



FROM THE VICE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to Mary in many cultures. May is considered the season of the beginning of new life. Since medieval times, we have had the combination between Mary and the month of May. This custom originated in Italy. On each day of this month, special devotions to Mary were organized. There are many ways to celebrate this particular devotion. Most churches have a daily recitation of the rosary. Some include the crowning of Our Lady's statue. The important thing is that Mary be honoured in a special way. At one time, the domestic celebrations of the month of May were widespread, especially by setting up a small altar in the home. May crowning became popular in North America prior to Vatican II. This practice continues in many parishes today.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

Each year, the Catholic community of Ontario engages in a week-long celebration of the unique identity and distinctive contributions of Catholic education during Catholic Education Week. This year's celebration entitled **Catholic Education: Walking in the Light of Christ** is scheduled for the week of May 6-May 11. In John's gospel, Jesus proclaims, **"I am the Light of the World"** (John 8:12). Our Catholic schools rejoice to walk in that Light, **"A Light which overcomes the darkness with its radiance"**(Matthew 4:16). Here at Cardinal Newman Catholic School, we have many exciting activities planned. Here is a list of some of these exciting events.

Sunday, May 6th	SCHOOL REP TO ADDRESS PARISH CONGREGATION AT EACH WEEKEND MASS Students are encouraged to dress in their school uniform (secondary) or spirit wear (elementary)
Monday, May 7th	NCDSB UNIFIED PRAYER Opening Liturgy "Walking in the Light" Relay for Life Walk 1:00pm- 2:00pm "Bags to School" Clothing Drive for "Me to We" as we are hoping to adopt a village CATCH THE SPIRIT AWARD 7:00 pm Saint Paul Catholic High School
Tuesday, May 8th	NIAGARA FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTATION IN THE GYM GR JK-3 (AM) 9:05 am- 9:45 am- Gr ½ Harrold, Gr 2 Gabriele and Stephens 9:50am - 10:30 am- Grade 2/3 Venzon and 3 Piro, Perone 10:40am -11:20am- Grades 1's CuvIELLO, and Mrs. Costantini CONFIRMATION PREPARATION GR 8 12:30 AM Grade 4 Bible Celebration – 12:45 pm in gym
Wednesday, May 9th	SOCIAL JUSTICE FAIR FOR GR 4-8 (PM) 12:45 PM- 2:45 PM Grade 8 Confirmation – 7:00 pm Our Lady of the Scapular Church
Thursday, May 10th	Sigmund Brouwer 9:15 am – 10:15 am JK – 4, 10:30 – 11:30 am Gr 5 – 8
Friday, May 11th	Grade 7 Transition Activity - Saint Paul AM NIAGARA CATHOLIC PUBLIC DISPLAYS – Students will be presenting parts of our upcoming play "From the Outside Looking In" at the Niagara Square 11:20 – 11:40 am Closing Prayer Service 3:00 pm



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

At Cardinal Newman Catholic School and throughout Niagara Catholic, we continue to follow a Virtues Education Model. May's Virtue is *Discipleship*. Students who displayed the virtue of *Discipleship*, will be recognized at our Student Success Assembly on Wednesday May 30th. Our Catholic virtues, which are highlighted in the student agendas, continue to provide a focus for the month for the staff, students and parent community.

CLASSROOM	STUDENT
JK AM - Mrs. DiPaola	Colin Putman
JK / SK AM - Mrs. Humeniuk	Massimo Piro
SK AM - Mrs. Marrie	Ema Broughton-Willet
JK PM - Mrs. DiPaola	Abigail Vargo
SK AM / PM - Mrs. Brown	Andrew Villegas/Samantha Cardenas
Grade 1 - Miss Costantini	Sean Sabharwal
Grade 1 - Mrs. CuvIELLO	Damien Marlatt
Grade 1 / 2 - Mrs. Harrold	Caleigh Pasquariello
Grade 2 - Mrs. Gabriele	Candace Camillen
Grade 2 - Mrs. Stephens	Claudia DiSanto
Grade 2 / 3 - Mr. Venzon	Mya Forlenza
Grade 3 - Miss Perone	Veronique Long
Grade 3 - Mrs. Hominuk	Abbie Ryan
Grade 4 - Mr. Miarecki	Matthew Major
Grade 4 - Mrs. Halle	Julia Garisto
Grade 5 - Mr. Brisson	Karenza Federinko
Grade 5 - Mrs. Thompson	Kyle Maiden
Grade 6 - Mrs. Ramunno	Alicia CuvIELLO
Grade 6 - Mrs. Manders	Patrick Bryjak
Grade 7 - Mr. Newport	Julia Ford
Grade 7 - Mrs. Capitano	Ryan Zuba
Grade 7 / 8 - Mr. Tham	Jake DeLazzari
Grade 8 - Miss Perrotta	Michael Bertone
Grade 8 - Mr. T / Miss MacDonnell	Megan Thompson
Mrs. Cardillo / Miss Komar	William Waskawich/Luca Kovinic
Mme. Cafarelli / Rampado / Bambara	Edrick MacDon/Michelle Martinez/Madeline Charron-Lord
Mme. Piscitelli / Miss Amorim	Vanessa Ricketts/Vincent Truong

Parents - Do you know what your kids may be doing?

One out of five youth have reported misusing prescription drugs in the past year!

A lot of them say they are getting them straight from their home medicine cabinet.

We can protect our kids:

Lock up all prescription medications

Talk to your children about the dangers of misusing prescription drugs

Take back all old or unused prescription medications to your local pharmacy or

Drop them off at various locations around the Niagara region on

Saturday, May 12, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Check www.niagararegion.ca/health for more information on Niagara's Prescription Drug Drop-off Day and a list of locations near you..

On The Outside Looking In

For today's youth, bullying, self esteem and peer pressure are some strong issues they have to face. Phoenix Anderson deals with bullying everyday. When a new student, James Hanson, arrives at Cameron Neufeld Junior High, he becomes a new target for the class bullies. Meanwhile, Phoenix's older football star brother, Chris Anderson has it all... the looks, the game and the most popular girl at school by his side. What no one knows is that Chris is under a lot of pressure from his father which causes him to stoop to a new level. Chris' new decision affects the people around him especially his girlfriend Jasmine who starts to suffer with insecurities about her self image. Will Phoenix and James be able to stand up to their bullies? Will Chris finally stick up to his dad's strict ways? Or will they always be "On the Outside Looking In?"

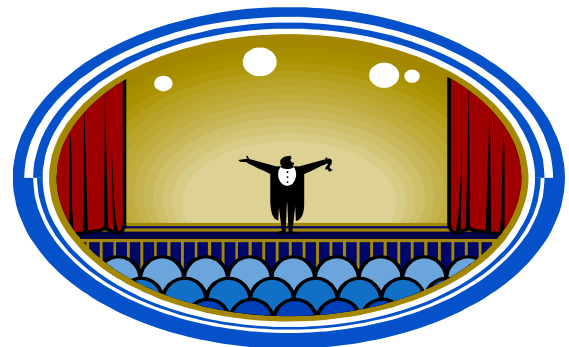
Showtimes:

Wednesday May 23rd 9:30am- JK-2 (CN), parents and room for 100 students from other schools.

Wednesday May 23rd 6:30pm- Parents

Thursday May 24th 9:30am- 300 students from other schools

Thursday May 24th- 1:00pm- JK/SK PM, 3-8 (CN)



Niagara Catholic District School Board Celebrates Music Festival

On April 24th, the Cardinal Newman School Choir and AM Kindergarten classes went to Port Colborne to sing in the annual Music Festival at Lakeshore Catholic High school. The choir received a Gold Standing singing "Sierra Love Song" and our Catholic Education Week song entitled "Walking in the Light of Christ". Mrs. DiPaola's JK class received a Gold Standing singing "We've Got the Whole World". Mrs. Marrie's class received a Silver Standing singing "If All the Raindrops" and Mrs. Humeniuk's class received a Bronze Standing singing "Listen to the Water". We are so proud of all the students for all the time and effort they put forth during practices and the actual performances. Way to go singers!!!!



Mrs. DiPaola's JK Class



Austin Wood accepting the award



Mrs. Marrie's SK



Mrs. Humeniuk's JK/SK Class



Cardinal Newman School Choir



Madison Crosbie accepting the Gold!

Young Author's Writing Competition: Great News! Briar Wood, one of our SK students in Mrs. Humeniuk's class, was entered into the Young Author's Writing Competition in the JK/SK division. This competition is open to all students in Ontario's Catholic schools. Briar's story "Cindy and the Magic Rose" won first place in the province in the fiction category for Kindergarten students! As a winning author, Briar's writing will be published in a book that will be sent to every Catholic school and main library in the province. Briar will also receive a plaque, and her school and teacher will be presented with certificates. Congratulations, Briar, on doing an amazing job representing our school and board with honours. We are so proud of you!



Cindy and the Magic Rose

Once upon a time, there was princess. The princess's name was Cindy. Cindy was locked in a tower. But a unicorn called Diamond came from the sky. Diamond came to save Cindy. But an evil Queen came and used her evil spells of doom to kill the princess!

Lucky for her, Cindy was not really dead. Diamond went to get a prince who woke up Cindy with a kiss.

Then that evil Queen did another spell. It was a deeper spell! A kiss would not wake her up. How horrible!

Only a magical rose will help. But no one has seen it in years. The prince went to find it. He found it! He put the rose on her chest. The magical rose woke Cindy up. The evil Queen went a way forever.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

May 7 – Relay For Life Walk 1:00 p.m.

May 9 – Social Justice Fair

May 9 – Confirmation - Our Lady of Scapular Church 7:00 p.m

May 10 – Hat Day – \$2.00 to Development in Peace

May 10 – Pizza Day

May 10 – Rock & Roll Literacy Presentation - AM

May 13 – First Holy Communion Gr. 2S & 2V

May 13 – Happy Mother's Day

May 14 – Bag 2 School – Drop off Day

May 18 – PA FAITH DAY – no school for students

May 23 – EQAO Begins for Grades 3 & 6

May 25 – Track & Field – Oakes Park Gr. 4-8

May 28 – CSC Meeting 6:30 pm



Vacation Bible School Reminder

Mark your calendars! This year's Vacation Bible School, **Pandamania: Where God Is Wild About You!** at Our Lady of the Scapular Church will be from **July 3-6th** from 9:00-12:00 daily. Registration forms for grades SK- 4 will be available in Catholic schools May newsletters or at the Church office May 1st. Any senior students in grades 5-8 (for Gr. 8, these hours may be used for community service) or parents/ grandparents wishing to volunteer for the VBS may contact Luana Martinelli at lmartinelli414@hotmail.com or Caroline Matovic at (905) 401-6950 or cmatovic@cogeco.ca.

Welcome to our 2012 VBS!!



Pandamania: Where God is Wild About You!

Where? Our Lady of the Scapular Church hall

When? July 3-6 from 9:00-12:00 daily

Cost? \$30.00/child (2nd or 3rd child \$25.00)
***please contact us if financial assistance is needed

What? Children from grades SK-4 rotate from station-to-station in small groups led by 2 crew leaders, exploring a Bible point which reinforces the theme for the day. The stations are:

- Party Time Sing & Play
- Bamboo Blast Games
- Crazy Crafts
- Rowdy Wrap-Up
- Treetop Treats
- Wild Bible Adventures
- Chadder's Movie Mania

All crafts and snacks are included as well as a music CD at registration time. On the final day, there is a presentation and free luncheon for families of the participants. Also during the VBS, we will be collecting food donations for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Registration forms may be dropped off to the Church office with payment any time after May 1st. We are accepting 125 children this year, so don't wait too long to secure your spot!

Any students (grade 5 and up), parents or grandparents wishing to volunteer for the VBS (may be used for community service hours) may contact Luana Martinelli (905) 329-2904 or lmartinelli414@hotmail.com.

Any VBS questions may be directed to Caroline Matovic (905)401-6950 or ncmatovic@cogeco.ca.

So if you're looking for a pandabulous experience this summer, join us for *Pandamania: Where God is Wild About You!*





Registration Form

(One Per Child)

Child's name: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ School & last grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: (____) _____

Parent/caregiver's cell phone: _____

Home e-mail address: _____

Home Church: _____

Allergies, medical conditions or learning disabilities:



In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

T shirt size (please check): S (6-8) M (10-12) L (14-16)

Crew number or name (for church use only): _____



Earlier this year, Sephira Scappattici donated 40 centimeters of her hair to Wigs for Kids. Wigs for Kids, is a nonprofit organization that has been helping children suffering from hair loss. When Children lose their hair, whether as a result of medical treatments, health conditions, or burn accidents, they don't just suffer physically. The change in their appearance can drastically undermine their self-image and sabotage their self-esteem. Sephira is another great example of kids helping kids at Cardinal Newman Catholic School.



The Niagara Catholic "Catch the Spirit Student Award of Excellence" will be held on Monday May 07, 2012 at St. Paul Catholic Secondary School. This year the award is being presented to Grade 8 student Madison Hvilivitzky. Madison has demonstrated outstanding qualities in the following areas: a high degree of academic excellence, an involvement in school and Parrish affairs, an involvement in local community activities, combined with strong leadership qualities. Congratulations Madison!

Bag2School

On Monday May 14th, 2012, our school will be having a used clothing drive. Cardinal Newman Catholic School has partnered with bag2school.com which collects used items for those in need. Please ensure that all clothing is clean and in good condition. Thank you for your support and please feel free to visit bag2school.com to learn more about this exciting program.



First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our Grade 2 students who made their First Holy Communion on April 29, 2012. Students in Mrs Stephens' and Mr Venzon's Grade 2 class will receive First Holy Communion on May 13, 2012. We would also like to thank Fr. Rico, Fr. Hugh and Mrs. Matovic for their work in preparing our students for this special day.



Confirmation

On Wednesday May 9, 2012, students in Miss Perrotta's, Mr Tham's and Miss MacDonnell/Mr Tornabuono's class will celebrate the holy sacrament of Confirmation. The ceremony begins at 7:00 pm and the celebrant will be Bishop Bergie. We would also like to thank Fr. Rico, Fr. Hugh for their work in preparing our students for this special day.



Hat Day

On May 10, 2012 Cardinal Newman Catholic School will participate in Hat Day. Students are encouraged to bring in a toonie to support Development & Peace. This organization supports partners in the Global South who promote alternatives to unfair social, political and economic structures. It educates the Canadian population about the causes of poverty and mobilizes Canadians towards actions for change.



Track & Field

Track and Field Day is an annual highlight at Cardinal Newman and a longstanding tradition. This year Track & Field will be held on May 25, 2012 at Oakes Park. Students in grades 4- 8 compete in a variety of track and field events to achieve personal bests, and to demonstrate catholic sportsmanship. The focus of this day is on achieving excellence, facilitating community spirit, and encouraging others. All students participating are encouraged to dress appropriately for the competition and the weather and to bring a hat, sunscreen and plenty of water.



Catholic School Council

Our next meeting will take place on Monday, May 28th at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to discuss something you are asked to contact the school or our Catholic School Council Chair, Mrs. Chris Hollett.

