



Our Lady of Fatima October



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 and now it is time for the real fun and learning to begin!

Thank you to all families who were able to come out to the school for our Meet the Staff Night & Book Fair. It was a great evening and it was wonderful to once again be able to welcome all families into the school to get to know staff, visit classrooms and celebrate the start to the new school year!

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 and utilize our new digital math resource MathUp. 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 and coding). At this time, due to province wide French teacher shortages, we have had to pause our French instruction. Currently Miss VanLeeuwen is supporting in our building as a prep teacher in classrooms. We will continue to keep families updated .

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 Passtor

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



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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.

School Masses and Liturgies: Our welcome Mass took place on Thursday, October 6 at Sacred Heart Church in Langton to coincide with the Thanksgiving Season and Thanksgiving weekend. As a school, we travelled to and from the Church on busses and are excited once again as a Catholic Community to be able to gather together at Church. As bussing costs to the Church monthly is not feasible, monthly Liturgies/Masses will continue to take place at the school with Father Thomas or Father Seejo.

The Church is excited to welcome back Alter Servers in grades 4-8. If your child(ren) is interested, please share this with his/her classroom teacher or the school office and we will relay this information to the Church. This opportunity is there for both Langton Church as well as St. Mary's in Tillsonburg

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 (or two) 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).

Pizza/Subs/Milk: Pizza, Subs and Milk will be available for purchase for November until October 19 at midnight. Please ensure you submit your order before this date.

Halloween Celebrations: We will celebrate Halloween on Monday, October 31st 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. Individual classrooms will find fun and unique ways to keep the spirit of this day at school fun, while still maintaining the learning. Families will be able to follow along with viewing pictures we will post onto our Twitter account.

Picture Day: Picture Day will be held on Friday, October 14. Retakes will be available Friday, November 25. Bring your smile to school! :)

Immunization Clinic: The Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit will be at the school on Thursday, October 20 to administer vaccinations for Grade 7/8 students who have returned their consent forms.

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)



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School Advisory Council—2022-2023: Parents are always welcome to join our school council (formerly referred to as Parent Advisory Committee). The council is an advisory group to the Principal. The school council works in conjunction with the school to assist in purchasing resources for the students and school as well as strengthening the bond between the church and the school, supporting school fundraising, augmenting the school improvement plan, fostering a sense of pride in our school identity, organizing fundraising activities, consulting with BHNCDSD on policy development.

All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Through the Council, members can make a positive impact in the growth and development of the school community. It is one way of being an active participant in Catholic Education. The date of our next parent council meeting (virtual through Microsoft Teams) is **Tuesday, October 18th at 7pm.** We welcome all those interested to let Mrs. Pasztor know by email or a call to the school and a link to the meeting will be shared with those interested.

Athletics at OLOF: We are so excited that sports have resumed once again! Thank you to Mrs. Hartwell and Mrs. Brennan for leading our school soccer team at our Norfolk Haldimand Board Meet in Caledonia at the end of September. Although we did not come away with the final win, our students played hard and had fun! Upcoming is Cross-Country that is open for all grade 4-8 students. Practices will take place during the school day with our Board meet in Simcoe (Memorial Park) on October 26th. Mrs. Brooke and Mrs. Hartwell are this year's coaches. For those participating, permission forms need to be completed on SchoolCash by October 21st.

Terry Fox Run: Thank you to Mrs. Brennan and our grade 7/8 class for leading our school in this year's Terry Fox Run and to our students and families for the participation and donations. As a school, we had a beautiful day of coming together to champion and keep Terry Fox's dream alive. Together, our small school with a big heart raised \$1773 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Thank you!

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.

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.

DIGITAL LEARNING RESOURCES

TVO continues to provide curriculum-based, free digital learning resources for all Ontarians this year. Here is an overview of [TVO's Digital Learning Resources \(2022\)](#). Included in the resources available are:

TVO Learn

Over 2,100 curriculum-aligned, grade and subject-specific learning activities from Kindergarten to Grade 8 (including for the new Science and Technology curriculum)

TVO Learn Mathify

Available 7 days a week, Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 9:00 pm ET, and Saturday and Sunday, 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm ET

If you need further support or have any questions, please email outreach@tvo.org.

To book an outreach session to learn more about TVO's resources please fill in this form: bit.ly/TVOEventRequest. Learning sessions can be customized to your needs.

Mark Your Calendar

PA Days /Holidays

- October 5 (PA/Fair Day)
 - October 10 (Thanksgiving)
 - November 11
 - January 16
 - February 20 (Family Day)
 - March 13-17 (March Break)
 - April 7 & 10 (Easter)
 - May 22 (Victoria Day)
 - June 2 & 29

Parent Council Mtg.

Tuesday, October 18th at 7pm (virtual)

Picture Day

October 14

Retakes November 25.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Milk - Monday to Friday						1
2	3	4 PA Day	5 Subs	6	7 Pizza	8
9	10 Thanksgiving	11 Subs	12	13	14 Pizza Picture Day	15
16	17	18 Subs Parent Council Meeting 7pm	19 Pizza/ Subs/Milk Orders	20 Immunization Clinic Gr. 7/8	21 Pizza	22
23	24	25 Subs	26 Cross Country Meet	27	28 Pizza	29
30	31 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.

