



OUR LADY OF FATIMA CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that we are already into the third month of school. November proves to be another busy month with special events and occasions to observe. We extend a heartfelt thank you to our dedicated staff that works tirelessly to provide unique learning opportunities for our students both face to face and remotely. November is also a month of reflection. We honour all those who have fought and those who continue to fight for our freedom and democracy. Each one of us plays a vital role in ensuring that the sacrifices of those who bravely defended Canada are not forgotten. As the Prayer of St. Francis reminds us, we are all called to be God's hands on earth and we are called to live our faith through our actions. We are so blessed to have such a vibrant learning and faith community here at Our Lady of Fatima CES.

The virtue for this month is Justice; our prayers and discussions will focus on treating all people with fairness and in an equitable manner. We continue to encourage all students to make a positive contribution to building our community by demonstrating justice in the classroom and school yard and by striving to heal broken relationships. We all learn from our mistakes and continue to build on our friendships. By joining justice with compassion (October's virtue), we follow Jesus' example and truly live our gospel values.

Kindergarten students will receive their Communication of Learning: Initial Observations document and students from grades 1 to 8 will receive their Progress Report on November 14. Both reports will be available online. The Progress Report will focus on student work habits and their attitude towards learning. Parent/Teacher interviews will be held from November 16-17 and will be conducted face to face for the first time since the pandemic. Interview times will be shared with you on Tuesday, November 14 or earlier. May God continue to bless you and your families with good health and happiness.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. F. De Bartolo
Principal

Catholic School Trustee
Michaela Barbieri

Superintendent of Education
Tim Laliberte

Pastor
Rev. Rony Grayda

CSC Chair
Melissa Pierrakos

Administrative Assistant
Lina Cicchillo

Principal
Francesco De Bartolo

Vice Principal
Andre Bellille

To report student absences and lates, please dial:
1-855-856-7862
OR
go.schoolmessenger.ca

OLF SCHOOL DAY:

- 8:35 Supervision Begins
- 8:50 Morning Entry
- 10:10 AM Recess
- 11:45 Lunch
- 12:05 Lunch Recess
- 12:45 Afternoon Entry
- 2:05 PM Recess
- 3:40 Dismissal

<p>Mission Statement</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Vision Statement</p> <p>Our students will become creative and critical thinkers who integrate Catholic Values into their daily lives, as socially responsible global citizens.</p>	<p>Core Values</p> <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="border: 1px solid white; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">Excellence</div> <div style="border: 1px solid white; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">Equity</div> <div style="border: 1px solid white; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">Fiscal Responsibility</div> <div style="border: 1px solid white; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">Catholicity</div> <div style="border: 1px solid white; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">Inclusion</div> <div style="border: 1px solid white; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">Integrity</div> <div style="border: 1px solid white; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">Respect</div> </div>	<p>Strategic Commitments</p> <div style="display: grid; grid-template-columns: 1fr 1fr; gap: 10px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid white; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Integration of Our Catholic Faith</div> <div style="border: 1px solid white; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement</div> <div style="border: 1px solid white; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Effective Use of Our Resources</div> <div style="border: 1px solid white; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Engaging Our Communities</div> </div>
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MONTHLY VIRTUES

Each month, a different Catholic virtue is highlighted board wide. Students are encouraged to demonstrate these attributes in their daily actions both at school and at home. During the month of November, we celebrate the virtue of **Justice**. Daily reflections and classroom discussions will be centered around this virtue.



REMEMBRANCE DAY LITURGY

Our Remembrance Day Liturgy will take place on **Friday, November 10 at 10:45am**. Parents are invited to join us for this service. Thank you to Mr. Iannelli for organizing the Remembrance Day liturgy.

CIVVIES DAY

Our next Civvies Day will be held on **Friday, November 24th**. Students who wish to participate are asked to wear appropriate clothing to school. Don't forget to bring a loonie or toonie for ShareLife.

PA DAY - November 17

There will be no school for students on **Friday, November 17th**. Classes will resume on Monday, November 20.

CSC CHRISTMAS MARKET

Mark your calendars! The OLF Christmas Market is happening in-person this year on the evening of **Thursday, November 30th, from 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm**.

Friends and family are welcome to join us for an evening full of family fun and shopping in support of our local vendors!

We are still accepting vendors and raffle prize donations: If you wish to secure a table or donate prizes for our raffle, please reach out to our council directly at olfcatholicsschoolcouncil@gmail.com

DRESS CODE

Our Lady of Fatima CES is a standardized dress code school. Our dress code colours are navy blue and white. We encourage all students to follow the dress code policy at OLF. Please see the school website for specific information about appropriate dress code items.

LATE STUDENTS

A reminder that our entry bell rings at 8:50 am. Students that enter the building after the 8:50 am bell are considered late and will be marked late on their attendance. Students who enter through the main doors after the 8:50 am bell must sign in at the front foyer.

Students who are continuously late are missing out on valuable learning time.

WINTER TEMPERATURE THRESHOLD

Winter months are ahead of us and it is important that students are coming to school appropriately dressed for the winter weather. This year, our temperature threshold has been set to -20 degrees celsius. This means that if the temperature, combined with the windchill is warmer than -20 degrees celsius, students will be going outside for recess.

Students should also be coming to school with an extra change of clothes and a pair of indoor shoes.



QUALITY LEARNING FOR ALL

PROGRESS REPORTS & PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS



Grade 1-8 students will have access to their child's Progress Report on **Tuesday, November 14**. General progress in Learning Skills and Work Habits will be indicated on Page 1 through the use of these indicators: Excellent, Good, Satisfactory, Needs Improvement. Learning Skills and Work Habits play a critical role in student achievement of curriculum expectations. This section is of importance, as it provides information regarding areas of strength and areas in which improvement may be needed.

At this point in the school-year, when it is early to accurately assign a mark or grade, your child's general progress will be indicated by one of the following three descriptors; Progressing Very Well, Progressing Well, and Progressing with Difficulty. The Progress Report Card will also help to focus dialogue between teachers, students and parents/guardians, to help establish next steps and set a positive tone for the remainder of the school year. Please take some time to review the progress report with your child and to complete the Student Comments section, if you wish. Our Kindergarten students will be receiving their Communication of Learning, highlighting initial observations on Tuesday, November 15th, as well. Both documents will be made available to parents through the [YCDSB's Parent Portal](#). Parent/Teacher interviews will be held from November 16-17 at Our Lady of Fatima.

SAFE & CARING SCHOOLS

OUR LADY OF FATIMA IS A CHARACTER SCHOOL

Each morning, as part of our school announcements, we remind all our students at Our Lady of Fatima is a character school. This means that we always hold ourselves to a higher standard. If students should ever find themselves in difficulty and cannot resolve a problem on their own, they are reminded to approach a caring staff member for assistance. We review daily that we must keep our hands and feet to ourselves and only to use kind words, even when we are provoked. Both the YCDSB and our school places excellence, equity, community and positive relationships at the heart of student success and well-being. ***We are a Catholic Learning Community of collaborative partners, called to serve one another by being committed to and accountable for quality learning by all with Jesus as our inspiration. We thank you for reviewing these expectations for behaviour and overall conduct with your child.***

STUDENT BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

It is the expectation of the YCDSB and Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School that students will:

- ★ Demonstrate honesty and integrity
- ★ Never negatively comment on or use someone's culture, race, gender, ability & orientation as a "joke"
- ★ Respect differences in people, their ideas and their opinions
- ★ Treat one another with dignity and respect, especially when there is a disagreement
- ★ Respect and treat others fairly
- ★ Respect the rights of others
- ★ Take appropriate measures to help those in need
- ★ Seek assistance from teachers to resolve conflicts peacefully
- ★ Demonstrate respect for people in positions of responsibility
- ★ Respect the need of others to work in an environment that is conducive to learning and teaching
- ★ Be courteous and polite at all times

We thank you for reviewing these expectations for behaviour and overall conduct with your child.



CATHOLIC
and **LIVING IT!**

**The Catholic Women's League
of Canada**

St. Margaret Mary Parish

8500 Islington Ave. Woodbridge

**2023 ANNUAL
BAZAAR, RAFFLE, BAKE SALE
and
FOOD COURT**

Saturday November 11 from 10 am – 6pm

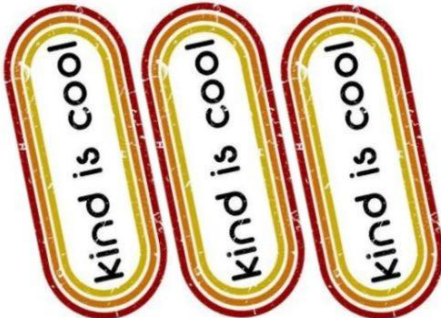



Sunday November 12 from 9 am – 2 pm



HOLIDAY BAZAAR



OLF BULLYING AWARENESS & PREVENTION NOV 13-16 WEEK EVENTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<p>COOL TO BE KIND DAY!</p> <p>Cool people are kind! Perform random acts of kindness today!</p> 	<p>ROCK YOUR SOCKS DAY!</p> <p>Wear colourful or mismatched socks as a commitment to stomp out bullying at OLF!</p> 	<p>GIVE PEACE A CHANCE!</p> <p>Students will create a peace chain to show we are linked in our commitment to spread peace in our school!</p> 	<p>PINK SHIRT DAY!</p> <p>Wear a pink shirt or accessory! We wear pink to show the world that we do not tolerate bullying!</p> 

CHRISTMAS MARKET



It's that time again!
Join our community in
starting off the Christmas season,
shop for gifts, participate in activities,
and spend time enjoying
Free treats
made possible
by community sponsors
THURSDAY NOV 30TH



Hot Cocoa
sponsored by:



You-Go Rental and Sales
When you gotta go, call You-Go

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Baked With Joy

Cookies
sponsored by:



Frank Riga
REAL ESTATE BROKER

www.rigarealtygroup.com

Starbucks Coffee
sponsored by Starbucks



MARKET VENDORS
Shop our vendors for
Christmas Decor, snacks,
kids activities and more!

Please email:
olfcatholicschoolcouncil@gmail.com
to participate

PHOTOS WITH SANTA!

We are offering
families professional
photos with Santa.

Centio Photography
will be on site
to take photos.
Please bring a USB
one x 4" x 6" print
provided per family!



FOOD!

We have secured some yummy
food vendors, so families can
come and eat while they shop.

ACTIVITIES!

Fun activities for the
kids, including a special
sticker craft, colouring and
letters to Santa!



RAFFLES!

Win Leafs tickets!

Sponsored by:



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Woodbridge Art School
NV Medical spa
Immanuel Florist
The Happy Box
Scented Bliss

ItalCan Imports
Landmark Cinemas
Candyland
The Dance Zone
Reptilia

Facade Academy
Oxford Learning Academy
Frank's Place
Brando's
The Centre for Health
and Rehabilitation

Still accepting sponsorships for activities and raffle prizes!
If you would like to donate, or be a vendor,
please email: olfcatholicschoolcouncil@gmail.com

JUST SOME OF OUR MARKET VENDORS

Slimetime Lyla
All Very Good
CrochetMia
Ley'La Collezione
Charlie Amore
VV Treatz
Confections by Cristina
SOL Candles
Canada Cardz Collectables
Forever Education
Chanchitos Empanadas

COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP

Beaver Tails Subsidy: \$350
Water: \$150
~~Hot Chocolate: \$200~~
Coffee: \$200
~~Cookies: 1.50/cookie~~
Kids Sticker Activity :4.50/each
Santa: \$500
Photographer: \$500
Food Items - Grilled Cheese Sandwiches
3.50/each
~~Leaf Tickets - Raffle: \$450~~
Grand Prize - Raffle: \$250
Community Partner: \$100
Community Gold Partner: \$200