



Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School

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

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June, 2024 NEWSLETTER

Message from Mrs. Araujo and Mrs. Kish

And just like that it's June!! A warm thanks to all families who have supported all of our endeavours this year. Thank you for entrusting your children with us and for all the ways you have worked with us to ensure your children have a successful year. We aim to provide all students with a positive experience and this would not have been possible without you. Take this time to relax and recharge. To our Grade 8 students, we wish you all the best!!

Goodbye to Mrs. Yendt, Mrs. Jeffrey, Ms. Lang-Crawford, Ms. Kovacs, Ms. Vanderlee and Mr. McGowan. Thanks for being a part of our team this year. We hope to work with you again in the future.

A heartfelt goodbye goes out to Mrs. Pavela who will be retiring this year. Mrs. Pavela has been an integral part of our staff, working tirelessly with all of our students, especially those with special needs. This year she won the Inspiration Award and was truly deserving of this distinction. We wish you all the best as you begin a new chapter in your life! We will miss you.

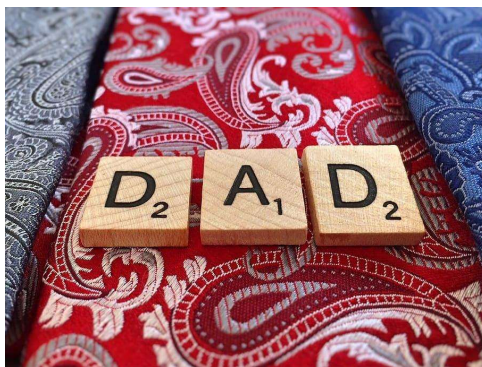
Faith Matters- June

Have you ever tried talking to someone in another room? It can be difficult to hear what the other person is saying because of all the walls and obstacles in the way. Sometimes we put obstacles up that make it hard for us to hear God's voice. God never moves away from us, but we can turn away from Him. Even still, God is never far from us. He loves us and wants to lead us back home. One of God's ways of removing these obstacles is by forgiving us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The words we hear from the priest are the words of Jesus: "I absolve you of your sins." Let us give thanks to God for His mercy and take advantage of this great gift of God's forgiveness.

A Salute to Fathers

Today, Almighty God, as we observe Father's Day, I lift all the fathers of this world up to You with adoration and love. Fathers play an integral role in the lives of our children, as mentors, providers, caregivers and so much more and also provide a firm foundation on which our children stand. Thank You, Jehovah Jireh, for Your provision and for showering them with Your divine blessings. I pray that You would consecrate fathers and set them apart for Your purpose.

Read full Prayer at: christianstt.com



Term 2 Reports, IEPs and Student Placement

All student Term 2 reports and IEPs will be sent home on Monday June 24, 2024. We encourage you to view these important documents with your children.

All student placements will be forwarded to families via email the last week of August.
Please ensure your email information is up to date. Following student placements, a subsequent communication will be sent by your child's classroom teacher. This will provide information on items that may be required for the school year. In the interim, here are some items that you may need according to grade/division:

Tentative Staff Assignments 2024-2025

Kinder A- Mrs. Trivieri, Mrs. Littler

Kinder B- Mrs. Borsodi (.5) & TBA (.5)/ Mrs. Krushelnicki

Kinder C- Mrs. DiTomasso, Ms Grobelny-Manson

Kinder D- Mrs. James/ (ECE) TBA

Grade 1- Ms. Kawai

Grade 1- Mr. Anzovino

Grade 1/2 - Mrs. DiMarco

Grade 2- Ms. Marchese (Karen)

Grade 2- Ms. Marchese (Kim)

Grade 2/3 - Mrs. Haitas

Grade 3/4- Mrs. Kitchingman

Grade 3/4- Mrs. Savage

Grade 4- TBA

Grade 5- Mr. Jaski

Grade 5- Mrs. DeBellis

Grade 6- Mr. Puma

Grade 6- Mr. Grossi

Grade 6- Mrs. Cantoni

Grade 7- Mr. Sorgini

Grade 7 - Mr. Ciccone

Grade 8- Mr. Martinelli

Grade 8- Mr. Lettieri

FSL and PTM- Mrs. Ruggiero, Mrs. Fthenos and Mrs. DiIanni

ERT- Mrs. DelGobbo Hanounik, ERT .5- Mrs. Borsodi

EAs- Mr. Blake, Mr. Finlayson, Ms. Mulder, Ms. Gillis, Ms. Chantler



Library Technician- Mrs. Barfield

Secretaries- Mrs. Avon and Ms. MacDonald

Head Custodian- Mr. Berketo, Caretakers- Mr. Spiece and Mr. Dryce

Vice-Principal- Mrs. Kish

Principal- Mrs. Araujo

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/pGkeZx22xUNvVDdBA>. 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.

Kindergarten	Primary 1-3	Junior 4-6	Intermediate 7-8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● a change of clothing in a clear plastic bag (top, pants, underwear, socks)-- all labeled - very important and kept at school ● Indoor running shoes ● backpack ● lunch bag ● reusable water bottle ● Reusable cutlery ● 2 packages of dry-erase whiteboard markers ● 1 box of 8 washable markers ● 1 box of sharpened pencil crayons or twistables ● 2 boxes of tissues ● 1 package of wipes ● 1 box of large ziploc bags ● 3 large glue sticks ● Craft donations (gems, sparkles, pom poms, googly eyes, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A large backpack ● A change of clothes labeled in a ziploc bag (dress code top, pants, underwear, socks) ● Lunch bag ● Indoor running shoes (Velcro) ● 1 box of tissues ● 1 package of wipes ● Reusable water bottle ● 3 dry-erase markers ● Small dry erase board & eraser ● Several sharpened pencils ● eraser ● 1 box of pencil crayons ● Pencil sharpener with shaving case ● 1 box of washable markers ● 3 large glue sticks ● 2 cans of Playdough ● A pencil case ● 2 large ziploc bags ● A personal set of headphones or earbuds for iPad/ Chromebook use. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Indoor shoes ● Pencil crayons ● Pencils ● Highlighters ● Glue stick ● Small enclosed sharpener ● Red pen ● Small pencil case ● Small agenda/calendar ● Box of tissues ● Calculator ● Ruler (30 cm) ● Black Thin tip Sharpies ● A personal set of headphones or earbuds ● French: thin binder or plastic duotang that has <u>pockets on the inside to hold loose papers with lined paper in the binder</u> ● 30cm ruler ● markers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Scientific Calculator ● Indoor/Running Shoes ● Personal Chromebook if available ● Personal hygiene products for locker (deodorant, etc) ● Two 2" medium sized binders (Gr.8) ● Standard school supplies

[Mental Health Wellness T- Shirt Contest](#)

In May we celebrated Catholic Education week and recognized Mental Health Awareness. We launched a T-shirt design contest school wide in support of mental health and improving mental wellbeing. There were many outstanding and impressive entries. Congratulations to Paityn M. for your remarkable design and the winner of the T-shirt contest!



T-shirts were sold to staff and students and could be worn as Spirit wear! We continue to encourage the children to wear their shirts to bring awareness about positive self-talk and mental health. All proceeds from t-shirt sales will be used towards improving mental health school programs and initiatives for our students.

Grade 8 Graduation

We wish our Graduates all the best as they complete their Elementary years and begin the next phase of their educational journey. We have so enjoyed having you a part of our family and we can't wait to see what the future holds for them. We will celebrate our wonderful 8s on Friday, June 21, 2024. The ceremony will take place at St. Joseph's Church at 5pm followed by a celebration dinner and dance at Galileo Gardens from 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm for students and staff.

BT CORNER

May was another very busy month at Blessed Trinity. Some of the highlights in May included:

- Chicago Trip for our Social Science and Business students
- Catholic Education Week – Catch the Spirit Awards
- Mental Health Awareness Week
- Lots of Spring Sports – Flag Football, Lacrosse, Soccer, Baseball, Slo-Pitch, Track and Field, Rugby
- Spring Music Concert

Teachers and students are starting to wrap up the semester and prepare for final exams. We wish all the elementary teachers and students and great end to another school year.

We are already preparing for next year. At this time, we are starting to put together timetables for all of our students, including our newest grade 9 students. We are also preparing our Orientation Day which will be in the last week of August before school starts. More information will be sent over the summer with details. All of our current grade 8's who will be coming to BT in September should plan to be attend the Orientation Day where they will receive their schedule, locker, tour the school and have some fun with our grade 11 and 12 Thunderstruck-Link Crew leaders.

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.

Message from Public Health

Sun Safety

When enjoying the outdoors and getting some natural Vitamin D, Public Health would like to remind kids and adults to use proper protection from the sun.

- **Slap** on a hat
- **Slop** on sunscreen
- **Slide** on sunglasses
- **Slip** on protective clothing

Check out [The Canadian Cancer Society's Enjoying the Sun](#) for sun safety tips and information on protecting toddlers and children.

For additional information, visit Niagara Region Public Health's [website](#).

Ticks

Ticks, mosquitos and rabid animals can be a risk as the weather warms up.

- Mosquitoes transmit the [West Nile virus](#) to humans after becoming infected by feeding on the blood of birds, which carry the virus.
- The black- legged (deer) tick transmits [Lyme disease](#) to humans after becoming infected by feeding on the blood of small animals which carry the disease.
- [Rabies](#) is transmitted through saliva from bites and scratches, entering an open cut or wound, or from saliva contacting a mucous membrane, such as those in the mouth, nasal cavity or eyes.



For more information and [tick identification](#), individuals can contact a Duty Officer directly at 905-688-8248 ext. 7590. General tick information can be found on our

[Niagara Region Public Health website](#).

Screen Time

As we prepare to head into summer vacation and more time at home, we encourage families to take the opportunity to review recreational screen time and online safety. Over the summer break, there may be an increase in children using screens for recreational purposes.

Here are a list of tips to help limit screen time:

- 1. Start a Conversation:** Try to understand what family members like and don't like about using screens.
- 2. Model Healthy Habits:** Pay attention to your own screen use, and think about what messages you're sending. You can also develop a family screen plan to show that managing screen time is important for everyone, not just kids.
- 3. Establish Screen Free Time:** Consider setting limits around screen time and establishing certain times and places as no-screen zones. It may be helpful to keep screens out of bedrooms and away from the dinner table. Turning screens off an hour before bedtime is part of a healthy sleep routine and no screens at the table may encourage more quality conversation.
- 4. Encourage screen-less activities:** Finding creative ways to keep off screens can be hard when so much entertainment can be found on screens. Discuss as a family how each member can reduce recreational screen time. What screen-less activity can you enjoy as a family? It can be hard to break screen habits, keep each other engaged and accountable!

Resources

[Are you Web aware? A checklist for kids ages 9-12 | MediaSmarts](#)

[Managing Screen Time with your Pre-Teen - YouTube](#)

[Family Media Plan Printable - Institute of Child Psychology](#)

Check your Immunization Records and Travel Health Notice

If you are planning to travel, add these actions to your planning checklist to help make your trip a healthy one.

1) **Make sure you and your children are up-to-date with vaccinations.**

Staying up-to-date with vaccinations is important all year round. It is especially important before travelling.

- When travelling, you may be at risk for vaccine preventable illnesses. [Check your immunization records](#) or talk to your health care provider.
- Learn more about [where to get vaccinated](#). Remember to report vaccinations to Public Health for children 0 – 17 years of age. Report [online](#) or call 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425



2) **Review the Public Health Agency of Canada's [travel health notices](#).** These notices outline potential health risks to Canadian travelers and ways to help reduce them. Stay informed as you plan your travel.

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Head safety – for bikes and other wheels

With warmer weather and summer break just around the corner, more kids will be outdoors taking part in activities, such as biking, skate boarding or roller blading. A [properly fitted and](#)

correct helmet can cut the risk of a serious head injury by up to 85%. This means four out of five brain injuries could be prevented if every cyclist wore a helmet.

- Bike helmets should be replaced after five years **or** a crash where the cyclist has hit their head
- It's not safe to use a second-hand helmet
- Baseball hats, big hair clips and headphones should never be worn under a helmet

The human skull is just approximately one centimeter thick, so it is important to remind children to always protect their head when being active. To make sure a helmet fits right, follow the 2V1 Rule (image courtesy of Parachute Canada)

