



Our Lady of Fatima



NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message



Well, we have had a great start to our school year and are now starting our second month of school. Routines are established, expectations have been set (especially during these continued times of Covid-19 times) and now it is time for the real fun and learning to begin!

Staff have been busy getting to know where students are with learning (especially in regard to reading, writing, and mathematics). READING will continue to remain a key focus for our students both at school and at home as reading opens the door to many opportunities. Increased vocabulary, comprehension and confidence comes out of good readers. Thank you to all our families for continuing to read with your child(ren) each night. A little bit can go a long way and reading together is a great way to end each night. As in past years, MATHEMATICS will also continue to be a focus. Teachers will continue to be engaged in learning and teaching the new math curriculum that was introduced across the province last school year. Many of the same great things will be occurring (focus on Number Sense, basic computation, number talks and working through problems with a continued focus on Financial Literacy). Teachers are also continuing to spend time outdoors with their students as the weather remains nice.

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, thank you to all families. We wish you a Thanksgiving weekend filled with good food, good friends and lots of laughter.

Thank you for choosing Catholic Education and for allowing Our Lady of Fatima School to be part of your family. Stay safe, be well and God bless.

Yours in Faith,

Mrs. Heidi Pasztor



◇ **Notify the office**
with any changes to
your phone numbers,
addresses etc

◇ **IMPORTANT**

Please be sure to call
the school when your
child(ren) will be absent.
519-688-0049 . After
hours, please leave a mes-
sage.

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The Bulldog Corner



Covid Daily Assessment... A reminder that a Covid screening must be completed each morning prior to coming to school. Please see the links below to assist. As well, our school will continue with an 'isolation' room for if/when one of our students/staff become ill while at school. This is per policy and will allow for a private, separate space until pick up by parent/guardian. Please make sure that the school has an updated Emergency contact name and number.

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>

Norfolk Fair Day/P.A. Day (Tues. Oct 5)... As this year the Norfolk Fair is back running, the Young Canada day at the Norfolk County Fair for Tues, Oct 5th **WILL** be taking place. This means that there is **NO School** on Tuesday, Oct 5 and busses will not be running. Staff will be engaged in professional learning.

Meet the Teacher... We wish to thank all our families for taking the time to log into your child (ren)'s Brightspace page and viewing the staff videos, pictures and information that has been shared. Although it doesn't replace the in-person events that have taken place in year's past, it does still allow an opportunity for you to meet the staff your children interact with daily and get some information about the classroom goals, focus and activities. If you have not yet logged in, we encourage you to do so at some point as also, this platform is where announcements and work (on inclement weather days) will be posted throughout the school year.

School Thanksgiving Liturgy... Although we are unable to gather together as a whole school community, we will continue to gather collectively to hear the Word of God and participate in prayer and song (through listening only) within classrooms with our Thanksgiving Liturgy being shared over our school P.A. system.

Pizza and Milk... Pizza and Milk for November will be available on School Cash Online until October 26. Pepperoni pizza is available on Fridays from Godfather's in Delhi and Milk will be available Tuesdays through Fridays with a choice of chocolate or white.

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)

Baptism, Reconciliation and Communion... To register for the sacraments - please go to our Parish website at www.etcfp.dol.ca and click on the sacraments tab for all the information about each sacrament and how to register. If your child missed signing up last year because of COVID, just simply follow the instructions to register them this year. If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Hanley (chanley@dol.ca).



The Bulldog Corner



School Council Meeting... Our Lady of Fatima hosted it's first virtual School Council meeting of the year on Monday September 27th at 6pm. Time at the meeting involved introducing new council members as well as updating the council to school start up here as well as talks around possible Parent Council Fundraisers (especially as our Turkey Bingo event remains on hold again this year). Look for a parent survey with ideas and suggestions to come to your email early next week. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 18 at 6 pm (via Microsoft Teams).

If you are still interested in joining this year's School Council, please email Mrs. Kim Robinson at krobinson@bhncdsb.ca or call us here at the school (519-688-0049). An invitation and link to join will be emailed out just after Thanksgiving weekend.

Halloween Updates... With Halloween taking place on a Sunday, at the school, we will celebrate Halloween on Friday, October 29th with a costume/spirit day. We are encouraging all our students and staff to wear a school friendly costume (no gory, masks or accessories) or orange and black on this day. We are also asking that NO treats, goody bags etc. come into the school to be shared. We continue to thank you in advance for your understanding with the health and safety guidelines we need to follow at this time. Individual classrooms will find fun and unique ways to keep the spirit of this day at school fun, while still maintaining the learning.

Concussion Awareness... A reminder that a policy is in place for concussion protocols within our schools. All suspected concussions will need medical assessment (forms will be sent home with your child if a concussion is suspected). If a concussion is confirmed outside of the school (during evening/weekend play), please share this with the school as we have a return to school/return to physical activity process that must be followed.

It is important to note that when a concussion is suspected and paperwork sent home, a child cannot return to school until a medical assessment takes place, paperwork is returned and a conversation takes place with the school principal as to our next steps.

Anaphalaxis/Allergies/Asthma... Please remember that we are a 'peanut/nut safe' school. **No Peanuts/Peanut products at school.** This rule also applies to the school bus, if your child is one who takes school transportation. We also do not allow the use of peanut butter substitutes as it can create anxiety in those with nut allergies and can cause students to think that peanut butter is permitted at the school. Please note as well, that we also have **latex allergies and bee allergies** at the school and we must be mindful of these as well.

Also note, if your child is asthmatic and has the use of a puffer, please let the office know if you have not already done so.

Transportation Delays/ Cancellations –Are You Getting Notified?

Did you know that there are a number of ways to see if your child(ren)'s bus is running behind schedule or has been cancelled? The ways that you can be notified of an interruption include: 1) downloading the bus delays app from either the Google Play or Apple store; detailed instructions on setting up the app is available by visiting <http://www.stsbhn.ca/faqs> and clicking on the last FAQ labelled "Delays and Cancellation App". 2) register to receive email notifications. To register simply visit <https://transinfobhn.ca/Login> and create an account. After your account has been created, connect your child(ren)'s bus service to your email address by logging in and clicking the "Add Student" button. Detailed instructions on setting up your account is also available by visiting <http://www.stsbhn.ca/faqs> and clicking on the FAQ labelled "having trouble logging into the Parent/Student portal". For parents who look up bus information before the start of school, you have already completed this option! 3) visit <https://transinfobhn.ca/Alerts> daily to see if your bus is running behind schedule or has been cancelled.



Thank you for wearing your mask!



PA Day
October 5



Wear Costumes or Orange and Black on October 29

Mark Your Calendar

P A Days /Holidays

- **October 5 (Fair Day)**
- **October 11 (Thanksgiving)**
- **November 12**
- **January 17**
- **February 21 (Family Day)**
- **March 14-18 (March Break)**
- **April 15 & 18 (Easter)**
- **May 23 (Victoria Day)**
- **June 6 & 30**

School Council Mtg

Monday, October 18th
@ 6 pm
(virtual)

Picture Day

Currently scheduled for October 15





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Pizza Milk	2
3	4	5 PA Day Norfolk Only	6 Milk	7 Milk	8 Pizza Milk	9
10	11 Happy Thanksgiving! No school 	12 Milk	13 Milk	14 Milk	15 Pizza Milk  PICTURE DAY	16
17	18 School Liturgy Parent Council	19 Milk	20 Milk	21 Milk	22 Pizza Milk	23
24	25	26 Milk	27 Milk	28 Milk	29 Pizza Milk	30
 31 Happy Halloween						



Thanksgiving Prayer

Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation. We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities. We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes. We thank you, Lord: accept our thanksgiving on this day. We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

