



Firebird Free Press

May 19th-23rd, 2025

Week at a Glance

Monday May 19th:

*Victoria Day: NO SCHOOL

Tuesday May 20th:

*Mayor Jim Diodati visits Gr. 4-8 classes at SJHN

*Girls Flag Football @ Youngs's Sportsplex: Tham, Quaranta and Gucciardi

*Boys Flag Football Practice @ 3pm-4pm: Tham, Quaranta and Gucciardi

Wednesday May 21st:

*Niagara Peninsula Energy: Electricity Presentation: K-Gr. 8: Minervini

*Boys Flag Football Practice @ 3pm-4pm: Tham, Quaranta and Gucciardi

*Choir to Meet in Gym @ 12:50pm: Pietrangelo and Olesen

Thursday May 22nd:

*Boys Flag Football @ Youngs Sportsplex: Tham, Redmond and Gucciardi

Friday May 23rd:

*Communion Rehearsal @ OLOS: 12:30pm

*Special Olympics @ OLOMC: Reich and Redmond

*Pasta Fresca Day

*Last Day to check out library books as all library books are due back to the Library by June 4th.

Sunday May 24th:

*First Communion @ OLOS @ 2pm

Scholastic Book Fair

We would like to thank everyone for a very successful Scholastic Book Fair this year. The funds raised will allow us to purchase new books for our school library. Thank you to all of the CSC members that assisted during the school day and after hours to help make our book fair a success.

SJHN 2024-2025 Yearbook

Mr. Reich and the Yearbook Committee have been very busy creating the yearbook for 2024-2025. If you are interested in purchasing a yearbook, they are currently for sale on School Cash On-Line for \$21.00. Please make sure that you place your order before June 1st!



Class Organization 2025-2026

Please trust our professional judgment to make good pedagogically sound decisions regarding your child's class placement for September 2025. Talk positively and hopefully to your child about next year. If your child is with a different group of students, discuss the value of new friendships and fresh starts. We are looking forward to another wonderful school year with your support. Please know that careful thought is always given to student placement in the various classes. Guidelines that we consider may be one, some or all of the following:

- ☒ **Learning style/social needs**
- ☒ **Work habits**
- ☒ **Special program needs**
- ☒ **Behavior**

In all class situations, present and receiving teachers meet with the Principal and Education Resource Teacher to make the final decision. Parent preference cannot be a determining factor, but if you have a pressing concern regarding class placement, please put your request and reasons in writing to the attention of Mr. Spagnol and hand it into the office for consideration by Friday, May 30th, 2025.

Due to the amount of students that need to be placed, any requests after May 30th will not be considered.

RAFT Donations

In keeping with our Catholic Education Week theme, "Pilgrims of Hope", to honour human dignity, St. John Henry Newman will be collecting items for The RAFT, a local charity that helps teens struggling with homelessness.

Beginning Monday, May 5th until Friday, May 30, students are asked to bring in items to help teens in need. We are asking for a variety of non-perishable food items, toiletries and new gift items (hair accessories, arts & crafts, stationary, etc), as well as gently used TEEN items (clothing, outdoor gear, blankets, shoes etc.). Gift cards can also be donated (Walmart, Shoppers Drug Mart, Canadian Tire, Dollarama, Grocery Stores, etc.). Thank you in advance!

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:

- 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>.

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](#)

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](#).

Niagara Falls 1st Annual Pickleball Tournament

This week SJHN's pickleball team participated in the 1st Annual Niagara Falls Pickleball Tournament together with Tennis Clubs of Canada, Niagara Falls and St. Patrick's Elementary.

Over the past few months, the sport of pickleball has been introduced to hundreds of students, culminating in a great Festival today for our intermediate teams.

It was a great day, where students met, played and competed against students from across our city.

All of SJHN's teams went undefeated during the tournament.

Thanks to our coaches Mr. Tham and Mrs. Sacco for dedicating their time to prepare our students for the tournament.



Gift Basket Fundraiser

Each class has been assigned a theme for their basket. We are asking students/families to make a small donation to the gift basket theme that is assigned to their class. We will be collecting donations from May 12th-26th.

Students will have the opportunity to purchase raffle basket tickets on SchoolCash Online. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.00. There will be approximately 20 gift baskets available to be won. Lucky winners will be announced on June 13th. Proceeds will be directly supporting student technology at SJHN.

Classroom Themes

Kindergarten:- DiPaola/Bray Chocolate Basket

Kindergarten:- DeCicco/Irakoze Candy Basket

Kindergarten:- Prio/McRae Baking

Gr. 1- Sacco Family Fun

Gr. 1/2- Gabriele Beach Day

Gr. 2- Cuiello Movie Night

Gr. 2- Mostowy Pokemon
Gr. 2/3- deRuiter Adventure
Gr. 3/4- Nurton Gardening
Gr. 3/4- Olesen Cooking
Gr. 4- Fortino-Carter Coffee/Tea
Gr. 4/5- Harrold Wellness
Gr. 5- Thompson Canada Day
Gr. 5/6- Avolio Sports
Gr. 6- Mancuso Spa Day
Gr. 6/7- Korce Puzzles/Board Games
Gr. 7- Dyck (Reich) Summer Fun
Gr. 7/8- Quaranta Arts and Crafts
Gr. 8- Tham Chocolate Basket
Gr. 8- Capitano Candy Basket

Thank you in advance for your support.



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