



# Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School

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## October 2018 Newsletter

God of compassion and holiness,  
We praise You and thank You for the gifts that You have given our children.  
May we teach them to have grateful hearts through our own example.  
May they know that if we want thanks, we give thanks;  
if we want forgiveness, we grant forgiveness;  
if we want respect, we give respect;  
if we want fairness, we act fairly;  
if we want compassion, we act compassionately.  
God of love, touch us with hope and joy.  
May we help our children become discerning believers.  
May they be loving companions on our own journeys of faith. Amen.



Dear Parents and Guardians,

The month of September has flown by. The first month has been spent getting to know each other, establishing routines and expectations and forging new friendships. The halls and classrooms have been transformed and have come to life through student artwork and written reflections. We are so blessed to have such wonderfully dedicated staff, students and community members that give so generously of their time and talents. Students have already begun to participate in various co-curricular activities giving them many diverse opportunities to contribute to the life of our school community.

We were pleased to meet so many of you on 'Curriculum Night'. We wish to extend our sincere gratitude to all who attended and many thanks to the staff who worked hard to prepare for the evening. Maintaining communication between home and school helps establish a positive partnership that is essential to the academic success and emotional wellbeing of all students. Enclosed are the highlights of our school results on the provincial EQAO (Education Quality and Accountability Office) test written last May/June. We are reviewing our detailed EQAO results and other school assessment data, in order to build on our strengths and address areas requiring improvement. The students who participated in the assessment will be receiving their individual results soon. For additional information about this and other province-wide assessments, please visit [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com).

On behalf of the entire staff, we wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving shared with family and friends. With grateful hearts, we thank God for our many blessings.

Yours in Catholic Education,

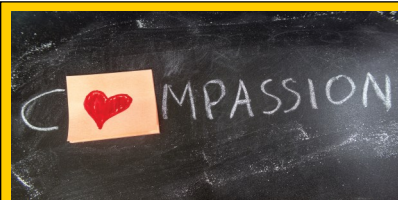
Mr. R. LiTrenta  
Principal

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



October Catholic Virtue:

### Compassion

I will seek to understand others by listening. I am willing to forgive others. I will give my resources to help those in need.

### 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](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

## OLF Catholic School Council 2018-2019

The CSC plays a vital role in supporting the successful operation of our school. Staff are very appreciative of the input and involvement of our Catholic School Council. At our meeting on September 20th, a newly elected CSC was formed.

### CSC Executive Committee

<b>Co-Chairs:</b>	L. Cernivivo-Bartucci	R. Corrado	
<b>Treasurer:</b>	A. Furia		
<b>Co-Secretaries:</b>	L. Pulciani	M. Giraldi	
<b>Parent Reps:</b>	J. Allegro A. Bulfon N. Cinquemani A. Fraga	L. Guarascio L. Lettieri C. Morresi M. Petcov Machado	M. Pierrakos S. Pirillo D. Romano-Figliomeni P. Santoro
<b>CSC Staff Rep:</b>	L. Piccone		
<b>Vice Principal:</b>	F. De Bartolo		
<b>Principal:</b>	R. LiTrenta		

Please join us for our next CSC meeting on **Wednesday, October 24th** at **7:00pm** in the library.

### Thanksgiving Mass

On **Tuesday, October 9**, at **9:15am**, the OLF community will gather in the gym for a Thanksgiving Mass. All parents are invited to join us. Thank you to the Liturgical Committee for organizing the mass.

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

TEACHER	STUDENT OF THE MONTH	TEACHER	STUDENT OF THE MONTH
Ms. Baldassini	The Whole Class	Ms. Villegas	Adrian C., Alice G.
Ms. Lanzillotti	The Whole Class	Ms. Bertucci 3/4	Alessandro A., Sebastian R.
Ms. Marsala	The Whole Class	Ms. Caggiano	Nicole B., Christian v.
Ms. Amatangelo	Ava D., Leia D., Jake F., Sienna L., Mariangela N., Arianna R.	Ms. Zachaczewska/ Ms. Cardone	Ray P.D., Samantha K., Daniel W.
Ms. Grossi	The Whole Class	Ms. Bertucci 5	Lauren C., Joshua C.
Ms. Iazzi	Adrian D., Vincent P., Lauren P.	Ms. Malisani/ Ms. Cardone	Edma B., Edmoun B., Noah C.
Ms. Wojewoda	Florencio C., Alma E., Adrian F., Madelyn F., Giovanni M., Matthew Z.	Ms. Colalillo	Lucas B., Mari R.
Ms. Moccia	Andrew A., Lauren M.	Ms. Gurrieri/ Ms. Giannantonio	Olivia M., Justin M.
Ms. Rea	Pierce A-B., Stella D., Michael M.	Ms. Malisani/ Ms. Di Cresce	Domenico G.
Ms. Maniglia	Lucas C., Evangeline C., Claude M.	Mr. Caruso	Ella C., Sofia M.
Ms. DeLuca	Gabriele B., Arianna M., Michael L.	Ms. Cerrone	Daniela D., Michael D.
Ms. Cacciotti	Gianluca G., Julia K., Cameron S.	Mr. Piccone	Pietro L., Eva R., Ariana S.

# Quality Learning For All

## Orange Shirt Day—Monday, October 1st

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in the spring of 2013. It grew out of Phyllis' story of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually. The date (September 30) was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools. Orange Shirt Day will be commemorated in the YCDSB on October 1st. Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.



## Picture Day @ OLF

Wednesday, October 24th will be picture day at Our Lady of Fatima. Remember to send your child with their best smile!



## Thanksgiving Food Drive

Thank you to those who have already contributed to our Thanksgiving Food Drive. It is not too late to donate! Any non-perishable food items are welcome.



## Halloween Spirit Dance

On Wednesday, October 31st. All classes will have the opportunity to dance with their peers while wearing their Halloween costumes. Parents are welcome to take part. A schedule will follow as we get closer to Halloween. In the interest of student safety, we ask that students abide by the following expectations:

1. No masks, consider the use of face paint instead
2. No offensive costumes depicting violence or hatred
3. No weapons or attachments such as brooms, swords, etc.



## Fresh From the Farm—Deadline Thursday, October 11th!

The OLF Catholic School Council Fundraising and Healthy Schools Committee would like to ask for your support of our Fresh From the Farm program! OLF can raise funds by selling fresh, Ontario grown fruit and vegetables while supporting healthy eating and Ontario farmers.

Family and Friends can purchase the following:

### **Bundle A- \$14**

5 lb bag of white potatoes

3 lb bag of carrots

3 lb bag of sweet potatoes

3 lb bag of yellow onions

### **Bundle B- \$15**

8 lb box of apples

### **SELL THE MOST AND WIN!!**

#### **Top 2 Selling Classes– Gr.4-8:**

Win a Soccer Day!

#### **Top 2 Selling Classes– K-Gr.3:**

Win a fun afternoon with Soccer Plus!

#### **Top 3 Individual Sellers:**

Win \$50 Gift Card to Sportchek

### **Please note the following:**

- Orders are due by **Thursday, October 11th, 2018**
- Cheques payable to **Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School**
- We encourage all families to convert any cash collections into one cheque
- Order pick up in November (date TBA).

Thank you for your continued support!



# Quality Learning For All

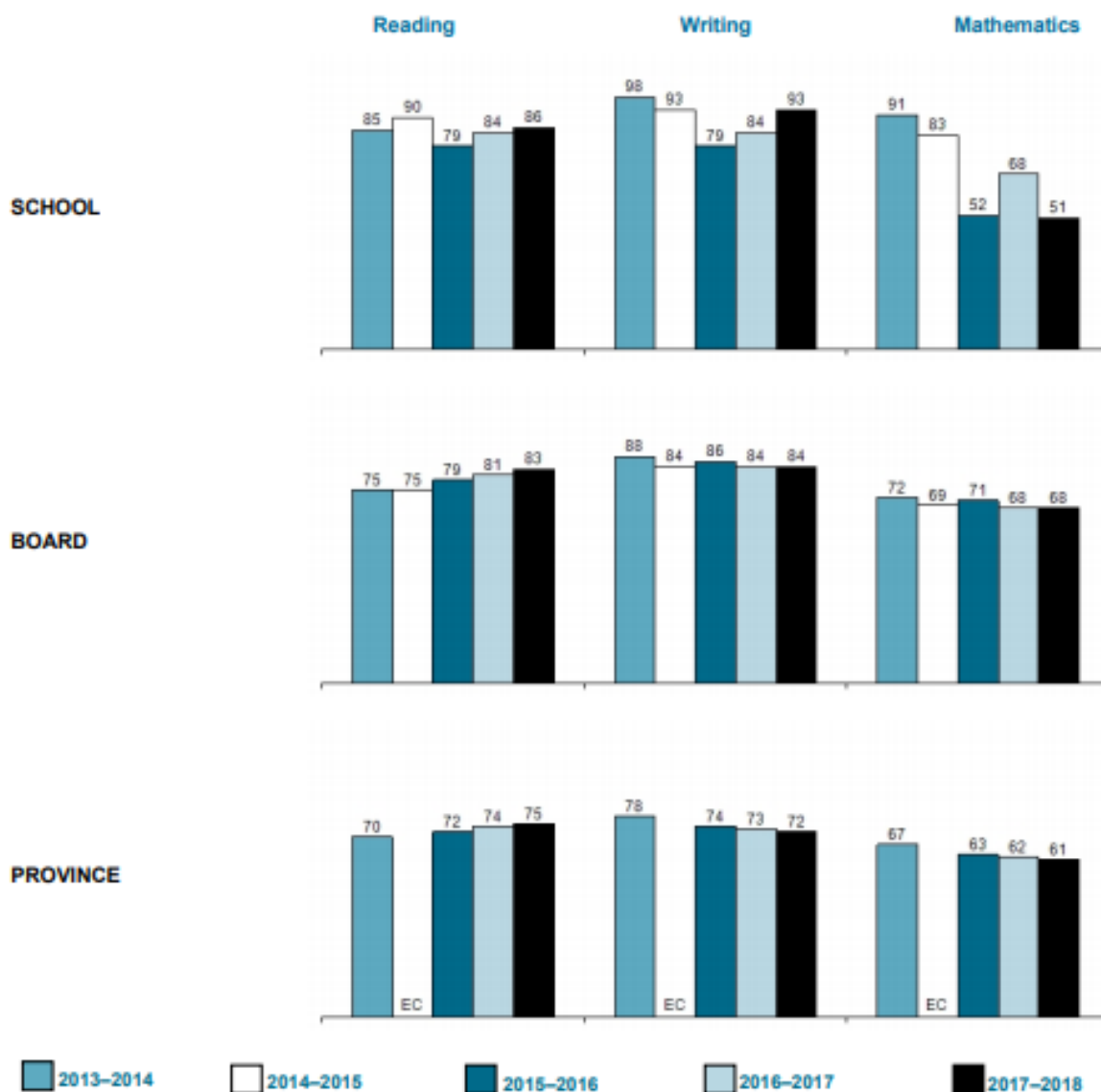
## EQAO RESULTS 2017-2018

The following is EQAO data from the assessment that was written in June 2018 by our grade 3 and 6 students. Students were assessed in the areas of Reading, Writing, and Mathematics based on expectations outlined in the Ontario Curriculum Grades 1-8.

### Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, 2017-2018

#### RESULTS FOR ALL STUDENTS AT OR ABOVE THE PROVINCIAL STANDARD (LEVELS 3 AND 4) OVER TIME

#### PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS: Grade 3



#### Total Number of Grade 3 Students

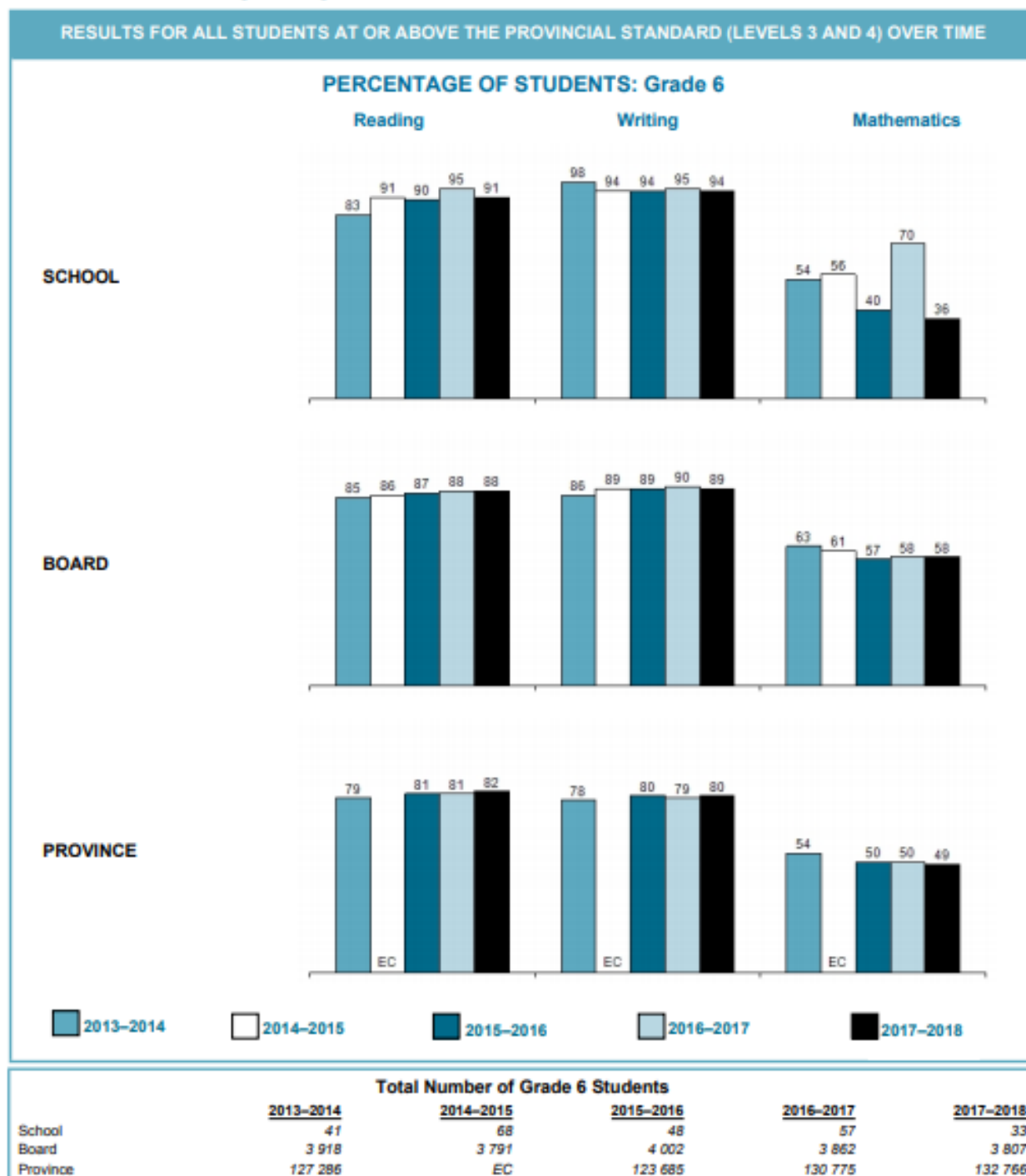
	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
School	54	30	52	57	61
Board	3 803	3 778	3 859	3 766	3 673
Province	127 505	EC	125 484	132 992	132 656

# Quality Learning For All

## EQAO RESULTS 2017-2018

Over the next month, staff and our Catholic School Council will continue to work as collaborative partners in developing our action plan for improving student achievement. EQAO is one piece of data used in conjunction with many other pieces when developing our school improvement plan. By working together, we can help our students achieve their full potential.

### Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, 2017–2018





## Safe & Caring School

### Safety Awareness Week

During the week of September 25-28, schools across the YCDSB participated in various emergency drills as part of Safety Awareness Week. Students practiced:

1. Fire Evacuations
2. Severe Weather Emergency
3. Lockdown (intruder/danger in the school)
4. Hold and Secure (danger in the community)

Staff and students are to be commended on how well they performed during the emergency protocol situations. Practice and preparation is a proactive approach to safety which will assist us in the event of a real emergency situation. We will continue to practice these drills throughout the school year.

### 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 at the collector points.
- Failure to abide by these expectations may result in removal of bus-riding privileges.

### Allergy Awareness and Safety

Halloween can be a very dangerous time for children with anaphylactic allergies. Please remember the YCDSB Policy for the Protection of Anaphylactic Students prohibits food sharing. In order to protect children and staff from potential life-threatening allergic reactions, we remind all parents to avoid sending your child to school with Halloween food treats to share with classmates. The sharing of NON-FOOD items such as: Halloween pencils, erasers or writing pads is encouraged as a SAFE substitute.

### YCDSB Secure Entry System Update

The front doors of our school are locked during the school day. This is part of the YCDSB's **Safe Welcome Program**. All visitors must request entry, during school hours, by pressing the buzzer. Office staff will see and speak with the visitor and will remotely unlock the front doors, once the visitor has identified themselves.

All visitors must then report directly to the office for further assistance.

If children are dropped off after 8:50am, you must continue to accompany your child/children to the front office to sign-in, thereby ensuring their safe arrival and avoiding a call from our automated Safe Arrival System. We thank you for understanding.

Lunch is a particularly busy time for our front office staff. Please understand that delays in office staff responding to the buzzer are to be expected. You can help us greatly by sending lunch to school with your child/children in the morning, as opposed to dropping it off during the lunch hour. This will help to reduce traffic in and out of the school.

**If it is necessary to bring lunch to school, you must leave it on the Lunch Table. Clearly mark the lunch bag with your child's name. Do NOT linger in the hallways waiting to see your child.**

### Student and School Yard Safety

In order to improve traffic safety in and around the school during the very busy entry and dismissal times, we urge all drivers to abide by the posted traffic signs and to respect the Crosswalk and Crossing Guard in front of our school. Please be reminded that vehicles, excluding busses, are NOT permitted to enter the school driveway/parking lot area from 8:30-9:00am and from 3:20-4:00pm. We also ask that parents avoid blocking the safe entry and exit routes for our school buses. In addition, I urge you to exercise good judgment, by not leaving any younger children or infants unattended in your parked vehicle, when picking up older children. Thank you for your compliance. Our focus is student safety ahead of convenience and haste. **Also, a reminder for parents to respect the boundary lines and not enter the school yard at any time.**

# Safe & Caring School



## ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

### What is Active School Travel?

You may have heard the terms Active Travel, Active School Travel, Active Transportation or Sustainable Transportation before. What do these terms mean?

**Active School Travel** is the use of any form of human-powered travel, such as walking or wheeling (including cycling, rollerblading, skateboarding, or using a wheelchair) to get to and from school or to the school bus. These forms of transportation are sustainable because they have a low impact on the environment.

Do your children currently walk or wheel to school? The York Catholic District School Board is committed to encouraging Active School Travel in all of our school communities and providing education on the many health benefits of Active Travel. Over the course of the 2018-2019 school year we will provide tips and information to educate and encourage students to walk and wheel to and from school. For those who can't walk or cycle to school every day, choosing active travel once, twice, or a few days a week or parking a block away from the school and walking the rest of the way still provide benefits.

### MAKE A COMMITMENT TO WALK THIS OCTOBER

October is International Walk to School Month (IWALK), and on **October 3, 2018**, YCDSB will join communities across the globe in celebrating International Walk to School Day! Join the movement! Teachers, administrators and Catholic School Councils can learn more about IWALK or register their school to participate in IWALK Day at: <http://ontarioactiveschooltravel.ca/international-walk-to-school-month/>.

We encourage all students to WALK to and from school for the month of October.



Enjoy the Walk,

YCDSB Active School Travel Team



# October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Orange Shirt Day 	2	3 Cross Country— Go Falcons!	4	5 World Teachers' Day! 	6
7	8 Happy Thanksgiving! 	9 Thanksgiving Mass @ 9:15am 	10	11 Fresh From the Farm Orders Due 	12	13
14	15 Vision & Hearing Screening	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 PA Day! 	23	24 Picture Day  CSC Meeting 7pm	25	26 Gr7 Immunization Clinic	27
28	29	30	31 Halloween! 			