



# OUR LADY OF FATIMA



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

February, 2024

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## PRINCIPALS CORNER

Dear Parents,

February will be a busy month for our learning community as there are a lot of events/activities occurring during this particular month. The beginning of the Lenten Season occurs in February and is highlighted by the activities of Pancake/Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. Niagara Catholic's Annual "Kids Helping Kids" campaign takes place in February which is a week of assorted activities and events designed to raise awareness and support of the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre and the unique population that organization serves. Our Kindergarten Open House will also take place this February along with the distribution of first term report cards which will be available on-line through the parent portal. I emphatically encourage you to access our school calendar for the month of February on-line so that you may stay up-to-date with all of the activities that will

be taking place. Thanks to the support of our Catholic School Council and their fundraising efforts, we are going to be able to treat our students to a special movie day at a substantially modified subsidy so that all the students can participate in this enjoyable experience. Finally, our intermediate boys and girls basketball teams will be participating in Niagara Catholic's Board Wide Basketball Tournament which they have been preparing hard for. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation with all of the initiatives that we implement on a monthly basis.

Yours in Education,

Mr. Dagenais  
Principal Our Lady of Fatima  
Catholic Elementary School



## KIDS HELPING KIDS WEEK

Niagara Catholic's 25th Annual Kids Helping Kids fundraiser will take place from February 13-24, 2023. This year's event will jointly support the Niagara Children's Centre, as well as the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education. Kids Helping Kids is a fun, informal fundraiser, which supports these causes through paid participation in events such as Jersey Day, Hat Day and Creative Hair Day. Kids Helping Kids is open to students attending in-school and students in our virtual schools. Donations to the Kids Helping Kids fundraiser can be made in School Cash Online. For further information about the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education, please contact Jim Marino, at 905.735.0240 ext. 210 or [jim.marino@nfce.org](mailto:jim.marino@nfce.org). To find more about the Niagara Children's Centre, please visit their website: [Niagara Children's Centre](http://NiagaraChildrensCentre.org)

Here is the schedule of events at our school. Please consider making a donation on Schoolcash online.

Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> – Fun hair/hat day



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Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> – Pyjama day

Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> – Red and white day

Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> – Rock star day

## KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

We will be hosting our Kindergarten Open House on Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Registration can take place anytime by visiting [www.niagaracatholic.ca](http://www.niagaracatholic.ca), and clicking "Register Now".



## SHROVE TUESDAY

Once again our Catholic School council will be planning for Shrove Tuesday, taking place on Tuesday, February 13<sup>st</sup>. Students will be provided with pancakes and a juice box.

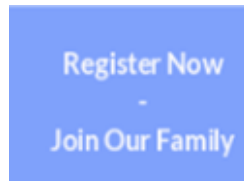


## CANDYGRAMS

Our Grade 8 classes will be hosting a Valentine's Day fundraiser for their yearend Graduation Trip. Forms will be sent home on Friday, February 2<sup>rd</sup> and the option to purchase online will be made available on Schoolcash.

If your child would like to participate, they can purchase a candygram (Teddybear ring pop) and it will be delivered to a friend.

Please fill out the form that is being sent home and return to the school no later than Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.



If you have any questions about registrations for September, please contact the school.

## YMCA BEFORE ANF AFTER SCHOOL CARE

YMCA Before and After School Child Care operates in your school - your child can have fun and participate in planned indoor and outdoor activities with their friends while being in a safe, quality program. Registrations are for five-day-a-week spaces, and you can begin the process by signing up through the Region's waitlist system at: [niagara.onehsn.com](http://niagara.onehsn.com), or for more information about registration, please email [cregistration@niagara.ymca.ca](mailto:cregistration@niagara.ymca.ca)

## FOOD DAYS



Pita day is Friday, February, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.



Sub day is Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.



Pizza day is Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.



Mandarin day is Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.



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February 23<sup>rd</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/](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  
SchoolMsgr

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