4th

- Mass at Our Lady of the Scapular Church
- Pulpit Announcement by Mrs. Salvo-Teutenberg

Monday, May 5th

- Primary Pray Day
- Festival of Music

Tuesday, May 6th

- ECO Schools Clean-Up
- Celebrating Excellence Awards
- Crowning of Mary Mass with Father Greg 11:30am
- Social Justice Fair

Wednesday, May 7th

- Student Leadership Symposium
- Grade 2 Praying of Rosaries

Thursday, May 8th

- Jump Rope for Heart

Friday, May 9th

- Junior/Intermeidate Pray Day
- Indigenous Presentation

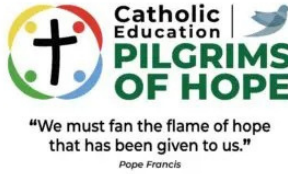
MAY HOT LUNCH DATES

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – Carmine's Pizza

May 6 and May 20 – Subway

May 13 and May 27 – Weko Sushi





Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we are quickly approaching Catholic Education Week 2025, we are called to be “Pilgrims of Hope” It is during this time that we are reminded to be ever thankful of all the blessings that we have been given. It is also a time to remember those who are in need. St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School has been a proud supporter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society since we opened our doors 20 years ago. It is in this spirit of giving that we are contributing to their “North of 60” project. This project continues to provide food security to those living in the Arctic. Since 2010 the Society members have been providing food, household items, beds and bedding, sewing machines and fabric as well as other items requested from members of the nine communities that they serve.

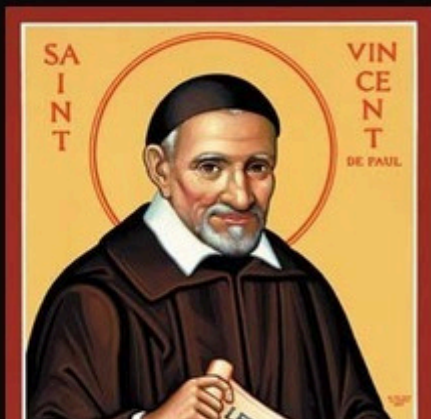
Each participating school has been assigned one type of food to donate. St. Vincent de Paul School has been asked to bring in **apple sauce (family size and snack packs)**.

Our food drive will run from Monday, May 5th-Friday, May 16th, 2025. At that time all food donations will be boxed up and delivered to the St. Vincent de Paul Society where it will then be shipped to the communities in need in the Arctic.

We thank you in advance for supporting this amazing cause.

Sincerely,

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School Staff



Charity is the cement which binds Communities to God and persons to one another...

~ Vincent de Paul



Knights of Columbus Hennepin Council 1652 presents another

SPAGHETTI DINNER

for your dining pleasure!

Thursday, May 22, 2025

4:00pm to 7:00pm

Columbus Club Hall
6990 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls

Menu:

Salad,
Spaghetti and Meatballs
Dessert, Coffee and Tea



\$15.00 per adult | \$8.00 12 yrs and under

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM KoC MEMBERS or AT THE DOOR

Proceeds help support Hennepin Council's charitable endeavours



Blue Tickets

- Niagara Parks Passes 0695007 Derek Graham
- Cardinal Lakes Golf Club 0695097 Michelle Dingwall
- Signed Blue Jays Bat 0695087 Lindsay Morin
- 2 Blue Jays Tickets 0695006 Dave Sanderson
- Tea for 2 - Vintage Hotels 0695085 Elizabeth Ilnichi-Stone
- Niagara Helicopters -2 passes (adult) 0695060 John Aviles
- Clifton Hill Package 0695092 Jeff Lafontaine
- Fun Zone - 4 ultimate passes 0695094 Jeff Etlini
- Niagara River Lions - Ultimate Fan experience 0695007 Derek Graham

White Tickets

- \$25-GC - Carpaccio's 0071108 Carol Chudy
- \$50-GC - Doc Macgilligans 0071110 Dean Spivinello
- Large Pepp Pizza - Carmines 0071163 John Aviles
- Swiss - 2 dinners / Beer GC 0071158 Maria Romano
- \$25-GC Antica Pizzeria 0071103 Matthew Whitelaw
- \$50-GC Mick and Angelo's 0071110 Dean Spivinello
- 2 Tickets Greg Frewin 0071192 Melissa Davey
- \$50 GC - Weko Sushi 0071162 Susana Vanegas
- \$25 GC - Sunset Grill / Basket 0071179 Anna Inverso
- \$25 GC- Carpaccio's 0071153 Dino Collin
- Swiss - 2 dinners / Beer GC 0071194 Eric Byers
- \$50 GC - Weko Sushi 0071108 Carol Chudy
- Ice Dogs - Buy one Get one 0071197 Meghan Sawesky
- \$30 GC -Pasta Fresca & tshirt 0071164 John Aviles
- Anytime fitness - personal training session 0071151 Pat Noonan
- Cellar Door Gift Basket 0071161 Adriana Sansotta
- \$25 GC - Nino's, Basket \$60 Value 0695098 Robert & Cecilia Holmes
- Vibrant Stitches - clutch and 8 scrunchies \$60 0071179 Anna Inverso
- \$50 GC - Home Sense 0071156 Jen Burke
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Thank you Linda Rosano, Barb Lamber and Amanda Mazzotti and their committee for planning yet another successful Trivia Night! Thank you to all those who attended the night, and thank you to our sponsors! Thank you also to our MC Ms. Cullen. You did an AMAZING JOB!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



BINGO NIGHT

WEDNESDAY MAY 21, 2025

Doors open at 6:30pm / Game starts at 7:00pm

18+ Event
Delta Bingo
4735 Drummond Rd. Niagara Falls
www.deltabingo.com

Tickets \$25 (includes a 3 strip book/dabber and a bag of popcorn). Additional games can be purchased.
\$15 gaming ticket/ \$10 towards SVDP school fundraiser to purchase technology for our students.

Niagara Region Public Health School Health Newsletter

May 2025

Vision Health Month

Visual health is an important part of a child's overall health and well-being. Proper vision is important for a child's movement and coordination, independence, play and learning. If left untreated, vision problems may become serious and prevent a child from reaching their full potential.



A yearly eye exam is **FREE** – the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) covers the cost of an eye exam every 12 months for children up to the age of 19 with a valid OHIP card. [Find an eye doctor near you.](#)

Also, contact an eye doctor if you see **ANY** of these signs:

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| • Squinting or holding objects close to the eyes | • One eye that turns out or in |
| • Blinking often | • Rubbing, tearing, itchy or burning eyes |
| • Turning or tilting the head to the side often | • Reporting blurry or double vision |
| • Covering or closing one eye | • Reporting headaches, nausea or eye strain |

For more information on vision screening, please visit

<https://www.niagararegion.ca/health/schools/vision-screening.aspx>.

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Do you have a little one starting Kindergarten?



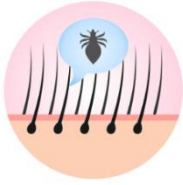
Public Health works in partnership with teachers, support staff, students, and parents to build a healthier school community.

Check out our [School Health webpage](#) for some important links and supports:

- [Childhood illnesses and diseases of public health significance](#)
- [Non-reportable illnesses and exclusion periods](#)
- [Dental screening](#)
- [School-aged vaccines](#)

Parents and legal guardians of junior and senior kindergarten registrants and students new to Ontario are asked to report their vaccinations to [Public Health](#).

Head Lice



Students are now back into the swing of things and spending lots of time with friends and classmates during school and after school. Lice can spread regardless of a student's age. Head lice are spread by direct head-to-head contact or by sometimes sharing items like combs, brushes, hats, pillows, etc. Anyone can get head lice, it's not a sign of poor personal hygiene or an unclean environment.

Check out School Health's new webpage on head lice for more information: [Head Lice - Niagara Region, Ontario](#)

NEW Quit Vaping Program for Youth

The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) is excited to launch **Youth-Vaping, Substance use, and Technology (VAST)**. Youth-VAST is a program for youth in Ontario who are using vaping, substances, or feel like technology is taking up too much of their time. This program brings together existing and new resources across CAMH to deliver virtual services directly to youth and their family.

- Program offered for youth ages 12-21 years.
- Appointments are offered virtually for youth all over Ontario
- Youth will be assigned a care coordinator to create a customized treatment plan
- Individuals can self-refer directly into this program, no physician referral required.



To refer, visit [Youth-VAST](#) to book an appointment. For more information you can email youth.vast@camh.ca.

May is Rabies Awareness Month

During Spring, wildlife activity increases and so does the potential for rabies exposures. Rabies is a serious and fatal disease that affects the brain and spinal cord of mammals, including humans.

To prevent rabies, avoid any contact with wild animals, especially those that appear sick. Although they may seem cute, do not feed wild animals and most importantly, make sure to have your pets vaccinated.



For more information visit

https://www.niagararegion.ca/living/health_wellness/disease-prevent/rabies.aspx