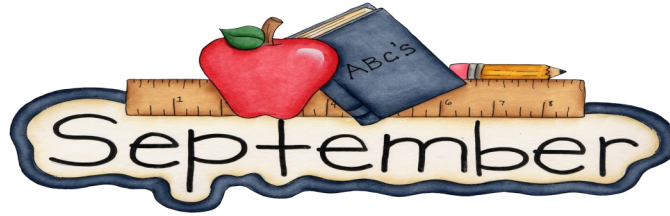




Our Lady of Fatima



NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

A warm welcome back to all families (familiar and new to our school community) from the great summer vacation we are hoping you all had! I continue to be blessed as the principal here at OLOF for the fourth year and as a school team, we are so happy that you are part of our school 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 Catholic Education Week theme of: We are Many, We are One. As a dedicated, faith-filled community, we know we are all unique individuals made in the image of God and together, we are Many. As a school and as part of the Brant Halidmand Norfolk School Board, we will continue to support the faith formation of staff and students by emphasizing the importance of building an interior prayer life, using scripture and reaching out to our neighbours in need. It is our hope that as we once again continue to support each other on the journey that God's love and abundant blessings have for us. "Behold, I make all things new." (Revelation:21:5)

As we begin this school year with promise and excitement, please mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 28th for the opportunity to visit the school and be introduced to your child's classroom teacher and view the classroom space (more to come at a later date). We will continue to share pictures on twitter @olofcatholic, which can also be viewed on our school website: www.ourladyoffatimacourtland.ca

My door is always open and I continue to look forward to working together with you to ensure your child(ren) reach their fullest potential. Also, if there is anything I can assist you with, please let me know, I am only an email or a phone call away.

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**. 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 pavement helping to make the transition into the school each morning efficient.

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

If you need to pick up your child(ren) before dismissal time please let the office know in advance. When you arrive, please buzz the front door to be let into the school, making your way to the office to sign out your child(ren).

School Dismissal

To ensure the safety of your child(ren), we will continue to have parents and designated family members pick up their child(ren) outside of the school building. At the end of the day, we are asking parents for students Kindergarten to grade 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-2), eye to eye contact/hand off with a parent/guardian will need to take place. Teachers will bring our K-3 students out the side door and hand your child to you through eye contact 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 safety.

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

School Masses and Liturgies

Our welcome Mass will be taking place in October at the Church to coincide with the Thanksgiving Season and Thanksgiving weekend. We are currently just finalizing the date with the Church and once finalized, will communicate this to families. As a school, we will travel to and from the Church on busses and are excited once again as a Catholic Community to be able to gather together at Sacred Heart Parish Church in Langton. 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 visiting us that reflect the Liturgical Calendar and keep us connected to our Catholic Faith.

The Church is excited to welcome back to the Church 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



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

At the beginning of each month you can expect to receive an email with the school newsletter. Stay informed and receive all the information you need by also 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

As in past years, we will be using a paper copy of an agenda/communication book in our grades 1 –8. At this time there is no cost to families as our Reaching Out Parent Grant was used to purchase these agendas to assist with communication from and with the school. At any time, you are also able to get a hold of your child(ren)s teacher(s) by calling the school or using their board designated email.

Please remember that teachers are busy teaching during the school day and may not be able to respond to all emails shortly after they have been sent. Please note that if you have not yet received a response, it is best to assume they have not read it as of yet. Please do not send anything that is time sensitive via email. If you have an emergency, please call the school, at 519-688-0049 and talk to either Mrs. Robinson (school Secretary) or Mrs. Pasztor (school Principal).

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 immediately, especially if sent after the close of the school day.. 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. **Please note that we continue to be a peanut/other nuts free school as we have students who are allergic to tree nuts and peanuts.**

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.

This also pertains to if your child is asthmatic and requires the use of an inhaler at school. Please notify the school so appropriate paper work can be sent home and a plan can be in place at the school

Indoor/Outdoor Shoes

We ask that each child come to school with **two pairs** of running shoes. One pair designated for 'outdoor' wear and another pair that will remain at the school for 'indoor/gym' use. Shoes must have non-marking soles that will not leave marks on the gym floor. Running shoes are the means of footwear for students (both inside and outside) as safety is the concern and with outdoor play often involving lots of movement and running, running shoes best match the type of play.

School Advisory Council—2022-2023: 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 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 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. The date of our first parent council meeting (in person in the school library) is **Tuesday, September 20th at 7pm.** We welcome all those interested to let Mrs. Pasztor know by email at hpasztor@bhncdsb.ca and come to the school for September 20th.

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

Volunteers: We welcome and encourage families to volunteer within our school. A **Vulnerable Sector Police Check**, completion of an **Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities ACT (A.O.D.A.)** training module and the Volunteer Confidentiality Form are required to volunteer with the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board.

Volunteers must have a Vulnerable Sector completed every three (3) years. The years in between an Offence Declaration Form must be signed annually. Confidentiality Agreements need to be signed yearly. If you are due for any of these forms, you will be receiving the information home shortly. If you have not went through the volunteer process, please contact Mrs. Robinson to get started.

Pizza and Subs: Pizza and Milk for Sept. and Oct. will be posted online until September 16. Please ensure you order before this date. If you are not registered for School Cash Online please do so asap as all permission forms, lunch purchases, fundraising activities etc. will be payable through here. Go to www.schoolcashonline.com to register.

Milk: We now have a new milk supplier. Milk will begin the week of September 26. It is now on School Cash Online for purchase until September 20. Cost is \$1.00 and you must order for the whole month.

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.

Meet the Teacher: Meet the Teacher will be held on Wednesday, September 28th from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. More details to follow, but please save the date. A Scholastic Book Fair will also be run this evening as well.

First Communion, Reconciliation, Confirmation: We invite you to our **CONFIRMATION Candidate & Parent meeting** on Tuesday September 20 @ 7:15 Pm at St. Mary's Church Tillsonburg or Wednesday September 21 @ 7:15 PM at Sacred Heart Church Langton. Youth currently in grade eight and up are eligible to prepare for this sacrament if they are baptized in the Catholic Church. For more info please go to our website etcfp.dol.ca.

We invite you to our **FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION Parent meeting** on Tuesday September 27 @ 7:15 PM at St. Mary's Church Tillsonburg or Wednesday September 28 @ 7:15 PM at Sacred Heart Church Langton. Children currently in grade two and up are eligible to prepare for these sacraments if they are baptized in the Catholic Church. For more info please go to our website etcfp.dol.ca.

Terry Fox Run: Our school will be taking part in the 2022 Terry Fox School Run on Friday, September 23 during the last 100 minutes of the day. Students will walk/run in the back yard fo the school. A separate note is attached with links on how to donate and support your child(ren) and our school in raising money for the Marathon of Hope.

To build school spirit and to celebrate one of Canada's hero's, we ask students and staff to dress in red and white on this day.



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, September 20th
at 7 pm

(in the school library)

Meet The Teacher Night

Wednesday, Sept. 28th

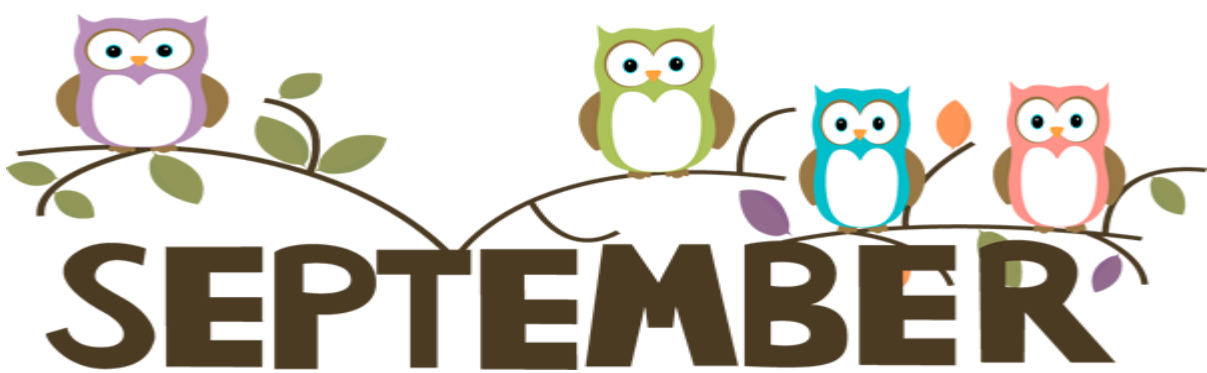
4:30—6 pm

Picture Day

October 14

Retakes November 25.





SEPTMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Milk starts the week of Sept. 26				1	2	3
4	5 Labour Day	6 First Day of School	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 Immunization Pkgs Due—Grade 7/8 Pizza/Subs due	17
18	19	20 Subs Soccer Tournament in Caledonia Milk Due	21	22	23 Pizza Terry Fox Run	24
25	26	27 Subs	28 Meet The Teacher 4:30-6pm	29	30 Pizza Orange Shirt Day	31



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

Sept. 28

4:30 - 6 pm

**Parent Council
Mtg**

Sept 20th

7-8:30 pm

Accident Insurance Coverage

Our School Board does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school property or during school activities, including extra-curricular sports. Each year, many families are left financially unprotected when their children are injured at school, while participating in non-school activities or at home. If a student is injured, parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for any costs not covered by the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) or their employer's health care plan. Please check with your provider regarding your coverage. Most accident-related expenses are not fully covered under OHIP and some expenses like ambulance fees, casts, crutches, physiotherapy and emergency dental care are usually not covered at all. This leaves you, the parent/guardian, financially responsible. To help protect your family, it is recommended that you consider obtaining student accident insurance. As a convenience to you, the Board has arranged to offer student accident insurance through insuremykids®. Participation is voluntary, but highly recommended, and the costs are to be paid by the parent/guardian. The program is available for students up to age 26. Coverage is provided for a wide range of accidental expenses, including:

- Dental Expenses - includes 10 years unlimited dental benefit coverage, future dental up to \$1,650 per tooth, and injury-related orthodontia coverage up to \$2,500 per accident.
- Total and Permanent Disability - up to \$350,000.
- Loss of Limb/Loss of Sight, Hearing, or Speech.
- Accidental Death.
- Ambulance Fees.
- And much more.

Insuremykids® Student Accident Insurance offers three plans with 24/7 coverage at affordable rates – their most affordable plan is \$17 per year and their most popular plan is the Platinum at \$33 per year, which provides out-of-province emergency medical coverage and travel benefits. All annual plans provide 13 months of coverage from the date of purchase. Family rates are available for three or more children in the same family, even if attending different schools. You can also save on time and premium with an optional 3-Year or 5-Year plan, available for online purchase only. If you wish to purchase coverage, please do so directly online at www.insuremykids.com or call 1-800-463- 5437. The insurance agreement is between You and the insurance underwriter, Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada. For more information, please visit: www.insuremykids.com

