

# ST. PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

June 2026 Newsletter



## St. Peter Catholic Elementary School

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## Principal's Message

As the school year draws to an end I would like to extend my most sincere thanks to the many people who have made the year at St. Peter such a great experience. To all our parents for your assistance, cooperation, and support throughout the year. To our Catholic School Council for your unwavering commitment to our school. To our staff who are in my opinion some of "*The best in the business*" and finally to our students, for all your hard work,

kindness, and enthusiasm throughout the year.

I would like to wish our grade 8 graduates good luck as they continue on to the next stage of their educational journey. High school is a great experience, make sure it is for you!

Regarding final report cards, they will be available on the parent portal the week of June 22.

And finally, I would also like to wish you all a safe and happy summer. Enjoy the holidays and a well-deserved break. See you in September.

May The Road Rise To Meet You...

Mr. K. Lamb

Principal

## Called by Name: "Go and Make Disciples"

When Jesus calls you to follow Him and share His love, He's not asking you to become someone else. He's asking you to be you! Your personality, your talents, your experiences. All of these can be used to serve God and help others. St. Paul tells us that we are like parts of a body. An eye can't be an ear. A hand can't be a foot. Each part is different and each part is needed, and they all work together to help the whole body grow stronger. Jesus calls you by name because you can love and serve in a way that no one else can, precisely because you're you. What's one way you can be yourself and share God's love today?



## Grade Eight Graduation

Congratulations to our students who are graduating this year. Our graduation date will be on Monday, June 22, 2026, more details to be shared soon.

## Term 2 Report Cards

Please be advised that Term 2 Ontario Provincial Report Cards will be made available in the Niagara Catholic Parent Portal the week of Monday, June 22.



## Father's Day Prayer

Lord, please take care of our dads.  
Though they are brave and protective,  
they must also be frightened sometimes.  
When money runs low and when we need things,  
Lord, when their hearts break because they can't do it all;  
Please help us to let them know how much we love them.  
And how much You love them.  
Amen!

## National Indigenous Heritage Month

"June is National Indigenous Heritage Month in Canada, a time to recognize the rich history, heritage, resilience, and diversity of First Nations, Inuit, and Metis." ~ Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada



**What is National Indigenous Peoples Day?** Saturday, June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day. This is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. The Canadian Constitution recognizes these three groups as Aboriginal peoples, also known as Indigenous peoples. Although these groups share many similarities, they each have their own distinct heritage, language, cultural practices and spiritual beliefs. In cooperation with Indigenous organizations, the Government of Canada chose June 21, the summer solstice, for National Aboriginal Day, now known as National Indigenous Peoples Day. For generations, many Indigenous peoples and communities have celebrated their culture and heritage on or near this day due to the significance of the summer solstice as the longest day of the year. (CIRNAC)



### Lyme Disease - Fight the Bite!!

Ticks, mosquitos and rabid animals have no boundaries and can be a risk to you and your family when walking to and from school or work, waiting at the bus stop, family trips, and while playing in the yard at home or at the park. Protect yourself and your family from West Nile Virus: Reduce standing water, as it's where mosquitoes breed. Cover up, wear long sleeved shirts, long pants, hats, socks and shoes Repair any damaged window screens. Use insect repellants containing DEET or Icardin (follow manufacturer's instructions). Reduce the risk of Lyme disease: Wear light coloured clothing to help spot ticks Use insect repellants containing DEET or Icardin (follow manufacturer's instructions). Check yourself, your children and pets for ticks after being outdoors. Cut your grass and dispose of leaf litter where ticks can live. Presently, all of these diseases exist in Niagara. For more information, contact Niagara Region Public Health. 905 688 8248 ext. 7590 or 1 888 505 6074

### Playday

St. Peter Catholic School Annual Play Day is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24th at School from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Students in Gr. JK - 8 will be placed in multi-aged teams and enjoy a variety of outdoor activities. Our intermediate students will act as team leaders and run the events with our teachers. This will be an out of dress code day where students should wear appropriate athletic attire and running shoes. Please remember to bring your lunch, water and sunscreen and our theme is "the beach" if you want to wear appropriate beach attire.



### Fun Fair Update

Dear St. Peter Families,  
As a follow up to our earlier correspondence in May we are sad to inform everyone that due to the recently implemented legislation requiring all school volunteers to obtain a Police Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSC), we unfortunately must cancel this year's St. Peter Fun Fair. As this event depends heavily on a large number of parent and guardian volunteers, the short timeline to meet these new requirements has made it impossible for us to safely and successfully organize the event this year.  
We know how much our students and families look forward to the Fun Fair each year, and we share in the disappointment of having to make this difficult decision.

Looking ahead to the new school year, we hope to continue offering special events such as the Christmas Gift Shop, Fun Fair, and other community activities. To make this possible, we strongly encourage any parents or guardians interested in volunteering to begin the VSC application process now. A letter from the school is required as part of the application process, so please contact the school office if you would like to get started.

Volunteers play an essential role in creating memorable experiences for our students, and we truly appreciate your continued support and involvement within our school community.

In addition, St. Peter Catholic School Council is currently looking for new members to join us in September. Becoming part of Catholic School Council is a wonderful opportunity to have a voice in your child's school experience and help support our school community. We would love to welcome new members this fall. If you are interested in joining, please contact the school office and your information will be shared for our first meeting in September.

Thank you for your understanding, support, and continued partnership.

Wishing all of our St. Peter families a wonderful remainder of the school year.

Warmest regards,

Kathleen O'Connell and Candice Foley

St. Peter Catholic School Council

Co-Chairs

## Farewell

In June we inevitably have to say goodbye to staff members who are leaving St. Peter. We would like to thank Mrs. Keltos our Primary Team teacher whose time at St. Peter will end in June as she has decided to retire. Mrs. Keltos has served in several schools over her career and her contributions to staff and student life will be greatly missed at St. Peter. Good luck Mrs. Keltos!

We would also like to wish farewell to Miss Marano, Ms. Andres and Mrs. Lemene who have all been wonderful additions to our staff this year. We wish you all continued success in your careers and hopefully you can return to St. Peter at some point.



## SAFE ARRIVAL/SCHOOL MESSENGER

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL WITH ANY CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGES.

Please use the Safe Arrival system to report all absences and lates for your child. You can report an absence by:

PHONE - 1-844-287-6287

ONLINE: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>

APP: SchoolMessenger

Our school now has the ability to utilize the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about school and board events, school closings, safety alerts and more. Our Catholic School Council feels that text messages are a quick and easy way for the school to communicate such items. In order to receive these texts you have to "Opt in"

which is a really easy thing for you to do. Please click on the link below for an instruction sheet to OPT-IN to receive SMS Messages from St. Peter.

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**Kevin Lamb**

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