



# Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School

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## September 2018 Newsletter



God of wisdom,  
Today we start a new school year of prayer and learning. As we bid farewell to summer fun, awaken our minds and give us a spirit of wonder. We ask God's Blessing on us, for today and all year through. We know You are with us and together we will find the light. We'll do the very best that we can. We will find strength to face challenges and courage to endure them. We pray for our students, staff and Catholic communities that they may continue to be kind and fair. We praise you, God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who live and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back staff, students and parents! I trust the summer provided you with opportunities to spend time with family and friends. As we begin the 2018-2019 school year, the following important documents are being sent to you in hard copy within the next few days, for your immediate attention:

- A) S2 Emergency Information Forms—look over the information, make changes as needed and return ASAP
- B) Freedom of Information Form—please complete this form and return ASAP
- C) School Accident Insurance—this is optional however recommended by the YCDSB

This year, we look forward to continuing our journey of growth by building upon our many successes, while at the same time addressing areas for ongoing growth and development. With our students at the core of our decision—making, we continue to ask for the cooperation and dedication of parents, staff, students and parish in accomplishing this goal. Our central focus is on making Our Lady of Fatima a safe, productive and inviting place for all of our students to live and learn in, by putting a strong focus on holistic education, through an emphasis on literacy and numeracy, while high lighting the arts and sciences, as well as healthy living. We continue to promote Character Education and bullying prevention, in fostering an environment where our children will be encouraged to be creative problem solvers, positive conflict solvers and advocates of social justice, with Jesus as their inspirational role model.

Finally, we invite you to use the OLF Monthly Newsletter as a way to stay informed regarding school and board policy and procedures, along with notable accomplishments and upcoming events. The newsletter will be emailed to you at the beginning of every month via School Messenger (the new Synvoice) as well as being posted on our school website: [www.olf.ycdsb.ca](http://www.olf.ycdsb.ca). Follow us on Twitter @[olf\\_ycdsb](https://twitter.com/olf_ycdsb) We look forward to the exciting year ahead!

Yours in Catholic Education,

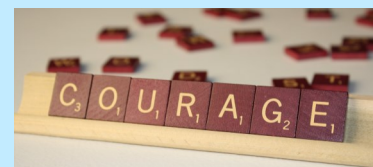
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Principal

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



September Catholic Virtue:

### Courage

I will stand up for what I know is right and just. I will face challenges, fears difficulties with fortitude. I will take responsibility for reaching my potential.

### 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://go.schoolmessenger.ca> 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

### Elementary Student Dress Code

Our new school year is well underway. We wanted to inform you about policy 219 A--Elementary Dress Code. This policy was approved on November 28, 2017. Section 3.9 provides each school the opportunity to review the existing dress-code every six years.

The 2018-19 school year is year 6 of the elementary student dress code, which means that the process for potential change to the school's current student dress code must be addressed at the first meeting of our newly elected Catholic School Council.

Our current student dress code will be reviewed during our first Catholic School Council meeting on **Wednesday, September 26 at 7pm**. If you are interested in considering a change to our current student dress code, you are invited to attend this meeting or communicate to the office your interest via phone or email prior to the meeting date.

### Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School Council

The CSC plays a vital role in providing input into the successful operation of our school. If you are interested in taking part this year, please complete the form below and return it to the office by **Friday, September 14, 2018**. Elections, if needed, will be held on **Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** in our Library. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

At anytime during the year, you may email the CSC directly at [olfcatholicschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:olfcatholicschoolcouncil@gmail.com)

### OLF CSC 2017-18 Nomination Form

I \_\_\_\_\_, wish to nominate: \_\_\_\_\_, as a Parent Representative.

Nominee's Acceptance Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note:** Catholic School Council membership extends for the length of one school year. It requires a commitment to attend evening meetings and take part in committee work.

# Catholic Community of Faith

## OLF Staff 2017-18

It is our pleasure to introduce the 2017-18 Our Lady of Fatima Staff.

Ms. Baldassini	FDK	Ms. Celio	Core Res./T. Librarian
Ms. Lanzillotti	FDK	Ms. DiVincenzo	Core Res.
Ms. Marsala	FDK	Mr. Ianelli	Core Res.
Ms. Iazzi	Gr1FI	Ms. Petrone	ESL
Ms. Grossi	Gr1FI	Ms. Cedrone	FSL
Ms. Amatangelo	Gr1	Ms. Makdessi	FSL
Ms. Wojewoda	Gr1/2	Ms. DiGiulio	FSL
Ms. Moccia	Gr2FI	Ms. Passero	FSL
Ms. Rea	Gr2FI	Mr. Culmone	Music
Ms. Maniglia	Gr2/3	Ms. Rizzuto	Heritage Lang.
Ms. Villegas	Gr3FI	Ms. Fiorini	Heritage Lang.
Ms. Cacciotti	Gr3FI	Ms. Mitter	Library Technician
Ms. De Luca	Gr3	Ms. Giuliano	DECE
Ms. Bertucci	Gr3/4	Ms. Pisan	DECE
Ms. Zachaczewska/Ms. Cardone	Gr4FI	Ms. Marazita	DECE
Ms. Bertucci	Gr5	Ms. Cervini	EA
Ms. Cardone/Ms. Malisani	Gr5FI	Ms. Deak	EA
Ms. Colalillo	Gr5/6	Ms. Fiorese-Agresti	EA
Ms. DiCresce/ Ms. Malisani	Gr6FI	Ms. Frezza	EA
Ms. Gurrieri/Ms. Giannantoni	Gr6	Mr. Damiani	Head Custodian
Mr. Caruso	Gr7	Mr. Clemente	Custodian
Mr. Cerrone	Gr8		
Ms. Piccone	Gr8	Ms. Cicchillo	Senior Secretary
Ms. Arena	PHE	Ms. Boscaglia	Secretary
Ms. Zinga	PHE	Mr. De Bartolo	Vice-Principal
Ms. Pompilio	PHE	Mr. LiTrenta	Principal

## Catholic Community of Character Award Winners: **COURAGE**

TEACHER	STUDENT OF THE MONTH	TEACHER	STUDENT OF THE MONTH
Ms. Baldassini		Ms. Paniccio	
Ms. Lanzillotti			
Ms. Marsala			
Ms. Cianni			
Ms. Curcija			
Ms. Wojewoda			
Ms. Amatangelo			
Ms. Maniglia			
Ms. Moccia			
Ms. Zachaczewska		Mr. Caruso	
Ms. Bertucci 3		Ms. Cerrone	
Ms. DeLuca			

**COMING NEXT MONTH...  
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF  
CHARACTER AWARD WINNERS!**

# Quality Learning For All

## OLF Daily Schedule

Help your child be on time! If transporting your child, plan to drop him/her off between 8:35am-8:45am. Arriving early allows your child time to prepare for the day and socialize with peers, prior to starting their day. Being punctual is a life skill that is learned at an early age.

8:35am	School Yard Supervision begins
8:50am	School Begins
8:50-10:20am	Instructional Time
10:20-10:35am	AM Recess
10:35-12:00pm	Instructional Time
12:00-12:20pm	Lunch
12:20-1:00pm	Lunch Recess
1:00-2:20pm	Instructional Time
2:20-2:35pm	PM Recess
2:35-3:40pm	Instructional Time
3:40pm	Dismissal

Students must enter the school through their designated entrance. Please note that when your child enters through the front doors they will be marked late.

## OLF Morning Inclement Weather Procedure

In the event of inclement weather prior to the start of the school day, we will follow the procedures outlined here. At 8:35am, Kindergarten students will enter the school using their regular entrance doors in the Kindergarten yard. Staff members will be there to greet them. Grade 1-8 students will enter the school using the middle doors, where a staff member will be there to greet them. Students should never enter the school or the yard prior to 8:35am, when supervision begins. As always, DO NOT drive your vehicle into the parking lot/loop after 8:30am, even on inclement weather days. Thank you for your help in keeping the drive way safe for incoming busses.

## Water Bottles @ OLF

In an effort to promote the "Greening" of OLF, and reduce the amount of waste created by plastic water bottles, we encourage all student to bring re-useable water bottles and fill them at our water-bottle filling stations.

The water-bottle filling stations are conveniently located in the intermediate and primary hallway. This will also promote the drinking of water over other unhealthy drinks.

## Curriculum Night @ OLF

We invite you to attend our upcoming Curriculum Night scheduled for **Thursday, September 13** from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. The schedule for this event is as follows:

- Session 1: 6:30-6:55pm Class Visit/Meet the Teacher**
- Session 2: 7:00-7:25pm Class Visit/Meet the Teacher**

Looking forward to seeing you there!

## Student Agenda Program

Grade 1-8 students will once again be utilizing school agendas. The use of agendas promotes organization, time management and communication skills. The agendas will be used to record: homework, assignments, upcoming events, etc. They are also an excellent tool for parents to communicate with their child's teacher. We thank the Catholic School Council for providing the agendas at NO COST to the students!

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA SCHOOL UNIFORM

ITEM	BOYS: ACCEPTABLE ITEMS	GIRLS: ACCEPTABLE ITEMS	UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS
Pant	Navy dress pant Navy chinos/khakis/cords Navy walking shorts Navy sweat pants (FDK only)	Navy dress pant Navy chinos/khakis/cords Navy walking shorts Navy sweat pants (FDK only)	Cargo pants, cargo shorts Sweat pants, track pants "Tear-aways", yoga pants Velour pants, jeans
Top	White oxford dress shirt White/navy golf shirt White/navy long-sleeved or short-sleeved polo shirt or t-shirt White/navy turtleneck White/navy sweatshirt	White blouse White/navy golf shirt White/navy long-sleeved or short-sleeved polo shirt or t-shirt White/navy turtleneck White/navy sweatshirt	Shirts with logos other than OLF/Falcons Spiritwear
Sweater	Navy zip polo, navy cardigan Navy V-neck pullover Navy fleece vest Falcons Hoodie	Navy zip polo, navy cardigan Navy V-neck pullover Navy fleece vest Falcons Hoodie	Hoodies with logos other than OLF/Falcons Spiritwear
Other	White or Navy Socks	White or Navy Socks Navy tights Navy box tunic dress/navy skirt	Corporate/Designer logos Skirts, sandals, flip flops, slippers

# Safe & Caring School

## Safe Arrival Procedure

At OLF, our priority is ensuring students arrive safely every day. In order to report your child(ren)'s absence, you are required to access our **Safe Arrival Program**. The *Safe Arrival Program* allows parents to report their child's absence in advance, or before bell time for the current day in one of two ways:

**1. Toll Free Number: 1-855-856-7862**

**2. Website: <http://go.schoolmessenger.ca>**

Parents with email addresses on file will receive an invitation to log into the **Safe Arrival Parent Portal** and activate their account. Both methods will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Future absences may be reported ahead of time, i.e.; appointment, etc. Part of this program, includes an automated notification system that will contact parents who have not reported their child absent. If our system is unable to reach a designated contact after the required amount of time, office staff will follow up. By reporting your child absent in advance or before bell time using the Safe Arrival 1-855 number or website, you will NOT receive a call.

**If your contact information changes, please contact our school office immediately with the updated information.**

## Head Lice: What you need to know...

Pediculosis (head lice) are not a public hazard, as they do not cause illness, but they are a nuisance. To prevent pediculosis (head lice) from becoming a problem at our school we all need to work together. Please check your child's head on a regular basis for lice or nits. If you do find lice or nits, you must contact the office so that we can notify other parents in the school to keep a watch for signs of head lice. A child's readmission to school is contingent upon the Parent/ Guardian submitting a completed and signed "Pediculosis Treatment Form" communicating to us that treatment for pediculosis (head lice) has been administered. More information on the identification, treatment and prevention of pediculosis (head lice) from the Canadian Pediatric Society:

(<http://www.caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/headlice>).

## Bus Conduct and Safety

Students are expected to behave in a safe and respectful manner, while waiting for the bus and while riding it. Our overriding concern is the safety of each child on the bus. Students who ride the bus on a daily basis or during a class excursion, must follow these safety rules:

- 1. Enter and exit the bus in an orderly fashion.**
- 2. Be courteous to schoolmates and the driver.**
- 3. Maintain indoor conversation levels.**
- 4. Be responsible for their own conduct.**
- 5. Remain seated, face forward when bus is moving.**
- 6. Get on and off bus at your assigned location.**
- 7. Do not consume food or beverage on the bus.**
- 8. Respect the property of others and be responsible and safe.**

**Students not abiding by these safety expectations may be suspended from riding the bus for a designated period of time.**

We ask that parents review these important expectations with your child early and often.

## LUNCH ROUTINES

Students who eat lunch at school are expected to remain on school property and respect the Code of Conduct during this time. Students may not leave school property, unless they are picked up by parents. Parents bringing their child a lunch must leave it on the lunch table in the foyer and clearly place their child's name / grade on the lunch. For safety reasons, please do NOT linger in the foyer.

## OLF is an ALLERGY SAFE Zone

Each year, a growing number of children are being diagnosed with severe allergic reactions to some food products. The most common of these is an allergy to peanuts, nut and nut products. YCDSB Policy is clear in directing each school to be proactive in responding to and ensuring the safety of allergic children. We therefore request that all parents avoid packing lunches and snacks for their children, which "contain" or "may contain" peanuts, nuts or nut products. These items present a very serious risk to the health and safety of some of our youngsters. If you are unsure of a product, read the label for ingredients. If you are still in doubt, please refrain from including the food item in your child's lunch. Your child's teacher will alert you as to any other specific allergy concerns within your son / daughter's classroom via a separate newsletter. Thank you for your diligence and commitment to the safety of all children.

## OLF Golden Rules:

### Hands & Feet to Ourselves & Always Use Kind Words

Our expectation is that students keep their hands and feet to themselves and use ONLY kind words to solve conflicts and problems, when they arise. As well, older students, are expected to avoid any inappropriate displays of public affection, including behaviours, such as: hugging, embracing and / or holding hands. The above behaviours are not permitted in the school environment for obvious reasons.

### Traffic Safety around the School

From time to time you may notice York Regional Police and/ or City of Vaughan Enforcement Officers monitoring traffic around the school in the morning and afternoon.

Please help to keep our students safe in our parking lot and in front of the school. Student safety should never be placed at risk because of careless driving and rushing. When picking up or dropping off your child, please:

1. Remember that students should be dropped off / picked up at SAFE access points in front of the school.
2. Please do not ask your child to navigate bus traffic by having them enter or exit the school property by cutting across the driveway, between busses or moving vehicles.
3. Do NOT drive into school parking lot at these times:

**a) 8:30am-9:00am      b) 3:20pm-4:00pm**

YRP has noted that cars in the OLF school zone are respecting the rules. Please continue to proceed with extreme caution whenever in the vicinity of the school.

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September 2018

Welcome back students, parents, families and staff to the 2018-2019 school year! I extend a warm welcome to the new families, school administrators and staff of our Woodbridge schools.

This September, YCDSB has introduced a few new exciting programs in our Woodbridge high schools. Our Board's first-ever **High-Performer Athlete Program** is now available at Holy Cross Catholic Academy and **Secondary French Immersion** is now running at Father Bressani Catholic High School. To learn more about these programs, visit [www.ycdsb.ca](http://www.ycdsb.ca).

In May 2018, the Board of Trustees approved a new International Baccalaureate (IB) Program at Holy Cross CA. The IB program meets the Ontario curriculum while also offering a rigorous, internationally-recognized curriculum. This school year, Holy Cross CA will begin the application process to become a certified IB school.

Over the summer, some extensive renovation work took place to get many of our schools and classrooms ready for back to school. These included school yard improvements, painting, roof repairs and mechanical system improvements. These projects took place at Our Lady of Fatima CES, St. Angela Merici CES, St. Margaret Mary CES, Holy Cross CA and Father Bressani CHS.

Publicly funded Catholic education in Ontario is a blessing and a gift to be preserved. To help us nurture the gift of Catholic Education in the years to come, I encourage all parents to check your Property Assessment information to make sure that you are a **Separate School Supporter**, as this demonstrates to the government your support of our publicly funded Catholic schools. Check today by calling the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation at 1-866-296-6722, or visit their website at [www.mpac.ca](http://www.mpac.ca). You can also get an Application for Direction of School Support by downloading it from the Board website at: <http://www.ycdsb.ca/admissions/about-separate-school-support/>.

To our students, I wish you a fantastic start to the school year. May the Lord guide you during this school year, and may God bless you always.

As always, you may reach me with any questions or concerns at [dino.giuliani@ycdsb.ca](mailto:dino.giuliani@ycdsb.ca) or at (905) 893-3300.

Best wishes for a successful school year.

Sincerely,

Dino Giuliani  
 Trustee for Woodbridge Area 2, Ward 2

# Safe & Caring School



## Important! - School Superintendent Changes

Did you know that each of York Catholic District School Board's 101 schools are overseen by one of six School Superintendents, according to geographic area and school population? This school year some changes are being made at the Superintendent level. As a result some schools will have a new Superintendent in September, with additional changes in some areas which are set to take place October 9, 2018.

Below is a chart of the current School Superintendent for each YCDSB school, as well as information about the changes to Area 1 and Area 3 that will take effect on October 9, 2018.

### Elementary Schools

<b>Area 1</b>	<b>Superintendent:</b> Opiyo Oloya	<b>Superintendent as of October 9, 2018:</b> Tina D'Acunto	
Canadian Martyrs CES	Notre Dame CES	St. Bernadette CES	St. Nicholas CES
Fr. Frederick McGinn CES	Our Lady of Good Counsel CES	St. Elizabeth Seton CES	St. Patrick CES (Schomberg)
Good Shepherd CES	Our Lady of Grace CES	St. Jerome CES	St. Paul CES
Holy Name CES	Our Lady of Hope CES	St. John Chrysostom CES	St. Thomas Aquinas CES
Holy Spirit CES	Our Lady of the Annunciation CES	St. Joseph CES (Aurora)	
Light of Christ CES	Prince of Peace CES	St. Mary CES	

<b>Area 2</b>	<b>Superintendent:</b> Laura Sawicky		
All Saints CES	St. Benedict CES	St. Joseph CES (Markham)	St. Matthew CES
Blessed Scalabrini CES	St. Brendan CES	St. Joseph the Worker CES	St. Michael CA
Our Lady of the Rosary CES	St. Brigid CES	St. Julia Billiard CES	St. Monica CES
San Lorenzo Ruiz CES	St. Edward CES	St. Justin Martyr CES	St. Patrick CES (Markham)
Sir Richard W. Scott CES	St. Francis Xavier CES	St. Kateri Tekakwitha CES	St. Rene Goupil-St. Luke CES
St. Anthony CES	St. John XXIII CES	St. Mark CES	

<b>Area 3</b>	<b>Superintendent:</b> Marianne Fedrigoni	<b>Superintendent as of October 9, 2018:</b> Opiyo Oloya	
Immaculate Conception CES	St. Agnes of Assisi CES	St. Gabriel the Archangel CES	St. Padre Pio CES
Our Lady of Fatima CES	St. Catherine of Siena CES	St. Gregory the Great CES	St. Peter CES
San Marco CES	St. Clare CES	St. John Bosco CES	St. Stephen CES
St. Andrew CES	St. Clement CES	St. Margaret Mary CES	St. Veronica CES
St. Angela Merici CES	St. Emily CES	St. Michael the Archangel CES	

<b>Area 4</b>	<b>Superintendent:</b> Mary Battista		
Blessed Trinity CES	Guardian Angels CES	St. Charles Garnier CES	St. Mary Immaculate CES
Christ the King CES	Holy Jubilee CES	St. David CES	St. Mary of the Angels CES
Corpus Christi CES	Our Lady Help of Christians CES	St. James CES	St. Raphael the Archangel CES
Divine Mercy CES	Pope Francis CES	St. John Paul II CES	
Fr. Henri Nouwen CES	St. Anne CES	St. Joseph CES (Richmond Hill)	
Fr. John Kelly CES	St. Cecilia CES	St. Marguerite d'Youville CES	

### Secondary Schools

<b>North</b>	<b>Superintendent:</b> Eugene Pivato		
Cardinal Carter CHS	Our Lady of the Lake CCS	St. Joan of Arc CHS	St. Maximilian Kolbe CHS
Jean Vanier CHS	Sacred Heart CHS	St. Luke CLC	St. Theresa of Lisieux CHS

<b>South</b>	<b>Superintendent:</b> Jennifer Sarna		
Fr. Bressani CHS	Holy Cross CA	St. Brother Andre CHS	St. Jean de Brebeuf CHS
Fr. Michael McGivney CA	St. Augustine CHS	St. Elizabeth CHS	St. Robert CHS

As of October 9, 2018, the new Superintendent of Education: Exceptional Learners will be Marianne Fedrigoni.

Contact information for all School Superintendents is available at: [www.ycdsb.ca/about/senior-administration/](http://www.ycdsb.ca/about/senior-administration/)

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## Active Travel to School

September 2018

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

As we start the **2018/2019** school year, we would like to remind and encourage parent(s)/guardian(s) to consider **walking or cycling with children to and from school**. There are many benefits to walking and cycling to school. It:

- Improves student academic performance by making children more alert and better prepared to learn
- Contributes to the daily goal of 60 minutes of moderate or vigorous activity for children, improving their health and overall fitness
- Reduces traffic congestion and improves safety for everyone in school zones
- Promotes life-long habits that foster independence and active lifestyles, preparing children for their future



For those who can't walk or cycle to school every day, choosing active travel once, twice, or a few days a week can still provide benefits. You can also consider parking a block away from the school and walking the rest of the way. Include active travel as part of your daily routine!

Sincerely,

YCDSB Active School Travel Team





# September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Labour Day	4 First Day of School 	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Curriculum Night 6:30-7:30pm 	14 CSC Nomination Forms Due in office	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 PA Day No School Today 	25 <b>SAFETY WEEK</b>			26 CSC Meeting 7pm	27 28 29
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