



# Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School

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## March, 2024 NEWSLETTER

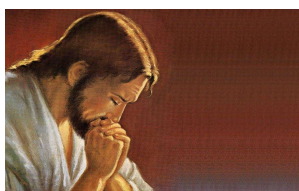
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### Message from Mrs. Araujo and Mrs. Kish

Happy March everyone! We continue to journey through Lent as we prepare for the resurrection and rebirth at Easter time. Let God continue to guide us out of the darkness to the light of His love.

Be reminded that Jesus continues to walk with us. He will continue to be there for us in our darkest hour and let us not forget that if needed, He will carry us through these times. All we need is faith in the Lord.

### Faith Matters-Called by Name: Hear my Voice



"But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart." (Luke 2:19) Throughout her life, Mary reflected on the words of Jesus, pondering them in her heart. Mary's heart was and is full of love for Jesus. The words that He spoke to her were not passing things, quickly forgotten. They were opportunities for her to marvel at the Son of God. Mary's example invites us to make time to reflect on the words of Jesus. A simple way of doing this is by praying the rosary. In the rosary, Mary takes us by the hand and leads us closer to Jesus. We learn about the heart of Jesus through the heart of Mary, who pondered His words in her heart.



## MARCH BREAK

Just a reminder that March Break will take place from Monday March 11 until Friday March 15. We look forward to seeing you all back **Monday March 18, 2024**.

## Kids Helping Kids- UPDATE

Thanks to everyone for your donations to Kids Helping Kids. It was a great success and the profits generated will go to a wonderful cause.

To find more about the Niagara Children's Centre, visit their website at <https://niagarachildrenscentre.com/>.



## Scholastic Book Fair

Mark your calendars! The fun and excitement of a Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! So save the date! Our Scholastic Book Fair will take place on **March 25 - March 28**.

**Happy Reading!**

## Supports for Children and Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

The Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services has developed the Ontario Autism Program (OAP) to support children and youth who have a diagnosis of ASD confirmed by a qualified professional.

Services available through the OAP include

- Funding to purchase approved goods and services
- Access to supports and programs for children and their families

Children and youth receive services and supports until the age of 18.

For further information, please visit the following website; <https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-autism-program>

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Educational Resource Teacher at your child's school. Members of the Applied Behaviour Analysis Team from the Student Support Services Department are available to provide [additional information](#).

## **BT Corner**

February may be the shortest month of the year but it has been another very eventful and successful month for Blessed Trinity. Students started Semester 2 but many of our sports teams ended their Winter seasons with exciting championship performances. Our Junior Girls Volleyball and our Junior Boys Basketball teams both captured NCAA championships and will be competing at SOSSA. Both of these teams are made up of many grade 9's from our Family of Schools. An excellent reminder to our Grade 8's to come out and try out for our teams and clubs. Our wrestling, boys and girls' hockey teams and swimmers all had great results this

season and some are looking forward to competing at OFSSA. February also included our Senior Winter Formal and a special Valentine's Day dance for our Special Education students.

Can you believe March Break is only 2 weeks away?! This year is flying by. Closer and closer to Blessed Trinity welcoming our newest graduating class. February was a busy and eventful month for the Grade 8's from our Family of Schools as they finalized their course selection for Grade 9 at Blessed Trinity in September.

A representative from Blessed Trinity will be visiting Grade 8 classrooms in the next few weeks to take students through the verification process of their course selection. At this time students will be able to make any changes to the courses they chose for September.

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.