



# Our Lady of Fatima

# November

## NEWSLETTER



Principal: Mrs. H. Pasztor

Secretary: Mrs. K. Robinson

### *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 Canada and to recognize those that put themselves in harm's way to protect our way of life. Leading up to November 11<sup>th</sup>, staff and students will take time to read, discuss, share and create posters and poems that speak to this important part of our history. With Remembrance Day on a PA Day, we will gather together to honour the importance of this day on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. As in past years (pre-covid), we will as a school community, gather together in our gymnasium to share the poems, PowerPoint and Remembrance Day service, including a moment of silence. Poppies will be handed out to our students on this day and donations are appreciated.

First term progress reports will be coming home on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. 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. Parent/Teacher interviews will take place the evening of Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> and the morning of November 11<sup>th</sup>. Interviews are back to in-person and we will continue to use an online 'bookings' forum to allow families to book their 10 min interviews with teachers. An email link will be sent to all families. 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(ren)'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*

◇ **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



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# The Bulldog Corner



**Daily Health Assessment:** A reminder that screening your child(ren) to ensure they are symptom free is still in place and if during the school day a student becomes unwell/ill, we will be asking a parent to come to the school for pick up. Please make sure that the school has an updated Emergency contact name and number.

**Pizza/Subs/Milk:** Pizza, Subs and Milk will be available for purchase for December until November 24 at midnight. Please ensure you submit your order before this date.

**Remembrance Day...** Poppies (poppy stickers) will be distributed to all students for our Remembrance Day Service (Nov. 10) . Cash donations would be very much appreciated by our local Legion. Thank you in advance.

**Picture Retake Day:** Picture Retakes will be available Friday, November 25. Please contact the school if you wish your child(ren) to have their picture retaken on this day. On this day, we are excited to share that sibling photos will also take place so feel free to bring out those matching family outfits! From the office, we will ensure that all sibling photos take place. The aim is that proofs will be back to families and orders placed prior to Christmas.

**Early pick-up at school ...** Just a reminder that when picking up your child(ren) early from school, now that Covid restrictions are behind us, we kindly ask you to come into the school to sign your child(ren) out at the office. This is to allow us to follow school board policies.

**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)

**Snack Program...**Our Snack Program is now up and running and will be offered 2 mornings a week (Tuesday & Thursday). At this time we are running our Snack Program without the use of volunteers by having pre-packaged, healthy snacks that allow two food groups offered each snack day such as fruit cups and muffins or cheese strings and apples.

**Parent Council Updates...**Thank you to all parents that continue to join and have committed to being part of our parent council. We continue to welcome parents to all future meetings. Please consider coming out and having a say in your child(ren)'s year. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, November 17th @ 7pm** online via TEAMS. Reach out to Mrs. Pasztor if you are interested in joining and the link will be shared.

**School Mass:** Our next school Mass will take place on Tuesday, November 29th at the school for 9:30 am in celebration of the Advent Season. This Mass will be led by Father Thomas or Father Seejo with the help of our grade 5/6 students. Following our school Mass, Confessions for our grade 3 –8 students will take place to coincide with the season of Advent.



# The Bulldog Corner



**Bullying Prevention and Awareness Week (Nov 13 –18, 2022)**... 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 (We are Many, We are One) our hope is to continue to foster and deepen the culture of belonging, hospitality and welcome that is present within our schools.

**The BHNCD SB Student Survey: Valuing Your Voice** ... This November 2022 we are launching the first-ever Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board Student Survey: Valuing Your Voice. This survey will collect important information about our students to inform our Board policies and programming. Check your school board email or the Board website for more information later this month. The survey will run in elementary schools between November 21– December 2nd. The survey will be completed at home and takes about 10 minutes to complete. The link will be sent out through email closer to November 21. Great chance to have your voice heard!

**Athletics at OLOF**... Thank you to Mrs. Hartwell and Mrs. Brooke who committed to coaching our Cross Country team. Students in grade 4-8 have worked hard during lunch time for practices and participated in the Haldimand-Norfolk Cross Country Meet that was held in Simcoe on Friday, October 28th. The weather was beautiful, our students stayed focused and represented our school with pride.

The next school sports team upcoming will be **basketball**. Stay tuned for more information regarding practices. The Board tournament will take place at Holy Trinity in January.

**Spirit Wear** ... Thank you to all those that purchased clothing through school cash online for our School Spirit Wear. For those that still wish to, online orders are available on school cash until November 2nd. All orders are expected to be in the school prior to Christmas holidays.

**Bus Safety**... All classrooms have participated in an online bus safety presentation assisting and reminding students about the importance of their role in safety when riding a bus. The hope is that in the spring (or early next September), that we as a school participate in practicing a bus evacuation together here at the school. We will keep families updated.



# NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Milk - Monday to Friday		1 Subs	2 Spirit Wear Orders Due	3	4 Pizza Progress Report Home	5
6 STEM this week	7	8 Subs	9	10 Pizza	11 PA Day Remembrance Day	12
13	14	15 Subs	16 Library	17 Parent Coun- cil Meeting 7pm	18 Pizza	19
20	21	22 Subs	23	24 Pizza/ Subs/ Milk Due	25 Pizza Picture Retakes & Sibling Photos	26
27	28	29 Subs Advent	30 Library			



*“They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,  
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We shall remember them”*

## Mark Your

## Calendar

### PA Days /Holidays

- November 11  
(PA Day)
- December 26 to  
January 6  
(Christmas)
- January 16  
(PA Day)
- February 20  
(Family Day)
- March 13-17  
(March Break)
- April 7 & 10 (Easter)
- May 22 (Victoria Day)
- June 2 & 29  
(PA Days)

### Parent Council Mtg.

Thursday, November 18th  
at 7pm (virtual)

### Picture Retakes and

### Sibling Photos

Friday, November 25.

