



# OUR LADY OF FATIMA



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

December, 2023

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## PRINCIPALS CORNER

Dear Parents

It is hard to believe that we are already entering the month of December and the celebration of the Christmas season. As you can probably imagine, December will be a very busy month here at the school with a lot of festivities associated with the season taking place. I encourage you to refer to our December calendar to stay abreast of various initiatives that will take place throughout the month. Some of the highlights include the lighting of the advent candles throughout the advent season, our annual advent mass at St. Alfred's Parish, in school-activities ranging from door decorating and joy day celebrations to wearing clothing associated with the seasonal theme of Christmas. In addition, we will be facilitating a clothing drive and an initiative to support some of our families in need during this time of the year. Our

staff will be collectively composing a digital concert presentation involving all of the grades here at Our Lady of Fatima which will be shared with you digitally on the NCVLE platform prior to the Christmas Break. Finally, on December 21<sup>st</sup>, some very special visitors from the North Pole will be stopping by to Our Lady of Fatima to provide some Christmas Cheer and special treats. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of everyone in our school community to extend our genuine gratitude to the Catholic School Council who played a pivotal role in their fundraising over the last year that has allowed us to purchase an additional set of chrome books and sports equipment for our school. On behalf of all of the staff here at Our Lady of Fatima we would like to wish all of our students and parents a Merry Christmas and all the best for the upcoming New Year, 2024!!!!

Yours in Education,

Mr. Dagenais  
Principal Our Lady of Fatima  
Catholic School



## ADVANCE FI SIBLING REGISTRATION

Families who already have a child or children in the Niagara Catholic District School Board's French Immersion Program are invited to complete the ADVANCE SIBLING REGISTRATION for their child who wishes to enter as a **new** student to the French Immersion Program at the site specific, grade-level appropriate entry point in September 2024. Online registration will take place using the **EDSEMBLI** parent portal platform (the same one used for viewing report cards).

As this is an updated platform, parents will require more time to complete the registration, as more information is needed. (i.e home address, emergency contacts etc.). Parents are advised to go onto the report card site (<https://niagaracatholic.ca/reportscards>) to create their account, if they have not created one or to verify your existing account, prior to December 4th. On-line



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Advance Sibling Registration begins **Monday, December 4, 2023 at 7:30 a.m. and continues until Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 11:30 p.m.**

Our Lady Fatima Catholic Elementary School (FDK, Grade 1)

<https://connect.edsembli.com/ON/NCDsb/olfsc174/Portal/viewer/login/login.aspx?loginType=P&formid=432>

Please contact me here at the school if you have any questions.

## FOOD DAYS



Pita day is Friday December 1<sup>st</sup>.



Sub day is Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.



Antipasto day is Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.



Pizza day will be Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

If you are interested in volunteering please contact the school.



## SPIRIT WEAR

It's the perfect time of year to order those spirit wear hoodies with the cooler weather coming. All orders can be purchased directly through <https://www.bigbearspiritwear.com/>

At the top of the page click on Schools, Elementary Schools, then select Our Lady of Fatima.

They offer a variety of options to purchase and deliver directly to the school.

## BINGO VOLUNTEERS

Our Bingo volunteers help our school to receive contributions raised from Delta Bingo. The

funds received are used for so many things that benefit our students including technology, school trips, Christmas events, treats and special days.

We are looking for more dedicated volunteers who are able to donate their time for our Bingo program. Please call the school for more information.

## SAFE ARRIVAL

We kindly ask that you continue to report your child's absence through the Safe Arrival program. You can do so by using

(1) website

<https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>

(2) using the mobile app SchoolMsg

(3) by calling 1-844-287-6287