



Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School

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December 2017 Newsletter



Advent Prayer

Father in Heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of Your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Saviour and give us strength to grow in love, that the dawn of His coming may find us rejoicing in His presence and welcoming the light of His truth.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Amen.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Advent is a time of hopeful anticipation. We await the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ! It is a time of self-reflection, a time of patient and prayerful waiting. Catholic schools are called to be places of hope. Hope is the spiritual virtue by which we place our trust in Christ's promises and rely not on our own strength alone, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit. As Catholics we know that the Advent season is about preparing our hearts and souls for the birth of Jesus our Saviour. During this month the students and staff will be preparing for the coming of the Lord Jesus through prayer, celebrating liturgy and mass, and by helping others within their classes, throughout the school and the wider community.

Our Social Justice committee Luke 4:18 has been raising money by selling mustaches for it's Movember Campaign. All money collected was donated to charities supporting Mental Health and Men's Health. By helping others, we live out the true spirit of Christmas! Our students will be involved in various activities throughout the month in preparing for Jesus' birth.

OLF's Primary classes will lead our Advent Mass on Tuesday, December 12, at 9:30am. All are welcome to attend. Our Kindergarten classes will be performing a Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 20, at 2:30pm. The last day of classes before the Christmas break is Friday, December 22, 2017. Classes resume on Monday, January 8, 2018.

On behalf of the OLF staff we wish you and your family a joyous and blessed Christmas and a happy and prosperous start to the New Year.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. R. LiTrenta
Principal

Mr. F. De Bartolo
Vice Principal

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Dino Giuliani

**Superintendent of Education
Area 3:**
Marianne Fedrigoni

**St. Margaret Mary Roman
Catholic Church**
905-851-2661
Pastor:
Father Rony Grayda



November Catholic Virtue:

Hope

With God's grace, I will never give up hope. I will maintain a positive attitude and look for the brighter side of situations.

The School Day:

Entrance: 8:50 a.m.
Recesses: 10:20 a.m. & 2:20 p.m.
Lunch: 12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.
Dismissal: 3:40 p.m.

**To report student absences/lates,
please dial: 1-855-856-7862 or
[http://
yorkcdsb.schoolconects.com](http://yorkcdsb.schoolconects.com)
before 8:50 a.m.**

Mission Statement

Guided by Gospel values and Catholic Virtues, in partnership with home and Church, we educate and inspire all students to reach their full potential in a safe and caring environment.

Vision Statement

Our students will become creative and critical thinkers who integrate Catholic Values into their daily lives, as socially responsible global citizens.

Core Values



Strategic Commitments



Catholic Community of Faith

We have scheduled the following activities/events for Advent:

Advent Mass: Tuesday, December 12 @ 9:30am

Please join us in the gym on December 12 @ 9:30am for our Advent Mass. Thank you Primary teachers and students, Liturgical Committee, Choir and Father Rony for leading us in celebration of the coming birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Coats for Kids: December 2-16

Luke 4:18 is supporting this outreach Ministry, dedicated to helping the needy in our community. They are in need of warm cloth coats, with the severe cold nearing. The used coats are professionally cleaned before being distributed.

Confessions: December 13—15

General Confessions will take place for students in Grades 3 to 8 from Wednesday, December 13 to Friday, December 15.

Kindergarten Christmas Concert: Wednesday, December 20 @ 2:30pm

Our Kindergartens, will be hosting an exciting Christmas Concert Celebration in the gym at 2:30pm. Parents are invited to join us.

Bracelets for Sick Kids: Nov 24 and 25

Thank you for supporting our efforts during the recent Parent—Teacher Interviews. Over \$500 was raised and will be donated to the Hospital for Sick Kids.

Happy Twitter-versary to OLF!

Last month marked our one year anniversary on Twitter! You can find us [@olf_ycdsb](#) Follow us and keep up to date on all the wonderful activities and events that take place at our amazing school!



Catholic Community of Character Award Winners: Justice

TEACHER	STUDENT OF THE MONTH	TEACHER	STUDENT OF THE MONTH
Ms. Baldassini	Alms E., Mateo G., Lauren s.	Ms. Paniccia	Darius B., Caleb M.
Ms. Lanzillotti	Duke D., Maria G., Liah S.	Ms. Caggiano	Steven A., Olivia D., Jessica Q.
Ms. Marsala	Gloriana A., Julian D., Mila L.	Ms. Salerno/Ms. Malisani	Dallis C., Ethan V.
Ms. Cianni	Jace T.	Ms. Cardone	Chiara M., Luke P.
Ms. Curcija	Daria G.	Ms.DiCresce/M. Malisani	Ava C., Sofia G.
Ms. Wojewoda	Annabella A., Rebecca D., Luca M., Daniele P.	Ms. Bertucci 5/6	Joseph N., Justin V.
Ms. Amatangelo	Gabriel B., Giacomo M.	Ms. Colalillo	Michael B., Isabella I., Angela V.
Ms. Maniglia	Gabriella D., Emily M., Simon S., Christian Z.	Ms. daSilva	James F., Alessia M.
Ms. Moccia	Alice M., Luca C.	Mr. Piccone	Matteo C., Veronica G., Eva R.
Ms. Zachaczewska	Arthiha P., Sebastian R.	Mr. Caruso	Amelia D.
Ms. Bertucci 3	Carmelina C., Vamaivy J.	Ms. Cerrone	Victoria A., Haley B.
Ms. DeLuca	Anthony D., Laura R.		

Catholic Community of Faith



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*“For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6)*

December 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians:

During this Advent Season, students and staff in our schools have been enthusiastically preparing for the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Our faith traditions help us to think about Jesus' humble birth in a manger, and our Catholic schools provide all members of our Catholic learning communities with a wonderful opportunity to reflect together on the true meaning of Christmas. We are reminded to keep Christ close to us for He is our strength throughout our lives.

In our Catholic schools, students proudly display their faith in action. Whether it is by singing about the coming of our Saviour, organizing food drives, toy drives and clothing collections for those most vulnerable, or celebrating the Eucharist, our students demonstrate the true meaning of the season.

As your Trustees, we thank you for choosing Catholic Education. Your support of our school system is a blessing that allows our students and staff to grow in the love of Christ.

May the spirit of Christmas fill your hearts and homes with peace and joy as you rejoice in our Saviour's birth. We wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dino Giuliani".

Dino Giuliani
Trustee, Woodbridge, Area 2, Ward 2

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Teresa Ciaravella".

Teresa Ciaravella
Trustee, Maple/Kleinburg

Catholic Community of Faith

Help us
provide a
warmer
Holiday
Season for
many children
in our
community!



November 21st
to December 16th

Coats For Kids This Holiday Season

Despite a mild Fall, Winter will soon be upon us - the cold, the snow, and the blowing winds. Keeping warm will be on everyone's to-do list!

OLF's Luke 4:18 group is supporting Coats For Kids This Holiday Season and its efforts to provide all children in our communities with appropriate warm winter wear!

Coats For Kids This Holiday Season will collect gently used children's coats (adult ones are also accepted), hats, mitts, and/or scarves.

The items will be professionally cleaned and packaged to look like new. The clothing will be delivered throughout Vaughan and Toronto to children through our Catholic schools.

Donating is easy. Simply drop off your items and place in the bin provided in the school's lobby. Items will be picked up every week!

*Happy Holidays,
OLF's Luke 4:18 Group*

Quality Learning For All

Term 1 is now in full swing!

With your child's Progress Report Card and Parent-Teacher Interviews complete, it is now time to work with your child to celebrate their successes and to develop a plan to address any next steps for ongoing success identified by you and / or your child's teachers. The plan is greatly augmented through strong two-way communication between home / school and it may take the form of :

- **Curriculum-based newsletters/calendars/website**
- **Notes/Checking of the Agenda**
- **Phone Calls**
- **Signing of rubrics, tests, assignments, etc.**
- **Parent-teacher meetings, as needs dictate**

Let's help our children grow, not only as learners, but as well-rounded, character-focused individuals.



2018 Kindergarten Registration

September 2018 Kindergarten registration will begin soon. If your child will be 4 years of age on or before December 31, 2018 then he/she is eligible. Registration begins on **January 8, 2018**. Packages will be made available in the office prior to Christmas Break and must be accompanied by the following documents:

- Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate,
- Proof of Legal status in Canada,
- Proof of Residency, Proof of Age,
- Proof of English Separate School Support

For more information, please visit the board website,

KINDERGARTEN



REGISTRATION IS COMING!

Are You Interested in French Immersion?

On November 15, OLF French Immersion staff held an information meeting for parents of Senior Kindergarten children that are interested in the Grade 1 French Immersion Program for September, 2018. For those who missed the meeting, online applications for the program are due by **January 25, 2018** and can be found at www.ycdsb.ca. If you have any questions, please contact us at the school.



Volunteer Reading Program

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve literacy, our Primary Division has initiated the OLF Reading Volunteer Program. We are pleased to announce that the program will be underway in January. We would like to thank our parent community for the amazing response.

Thank you Ms. Celio and Ms Wojewoda for initiating this valuable student learning activity.



Lost and Found: Last Call

Our lost and found bin is full of many lost treasures collected since September. Hats, golf shirts, shoes and boots are but a few of the items. **We will display these items in the hall outside the office from December 11-15.**

Parents and students are asked to come in and claim lost articles. All unclaimed items will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul.



Quality Learning For All



Free Access to the Virtual Immersion Campus for Your Child

Dear Parents,

Your children can now access the Virtual Immersion Campus and receive help from our online teachers in French, English and Math.

Send your homework to: homework@voilalearning.com before accessing the platform. Your children can also practice their French and play French games on the platform (riddles, pictograms and much more), all while earning points.

To register to the Virtual Immersion Campus which opens **October 2nd, 2017**:

- Visit voilalearning.com, click on 'My school board is registered'
- Enter the code: **VoilàYork021**

The Virtual Immersion Campus
will be open **Monday to Thursday**
from **5pm to 6:30pm** for homework help
and from **6:30pm to 8pm** for French practice.



Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions,

Your online tutor,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name of the online tutor.

Quality Learning For All

BOARD NOTICE

Dear Supporters of Catholic Education,

In November, the Ontario Liberal Party launched their "Common Ground" website:
<http://commonground.ontarioliberal.ca>.

This website invites the public to put forward proposals that address particular provincial needs and priorities. One of the current suggestions is a proposal for the amalgamation of all Ontario schools under one non-denominational school board. It is important that we, as Catholic school ambassadors, strongly voice our Constitutional rights, and continue to stand steadfast in supporting our 175-year-old Catholic school system. In our Catholic schools, we continually focus on developing our students into confident, faith-filled and charitable citizens.

In addition to excellent academic programming, our students are enriched through Parish and community partnerships, which nurture students in mind, body and spirit by giving witness to Gospel values. Catholic school graduates are called to love their neighbours and contribute to the common good of our society.

As stewards of Ontario's publicly funded Catholic schools, your Board of Trustees is united in our mission to protect our Catholic identity. Collectively, we can make our voices heard to preserve our right to publicly funded Catholic Education.

We encourage you to visit the Common Ground website and register to cast your vote in favour of Catholic Education. During the upcoming election year, media outlets may also run "online polls" on this issue, please participate in them to affirm our message and defend our precious heritage.

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic Education.

Board of Trustees, YCDSB

Junior Triple Ball/Volleyball

Many Students in grades 4,5, and 6 have been participating in tryouts for our school junior volleyball teams. Teams will be playing Triple Ball (which is a modified version of volleyball). Players and coaches are looking forward to further developing their skills and to an enjoyable season.

Both teams will be playing their local tournaments toward the end of January.



Games Club @ OLF!

Our Lady of Fatima introduced Games Club in mid-November. This Club meets every Friday in the Library during lunch recess. Students are invited to come and enjoy playing various board games and puzzles with their friends. Due to the overwhelming popularity of this club, we are only able to offer this to our grade 4 and 5 students.

Thank you to Ms. Marsala, Ms. Bertucci, Mlle. Malisani, Sig. Rizzuto, and Mr. Iannelli for organizing and supervising this program.



Way to Go Falcons!

The intermediate boys volleyball team competed in their local tournament on November 15th. The boys did an excellent job representing the school and demonstrated excellent skills and teamwork. The boys also competed in the St. Clement invitation tournament in October where the boys placed second. Coaches Mr. Galloro and Ms. Cianni were very proud of the boys, who throughout the season, showed great improvement and sportsmanship.

Lunch Drop Off Reminder



Parents who are dropping off lunches for their children are reminded to leave lunches on the designated table in the front foyer. Please have lunches labeled with your child's name and teacher. Students begin lunch promptly at 12:00 noon and therefore we ask that all lunches be dropped off before noon to ensure that students have enough time to eat their and to avoid students waiting unattended in the front foyer.

Safe & Caring School

Inclement Weather News

It is difficult to believe that the winter months are upon us. In the event of inclement weather, parents are asked to please exercise discretion in deciding whether to send your child(ren) to school. In the event of extreme winter weather, Student Transportation Services (STS) of York Region will notify designated radio and TV stations regarding bus transportation cancellation by 6:15 a.m. You may also wish to check the board website, YCDSB Twitter, or schoolbuscity.com for messages related to Inclement Weather. When transportation is canceled, schools will remain open and parents/guardians will have to make alternate arrangements to transport their children to and from school. Please note that if transportation is cancelled in the morning, it **will not** operate in the afternoon. **Lastly, if buses are cancelled for the day, all tests, quizzes, excursions, school programs, parent meetings, evening presentations, Con-Ed Classes, and evening permits are automatically cancelled and will be rescheduled.**

School Bus cancellations can be seen/heard on the following media stations:

AM 640	640AM	AM 640	860AM
CBC	99.1FM	CJCL	590AM
CFNY	102.1FM	CJEZ	97.3FM
CFRB	1010AM	CJKX	95.9FM
CHAY	93.1FM	CKDO	1580AM & 100.7FM
CHFI	98.1FM	CKDX	88.5FM
CHIN	1540AM & 100.7FM	CKFM	99.9FM
CHRW	94.9FM	KISS	92.5FM
CHUM	1050AM & 104.5FM	NEWS	680FM
CIQB	101.1FM	Q107	107.1FM
CityTV			
CTV Barrie	CTV Toronto	Global News	CP24



5 Helpful Tips on Inclement Weather Days

When an Inclement Weather Day has been declared, an email will be sent to you from the school with the following information and reminders:

1. All transportation to and from school has been cancelled.
2. The school will be open, however due to the severe road conditions, your child may be combined with another class.
3. All hot lunches are cancelled, please ensure your child has a lunch and snacks.
4. If you are dropping your child off to school, please plan on being at school promptly for 3:30pm dismissal.
5. If your child is not attending school, please input their absence in the Safe Arrival system by calling 1-855-856-7862 or online at: yorkcdsb.schoolconnects.com before the start of the school day. Thank you!!



Warm/Extra Clothing

It's that time of year again and the weather is getting colder, wetter and can be quite unpredictable.

Please send extra clothing to school with your child for those cold, wet and/or muddy days. Extra socks are especially important as students will often have wet socks on the rainy or slushy days that loom ahead.

Extra clothing may be kept in the bottom of the knapsack or in the locker. **Please label your child's clothing whenever possible.** With winter approaching, please ensure your child comes to school appropriately dressed for recess times and 40 minutes of outside activity at lunch time.

If a parent feels their child is too ill to go out for recess, then the child should be kept at home until they are better and are able to enjoy the outdoor recess routines.



December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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3 	4	5	6	7	8	9	
10 	11	12 Advent Mass @ 9:30am	13 WE Day Civvies Confession Grades 3—8	14	15	16	
17 	18	19	20 Kindergarten Christmas Concert— 2:30pm	21	22 Civvies Day	23	
24 Christmas Eve 	25 Christmas Day 	26	27	28	29	30	
31 New Year's Eve	JANUARY 1st 2018! 	WINTER BREAK				WISHING YOU A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR! SCHOOL REOPENS MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018!	