



# APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER



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Secretary: Mrs. K. Leedale

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Spring has arrived! We are in the final stretch of the school year. These next three months will fly by! We have had a taste of warm weather and we hope it will return to stay. Until then, please make sure students continue to come dressed properly for outside play, ensuring students have indoor shoes that stay at school. Ensuring your child has an extra set of clothing and extra socks to change into is always a good idea in case something like a slip on wet grass occurs. Our grass play area is rather muddy so if your child has rubber boots, wearing them is an excellent idea.

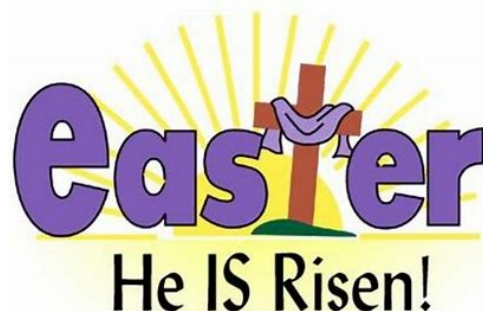
The 2024 REACHING OUT for Lent is coming to an end in a few days. I want to thank each of you for all you have done to make this campaign a successful one. We received some very generous donations of cereal items, pasta, canned goods, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc. All of these items will go to support our neighbours in need via the Cayuga Food Bank.

Currently, we are working on next year's organization for St. Stephen's. We are still looking for new registrations for our 2024 classes. If you know of someone who is considering St. Stephen's, is Catholic and within our boundary, please have them contact the school to learn more about the registration process.

The Spring and Easter seasons celebrate new life with the resurrection of Jesus, as plants and animals return from their dormant state, hibernation and winter migration. On behalf of the St. Stephen's school team, we wish you a Happy Easter as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus with our family and friends.

God bless,

Jeff VanLeuvenhage,  
Principal



## Important Upcoming Dates:

March 29- April 1st	Good Friday/Easter Monday (no school)
April 4th:	Volleyball Tournament at Holy Trinity Parent Council Meeting @ 4:30 pm
April 8th	PA Day (no school)
April 16th:	Liturgy of the Word (J/I) 11:30 (P) 12:00
April 23rd:	Knights of Columbus Hockey Shootout
April 24th:	Immunizations (Intermediate) HB, HPV, Men-C ACYW



## Easter Prayer

*Glory and praise to You, Risen Savior,  
for You bring light to our darkness, joy to our  
sorrow,  
and the fullness of love to our reluctant hearts.  
Once and for all You have conquered sin and evil.  
In the glory of Your Resurrection we have been  
set free from all that keeps us  
from following You.  
On this Easter Day,  
fill our hearts with Your Light and Grace  
that we might joyfully echo the words of  
Your Holy Angels:  
He is not here in the tomb:  
He is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Amen*



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## **Volunteering at St. Stephen's**

Are you looking to volunteer for your child's class trip? Snack Program? Anyone wanting to volunteer in some capacity within the school, will need a current police check that was issued by the school on file. This process is now done electronically. Contact the office for further information.

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## **Volleyball Tournament**

Good luck to the boys and girls volleyball teams who will travel to Holy Trinity on April 4th to compete in the board tournament. Thank you to the coaches Mr. Bortolotto, Mrs. Komadoski and Ms. Major who gave of their own time to coach the teams.



**Girl Team Members:** Maddy L., Aurora, Hailey, Liv, Selena, Ella, Helaina, Dolly, Bentlea

**Boy Team Members:** Sebastian, Reed, Lincoln, Logan, Jack, Vinny, Colton, Jacob, Jaxon, Dylan

# Helmet Safety For Kids

As the weather warms up we start to get moving more outside! One way we like to get moving is cycling! Riding our bikes is a healthy and environmentally friendly way of transportation.

Cycling helps develop gross motor skills, muscle development, supports emotional well-being and can allow for increased social interaction.

In order for a helmet to work correctly, it MUST fit properly. The best way to ensure a good fit is the 2-V-1 method.



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# Bike Safety Tips For Kids

**Plan your route:** IF unable to access some of the local bike trails within our counties, pre-plan your road trip.

**Know busy intersections,** high traffic areas and times and plan accordingly.

**Ride on the right side of the road:** A bicycle is classified as a motor vehicle and thus must adhere to Canadian road laws. While on trails it is best to do the same to ensure safety of all trail/path users.

**Be seen and heard:** wear bright coloured clothing, ensure your bike is equipped with reflectors and a functioning bell or horn.

**Discuss bicycle safety:**

- Know the rules of the road
- Obey all traffic signs and lights
- Use of hand signals



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