



Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School

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

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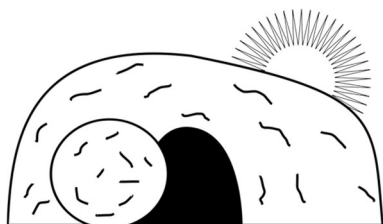


April, 2024 NEWSLETTER

Message from Mrs. Araujo and Mrs. Kish

Let us rejoice for He is Risen! Alleluia! April marks the beginning of our last three months of school. It also brings signs of new life all around us. Easter is also a sign of new life and a reminder that we are all reminded to hear His voice and be our best version of ourselves. The beauty in this is that we can always return to God. He is here for us waiting and ready to guide us every step of the way.

Hope everyone had a wonderful Easter.



Faith Matters-



A big part of friendship involves sharing words with one other. Thoughts, ideas, feelings. All of these things, when shared, help a friendship to grow. But sometimes friendship consists of simply being with one another. Though no words are shared, it is still quality time spent with someone we care about. In our friendship with God it is the same. Sometimes in prayer we don't know what to say. In those moments, we can simply be with God and recognize His presence with us. We can learn from the words of a simple peasant who explained his prayer to his parish priest, St. Jean Vianney: "I look at Him and He looks at me."

April 8 is a PA Day and it's Solar Eclipse Day!!!



For more information on this exciting day, see website: <https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2024/>.

Class Placements for September 2024-2025- IMPORTANT PLEASE READ

In the weeks and months ahead we will begin organizing our school for the upcoming school year. Teachers and support staff will dialogue and determine where each child needs to be placed to best meet their needs and ensure success. Similar to last year, we are providing parents with the opportunity to place their requests in for their children. **ALL REQUESTS WILL NEED TO BE MADE VIA THIS GOOGLE FORM - <https://forms.gle/PMHsgxToC9kjk24v5>.**

Please do not provide this information to the classroom teacher or via email. All class placement requests will be centrally located. If you are having difficulty accessing the link, please email the school.

Due to the number of requests we had last year, we are asking that parents limit their requests to TWO per child. We have also removed the option of asking to NOT be placed with a teacher. We feel that all of our teachers are qualified staff members who have only the best interests of your children in mind. We hope you understand. However, you can ask to be placed **with** a certain teacher.

All requests must be made using the Google form no later than May 31, 2024. Any requests made after this date will not be entertained. Please understand that creating class lists for this size of a school is a huge undertaking and one that we take very seriously. It is very difficult to make changes last minute as it affects many other classes, teachers and students. Your understanding is anticipated and appreciated.

BT Corner

Our Blessed Trinity staff and students earned a well-deserved March Break, and both are back refreshed and energized to tackle the rest of Semester 2. Our spring sports are getting revved up with tryouts and sign ups for boys' and girls' soccer, girls' rugby, boys' baseball, girls' softball, track and field and much more. For the first time ever Blessed Trinity will have a Girls Lacrosse team, proving again that there is something for everyone at BT. A reminder to our incoming Thunder to get involved once you get here.

April is another busy month at Blessed Trinity. Here are just a few of the events that will be taking place in April:

- Celebrating Holy Week with a school Mass
- Junior Formal for students in Grade 9 and 10
- All students will be participating in the University of Waterloo Compass Survey
- We will officially reach the middle of Semester 2 and parents will be invited to make appointments for Parent/Teacher Conference night on April 25th
- Members of our Thunderstruck-Link Crew Leadership group will be attending the Global Student Leadership Summit in Collingwood

Lastly, throughout the month of April, a member from our Student Services Department will be visiting the Grade 8 students with Course Verification forms to ensure students have selected the courses they want for Grade 9. This will be an opportunity for students to make any changes to their course selection.

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.

Happy Oral Health Month!

Niagara Region Public Health Dental Program offers **FREE** dental clinics for children and youth 17 and under throughout Niagara.

Appointments are available for children in:

- Niagara Falls on Tuesdays
- Thorold on Mondays (afternoon and evening) and Wednesdays
- Welland on Thursdays



[Niagara's Mobile Dental Clinic](#) also travels around Niagara to various locations throughout the week.

All of our dental clinics offer free dental assessments, cleanings, fluoride and sealants. To book an appointment [contact the Dental Program](#) or [book a dental assessment online](#).

Niagara Catholic Accessibility; An Evening Event in Support of Accessibility Awareness

The Niagara Catholic District School Board and the Accessibility Planning Committee are pleased to invite parents, guardians, staff and community partners to a motivational evening featuring Niagara Catholic graduate, public speaker, and activist, Michael Jaques and disability advocate Charlene VanderGriendt, from The Rick Hansen Foundation.

Public speaker, activist, and author Michael Jaques, has written and self-published his book *Can't Read, Can't Write, Here's My Book* using speech-to-text technology. Michael is diagnosed with autism and an intellectual disability and shares his life experiences to help audiences understand accepting and belonging.

Disability advocate, Charlene VanderGriendt, from The Rick Hansen Foundation will discuss how to speak and interact inclusively. Students with disabilities will share their perspectives on building a culture of acceptance through taped video interviews. The words we use carry meaning and power.

This exciting free event will take place on Monday, April 15th from 6:00- 8:00 pm at The Holiday inn and Conference Centre (327 Ontario Street, St. Catharines) and includes light snacks, refreshments and door prizes.

Link: <https://forms.gle/Uu4YCCF8e6JUkxA96>



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Additionally, participants will get to hear from disability advocate **Charlene VanderGriendt**, from The Rick Hansen Foundation. She will discuss how to speak and interact inclusively. Students with disabilities will share their perspectives on building a culture of acceptance.

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- Registration is available on a first-come, first-served basis as space is limited.
- Registration for this event will be due no later than April 10, 2024.