

December 2018

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School



300 Sidney Street, Belleville, Ontario

Website: <http://schools.alcdsb.on.ca/ofat/>



Upcoming Events

School Mass

Dec. 20th, 2018 - 9:45
at St. Michael Church

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

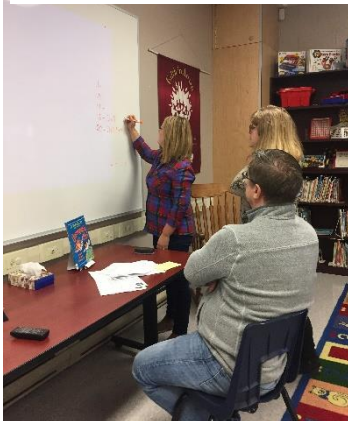
December 7th – 6-8pm
Christmas at the Safety Village
Advent Reconciliation –
Dec. 12th 6-8 pm
Christmas Concert Dec.
13th – 6:30pm- 7:00ish
Elf Shopping – Dec. 19th



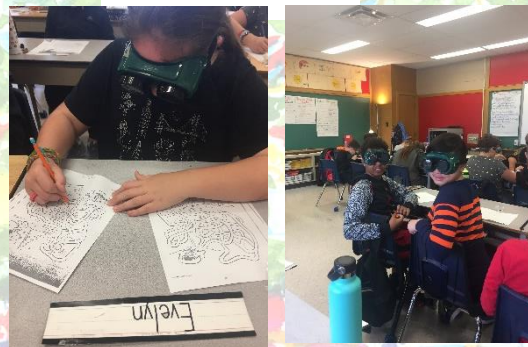
You know we are a close knit community when staff and students start wearing the same outfits without sending a memo



Working with friends helps us learn French better

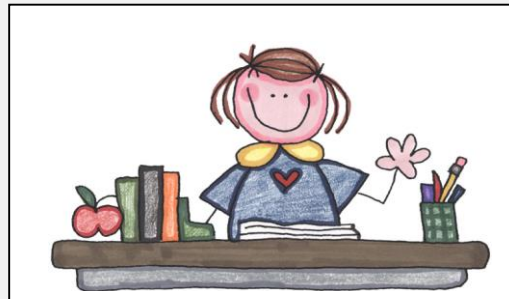


Staff working on Numeracy during our last PA Day



Students learning what it is like to experience low vision and loss of hearing.

Message from the Principal's Desk:



As we begin to prepare for this blessed season of Advent there is a buzz filling the hallways and classrooms. It of course is an exciting time for many of our students and as a school community we are so lucky to be able to prepare and celebrate this event with them. I am continuously reminded just how special our community is with the servant leadership that is demonstrated daily whether it be anonymous donations from our parent community to our food program or by student leadership positively engaging younger students. As we continue to journey through the Advent season in anticipation of Jesus' birth, I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who continues to make a difference in our community. – Mrs. Barrett

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. The next School Council meeting is 2018 at 6pm.



News Items:

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!

Christmas Sharing

Information will soon be coming home for our annual Christmas Sharing Program.



Elf Shopping

On December 19th we will be holding an elf shopping experience for all of our little elves at Our Lady of Fatima. We are looking for gently used items that would be appropriate for adults, as this is an experience for children to select gifts for the special adult in their lives. Donations of gift bags would also be greatly appreciated.

Information about this event will be sent home shortly.



Christmas Concert:

Please plan on attending our Christmas Concert on Thursday Dec. 13th 6:30-7:00ish. All of the students have been working very hard to put on a great show and we ask that you plan on staying to the end.



Snack/Cereal Drive:

Our Breakfast Program and Food for Learning Program would welcome any donations of Cereal or Nut-free snacks. A table will be set up on the evening of our Christmas Concert should you wish to donate.

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.



Pizza and Milk

Order for pizza and milk are on schoolcash online now.



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.



Safety Drills

We have completed the fire drills for the fall, but will be practicing a Lockdown Drill prior to the Christmas Holidays



December Focus Virtue: Strength

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.



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.



Chapters FUNdraiser

Thank you to our School Council for arranging a very successful fundraiser at Chapters. The final total was slightly over \$600. Thank you to our beautiful choir and Ms. McCourt for once again reminding us how music just fills us all with joy. Finally, thank you to all of the shoppers who helped support this event.



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. First meeting: Dec. 7th. Bring a snack to share; moms welcome to stay!

CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S PAGEANT ~ On Christmas Eve, 4:30 pm, just before Mass, all children of the parish are invited to participate in the Nativity Scene re-enactment. We are looking for a person or a couple to organize this event. Contact Fr. Whalen: 613-962-4634.

Fun French Fact for December:

DID YOU KNOW?

Bilingual people have sharper cognitive skills and keep their brain alert and active even when only one language is used.

<http://bit.ly/2RhJY45>

*Encourage your child to be a
lifelong learner of French!*

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**.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR SCHOOL MASS ON, December 20 AT 9:45 at St. Michael's Church				Notes:		1
2	3 Advent Liturgy	4	5	6 Pizza Day	7 Safety Village Christmas 6-8pm	8
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23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29
30	31 New Year's Eve					

