

October 2018

# Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School



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



## Upcoming Events-

**School Mass here  
at the school is  
Oct. 25, 2018 at  
9:45**

### 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.



We are so thankful for the relationship we have with our Parish. Thank you to Father Whalen and Father Russell for blessing our school, students and staff.

## Save the Date

**Oct. 30, 2018  
Photo Re-take  
Day**



## **Message from the Principal's Desk:**

It is hard to believe that September has come and gone. We have celebrated Mass, had Fr. Whalen and Fr. Russell bless our students, staff and school, had our Terry Fox Run, participated in a soccer tournament, and so much more. What a lovely beginning and during this season of Thanksgiving, I would like to say how thankful I am to be a part of this community. God Bless. – 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.



## **News Items:**

### **School Cash Online**

Our school continues to strive towards becoming a "cashless school". We are asking that parents/guardians sign up for SchoolCashOnline by simply going to the website "SchoolCashOnline" and follow the prompts. You will be able to make all payments for milk, pizza, fieldtrips, etc, online. If you do not have access to the Internet or are not set up for online banking the school will still accept cheques/cash but we ask that you do not send money with your child. Please come into the office and Mrs. Berthelot will 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**



It's important to start the day with a healthy breakfast. Our Breakfast Club is scheduled to begin at the end of September but we need volunteers in order for this to happen. Volunteers are required to have a valid police check and are needed from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Please contact the office if you are able to help or would like more information. ***Thanks to Ms. Peck for coordinating our Breakfast Club program!***



## **Safety Drills**

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



## **October Focus Virtue: Empathy**

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.

The virtue of the month for October is Empathy.



## 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.



## Picture Re-Take Day

Retakes for individual pictures will take place the morning of **October 30, 2018**

## PA Day

**Friday, October 26, 2018** is a professional activity day for all schools. Staff will be involved in professional development. Students do not have classes on this day.

## Bus Safety



Buster the Bus came to visit all grades to remind us once again about Bus Safety. Students were very much engaged and were able to answer all of the safety questions with confidence. Please help us remind our bus riders about the importance of staying seated while on the bus. Riding the bus is a privilege and we want all of our riders to remain safe.

## Terry Fox

Fundraising ends the weekend of Thanksgiving but we are very excited at reaching our goal. Stay tuned for final results.

## Community News Items:



Volunteering with Food for Learning can provide you with opportunities to build meaningful relationships in our school, develop new skills and experience and be a positive role model for our students. Volunteer time commitments are flexible, it is up to you how much time and when you want to contribute.

For more information, and to begin making a positive difference in your community please contact the school today!

## FUN FRENCH FACTS

### DID YOU KNOW?

Canada's largest francophone community outside of Quebec is Ontario! The Franco-Ontarian community has over 400 years of history, starting when Samuel de Champlain explored Ontario in 1615. Over 612,000 francophone people celebrate Franco-Ontarian Day on September 25<sup>th</sup>.  
<http://bit.ly/2PcixUa>

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

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September 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR SCHOOL MASS ON, OCTOBER 25 AT 9:45 IN THE SCHOOL GYM.</b>				<b>Notes:</b>		
	1	2	3	4 Pizza Day	5	6
7	8 Thanksgiving	9	10	11 Pizza Day Literacy	12 Sr. Soccer Tournament	13
14	15	16 ECE Appreciation Day Safety Village – McCourt 9:45- 12:15	17	18 Pizza Day	19	20
21	22	23	24 Bach to Beetles Concert in gym	25 Mass Pizza Day	26 PA Day	27
28	29	30 Photo Re-take day	31 Hallowe'en Parade			