



OUR LADY OF FATIMA



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

September, 2024

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PRINCIPALS CORNER

Welcome back to what promises to be an exciting brand new school year here at Our Lady of Fatima. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your resiliency, patience and understanding as we have been working on final preparations, particularly with respect to staffing and classroom organization.

Similar to the start of previous new school years, Our Lady of Fatima has experienced a numerous amount of transitions in terms of staffing beginning from late last year to literally the middle of the first week the current 2024-2025 calendar year. Embedded within this newsletter is a description of the teacher assignments indicative of the most recent adjustments. Our balanced day schedule has changed modestly from the previous year culminating in a slight alteration with respect to the start times, regular day schedule and dismissal times by a margin of 10 minutes. We have included a copy of our balanced

day for your review embedded in this newsletter.

We kindly remind you to follow our routines with respect to initiatives such as our drop off and pickup times germane to student arrival and dismissal, making appointments with the office to request specific inquiries or the sharing of information and finally adherence to the expectations governing our “kiss and ride” program while accessing and departing from the parking lot.

You are strongly encouraged to access our newsletter and monthly calendar online at Niagaracatholic.ca website under the school’s tab to stay informed of various activities and events that are taking place within each month of the calendar school year.

September is highlighted by a “meet the teacher curriculum night and the development and organization of our Catholic School Council.

Happy New Year, we are so happy that you are back or you are just joining Our Lady of Fatima school community. We look forward to working with you in promoting our shared goals

with respect to student achievement, spiritual development and the fulfillment of their enormous potential.

Yours in Education,
Mr. Dagenais
Principal Our Lady of Fatima School

CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS

Kindergarten:
Mrs. Pemberton/Mrs. Cerminara
Mrs. Anderson
Kindergarten FI: Mme Lohr and
Mme Fajta
Gr. ½: Mrs. Aceituno
Gr. 1 FI: Mme Mikhail
Gr. ½ FI: Mme Bedard
Gr. 2/3: Mrs. Costantini
Gr. 2/3 FI: TBD
Gr. ¾: Mrs. Wilson
Gr. ¾ FI: Mme Miller
Gr. 4/5: Mrs. Biamonte
Gr. 4/5 FI: Mme Lavoie
Gr. 6/7 FI: Mme Aleksiejuk
Gr. 6/7: Mr. Hellewell Clews
Gr. 7/8 FI: TBD
Gr. 7/8 : Mr. Vinc
ERT: Ms. Mulligan
Prep and planing: Mrs. Chisholm,
Mrs. Pisani, Mrs. Piche-Cantin
Educational Assistants: Mrs.
Tamas, Mr. Richards, Mrs.
Ballantyne, Mrs. Cutler
Library Tech: Miss Ewanick
Secretary: Mrs. Balah
Principal: Mr. Dagenais



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FOOD DAYS



Pizza day will be
Thursday, September 26th.

To facilitate the ease of pizza days this year as our school continues to grow, we will be changing how we distribute the pizza. Our new vendor offers 2 or 4 slice prepackaged options. This will help ease the large number of orders on pizza day.

More food day options to come in October!

STUDENT INFORMATION FORM

Please review the green student information form that has been sent home. Please make any necessary corrections to the form and return it to the school no later than Friday, September 13th.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Nomination forms for catholic school council will be going home on Monday, September 9th. We invite parents to join our catholic school council with nomination forms being due Tuesday, September 24th.



SPIRITWEAR

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