# Our Lady of Fatima

April 2018



#### ROOTS OF EMPATHY

BABY JASON AS BEEN VISITING OUR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SEE THE STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT BY WATCHING BABY JASON GROW. STUDENTS LEARN TO RECOGNIZE HOW THEIR ACTIONS CAN HAVE AN AFFECT ON OTHERS. BY TEACHING EMPATHY STUDENTS LEARN TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF OTHERS.



## STUDENTS CONTINUE TO LEAD ACTIVITIES AT LUNCH

YOU MAY RECALL THAT A TEAM OF STUDENTS ATTENDED A MINISTRY CONFERENCE BACK IN THE FALL, WELL THEY HAVE PUT THEIR RESEARCH INTO ACTION AND CONTINUE TO OFFER ACTIVITIES ONCE A WEEK AT LUNCH TO IMPROVE STUDENT VOICE AND ENGAGEMENT.







#### **School Hours:**

Start: 9:15

Recess: 11:15-11:30 Lunch: 12:30-1:30 Dismissal: 3:30

\*Supervision on the yard begins at 8:55. Please do not drop off before 8:55.

## **Save the Date:**

1st Confession (St. Joseph) — April 4th IEPs go home - April 11th PA Day—April 13th Robotics/Tinker Tots—April 17/18 Gregg Larock Concert—April 19 1st Communion (St.Michael) April 29—11am

#### **Next School Mass**

April 26—10:00am

#### **Next School Council**

TBA All are welcome

## Reminders

Pizza Day is every Thursday this month

## **PARISH NEWS**

## St. Michael's Parish News

Pastor: Fr. R. Whalen

Associate Pastor: Fr. Boby Joy

**Mass Schedule:** Saturday: 5 pm Sunday: 8 am, 9:30am and 11am

Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sun 9:30

and 11:00



#### UPCOMING TEEN ACTIVITIES for QUINTE CATHOLIC YOUTH!

GOSPEL ADVENTURES! 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY of the MONTH (except Mission trips.)

All Teens Welcome! (6:30-8:30pm in the CAVE)

Service and community opportunity hours available for Confirmation prep and for high school students!

**Sun. April 8<sup>th</sup>:** ADVENTURE #8: BE BOLD!! BE A LEADER! - Paint a rock. Plant seeds.

Wed. May 16<sup>th</sup>: ADVENTURE #9: FAITH IN ACTION – Mission trip to Mississauga: load and sort items going to third world countries. **Sun. June 3<sup>rd</sup>:** ADVENTURE #10: CELEBRATE SUNDAES ON SUNDAY – Bring your favourite sundae topping! Outdoor games, Scavenger Hunt, be prepared to get wet!

## WHAT IS GOING ON?

## Inter-Rotary School Spelling Bee - May 7, 2018

Our school will be holding a school-wide spelling bee on Monday, May 7, 2018. A winner from each of the junior (grades 4, 5, 6) and intermediate (grades 7, 8) divisions will represent Our Lady of Fatima at the final event, competing against other local area schools, at The Greek Hall, 70 Harder Drive, Belleville on Saturday, June 9, 2018.

Great prizes to be won by students finishing in first, second and third place, and our school receive money to be used toward our literacy programs.

## **EQAO PREPARATION**

Grade 3 and 6 students will be participating in EQAO testing in late May. In preparation of this event we encourage students in these grades to attend the free tutoring that is being offered every Wednesday from 3:30-5. Parents are also encouraged to go to the website EQAO.com to for samples of past tests and resources to help your child prepare for this assessment. If you have any questions about this type of assessment please call the school.

## **MAYOR'S HUNT FOR HISTORY**

In the next month's newsletter there will be information about this exciting opportunity for grade 5-8 students. The goal is to encourage Belleville's Youth to learn more about the city's rich history. Prizes for completed "passports" will be awarded. Be on the lookout for more information in our next newsletter.





## **Boomerang Lunch Program**

We are very excited to be doing Boomerang Lunches at Our Lady of Fatima again! We will do this every Tuesday and Wednesday beginning Tuesday, April 10.

## WHY WE NEED THIS PROGRAM:

It's the responsible thing to do for our environment!

Most lunch waste in our schools comes from disposable packaging of <u>single use food items</u>! Reducing waste is the number one choice when looking at recycling. Re-thinking our choices and making small changes in everyday living is a positive step in waste reduction. Encouraging the use of re-usable containers and buying larger containers/packages will reinforce that children can be part of the solution to our waste problems.

## **BOOMERANG LUNCH GOALS:**

Enable parents to see what their children are eating during the day
Enable parents and students to see how much waste is in their lunch
Reduce the amount of overall waste produced
Encourage healthy eating
Develop environmental consciousness
Promote the use of re-usable containers

## **HOW IT WORKS:**

what comes to school goes home

uneaten food, packaging or waste material is returned home in your child's lunch bag recyclable items will continue to be recycled at school

if your child's classroom composts, then the food waste will continue to be composted. If not, compostable materials will be sent home in a container from their lunch

## **WASTE FREE SNACK/ LUNCH TIPS:**

- 1. Buy larger amounts of foods and use reusable lunch pails and containers (avoid single serve snacks).
- 2. Use reusable drinks bottles or thermos.
- 3. Use reusable utensils.
- 4. Get your children to help pack their snacks/lunches with healthy foods.
- 5. If your child's class does not compost, they can put their compostable items in a container until they get home and hopefully put it in your compost bin.

Thank you, The Eco Team

## **Additional News Items:**

## **Newsletters**

Are available on the school website and will not be sent home monthly. We will send home hard copies of newsletters twice a year to all families. Once in September and again in January. If you require a hard copy please contact the office.

## **Twitter:**

Just a reminder that Our Lady of Fatima has it's own Twitter Feed. Information about Bus Cancellations, what kids are doing in classrooms and other news worthy items will be on this feed. Sign up and check us out!

Our Lady of Fatima@alcdsb\_ofat

## ONLINE PAYMENT OPTION FOR PARENTS:

Help us to become a 'Cashless School' by making all school payments online. This includes, pizza orders, milk orders, field trips, etc. It's easy to do just go onto the website and register.

## **HEAD LICE**

Please continue to be vigilant about checking your child's hair. If you would like support in learning what to do about this pesky little problem, please call the school for information.

#### NUT FREE SCHOOL

Thank you to all parents and caregivers who respect that we are a Nut Free School. We do have students with life-threatening allergies so please ensure that you pack a nut-

## Why Learn French?

-Chloé, ALCDSB Grade 11 Student

Encourage your child to be a





# April

| Sun | Mon | Tue                            | Wed  | Thu                                     | Fri          | Sat |
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| 1   | 2   | 3                              | 4 1st Confession (St. Joseph)                      | 5<br>Pizza Day                          | 6            | 7   |
| 8   | 9   | 10                             | 11 IEPs go Home<br>Confirmation<br>Meeting (St. J) | 12<br>Pizza Day                         | 13<br>PA DAY | 14  |
| 15  | 16  | 17<br>Robotics/<br>Tinker Tots | 18<br>Robotics/<br>Tinker Tots                     | 19 Pizza Day<br>Gregg Larock<br>Concert | 20           | 21  |
| 22  | 23  | 24                             | 25   | 26 Pizza Day<br>Mass                    | 27           | 28  |
| 29  | 30  |                                |  |   |              |     |