



Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School

Principal- Mrs. R. Araujo Vice-Principal- Mrs. M. Kish

Proud to be a part of the Blessed Trinity CSS Family of Schools



January, 2024 NEWSLETTER

Message from Mrs. Araujo and Mrs. Kish

Happy New Year to all of our wonderful families. We hope that it was a special time for all and that everyone took time to embrace the beauty of the season. A new year is a time for renewal and a time to reset. Set some goals for yourselves individually and as a family. Continue to take time to reset and pause to enjoy the little things we usually take for granted.

We would like to take this moment to welcome Mrs. Maria Kish to our team as our new Vice Principal. Mrs. Kish brings a wealth of knowledge to our school and we look forward to having her join. We wish Mrs. Vinc all the best at her new school in Niagara Falls.

Merciful God, continue to guide us and be the beacon of light that shines when our light is dimmed. Help us to make good choices and wise decisions. Remind us to choose kindness, love one another and keep the spirit and beauty of Christmas alive and burning in our hearts all year long.

Here's to an amazing 2024!

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mrs. R. Araujo- Principal

Mrs. M. Kish- Vice-Principal

Faith Matters

Our theme this school year is "Called by Name: Hear My Voice." And while our theme is about God's call to us, it should also serve as a reminder of our call to Him. Each day God says to us, "let me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet" (Song of Solomon 2:14). God doesn't want to talk at us; He wants to have a conversation with us. Have you given Him the pleasure of hearing your voice yet today?

Dressing for the Outdoors

Please be reminded that students will be going outside if it is -15 C or warmer. Please ensure that they come to school dressed for the weather including proper gloves, hats and scarves. Proper footwear is also essential. Boots are not to be worn in the classroom. Please send in a pair of indoor shoes for them to wear in the school. Walking around in socks is a safety concern and is therefore not permitted. Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

[The Feast of the Epiphany](#)

Epiphany is celebrated 12 days after Christmas on the 6th of January (or January 19th for some Orthodox Church who have Christmas on the 7th of January) and is the time when Christians remember the Wise Men (also sometimes called the Three Kings) who visited Jesus. The precious gifts which the Magi brought to the Lord this day are threefold, and they are signs of divine mysteries. By gold the power of the King is signified, by frankincense His great priesthood, and by myrrh the burial of the Lord.



[School and Bus Cancellations due to weather](#)

With the winter weather upon us, please check the board website, social media platforms and local radio and television for updates about closures and cancellations due to weather.



[BT Corner](#)

We, the staff at Blessed Trinity hope that all of our Family of Schools had a very enjoyable and restful Christmas break.

At Blessed Trinity, January marks the last 2 weeks of our Semester 1 and final exams for our students. The focus for January will be wrapping up the semester and preparing for those exams.

For the grade 8's, at our Family of Schools, it will mean getting to actually choose the courses they will taking next year in Grade 9 at Blessed Trinity. The process began back in December with an information presentation to all grade 8 students on the compulsory and elective courses they will be choosing from. On January 18th, that process will continue with our Grade 8 Open

House at Blessed Trinity starting at 7:00 pm. All grade 8 students and parents are welcome and encouraged to attend and experience what BT Thunder is all about!

The last step in the process will have a representative from Blessed Trinity visit Grade 8 classrooms to help students actually choose and submit their courses through MyBlueprint from January 22nd to February 9th.

The deadline for selecting courses, submitting registration form and payment of Grade 9 Registration Fee of \$55 is FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH.

Please contact Blessed Trinity – Mr. John Cino – 905-945-6706 Ext. 2330 or Mrs. Rose Bianco Ext. 2312, if any Grade 8 parent has any questions