

September 2019

# Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School



300 Sidney Street, Belleville, Ontario  
Website: <http://schools.alcdsb.on.ca/ofat/>



## School Hours:

Start: 9:15  
Recess: 10:55-11:10  
Lunch: 12:30-1:30  
Dismissal: 3:30  
\*Supervision on the yard begins at  
9:00. Please do not drop before  
9:00.



Principal-Mrs. Anne Marie Barrett  
Secretary-Mrs. Kim Berthelot  
Custodian-Mr. Tom Coughlin  
SERT (Life-skills)-Ms. Sharon Thur  
SERT Ms. Amanda Dowdall  
JK/SK-Mrs. Caitlin Wheeler, ECE-Ms. Jenn Morin  
GR. SK/1-Mrs. MaryLou Langabeer  
GR. 2/3-Mrs. Elizabeth McGarvey  
GR. 3/4-Mrs. Yvonne Gervais  
GR. 4/5-Mr. Mark DeSousa  
GR. 5/6-Mr. Greg O'Sullivan  
GR. 7/8- Mrs. Smith  
Core French-Mrs. MacMillan-Mascarenhas  
Itinerant Art Teacher - Ms. Sarah Robertson  
PPT - TBA  
Deaf Asst.-Ms. Stacey Zabukovec

LRA-Moira McLelland  
CYW-Mrs. Kristen Campbell  
EA-Mrs. Cheryl Casey  
EA-Mrs. Nicole Crockett  
EA-Mrs. Carol Owen  
EA-Ms. Donna Jongenotter  
EA-Ms. Anna Lloyst-Semark  
EA- Kathy Menna  
EA-Mrs. Marissa DeGrace  
EA- Ms. Faye Thurston  
EA- Mrs. Carol Ladouceur  
EA- Mrs. Danielle Kelly

## Save the Date

**Sept. 3** – First Day of School  
for SK-8  
**Sept.18** – Welcome Back BBQ  
(4:30-6:30pm)  
**Sept.17-** Live Different  
Presentation (10:00am)  
**Sept. 24** – Picture Day  
**Sept. 25** – Catholic School  
Council (6pm)  
**Sept. 26** – Mass (Feast Day -  
St. Isaac) 10:00am school gym  
**Sept. 26** – Bus Safety  
Presentation  
**Sept. 27** – PA Day

EVERYONE MATTERS AT OUR LADY OF FATIMA

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## Message from the Principal's Desk:

Welcome Back! I sincerely hope everyone has had a restful and peaceful summer. Staff is very excited and looking forward to a wonderful year. We are Blessed at Our Lady of Fatima to be able to work closely with our Parish Partners in Faith, Fr. Whalen and Fr. Russell and once again look forward to celebrating Mass and the Liturgical Seasons with them. This year we welcome new staff and a newly designated Life-skills Center to Our Lady of Fatima. Please consider joining us for our Welcome Back BBQ on Sept 18<sup>th</sup> to say hello to old friends and meet some new faces. It is my hope that this year is one of the best for both students and staff alike. God Bless!  
Mrs. Barrett



## Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School Advisory Council

Looking to support your child's school experience? The Catholic School Advisory School is a great way to make that happen.

We are committed to: continuing our support of this very special school community including its families and its staff in their mission to provide a rich and special learning community for our students  
All parent/caregivers are welcome to attend.

The date of our first meeting will take place on Wednesday September 25, 2019 at 6pm. Executive elections will also take place at this time. Please consider putting your name forward for one of the following executive positions on the council:

- Chair (co-chair)
- Secretary
- Treasurer



For more information, please call the school at 613-962-2162.



### September Focus Virtue: FAITH

Our school community continues to affirm our Catholic identity through daily prayers, school Masses and liturgies, social justice outreach, and curriculum connections. The Catholic virtues, such as faith, love, and temperance, guide us as we strive to be disciples of Jesus in our daily lives.

The virtue of **faith** is a gift from God which enables us to see Him in all of His creations. Faith also gives us the power to follow God's will so that we may become the people He wants us to become.

***"Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen"***  
***~Hebrews 11:1***



## News Items:



## **The Usual Reminders:**

### School Cash Online

Our school is a “cashless school”. If you haven’t already, please register for SchoolCashOnline by simply going to the Board or School website and following the prompts. All payments for milk, pizza, hot dog lunches fieldtrips, etc, will be paid for online. You can pay for items a month at a time if you wish. If you do not have access to the Internet or are not set up for online banking the school will still accept cheques/cash but do not send money with your child. Please come into the office and Mrs. Berthelot will accept payment directly from you.



### Safe Arrival Program

Parents/guardians are asked to call the school at **613-962-2162** whenever your child will be late or absent. A message may be left at any time on the answering machine. Please indicate your child’s name, grade and teacher as well as your name. If no message is received, office staff will use the contact information provided to speak with the parent or guardian regarding the child’s absence.



### Signing In and Signing Out

A binder is in the office for parents/guardians to sign in their child when they arrive late and sign out when they pick up their child early. **Please do not take your child off the school yard.** Staff will call your child to the office to meet you.



**Changes in After School Routine** Any changes in your child’s regular bus or pick up routine should be relayed to the office at least a day in advance when possible. If last minute changes are required, please call the school before 1:00p.m. to ensure the message gets to your child. **Please do not leave a message on the answering machine regarding changes in your child’s end of day routine.**



### Lunch Hour

All students are expected to stay at school throughout the lunch hour unless signed out by a parent/guardian.



## **HOT LUNCH**

### Hot Lunches

This year we will continue to offer Little Caesar's pizza as an option on Thursdays for \$3.00. In addition to Thursday Pizza we will also be offering Hot Dog Tuesdays. To meet the criteria of the School Food and Beverage Policy only weiners that meet this criteria will be purchased along with whole wheat buns. Ketchup will be the only condiment offered. Hot Dogs will sell for \$2.00. Orders for pizza are on SchoolCash online now.



### Milk Program

Milk will also be available for \$.75. Please pay on SchoolCash online.



### Information Form 2019-2020

Please review and update your child's Student Information Form. We ask that this purple form be returned to the school by **Friday, September 13, 2019**.



### Volunteers Needed

There are several ways you can support us by volunteering at the school: reading with kids, helping with lunch time clubs, food preparation for Hot Lunches and so much more. At the present time we are in need of parents who would like to help with our Hot Lunches and Breakfast Club. For more information, please contact the school.



### Safety Drills

Over the next few weeks, classes will be practicing fire drills and lockdown drills. These drills will be conducted in a positive manner as staff are well trained to include only necessary and age appropriate information.



### Student Accident Insurance

**Student accident insurance provides parents/guardians** with financial piece of mind against the possible expenses your family may incur from an accident to your child. Insuremykids offers a comprehensive product that is affordable for every family's budget. You can learn more about student accident insurance by visiting <http://www.insuremykids.com/en/Default.aspx>



### Medication

It is important that the school is aware if your child has a severe medical condition. School staff may only administer medication to students with written authorization from the parent/guardian **and** the prescribing physician. Please contact the school to discuss your child's medical condition and to obtain the **Medical Information and Consent forms**. All medications must be clearly labelled.



## Anaphylaxis

We have several students in our school with life threatening allergies to nuts & peanuts. Eating or touching nuts, peanuts, & food containing nuts & peanuts can result in death in a matter of minutes.

As parents, we all understand the intense concern anaphylaxis can cause. As a school community we will work together to reduce the possibility of exposure to allergens at school. Please continue to pack snack and lunch items that **do not contain nuts, peanuts, or nut products**. Should your child inadvertently bring one of these items, he/she will be asked to leave it in his/her lunch box and an alternate snack will be offered.



## Electronic Devices

It is preferable that all **Electronic Devices be left at home**. Should our Intermediate Classes (Grade 6, 7 and 8) choose to make personal electronic devices part of their program, teachers will do explicit teaching around how to use these devices responsibly in a school setting; this unit is called Responsible Digital Citizenship. **These items are not necessary for learning** as classes are fitted with iPads and laptops. Students will have access to the school phone in the event of an emergency.



## Picture Day

Students from Kindergarten to grade 8 will have their individual and class pictures taken on **Tuesday September 24<sup>th</sup>**.



## PA Day

**Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>** is a professional activity day for all schools. Staff will be involved in professional development and school improvement planning. Students do not have classes on this day.



## Community News Items:



### Spirits House League Basketball

The Spirits basketball house league will run on Friday nights beginning on September 20<sup>th</sup>. The league is open to boys and girls in grades 3 to 8 and players of all skill levels are welcome. The house league will run for 9 weeks and games will take place at the local high schools. Cost to register is \$85 which includes a team t-shirt as well as an individual and team photo. This year the league is introducing the Plus program (\$150) which combines the regular house league with an extra weekly session of skill development.

MORE information and the registration form can be found on the Spirits website,

[www.spiritsbasketball.net](http://www.spiritsbasketball.net), or you can email

[spiritshouseleague@gmail.com](mailto:spiritshouseleague@gmail.com) for more information.

email [bellevillespirits@gmail.com](mailto:bellevillespirits@gmail.com)



Volunteering with Food for Learning can provide you with opportunities to build meaningful relationships in our school, develop new skills and experience and be a positive role model for our students. Volunteer time commitments are flexible, it is up to you how much time and when you want to contribute.

For more information, and to begin making a positive difference in your community please contact the school today!

## FUN FRENCH FACTS

### DID YOU KNOW?

Students who speak several languages will increase their chances of finding a job, whether at home or abroad. Learning another language enriches the mind and opens up new horizons, both personal and professional.  
<http://bit.ly/2PclxUa>

*Encourage your child to be a lifelong learner of French!*

# KEEP KIDS WARM

Do you need some help fitting your child with winter clothes?  
Not sure where to turn?

KEEP KIDS WARM program supports working families  
and those in need of assistance.

## REGISTRATION

Wednesday, September 11 - Friday, September 27, 2019  
10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday - Friday  
and every Thursday 12th, 19th, 26th 10am-6pm

Registration will be held at the  
Children's Safety village behind the Police Station,  
John Street entrance

Bring proper ID for custodial parent or guardian and child.



ADOPT-A-CHILD HOTLINE  
613-966-0882, ext. 4100

[keepkidswarm.ca](http://keepkidswarm.ca)



## Happy Heart Singers

Monday nights 6:00 to 7:00pm @ Holy Rosary Church

GRADES 3 and up

Contact: Silvana Loughheed @ 613-968-7309 to register



### CHOIR HELPS:

DISCOVER & DEVELOP YOUR SINGING VOICE

With **FREE MUSIC LESSONS!!!**

EXPERIENCE JOY LEARN TO LISTEN

DEVELOP SELF-CONFIDENCE

LEARN TO READ: MUSIC LYRICS, RHYTHMS & NOTES

**BEGINS MONDAY, SEPT. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.**



## September 2019

September 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b><u>PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST SCHOOL MASS</u></b> ON, SEPTEMBER 28 AT 9:45 IN THE SCHOOL GYM.				<b>Notes:</b>		
1	2	3 First Day of School	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Hot Dog Day	11	12 Pizza Day	13	14
15	16	17 Hot Dog Day Live Different Assembly	18 Welcome Back BBQ 4:30-6:30	19 Pizza Day	20	21
22	23	24 Picture Day Hot Dog Day	25 School Council Meeting 6pm	26 Mass Pizza Day Bus Safety	27 PA Day	28
29	30					