



Our Lady of Fatima

NOVEMBER



A cartoon illustration of a young boy with brown hair, wearing an orange shirt and blue pants, raking fallen autumn leaves. He is holding a wooden rake and has a small pile of leaves to his right. There are three small yellow stars floating in the air around him. The background shows more fallen leaves on the ground.

NEWSLETTER



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Principal's Message

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Wow! We are now into the month of November! A time to remember how fortunate we are to live in a great country like Canada and to recognize those that put themselves in harm's way to protect our way of life. Leading up to November 11th, staff and students will take time to read, discuss, share and create posters and poems that speak to this important part of our history. This year, with Remembrance Day on a Wednesday, we will continue to engage together to honour the importance of this day. As Covid-19 continues to prevent us from gathering together as a school community in our gymnasium, we will use technology and our ability to virtually connect to share the poems, PowerPoint and Remembrance Day service. We will then gather together (in our classrooms) just prior to the 11th hour for a moment of silence. We are still looking into poppies being handed out on this day and setting up donations through school cash online (stay tuned).

First term progress reports will be coming home on Friday, November 6th. These reports give a good indication of how your child(ren) is/are achieving at this point in the year in the various curriculum areas and how they are progressing in his/her learning skills. Next steps are provided to ensure your child reaches his/her potential. A note will also be included within our grade 1-8 progress reports explaining that unfortunately, with a shortage of French teachers, no progress is available for FSL instruction at this time. Parent/Teacher interviews will take place the evening of Thursday, November 12th and the morning of November 13th. This year, interviews will take place through a telephone conversations or via a virtual meeting using Microsoft Teams. Interviews will be booked through an online 'bookings' forum. More information will be later this week. An email will be sent to all families with the link and instructions. If you are unable to attend that evening or have a conflict, we please ask you to call the school to let us know (519-688-0049) or connect with your child's teacher via email as soon as possible to allow time to make arrangements in setting up a different time or different day for an interview opportunity to still occur.

I continue to be very blessed to be part of Our Lady of Fatima and I thank all of you, our families, school staff and students for all that you do.

Yours in Faith,

Mrs. Heidi Pasztor

Principal



- ◊ **Notify the office with any contact/phone number changes.**
- ◊ **IMPORTANT** when your child is going to be absent CALL 519-688-0049 . We have a 24 hr answering machine

Parish Information

Sacred Heart Parish Church

Pastor: Father Thomas
519.875.4438

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The Bulldog Corner

Pizza ... Pepperoni pizza will be provided by Godfathers in Delhi this year on Fridays only. November pizza dates will be Nov. 6, 12 (Thursday), 20 and 27. The price has increased this year to \$2.25. Please order on School Cash Online monthly.

COVID-19 Reminders... A reminder that a Covid-19 screening **must** be completed each morning and prior to coming to school. The link has been updated to have the assessment specific to students attending schools (link provided below).

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

For the safety of all students and staff at Our Lady of Fatima, it is necessary that we all do our part and ensure that we are following proper protocols and completing daily. Thank you in advance for your continued efforts in keeping yourselves, and our school community safe.

Twitter... A reminder that our school twitter account will continue to be used and is a great way for us to promote the great accomplishments and student work completed throughout the school year. Please follow us at:  [@ourladyoffatima](https://twitter.com/ourladyoffatima)

School Cash Online: Make sure you are registered on School Cash Online!

<https://www.schoolcashonline.com>

Safe School Entry... Just a reminder that the Ministry requires that "all doors be locked during the instructional day". During COVID times, please remember that you must call ahead and book an appointment if you need to visit the school. Use the buzzer located on the left outside wall to notify us of your arrival and please sign in at the office. Only those with appointments are to visit. We will continue to use our red 'contact-free' bin at the front door for any drop off of items and will have your child(ren) meet you at the front door if they are being picked up.

Parent Council Updates: Our first virtual meeting of the 2020-2021 school year took place via Microsoft Teams on Monday, October 19th. Thank you to all parents that joined in the meeting and have committed to being part of our parent council. We will continue to welcome parents to all future meetings. Please consider coming out and having a say in your child's year. So far, the decision to support the purchase of outdoor sports equipment (e.g. soccer balls, basketballs, footballs and scoops) was approved as was taking inventory of what is needed in the gym to support when we return to indoor activities.

Our next meeting may involve making decisions around the use of bigger 'wish' items for our classrooms and school as well as, decisions around fundraising for the 2020-2021 school year and parent council support for upcoming events (e.g. Christmas, Easter, ..)

At this time the next parent council meeting has not been set, but will take place in November or early December. Date to be determined and shared out via email communication.

Stay connected at www.ourladyoffatimacourtland.ca



The Bulldog Corner

Erie Tri-Country Catholic Family of Parishes (Langton, Walsh & Tillsonburg) Church Updates

October is the month of the Rosary

On our Facebook page (Erie Tri-County Catholic Family of Parishes) is a video of St. Mary's Church praying the Rosary in its entirety with the Luminous Mysteries. You are welcome to pray the Rosary with the video if you wish. The link to it is <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=344424433296500>.

Sacrament Updates (from Colleen Hanley—Pastoral Minister for our Erie Tri-County Catholic Parishes)

Our Churches are currently finishing up celebrating the sacraments with our First Communicants and Confirmandi that were scheduled for this past spring and delayed because of the COVID-shut down. There are still families who have chosen to wait for the spring.

Registration and preparation for those seeking the sacraments for this coming year will begin in November. We ask that families wishing to celebrate the sacraments this year (Sacrament of First Reconciliation and Communion, Confirmation as well as Baptism perhaps) to please go to the Erie Tri-County Catholic Family of Parishes website www.etcfp.dol.ca to register online. Preparation will be set up with families either online or through small gatherings. Details are still being worked out and more details specific to our grade 2 and grade 7/8 students/families at Our Lady of Fatima will be sent home separate via email sometime soon.

Bullying Prevention and Awareness Week (Nov 15 –21, 2020)

(“People of Transformation: Living as Joyful Disciples”)

November is the month where attention is on Bullying Awareness across Canada. The Brant Haldimand Catholic District School Board is committed to ensuring and promoting safe and accepting schools. In the spirit of the month (remembrance and peace), the Church (preparing our hearts for Advent), and our Board theme (Hearts on Fire: Transform) our hope is to continue to foster and deepen the culture of belonging, hospitality and welcome that is present within our schools. This year, the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board’s theme for Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week is “People of Transformation: Living as Joyful Disciples”.

During the week of **November 15 – 21, 2020**, our school will be focusing on what it means to ‘Transform’ and to live as Joyful Disciples in a peaceful community; an inclusive community, a respectful community; and a community of kindness where **ALL** students feel welcome, accepted, and belong to the school community. Students will participate in Scripture, prayer and class activities that draws attention to the actions and consequences of bullying and highlight how we can choose to put our Board theme into action and Keep our ‘Hearts on Fire’. Students will be challenged to leave butterflies of love and kindness as we journey together in faith to promote safe schools and a positive learning environment.

Date	Monday, November 16, 2020	Tuesday, November 17, 2020	Wednesday, November 18, 2020	Thursday, November 19, 2020	Friday, November 20, 2020
Focus on:	Living as Joyful Disciples in a Peaceful Community	Living as Joyful Disciples in an Inclusive Community	Living as Joyful Disciples in a Respectful Community	Living as Joyful Disciples in a Community of Kindness	Closing Liturgy: Sharing the Good News - Called to Witness



Sunday, November 1

Picture Day

School Photos are
scheduled for
Wednesday,



January 13

A Remembrance Day Prayer

Dear God,

We thank you for Our Lady of Fatima School and our country Canada.

**We are so blessed to live in a country where we have freedom,
forests, food and farmland. During this month of November,**

**help us to Walk Humbly with and beside
each other in honour of those who fought and gave their
lives so that we may have what we have today.**

Amen



School Times

- 8:45 Start of the instructional day
- 8:45 -10:25 Instructional block
- 10:25 Nutritional break
- 10:45 Recess
- 11:05 -12:45 Instructional block
- 12:45 Nutritional break
- 1:05 Recess
- 1:35 -3:15 Instructional block

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 Progress Reports Pizza Day	7
8	9	10	11 Remembrance Day 	12 School Interviews Pizza Day	13 School Interviews PA Day	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Pizza Day	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Pizza Day	28
29	30					



 Poppy, poppy what do you say?
Wear me on Remembrance Day.

Poppy, poppy what do you tell?
Many soldiers in battle fell.

Poppy, poppy what should we know?
That peace on earth should
Grow, grow, grow!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

PA Days

November 13

January 18

June 11 & 29

Reports Home

Progress Reports

Nov. 6, 2020

1st Term Reports

Feb 5, 2021

2nd Term Reports

June 25, 2021

School

Photos

January 13,
2021