



OUR LADY OF FATIMA



March, 2025

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PRINCIPALS CORNER

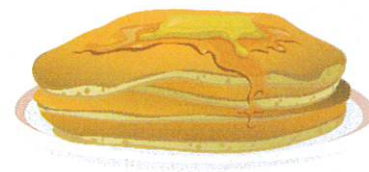
As we move into the month of March, we look forward to celebrating the beginning of the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday occurring on Wednesday, March 5th acknowledged by a liturgy taking place here at Our Lady of Fatima. As usual, Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Tuesday) will precede the official beginning of the Lenten Season and our Catholic School Council will be supporting our school as they always do in terms of distributing pancakes to our students and faculty. March Break takes place the second week of March which I'm sure our students and staff are looking forward to but, we will be coming back together on Monday, March 17th to finish the month. I wanted to take this opportunity to reach out to you by extending an invitation to volunteer with our Catholic School Council as they are beginning to plan for our annual fun night which will be taking

place on June 11th of this year. Please feel free to contact the school and leave a message with either myself or Mrs. Balah and we will forward on the information to the Catholic School Council Committee. I wanted to thank you for your cooperation, patience and understanding with respect to our parking lot routines. The weather this year has not made things easy but we seem to have transitioned through the most difficult part of winter and contributed to keeping our routines safe for all of us who make up Our Lady of Fatima learning community. As always I encourage you to access our monthly calendar to stay informed of events/activities that are taking place at Our Lady of Fatima during the month of March.

Yours in Education,

Mr. Dagenais
Principal Our Lady of Fatima
Catholic School

SHROVE TUESDAY



All students will receive pancakes with maple syrup for Shrove Tuesday on Tuesday, March 4th. We will then begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday with the distribution of ashes in our school gym.

FOOD DAYS



Pita day is Thursday March 6th.



Sub day is Wednesday, March 19th.



Pizza day will be Thursday, March 27th.



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CLOTHING DRIVE

The school will host a **clothing drive** starting March 3 and ending March 21. During this time, please send in new or gently used washed clothing, shoes, outerwear, etc. The clothing will be collected, sorted, organized, and put in the school gym on March 26. On March 26, families are invited to come to the school during the day or in the evening to take what they need. Anything left over will be donated to charity.

The school's **lost and found bin**, located in the front foyer, will also be put in the clothing drive, so please make sure you look through the lost and found to take out any clothing that belongs to your family.

Clothing drive: March 3 to March 21 (send in new or gently used clean clothing, shoes, outerwear, etc.)

Clothing Open House: March 26 the school will be open to families to come and take what they need.

DENTAL SCREENING

Niagara Region Public Health Dental Program will be offering [dental screening](#) to grades JK, SK, 2, 4 and 7 on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, and Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

A registered dental hygienist will take a quick look in the child's mouth using a sterilized dental mirror and light.

The [Healthy Smiles Ontario](#) program may financially assist children who do not have access to dental care.

If you do not want your child(ren) to take part in the dental screening, you **MUST** complete the online [School Dental Screening Opt-Out Form](#) or call the Dental Health Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399 [each school year](#).

[If your child\(ren\) is not in one of the grades listed above, they may have the opportunity](#) to participate in the dental screening. If you would like your child to be screened, please complete the [School Dental Opt-In Form](#).



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FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM

We have recently created an Instagram account to keep you updated on school events.



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/>



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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