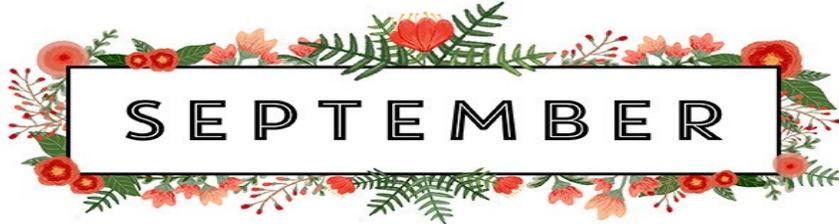




Our Lady of Fatima



NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

Welcome back from the longest March Break. We are so happy that you are part of our community at Our Lady of Fatima. Thank you for entrusting your children to us and for choosing Catholic Education!

This year our theme is based on the Road to Emmaus story from the Gospel of Luke – **Hearts of Fire: Transform**. Jesus tells us, you are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under a bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and gives its light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your father in heaven. *(Matthew 5:13-16)* We hope to journey with you as we celebrate our faith and deepen our relationship with Christ. It is our hope that as we accompany each other on the journey that God's love and abundant blessings fill you.

Normally, we would welcome you with a Meet the Teacher Night, however, we have been asked to cancel this event due to the number of people that would gather. We will be sharing pictures and possibly short videos throughout the first week on twitter @olofcatholic.

My door is always open, and although at this time visitors will be limited within the school, I continue to look forward to working together with you to ensure your child(ren) reach their fullest potential. I will be out on the school yard each day so please wave and say hello. Also, if there is anything, I can assist you with, please let me know, I am only an email away or a phone call away.

All family members and visitors to the school will not be permitted to enter the school unless you have a scheduled appointment. Please call 519-688-0049 to make an appointment. All doors to the school will remain locked.

Warmest Regards,

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

School Arrival

School starts at 8:45 and **supervision starts at 8:30**. At this time when students arrive, we will be asking students to keep their belongings (backpack) with them and make their way to their grades designated space on the yard (for the first day, Chairs with teacher/grade name will be used).

Once the bell rings, students are expected to line up behind their assigned marking (a chair will be labelled and placed in designated places on the first day for easy visibility for students), “zombie arms’ apart (arms raised and stretched out in front of them to allow for physical distancing).

Students who arrive late to school must buzz the office to be let into the school and stop by the office be signed in by Mrs. Robinson.

A parent/guardian who requires a student to leave the school before dismissal time must buzz the school to verbally sign the student out. Please state your name and who you are picking up. We will then call your child to gather their belongings and meet you at the doors. We will make verbal/ visual contact with you before you leave.

School Dismissal

The safety of your child(ren) is of the utmost importance to the staff of Our Lady of Fatima School. All doors to the school will remain locked.

To ensure the safety of your child(ren), we will continue to have parents and designated family members pick up their children outside of the school building. At the end of the day, we are asking parents for students grade 4-8, to wait in the parking lot at your vehicle (to prevent crowding near our school doors). Your child(ren) will come out of our side door and make their way to you and your vehicle.

For our younger grades (K-3), eye to eye contact with a parent/guardian will need to take place. Please make your way to the back of the school yard and wait on one of the yellow ‘feet’ stickers that will be along the edge of the pavement space until your son/daughter is dismissed. Teachers will bring our K-3 students out the back door and will make eye contact with you, and wave. Your child will then make their way to you. Please be patient with this process and it may be slower to start to ensure safe pick up.

Dress Code

Modesty and common sense are the main guidelines for the dress code that is in place. Schools rely upon the good judgement and support of parents/guardians in helping their children determine appropriate wear for school.

The Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board believes that proper dress for pupils helps to create a positive and safe Catholic learning environment consistent with the mission and values of the Board. The responsibility for meeting the expectations of the Dress Code is primarily that of the parents/guardians of the students. Students will not be required to have an indoor pair of shoes to wear at this time (this is optional for this year). Shoes must have non-marking soles that will not leave marks on the gym floor.

All students attire must be in keeping with our Catholic teachings and beliefs, reflect principles of modesty.



Communication is Key

Working together is the key to success for our students. To that end, we would like to try to make sure that all communication is timely and relevant. We will be updating our school website with all our school information, newsletters, and dates of important events. This is also where you can access School Cash Online which is the method of payment for everything from hot lunches to school trips (if and when we are able to safely start these up again).

At the beginning of each month you can expect to receive an email with the school newsletter. Additionally, it will be linked to our Twitter feed where we will be posting pictures and information from classroom and school events and this will keep you up to date with valuable information. Stay informed and receive all the information you need by visiting us at www.ourladyoffatimacourtland.ca or following us on twitter @olofcatholic. Sign up for notifications to have the information come directly to you!

Agendas

This year we have been instructed to not use a paper copy agenda/communication book to stop paper from going back and forth from home to school. To get a hold of your teacher, you will need to use their email. **Please remember that if they have not responded it is best to assume they have not read it as they are with the children in their class throughout most of the school day. Please do not send anything that is time sensitive via email. If you have an emergency, please call the school, and talk to Mrs. Robinson or Mrs. Pasztor.**

Please make sure your child will need to know how they are getting home each day. Agendas as in previous years will come home eventually for home use. There will be no charge this year.

Thank you in advance for also respecting that our staff have personal obligations outside of the school day and although emails will be responded to in a timely manner, emails will not necessarily be responded to immediate. Thank you for your understanding.

Reminder: Allergies/Anaphylaxis

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated once again in making our school a safe environment for all our students. **This is to advise you that we have we have students who are allergic to all tree nuts, peanuts, latex. It is requested that parents of all students do not send food items containing any of these or anything containing latex.**

We currently also have an allergy to ranch dressing within our school, but as students are NOT sharing food, there is no restriction to the use of ranch at this time in individual lunches.

If your child has anaphylaxis and you have not yet made us aware of this, please contact us immediately as we have paperwork to fill out to ensure the safety of your child. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Indoor/Outdoor Shoes

Currently, **we are still looking to encourage the use of indoor/outdoor shoes to assist with keeping our classrooms clean; however, this will not be mandatory to start the year.** We will revisit this when the messy weather comes. Since all students need running shoes for gym, we do suggest indoor shoes be running shoes (and if only using one pair, running shoes to assist in safety and gym class as well).

STUDENTS ACCIDENT INSURANCE

A Student Accident Insurance form will be sent home for your consideration. Should your child need an ambulance, damage their teeth or break a bone, this insurance will cover many costs not covered by OHIP or employee group plans. This insurance will provide coverage for school activities as well as activities outside of the school day. Should your child be injured on the basketball court, the baseball diamond, the soccer field or hockey rink, you will be able to claim many of the expenses associated with their injury if you purchase Student Accident Insurance. All rates are one-time, annual fee and family rates are offered. **Please consider purchasing this affordable insurance by completing the Application Form and returning it to Reliable Life Insurance Company.**

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL 2020-21

As we begin the new school year, we need parents/guardians to form our school council (formerly referred to as Parent Advisory Committee). The council is an advisory group to the Principal. The main goal for this year is to work on literacy and numeracy and the safety of students. The school council works in conjunction with the school to assist in purchasing resources in this area 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 BHNCD SB 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. We will be posting the date for the next Parent Council Meeting at the end of September.



FOOD AND BEVERAGE POLICY AT OUR LADY OF FATIMA

It's a fact: a healthy mind depends on a healthy body. Students who eat healthy food are better prepared to learn and are more likely to succeed in school. Please remember that the students have two 40 minute breaks. We encourage healthy snacks.

The Ministry of Education has a School Food and Beverage Policy that includes comprehensive nutrition standards. As part of this initiative, the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board has created its own Interim Policy that aligns with the ministry policy.

As in the past, home baking is not allowed due to Health Unit Guidelines and the anaphylactic policy.

Attention All Parent/Guardians/Community Members Volunteering in Our School

REQUIREMENTS: A Vulnerable Sector Police Check AND completion of an **Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities ACT (A.O.D.A.)** training module are required to Volunteer with the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board.

Volunteers must have a Police Vulnerable Sector and Police Check completed every three (3) years. During the years that the Police Check is not required, the volunteer must sign the prescribed Offence Declaration. These documents can be obtained at the school office.

School Masses and Liturgies

School Mass will obviously not be in the churches/gym to start the year, but our teachers and as a school, we will continue to connect to our Catholic Faith each month within individual classrooms. Stay tuned for pictures to be shared on Twitter.

Yearbooks are ready for pick up:

Thanks to all the hard work of Mrs. Sobers last spring, our 2019/2020 school yearbooks were completed and printed over the summer. For those that ordered, you should have received an email for school cash online for the payment (\$8.25). Once we receive payment, we will send your yearbook(s) home with your child.

If you did not receive the school cash online email, please reach out to the school and we will correct this.

Covid Reminders

A reminder that a Covid screening must be completed each morning and prior to coming to school. Please see the links below to assist. As well, our school has deemed our girls changeroom as our '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.

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/2019_reference_doc_symptoms.pdf

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

<https://www.bchu.org/ServicesWeProvide/InfectiousDiseases/PublishingImages/Pages/COVID-19-FAQ/General%20Screening%20Poster.pdf>

Our Lady of Fatima Contacts and Staff Information 2020/2021

Principal: Mrs. H. Pasztor

Secretary Mrs. K. Robinson

Church: Sacred Heart Parish—Langton

Superintendent: Mr. R. De Rubeis

Trustee: Mr. C. Casey and Mrs. C. Luciani

Kindergarten: Mrs. A. Jaffray

Gr. 1/2: Mrs. C. Brooke

Gr. 3/4: Miss. S. Jacobs

Gr. 5/6: Mrs. S. Day

Gr. 7/8: Mr. O. Clark

French: TBD

Resource Teacher: Mrs. K. Moore

STEM Teacher: Mrs. T. Dewaele

Kindergarten Prep Teacher: Miss R. Dennison

Library Technician: Mrs. K. Handsaeme

Custodian: Mrs. R. Brock



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Mark Your Calendar



School Resumes September

8th with a Staggered Start.

Groups are based on surnames.

The schedule is as follows:

Sept 8 - Group A (A to J)

Sept 9 - Group B (K to Z)

Sept 10 - Group A (A to J)

Sept 11 - Group B (K to Z)

Sept 14 - Groups A (A to J)

Sept 15 - Group B (K to Z)

Sept 16 - All Students

Sept 17 - All Students

Sept 18 - All Students

P A Days

- **November 13**
- **January 18**
- **June 11 & 29**

School Council Mtg

- To be announced

Meet The Teacher Night

- Cancelled

Thanksgiving Day

- October 12

Advent Celebration

- To be announced

SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 PA Day	2 PA Day	3 PA Day	4	5
6	7 Labour Day	8 Group A	9 Group B	10 Group A	11 Group B	12
13	14 Group A	15 Group B	16 All Students	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

My September "To-Do" List

- Count my blessings
- Let go of what I can't control
- Practice kindness
- Listen to my heart
- Just breathe

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May God bless you with discomfort
 At easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships
 So that you may live deep within your heart.
 May God bless you with anger
 At injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,
 So that you may work for injustice, freedom, and peace.
 May God bless you with tears
 To shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger, and war,
 To turn their pain into joy.
 And may God bless you with enough foolishness
 To believe that you can make a differing in the world,
 So that you can do what others claim cannot be done.
 To bring justice, hope, love, and kindness to all our children.

Meet the Teacher Night cancelled

Thank you for wearing a mask and doing your part to help keep us all safe.