



# Our Lady of Fatima

## NEWSLETTER



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### *Principal's Message*

It has now been over 6 weeks since we were last together and to say that we miss our school, our students, our colleagues and our routine's, would be an understatement. No one could have predicted that when we left that Friday of March Break that we would go this long without seeing one another. It has certainly been a time of upheaval, confusion, change and a move from what we all know as our 'normal'.

In the past 6 weeks, I continue to be grateful to be a part of such a wonderful community that has continued to work hard to implement the changes required to launch distance learning while never losing site of what matters most, which are you, our students and families.

Thank you to our teachers for continuously being present to support students and families from a distance. Thank you parents and families for taking on this endeavor of teaching and supporting from home and most importantly, thank you to our students for accepting this 'new normal' and for rising to the challenge to stay engaged and committed to your learning. We continue to be in awe of you all and are here to support you.

A special thank you at this time to Mrs. Brock, our custodian, who continues to do her job taking care cleaning and maintaining our school in our absence so that it is ready for our return. We continue to appreciate all that she does. We certainly are lucky always to have her among our staff.

Please know that although at this time we have no answers to what June will bring or when we will finally be able to come together, we remain here for you. Continue to reach out to classroom teachers, support teachers or myself if anything is needed. Even from a distance, we will continue to be the, "small school with a big heart".

Stay safe, stay well, stay home.

Mrs. Pasztor



"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."  
(Romans 15:13)

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# The Bulldog Corner

## **SPIRIT DAY FRIDAY**

This coming Friday, May 8th our staff have decided that there is no better way to end celebrating Catholic Education Week then celebrating Our Lady of Fatima with a Spirit Day!

We encourage all our ‘Bulldogs’ to wear their school spirit wear or blue/white on Friday. Although we can’t be together in person, this will give us the chance to be together in faith (if even from a distance). Parents, we also encourage you to dress up in school colours and take pictures of you and/or your child(ren). This will not only last as a memory for you, but if you are comfortable, I ask that you please send pictures to your classroom teacher(s) or myself so that we can post our images on twitter to share with each other and our broader community.

Let’s see which one of our families/staff have the most spirit!

## **MASSES & SACRAMENTS**

A reminder that our Catholic Churches remain closed until the end of May (with of course the possibility of an extension). Masses; however, can be viewed online in most dioceses and during Catholic Education Week next week, Masses by our Bishops’ in both the London and Hamilton Diocese will be streamed (more information on the next page).

This time away from school and our Church has also meant that our Gr. 2 and Gr. 8 students have had to have their Sacrament of First Communion (Gr. 2) and Sacrament of Confirmation (Gr. 8) postponed. We continue to await the time when we can gather to recognize and celebrate with you. More information to be shared with families when able.

## **FATIMA BULLDOGS**

We miss you all and can not wait until we can gather once again at Our Lady of Fatima School. Continue to stay well, stay connected and reach out to classroom teachers for support and guidance when needed. We are here for you!



# MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 Spirit Day (Blue/White)	9
<b>CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK - MAY 3 TO 8</b>						

## Catholic Education/Mental Health Week **“Igniting Hope—Staying Connected”** **May 3<sup>rd</sup> to May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

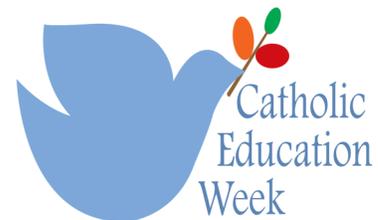
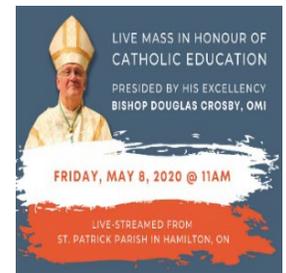
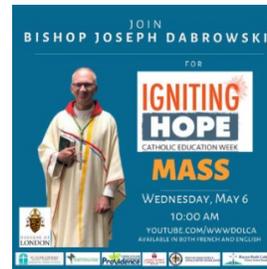
Each year, the Catholic community of Ontario engages in a week-long celebration of the unique identity and distinctive contributions of Catholic education during Catholic Education Week. We continue to celebrate as a school system, which celebrates and defines itself on faith and mercy and embraces the message of salvation for all peoples preached by Jesus.

This year’s celebration is entitled, **“Catholic Education: Igniting Hope—Stay Connected”** which also helps us to bring awareness to Mental Health Week during the week of May 3– 8.

The overall Scriptural theme is, *“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” (Romans 15:13)*

Please click on the link to this year’s **theme song**:  
<https://www.wevideo.com/view/1647202363> written by Chris Rait, our BHNCD SB Art Consultant, as well as vocals by a Kindergarten Educator from St. Cecilia’s School in Port Dover.

May we continue to keep Our Lady of Fatima families both near and far in our prayers for continuing to help during these trying times. May we pray to keep our families safe and healthy.



### **Catholic Leadership Award Recipient**



Each year during Catholic Education Week, BHNCD SB schools each choose one student who they feel has demonstrated leadership within our Catholic Schools. This year Our Lady of Fatima, chose Neil L. as the recipient. Congratulations Neil. We are so proud of you.



## BHNCDSB “Ignite Hope – Keep Connected” Twitter Campaign

### Shine the Light of Hope

Although we are apart for Catholic Education Week this year, we would like to bring all our families and communities together in ways that keep us connected. To show that we are all in this together, we are inviting all of our BHNCDSB families, staff, students and community members to participate in our district-wide Twitter campaign “Ignite Hope – Keep Connected” to shine the light of hope and to show that we care about each other!

During the week of May 3-8, 2020, BHNCDSB families and communities are invited to place a “light” in their window, on their porch, or at their front door as an expression of unity and hope for today and for our future. We encourage families to be creative – lights can include posters, paintings in windowpanes, chalk drawings on sidewalks, candles made of craft supplies found at home, playdough or plasticine candles, candles made of Lego, etc. We encourage families to be creative and refrain from using real flames to ensure everybody’s safety.

Beginning May 4, 2020 through May 8, 2020, display your lights and messages of hope and take a photo! Post your photo on Twitter using **#bhnHope #CEW2020**.

You can also send pictures to your classroom teacher(s) or Mrs. Pasztor through email. Photos will be used to create a BHNCDSB stream of hope & shared Monday, May 11, 2020.



## Reasons why MOM

is so *Special*

Whenever you are confused about making a decision your mom will tell you something insightful that will help.

Your mom will make you feel better with just one hug.

She has taught you to differentiate between right and wrong.

She has tried to make every single birthday a memorable one.

She has tried to make you feel like you are the only person who matters in her universe.

A mother's instinct never fails. She knows what is right for you and what is wrong. So listen to MOM!!

She shares a special bond of life with you. She laughs when you laugh, her heart bleeds when you cry.  
Your mom is the only person on earth who began to love you, even before you were born.

*Happy  
Mother's Day*



## WHY GOD CREATED MOTHERS

When God Created Mothers,  
He made two loving arms  
To cradle us, and shelter us  
From any worldly harm.

When God created mothers,  
He made a pair of hands  
To care for us, and guide us through  
Our choices and our plans.

When God created mothers,  
He made the warmest heart  
To understand, and give our lives  
A happy, loving start.

Why God created mothers  
Is not a mystery- He meant to share  
His love with us  
And did it perfectly.

**Friday, May 8**  
**Spirit Wear Day—**  
**wear your Bulldog**  
**pride and send**  
**pictures to Mrs.**  
**Pasztor**

**Mother's Day**  
**May 10**  
**Happy Mother's Day**  
**to all our wonderful**  
**mothers!!**

**April Showers**  
**Bring May**  
**Flowers**

