

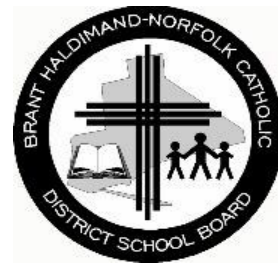


# St. Peter School News

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**FEBRUARY 2024**

## Our VIRTUE for the month is: **Compassion**

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Dear St. Peter's Community,

February brings with it a sense of reflection and renewal. As we celebrate Black History Month, let us honor the invaluable contributions of Black individuals throughout history and within our own community. We will be incorporating various educational activities and discussions to highlight the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Additionally, this month marks the beginning of Lent, a period of spiritual preparation and reflection leading up to Easter. Our school will be holding Ash Wednesday services and opportunities for prayer and almsgiving to deepen our connection to our faith and each other. Ash Wednesday falls on February 14th, the same day as Valentine's Day. In light of this, we wish to prioritize the observance of Ash Wednesday as the start of Lent. To exemplify our commitment to our faith and to set an example for our students and community, we have decided to celebrate Valentine's Day a day earlier, on February 13th (also Shrove Tuesday). By making this adjustment, we aim to emphasize the significance of Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season. Your cooperation and understanding in making this change are greatly appreciated. We believe that this decision will help us reinforce the values we hold dear and foster a sense of unity within our community.

During the month of February, our Catholic Schools are celebrating the virtue of COMPASSION. We will teach the students the meaning of compassion and its importance in our daily lives. Jesus is our role model for compassion; so, we will remind students how he continually opened his heart to others, especially the vulnerable and weak members of society. We will remind students to be helpful to others, to notice when someone is lonely, and to reach out and show that they care. Please help us by praying for the staff and students as we explore this important virtue.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to our dedicated staff if you have any questions or concerns. Together, we will continue to nurture the minds, hearts, and spirits of our students.

Wishing you all a blessed and fulfilling February.

In faith and partnership,

Lucas

### STUDENT PUNCTUALITY

We encourage parents to model the importance of punctuality and regular attendance for their children. There is a direct correlation between children who are often late or absent and lowered academic achievement. All teachers begin the day with either Language or Math which are very important to a student's success. When students arrive after the bell (8:35 am) this disrupts the whole class.

### ABSENT OR LATE STUDENTS

If you know your child is going to be absent or late for school, please call the office at 519-752-1611 **BEFORE** 8:35 am with the reason for their absence. There is 24/7 voicemail available. If a call is not received your child is marked "Unconfirmed Absence". School Messenger then sends out the automatic message for you to call the school to report your child's absence. If we do not have contact from you prior to the afternoon attendance you may receive another notification from School Messenger.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION:

**WE ARE  
MANY,  
WE ARE  
ONE**



### Parish Information

St. Mary's Church

Our Lady of Assumption  
Parish

Father Laszlo Amaszka

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## **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION CONTINUES**

Do you have a child ready for Kindergarten? If so, please be sure to register ASAP.

If your child is 4 or 5 years of age on or before December 31, 2024, they are eligible to attend JK or SK .

Early enrolment helps with planning for our school organization for the 2024-25 school year.

## **SCHOOLCASH ONLINE (registration required)**

St. Peter School uses only SCO for all payments (trips, hot lunches, etc.) Cash and cheques are not accepted. With this being said, there may be events that will require only cash payments and you will be notified of this in the parent letter/email. Most items are online for one to two weeks to allow ample time to pay. Please ensure you receive a receipt at the end of your transaction to confirm payment. You can also check your history tab to make sure that your orders are complete.

If you cannot meet the due date for personal reasons, PLEASE do not wait! Contact the school, or let the teacher know and arrangements can be made for payment.

Also, through SCO, you will must submit various forms that will be required throughout the school year. Ie. Permission forms, etc.

**NOTE:** A reference instruction sheet is available on our school website. If you experience any difficulties with payments or registration please contact the HELP line 1-866-961-1803

## **FOOD DAYS—optional**

Lunch days will be offered through Lunchboxorders.com You must register for School Cash Online in order to receive notifications of lunch choices.

**Note:** you must order online and there will be no “extras” available.

Choices will be every Wednesday Big Box Pizza, and alternating Fridays will be La Bottega, and Mr. Sub, yes it's true La Bottega will be offered twice in the rotation)

## SPORTS (leagues) & SUMMER PROGRAMS

As information on sports leagues gets sent to our school, it will be posted on the school website under the tab School Information / Other School News at [www.stpeterbrantford.ca](http://www.stpeterbrantford.ca)

If you are interested in programs such as soccer, ball hockey, etc., please be sure to check this periodically as registration may be time sensitive.

## PINK SHIRT DAY

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 is Pink Shirt Day. It is important that we take a stand against bullying and break the cycle. We need to speak up when we see injustice toward others, whether it be at school, home or out in the community.

We encourage everyone to wear pink on Wednesday, February 28th to visibly demonstrate that we do not tolerate bullying of any kind.



## PANCAKE DAY—Shrove Tuesday

In keeping with tradition, pancakes and syrup will be available to order through School Cash Online for Tuesday, February 13th This year Parent Council will be cooking and serving the pancakes. **There will be NO CHARGE, however you must either order or opt out so that we have numbers for preparation.**

Why are pancakes eaten on Shrove Tuesday? Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday, which is the beginning of the Lenten season. Lent is a time of prayer, almsgiving (helping those less fortunate than ourselves) and when it comes to food, fasting (limiting or giving-up certain foods). So, Shrove Tuesday is the last chance to indulge. At one time people would give up foods like pancakes because of their “richness” so they would have them on Shrove Tuesday knowing that they would not be able to have them again for 40 days.

## ASH WEDNESDAY



Our Ash Wednesday Liturgy with Father Laszlo Amaszka will take place in the gym on Wednesday, February 14th.





## STOPPING/PARKING ON GLENWOOD – IN FRONT OF SCHOOL

Parents, grandparents, babysitters and all others are reminded that there are designated NO PARKING areas on Glenwood Avenue. Directly in FRONT of the school is one of the NO PARKING areas and cars stopped/parked in this area create a safety hazard. **PLEASE** ..... obey the parking signs and stay away from the area .... the few extra steps you take to park further down the street help to ensure the safety of everyone in the community. Also, please be mindful to not block our neighbour's driveways.



## DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER



Please ensure that your child(ren) are coming to school dressed for the weather. In preparation for outdoor recess your child should have: Boots, indoor shoes, proper outdoor coats, snow pants, hats, gloves or mitts.

A change of dry clothing for primary children, labeled with names is encouraged. Students should always come prepared to go outside. An extra pair of socks and gloves may also be beneficial to have at school on days when your child's feet and hands get very wet.

## IMPORTANT DATES:

February 5	Report cards go home
February 9	Sports Team Day
February 11	Confirmation @ Church 1:00 pm
February 13	Shrove Tuesday—Pancake Lunch Celebrating Valentine's Day
February 14	Ash Wednesday—Mass in school
February 15	Canada Flag Day
February 19	Family Day—no school
February 28	Pink Shirt Day First Communion Parent Meeting @ Church 7:00 pm
March 1	Grade 8 Graduation Photo Day
March 11-15	MARCH BREAK