



Mary Ward Catholic School

June 2025

School Information

Principal: Mr. A. Cardamone **Superintendent of Education:** Mr. D. Massi

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Principal's Message

God of Wisdom and Grace,

We come before You with hearts full of gratitude for the many blessings You have poured out upon us throughout this school year. Thank You for the gift of life, for the salvation we have in Christ, and for calling us to be Your beloved people.

As we reach the close of this academic journey, we pause to reflect on the growth, the challenges, and the joys we have experienced. We give thanks for the knowledge gained, the friendships formed, and the community we have built together.

We praise You for all who have contributed to the life of this school—students, teachers, staff, and families. May Your love continue to guide and strengthen them.

Bless each one of us with peace in our hearts and a renewed sense of purpose. May we carry the lessons of this year into the future with courage and faith.

We offer this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You forever and ever.

AMEN

Our Lady of the Scapular Parish News

Mary Ward Family Mass

Join us for our monthly mass at Our Lady of the Scapular Parish. Each month, two classes and our Faith In Action Team are invited to mass to deepen our faith and strengthen our triad connection - school, parish and home.



This month, Mrs. Mazzarolo's and Mr. O'Neil's classes and our FIAT team are hosting the mass on Sunday, June 15, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

A reminder that attending mass is a fundamental aspect of Catholic life and as Catholics, we are asked to attend mass weekly and on holidays.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Our Grade Two students will be joyfully celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday, June 1st at 2:00 PM at Our Lady of the Scapular Parish.

This is a truly special milestone in their faith journey, and we look forward to sharing this sacred celebration with them and their families.

Congratulations to all our communicants—may God's blessings be with you today and always!



Kingdom Come Summer Camp



Graduation - Save the Date!

We are thrilled to announce that our Grade 8 Graduation will take place on **Thursday, June 19, 2025**. This special event will be held at the beautiful **Double Tree Resort and Spa**, where students and their families will come together for a memorable Graduate Blessing and Award Ceremony.

Following the ceremony, our graduates will be treated to a delicious dinner and an exciting **dance** to celebrate their achievements. We look forward to honoring all of your hard work and accomplishments in a joyous and festive atmosphere.

Let's make this a night to remember!

Family Food Truck event - SAVE THE DATE!

Get ready for an unforgettable evening! On Wednesday, June 4, 2025, from **4:00 pm to 7:00 pm**, we are hosting a **Family Food Truck Event** packed with fun and excitement!

Indulge in delicious food from a variety of food trucks, try your luck with **raffle prizes**, and enjoy **games** and activities for all ages. It's going to be a fantastic time for everyone!

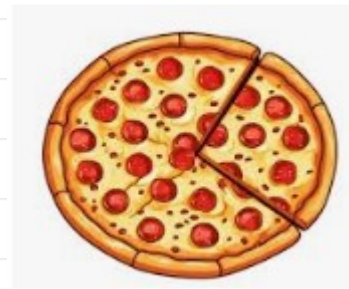
Alternate Lunch Days/Milk Program

We're happy to share that alternate lunch days and the milk program will continue throughout June!

Milk Days: Milk will be available every Tuesday and Thursday.

Alternate Lunch Day - There will be one special lunch day this month:

June 24 – Pizza Day from Carmine's Pizzeria



To participate, please place your orders through School Cash Online.

Thank you for your continued support!

Library News

Just a gentle reminder that all library books must be returned to the school library by Monday, June 3.

Mrs. Arcuri, our school librarian will be sending home overdue notices for any books that are still checked out. If your child receives a notice, we kindly ask that the book(s) be returned as soon as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us keep our library collection complete and ready for next year.

We look forward to welcoming all our readers back to the library in September!

Year End Field Trips

Kindergarten - Yogi Bear Park on June 10, 2025

Grade 1 - PALS at Brock University on June 20, 2025

Grade 2 - Parkway Social on June 17, 2025

Grade 3 – Zacada Circus on June 26, 2025

Grade 4 - EDU-CON on May 30, 2025

Grade 5 - Parkway Social on June 23, 2025

Grade 6 - Wildplay on June 11, 2025

Grade 7 - Mazewood on June 20, 2025

Grades 8 - Canada's Wonderland on June 17, 2025



Playday

Sports Themed Play Day

Get ready for a fun-filled day of movement and teamwork! On Tuesday, June 24th, students will take part in a sports-themed Play Day designed to promote physical health, fitness, and school spirit.

Throughout the day, students will rotate through exciting team-based activities, including:

- Curling
- Tchoukball
- Cricket
- Bocce

To ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable experience, please remember to:

- Wear comfortable athletic clothing
- Bring or wear proper running shoes
- Apply sunscreen before arriving at school

Let's make it a day full of energy, teamwork, and fun!

September 2025

Student Placement For September

We understand that student placement is an important topic for families, and we want to assure you that information regarding your child's class placement for September will be shared in August.

A great deal of thought and care goes into creating balanced and supportive classroom environments. Our classroom teachers, resource teacher, and principal work collaboratively, considering a wide range of factors to ensure the best possible learning experience for every student.

Some of the key factors taken into account include:

- Academic ability and individual learning needs
- Behaviour and work habits
- Age and learning styles
- Class size and dynamics
- Social relationships and opportunities for new friendships

Our goal is to create classrooms where all students can thrive.

How Can Parents Help?

You play a vital role in helping your child transition positively into the new school year. We encourage you to:

- Speak positively about the upcoming year
- Emphasize the opportunity to build new friendships and grow in new environments
- Reassure your child that change can bring exciting new experiences
- Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education!

Please note: Once class lists are finalized, no changes will be made.

Yearbook Arrival

Celebrating A Year of Memories

As the 2024–2025 school year comes to a close, we look back with joy and gratitude at the memories we've made together. These special moments will be beautifully captured and celebrated in the Mary Ward Catholic School Yearbook—a keepsake to treasure for years to come.

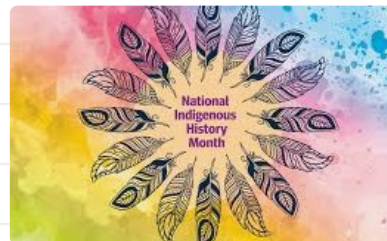
The yearbook will be available in mid-September.

Current Grade 8 students who have ordered a copy are encouraged to return to the school at that time to pick up their yearbook.

A heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Marinelli and Mrs. Zappia for their dedication and creativity in bringing this special book to life. Your hard work is deeply appreciated!

National Indigenous History Month

Throughout the month of June, we honour and celebrate the rich history, vibrant cultures, enduring resilience, and remarkable contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples across Canada.



This is a time to reflect, learn, and deepen our understanding of Indigenous heritage and traditions. To commemorate this important month, students will engage in meaningful learning experiences that highlight the voices, stories, and perspectives of Indigenous communities.

Let us walk together on the path of truth, respect, and reconciliation.

Eco-School News

Lights Out for our Planet!

Throughout the month of June, classes are encouraged to turn off lights whenever it is safe and does not interfere with learning.

This initiative, led by our ECO Team, is a simple yet impactful way to help reduce our energy consumption and environmental footprint here at Mary Ward.

Let's work together to make a difference—one switch at a time!

Spirit Wear Wednesdays

Wednesday's are spirit wear days at Mary Ward Catholic School. Check out the new Navy Jogger for students in Kinder thru Grade 3 and swag for Mom and Dad.

All orders will be delivered to Mary Ward. Please remember to note your child's name and classroom teacher on the order.

To order spirit wear please go to Maddalena's website <https://www.maddalena-uniforms.com/>

Niagara Region Public Health

Things that Bite!

Ticks, mosquitos, and rabid animals can be a greater risk as the weather warms up.

- Mosquitoes transmit the [West Nile virus](#) to humans after becoming infected by feeding on the blood of infected birds, which carry the virus. To learn how to protect your family, visit [Reduce the Risk of West Nile Virus - Niagara Region](#).
- The blacklegged (deer) tick can transmit [Lyme disease and other tickborne diseases](#) to humans after becoming infected by feeding on the blood of small animals which carry the disease. To learn how to protect you and your pets, visit [Protect and Prevent Ticks - Niagara Region](#).
- [Rabies](#) is transmitted through saliva from bites and scratches, entering an open cut or wound, or from saliva contacting a mucous membrane, such as those in the mouth, nasal cavity, or eyes. To [reduce the risk of rabies](#), it's best to avoid contact with wild animals such as raccoons, skunks, and bats.

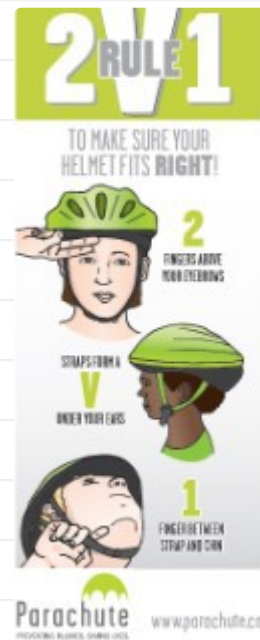


For more information and free tick identification, individuals can visit [e-tick](#). General tick information can be found on our [Niagara Region Public Health website](#) or by contacting a Duty Officer directly at 905-688-8248 ext. 7590.

Head safety – for bikes and other wheels

With warmer weather and summer break just around the corner, more kids will be outdoors taking part in activities, such as biking, skate boarding or roller blading. A [properly fitted and correct helmet](#) can cut the risk of a serious head injury by up to 85%. This means four out of five brain injuries could be prevented if every cyclist wore a helmet.

- Bike [helmets](#) should be replaced after five years or a crash where the cyclist has hit their head
- It's not safe to use a [second-hand helmet](#)
- Baseball hats, big hair clips and headphones should never be worn under a helmet



The human skull is just approximately one centimeter thick, so it is important to remind children to always protect their head when being active. To make sure a helmet fits right, follow the 2V1 Rule (image courtesy of [Parachute Canada](#))

Make Immunizations Part of Your Summer Checklist!

As you prepare for the new school year this summer, remember to check if your child's immunizations are up-to-date. If you are unsure, talk to your health care provider or [contact the vaccine team](#) at Public Health. Staying up to date with routine vaccinations helps protect your child from preventable diseases.



If your child needs to get caught up on vaccines, you can:

- Make an appointment with your health care providers
- Visit a walk-in clinic (call ahead to confirm vaccine availability)
- Check availability of Public Health vaccination clinics. Call 905-688-8248, extension 7425 (Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.)

Don't forget to report your child's vaccines to Public Health!

Every time your child receives a vaccine, it must be reported to Public Health. Doctors, child care facilities, and schools don't do this for you.

The fastest and most convenient way to report vaccines (except COVID-19 and flu shots) or request records is through [Immunization Connect \(ICON\)](#), a secure online system for tracking and reporting immunizations.

For more information on vaccines needed for school, visit: [Baby, Children and Youth Vaccinations](#)

Bike to School Week 2025

Walking or biking to school is a great way to help kids stay active, healthy, and focused throughout the day and get them out in their communities! Regular physical activity boosts mood, improves fitness, and supports learning by helping kids concentrate better in class. It also helps create safer, less congested school zones by reducing traffic and pollution.



From June 2–6, families across Ontario are encouraged to participate in Bike to School Week! Invite your child to ride with friends or family, and join in creating a healthier, happier community. To learn more, visit the [Bike to School Week](#) webpage and see how your school can get involved!



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