



Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School

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May 2018 Newsletter



Loving God,
We praise and thank You for the gift of Catholic education.
May we always use what we learn in our schools to teach and live the ways of Jesus.
Let us use our voices to show respect, caring and responsibility.
May our ideas and our actions demonstrate our commitment to justice and peace so we can build Your kingdom on earth.
May we always be living examples of Jesus in our schools, homes, parishes and communities. Thank You God for the gift of Catholic education.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We begin the month of May by celebrating Catholic education week from May 6 - May 11. The theme this year is "Renewing the Promise". During Catholic Education Week, we pray for all those who help support our young people in our Catholic schools. We give thanks for teachers, support staff and all members of our educational family. We also pray for all those who help sow the seeds of faith in our community: for our clergy who shepherd and guide us, for parents, primary educators of our children and for our schools as they weave the thread of faith through the classroom and beyond.

May is also dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God and the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Please join us for our Living Rosary on Friday, May 11 at 10:40am.

Throughout May, we celebrate the virtue of Responsibility. Our prayers and discussions will focus on growing in our sense of responsibility toward others, following in the footsteps of Jesus. At the end of the month our grade 3 and 6 students will begin the provincial EQAO assessment. We wish them well as they work hard to demonstrate their best ability.

Lastly, please save the date! On **Friday, June 8**, our Catholic School Council will be hosting our annual School BBQ! We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. R. LiTrenta
Principal

Mr. F. De Bartolo
Vice Principal

Area 3 Catholic School Trustee:
Dino Giuliani

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

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

RESPONSIBILITY
starts with *me.*

May Catholic Virtue:
Responsibility

I will honour my commitments even when it becomes difficult.
I will be reliable so people can depend on me.
I will be accountable for the things I say and do.

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://](http://yorkcdsb.schoolconects.com)
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

Catholic Community of Character Award Winners: **Reverence**

TEACHER	STUDENT OF THE MONTH	TEACHER	STUDENT OF THE MONTH
Ms. Baldassini	Victoria P., Lucas R., Giuliano T.	Ms. Ryan	Adrian L.
Ms. Lanzillotti	Aiden A., Noah B., Giordana C.	Ms. Caggiano	Lauren D., Annabel M., Trent S.
Ms. Marsala	Jake F., Julian L., Nolan R.	Ms. Salerno/Ms. Malisani	Dante G., Matthew S.
Ms. Cianni	Athityan P., Yashnavi S.	Ms. Cardone	Lucas B., Isabella C., Michael D.
Ms. Curcija	Stella D., Andrew A.	Ms. DiCresce/M. Malisani	Jonathan F., Michela A.
Ms. Wojewoda	Rebecca G., Julia L., Nicholas L. Daniele P.	Ms. Bertucci 5/6	Marisa A., Domenico M.
Ms. Amatangelo	Kyle F., Antonio M.	Ms. Colalillo	Massimo A., Diego F.
Ms. Maniglia	Francesca C., Arianna M., Lukas R., Christian S.	Ms. daSilva	Natasha N., Sara P., Sophia P.
Ms. Moccia	Matteis C., Ava M., Kristina M.	Mr. Piccone	Christopher A., Steven D.
Ms. Zachaczewska	Sofia B., Antonio L.	Mr. Caruso	Christian C.
Ms. Bertucci 3	Matteo B.-P., Alexander D.	Ms. Cerrone	Grace D., Alessandra G., Emily R.
Ms. DeLuca	Selina A., Julia F., Simao M., Joshua S., Christian v.		

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W5H @ OLF

Last month, the Our Lady of Fatima's W5H team, the "Factimaniacs", continued to win in the Board's West Divisional Tournament and advance to the Board finals where they placed third.

Mr. Caruso and Mrs. Cerrone would like to thank team captain and W5H veteran Daniel D. and the rest of the squad Julia C., Sophia D., Lia D. Alessandra G., Francesco I., Vince M., Bianca M., Alexander M., Benjamin S., for their hard work and dedication.



TRACK & FIELD

Our Lady of Fatima will be having two school track and field days in May at the school. The Intermediate Track and Field day will be on Monday, May 14. The Junior Track and Field day will take place on Tuesday, May 15. All students are expected to participate in various events on these days and we will select our school track and field team based on the results of these two days.

Students will be participating in various events such as long jump, high jump, 100 m, 200 m, 400 m and other events. Students must wear appropriate athletic attire, sunscreen, and running shoes. We look forward to two great days of fun and athletics.



ORAL COMMUNICATION @ OLF

Our School held its annual Speech Competition in our gymnasium on Wednesday, April 18. Several students from our junior and intermediate divisions delivered excellent speeches on a variety of topics.

Congratulations to the following junior students who represented their classes: Eric G., Christian R., Luca C., Veronica P., Alyssa M., Emerson G., Lucas B., Sofia P., Milan S., Milani D., Erica V., and Cassia B. The following intermediate students represented their classes: Eva R., Michael D., James F., Angelica M., Emily R., Bianca M., Francesco I., and Sophia D.

Two of our students will moved on to the Area Speech Finals at St. Michael The Archangel on Wednesday, May 2nd. Alyssa M. from grade 5 and her speech on "The Benefits of Being Bilingual" will represented our Junior Division. Eva R. and her speech on "Homelessness in Toronto" will represented our Intermediate Division.

Congratulations to all of our public speakers!



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BASKETBALL NEWS!

Congratulations to our Junior Boys' and Girls' Basketball team who displayed excellent effort, dedication, perseverance, and sportspersonship throughout their season. The team participated in their Area five-team tournament at our school on April 25 and finished tied for second overall with two wins and two very close losses. We are extremely proud of all the players. Thank you to Mr. Iannelli for coaching the boys team and for our players: Diego F., Gabriel T., Michele G., Matteo D., Christian B., Daniel P., Alexander B., Michael B., Luca C., Andrea M., Gianluca C., Anthony T., and Sebastian G. We would also like to thank Ms. Bertucci and Mr. Edwards for coaching our Junior Girls team and our players: Michela A., Rosina K., Daelia D., Emerson G., Angela V., Lia B., Cassey B., Julie K., Jessica P.

Coaches Bertucci & Edwards are also extremely proud of the Intermediate boys and girls basketball team who proved that hard work, dedication, and a positive attitude goes a long way on and off the basketball court. Thank you to our Intermediate boys: Adam R., Luciano D., Nicholas C., Joshua G., Costa T., Antonio B.,



Raphael A., Gabriele F., Alexander K., David N., Anton K., and Ross C. Three cheers for our Intermediate Girls for making it all the way to the board finals where they placed third in their division. Thank you Intermediate girls: Haley B., Lia B., Isabella R., Isabella C., Victoria A., Melissa P., Catia I., Alessandra G., Lisa D., Angelica M., Alessia M & Maya A.

Also, a very big thank you to all the parents for their cooperation and support throughout the season. Well done Falcons!

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

We are beginning to plan the school organization for September 2018. It would be appreciated that you advise the office if your family is planning to move out of the Our Lady of Fatima boundaries or change schools.

The process for formulation of class lists for September will begin soon. After we determine class organization, each student is individually discussed and placed according to a number of criteria. This is a process we take very seriously; it involves much prayer, thought and conversation.

Given the parameters in which we have to work as determined by registration numbers and ministry and board directives, our goal is to establish balanced classes, providing effective groups which will benefit all children. Teachers in sending grades meet to carefully consider learning styles, academic skills, social grouping, special education and ESL needs, behaviour needs, etc. You can surely appreciate that creating the best and most effective groupings is a task requiring careful thought and planning. Our goal is to establish balanced classes to provide effective working groups which will benefit all children in each class.

At this time, we are uncertain as to which teachers will teach a specific grade. Staffing decisions will not be finalized until late August.

Accepting parental requests for specific teachers is not permitted under board guidelines, and would not be in the best interest of all children in the school as it could restrict school staff in forming what we consider to be the most ideal classroom groupings.

The teachers who have worked with the children this year know them and will make determinations based on each child's best interests.

If you feel strongly that there are extenuating circumstances not listed above, please submit your request in writing, including the rationale for your request, to Mr. LiTrenta by Friday, May 18. Any written requests will be shared with the team of teachers generating class lists, however, this does not guarantee that your request can be honoured.

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PAUSE TO PLAY CHALLENGE

In partnership with York Region Public Health, the annual spring pause to PLAY challenge in York Region schools encourages students to put their TV's, gaming devices, tablets and computers on "pause" for one full week and become more physically active through play. Parents can also join in with their kids at home! The challenge runs **April 30 to May 4, 2018**. Let's turn off the screens and enjoy real PLAY at OLF!



Pause to Play
Take the challenge
Pause your screens,
eat healthy foods
and get active

EQAO @ FFM

Official dates for writing EQAO have been selected. The Grade 3 and 6 students will write the test for 6 one hour session from May 24 to May 31.

We wish all of our Grade 3 and 6 students the best of luck!



ALLERGY AWARENESS



The well-being of all students continues to be of utmost importance to everyone at Our Lady of Fatima. In accordance with Bill 3, Sabrina's Law, we continue to review policies and our school practice to deal with students at risk of anaphylaxis.

Thank you to all parents with students with severe allergies or medical conditions for helping us update our records and for providing up to date Epi-pens for your child. We continue to encourage that all students with severe allergies wear an epi-pen at all times.

We ask that all parents and guardians be extremely vigilant when checking labels of food items sent to school. No products containing nuts, or "may contain nuts", should be sent to school. We also must strictly adhere to our "no food sharing" policy at the school. Please do not send in any food items for birthdays, classroom celebrations or special events. We remind students that they are to eat only what their parents have packed for them. Your continued support and understanding is most appreciated.

LOVE OF DANCE

OLF is proud to announce that the Junior and Intermediate dance teams performed winning numbers at the YCDSB 2018 "Love of Dance Showcase". Both teams were awarded level 4 in the areas of Energy, Space, Time, Body, and Relationship. The groups used a variety of rhythms and patterns to highlight the importance of the Catholic virtue of Perseverance. The teams were determined to "Try Everything" to be "Champions". We would like to thank Mr. Piccone and Ms. Bertucci for organizing, supervising, and supporting the teams. Thank you to Ms. Deak, Ms. Stornelli, Ms. Pirillo and Ms. Pierrakos for volunteering endless hours, coaching and encouraging the students to do their best.

Junior Team

Briana V
Annabel M
Rosina K
Giulianna U
Sofia P
Sarah F
Chiara M

Intermediate Team

Victoria A
Katia I
Angelica M
Eva H
Neva C
Alyssa D

James F
Melissa R
Alessia M
Arianna F
Giorgia R
Arianna R



INTERMEDIATE GIRLS SOCCER

Congratulations to our Intermediate Girls Soccer Team for placing second in the Holy Cross Invitational soccer tournament held at the Ontario Soccer Center on April 23rd. Coaches Ms. Arena and Mr. Galloro would like to thank their team; Catia, Melissa P., Lia D., Angela, Hailey, Martina, Bianca, Alessandra, Daelia, Vanessa and Isabella, for demonstrating skill, dedication, and determination.



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Municipal Election 2018 Monday, October 22, 2018 Voting Information for Catholic Ratepayers

Protect and promote Catholic education...Ensure you are registered to vote as a Catholic separate school supporter

- Ensuring you are registered as a separate school supporter is important for the protection and preservation of Catholic education in Ontario.
- As a registered Catholic school supporter, you have the opportunity to elect trustees who will represent and address your interests and concerns at the school board level and at various levels of the government.
- Registering your Catholic school support ensures your school board's assessment roll is accurate. This is important because:
 - Your school board's assessment base is a public record of the breadth of support for Catholic schools
 - It helps track demographic trends for educational planning purposes
 - It guarantees your right to enroll your children in Catholic schools

How to check if you are registered:

- Visit voterlookup.ca, an online service created by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) to check the accuracy of your voter information.
- Or call your Municipal Clerk's Office to inquire how to check the local list of electors.

If your name is not on the list of electors or if the information is incorrect (e.g., name, address or school support data missing or incorrect) you should:

- Update or change your information, add a name to an address, or change your school support directly on the voterlookup.ca website.
- Go to the municipal offices for your community and fill out an application to be added to the list or to correct information. Proof of identification may be required. Please call your municipal office to determine what documentation you may need.

At the Polling Station:

- Verify that you are registered as a separate school supporter. If your support status is incorrect ask for an '**Application to Amend Voters' List**'. This form may be completed and submitted at the polling station.
- Ensure the ballot you are given is a separate school ballot.

Voting for Catholic School Board Representation:

- Catholic ratepayers must declare themselves to be Catholic and separate school electors in order to cast a vote in the election of separate school trustees in municipal elections.



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Kindergarten Registration

**Registration for the
2018-2019 school year begins
January 8, 2018**

To register, please bring the following original documents:

- Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate (child or parent)
- Proof of age
- Proof of legal status in Canada
- Proof of residency
- Proof of Separate School Support (i.e. MPAC Assessment Notice), or you can complete a school support form that is included in the registration package.

JK: Children must be 4 years old by Dec. 31, 2018 (born in 2014)

SK: Children must be 5 years old by Dec. 31, 2018 (born in 2013)

If your child is already attending a YCDSB school for JK registration is not required.

For information, contact the Admissions Department:



www.ycdsb.ca/admissions



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905-713-2711 or 416-221-5050



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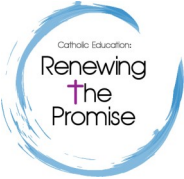







Strategic Commitments

- Integration of Our Catholic Faith
- Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement
- Effective Use of Our Resources
- Engaging Our Communities



Sat

		1 Fitness Day 	2	3	4	5
6 	7	8	9	10	11 Living Rosary 10:40am Poetry Café 1:15pm	12 
CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK						
13 Mother's Day 	14 Intermediate T&F Try-outs 	15 Junior T&F Try-outs	16 WE Day Civvies  CSC Meeting 7pm	17	18 Intermediate Track & Field Day @ York U Fitness Day for Kindergarten	19
20	21 Victoria Day (No School) 	22	23	24	25 Civvies Day 	26
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