

January 2019

# Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School



300 Sidney Street, Belleville, Ontario  
Website: <http://schools.alcdsb.on.ca/ofat/>



## Upcoming Events

### School Mass

January 24, 2019 - 9:45  
at school gym

### School Hours:

Start: 9:15  
Recess: 10:55-11:10  
Lunch: 12:30-1:30  
Dismissal: 3:30  
\*Supervision on the yard begins at 9:00. Please do not drop before 9:00.

### Save the Date

Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion  
and Reconciliation Meeting  
at St. Michael Parish Centre  
12:00pm



We have been very fortunate to travel to the Safety Village on several occasions for different safety lessons, but DOG SAFETY has to be one the favourites so far.



Here are a couple of our very own Our Lady of Fatima elves helping out with our fantastic Christmas Concert.

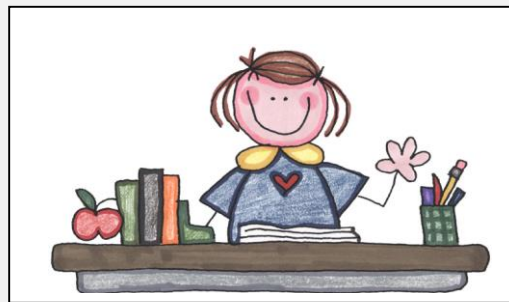


Students in Miss Kenney's class were all about the loom knitting.

Staff working on Numeracy during our last PA Day

## Message from the Principal's Desk:

Happy 2019! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday with friends and family. I would like to thank everyone for the lovely gifts and warm wishes both staff and I received. Please stay tuned for upcoming events in the New Year with several opportunities for our community to come together and celebrate. God Bless.



## Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School Advisory Council

Looking to support your child's school experience? The Catholic School Advisory School is a great way to make that happen. All parent/caregivers are welcome to attend.

We are committed to: continuing our support of this very special school community including its families and its staff in their mission to provide a rich and special learning community for our students. Our next meeting **January 17 @ 6pm**



## News Items:

### Recent Items:



### Safety Drills

We are planning for a lockdown drill on Wednesday January 9<sup>th</sup>. This is just one of the many drills that we practice in order to ensure our students' safety. Please note that during these drills no one will be admitted to the school and no child will be permitted to exit. The drill generally takes about ten minutes to complete.



### January Focus Virtue: **Patience**

Our school community continues to affirm our Catholic identity through daily prayers, school Masses and liturgies, social justice outreach, and curriculum connections. The Catholic virtues, such as faith, love, and temperance, guide us as we strive to be disciples of Jesus in our daily lives.

## **Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI)**

- A survey will be taking place for students in grade 4 and 7. Students will be asked questions pertaining to their social and emotional development, health and well-being.
- The purpose of this project is to better understand aspects of children’s development, health, and well-being that contribute to their overall success in school and in life through the voices of children. The MDI gives children a voice in reporting their thoughts, feelings, and experiences in school, at home, and in the community, including how they spend their time after school.
- Our goal is to use the information to improve education, support, and services for all students.
- Letters and information have been sent home to parents with students in grade 4 and 7.

### **The Usual Reminders:**



#### **We are Better Together:**

We want your child here! As a school community we know that we are better when everyone feels like they belong and have a place in our community. The only way to make that happen is to make sure you are here. Not only does attendance create community, it is also strongly linked to student achievement. Let’s make every school day count!

### **School Cash Online**

**You do not have to purchase anything to create an account.** Not only does our school continue to strive towards becoming a “cashless school”, by simply registering with schoolcashionline you will receive emails about upcoming items for purchases and awareness of field trips and other school events. Simply go to the website “SchoolCashOnline” and follow the prompts. Please do not send money with your child. If you need to pay by cheque or cash please come into the office and Mrs. Berthelot will happily accept payment directly from you.



#### **Accessibility Parking**

Just a reminder that accessibility parking is available. Please keep the spots open and available.



#### **Safe Arrival Program**

Parents/guardians are asked to call the school at **613-962-2162** whenever your child will be late or absent. A message may be left at any time on the answering machine. Please indicate your child’s name, grade and teacher as well as your name. If no message is received, office staff will use the contact information provided to speak with the parent or guardian regarding the child’s absence.



## Signing In and Signing Out

A binder is in the office for parents/guardians to sign in their child when they arrive late and sign out when they pick up their child early. **Please do not take your child off the school yard.** Staff will call your child to the office to meet you.



## Lunch Hour

All students are expected to stay at school throughout the lunch hour unless signed out by a parent/guardian.



**Changes in After School Routine** Any changes in your child's regular bus or pick up routine should be relayed to the office at least a day in advance when possible. If last minute changes are required, please call the school before 1:00p.m. to ensure the message gets to your child. **Please do not leave a message on the answering machine regarding changes in your child's end of day routine.**



## Breakfast Club Volunteers Needed

This year we have been very fortunate to have volunteers from Community Living helping us out at our Breakfast Club program. We can always use more, so if you would like to help out simply call the office.



## Anaphylaxis

We have several students in our school with life threatening allergies to nuts & peanuts. Eating or touching nuts, peanuts, & food containing nuts & peanuts can result in death in a matter of minutes. As parents, we all understand the intense concern anaphylaxis can cause. As a school community we will work together to reduce the possibility of exposure to allergens at school. Please continue to pack snack and lunch items that **do not contain nuts, peanuts, or nut products.** Should your child inadvertently bring one of these items, he/she will be asked to leave it in his/her lunch box and an alternate snack will be offered.



## Medication

It is important that the school is aware if your child has a severe medical condition. School staff may only administer medication to students with written authorization from the parent/guardian **and** the prescribing physician. Please contact the school to discuss your child's medical condition and to obtain the **Medical Information and Consent forms.** All medications must be clearly labelled.



## St. Michael Parish News:

**FIRST COMMUNION REGISTRATION** ~All parents are asked to register their children for First Reconciliation and First Communion as soon as possible. Registration does not take place through the school but at the parish. If you have a child in Grade 2 or older who has not made the sacraments contact the parish office at 613-962-4634. Letters have been mailed home through the parish schools. If your child does not attend a parish school, please call the parish office and a letter will be mailed to you. **PARENT MEETING** ~ Sun., January 20th, 12 pm, St. Michael's Parish Centre.

**LITTLE FLOWERS GIRLS CLUB** ~ For girls 5 - 9 yrs. Will meet the first Friday of the month, 6:30 - 8 pm, St. Michael's Parish Centre. Bring a snack to share; moms welcome to stay!

## Fun French Fact for January:

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Ontario workers who speak French and English earn on average \$9632.00 more each year than unilingual Anglophones.

<http://bit.ly/2Sch2u8>

## **PEACE KEEPERS PLEDGE FOR FATIMA**

We are **PEACE KEEPERS** at Fatima  
We will stand up and let **PEACE** shine  
We will treat each other nicely  
We will be kind and help others  
We will respect others by listening to them and by caring for them.  
We will include people  
We will treat others the way we want to be treated.  
We will play nicely with our friends  
We will be positive leaders for younger students  
We promise to create and celebrate **PEACE**.

## January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR SCHOOL MASS</b> ON January 24 <sup>th</sup> at 9:45 in the school gym.				Notes:		
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 1 <sup>st</sup> day of school	8	9	10 Pizza Day	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Pizza Day	18	19
20 St. Michael 1 <sup>st</sup> communion and reconciliation meeting	21	22	23	24 Mass 9:45 Pizza Day	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Pizza Day		

*Happy new year*