



# FEBRUARY

newsletter



## 'Soup'er Bowl



We will continue to collect soup cans for the local food bank until Tuesday, February 10. The Food Bank has requested flip top lids if possible as it is easier for seniors to open. Thank you to all those who have already made donations.



## SKATING



Students will be going skating at Langton Arena on February 10 from 1:30pm to 2:30 pm for Grades K to 4 and on February 24 for grades 5 to 8. All students must wear a CSA approved helmet. If you need assistance with borrowing skates, please contact the school and we can try to help.

Permission forms and \$5 payment due on School Cash Online by Feb. 2





# Message



FROM THE  
PRINCIPAL

**There is no doubt in my mind that if the writer of The Farmer's Almanac were submitting their work about this winter for assessment purposes, I for one, would not be very happy with them.**

**All kidding aside, it already seems like it has been a loooooong winter, and the reality of it is we have just reached the end of January. We have more winter to come. That being said, we appreciate your vigilance in checking in with the teachers of your children for activities to be completed at home in the event of snow days.**

**Speaking of Snow Days, there has already been a few of them. Please recognize that these decisions are not made lightly and are done so with the utmost concern for the safety and well-being of the children, the parents who drive them to school, and the staff. Your understanding is greatly appreciated with apologies for any inconvenience caused. Noting that we are approaching the mid-way point in the school year also calls to mind that Report Cards will be sent home electronically on Monday, February 9th this year. Should you wish to discuss your child's progress feel free to reach out to their teacher.**

**I'd like to announce a couple of exciting new opportunities for our students. An additional sport has been added to the athletic calendar. There will soon be a Pickleball tournament at which a boy's, a girl's, and a co-ed team will be selected to represent OLOF. A chess tournament is also in the works. More details on these will be made available in due time.**

**As we prepare for the Lenten season, we will celebrate with a liturgy of the word and distribution of ashes on February 18th at 11:15 a.m. Parents are more than welcome to attend.**

**Student attendance continues to be a focus for the Ministry of Education, as well as for our Board. Hence the weekly email reminders. While recognizing and understanding that varying family circumstances and travel plans emerge, we acknowledge and appreciate those students who continue with their high attendance numbers. They receive attendance bonus points for their colour house.**

**Thank you. Stay warm.**



# FEBRUARY



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

**2** Collecting Soup Cans this week  
Grilled Cheese Lunch  
Hot Chocolate/  
Cookie Sales  
Skating Permission Forms/Payment Due  
Colour Day  
Month End Assembly

**3** **Kelsey's**  
You're the Chef  
Gr. 5-8

**4** Hot Chocolate/  
Cookie Sales

**5** Pizza

**6**

**9** Report Cards Emailed Home  
Hot Chocolate/  
Cookie Sales  
Spaghetti Lunch

**10** **Kelsey's**  
Skating  
Langton Arena  
K to Gr. 4  
1:30pm  
LAST DAY FOR  
CANNED SOUP  
DONATIONS

**11** Hot Chocolate/  
Cookie Sales

**12** Pizza

**13** Wear Pink/Red/  
Hearts  
Valentine's  
School Bingo  
Food Orders  
Due for March  
You're the Chef  
Gr. 5-8

**16** Family Day  
No School

**17** **Kelsey's**

**18** ASH WEDNESDAY  
LITURGY  
9:30AM  
Hot Chocolate/  
Cookie Sales

**19** Pizza

**20** Lunch  
Orders  
Due for  
March

**23** Toasted Egg  
Sandwich  
Lunch

**24** **Kelsey's**  
Skating  
Langton Arena  
Gr. 5-8  
1:30pm

**25** Pink Shirt  
Day  
PICKLEBALL  
TOURNAMENT  
Simcoe Rec  
Centre

**26** Pizza

**27** COLOUR DAY &  
MONTH END  
ASSEMBLY  
You're the  
Chef  
Gr. 5-8

# STUDENT COUNCIL



**Student Council and the Gr. 7/8 class will be selling hot chocolate and cookies on Mondays and Wednesdays at second break starting Feb. 2 to Feb. 18. Cost is: \$1.00 for each. All proceeds will go towards year end trips.**



**We will be collecting soup cans for our 'Soup'er Bowl food drive until Feb. 10**

**On Friday, February 13 Student Council will be hosting a Valentine's Bingo over the PA System. We ask all students to wear red and/or pink/hearts on this day.**



**Pink Shirt Day will be held on February 25. Stand up to bullying by wearing pink and earn colour house points!**



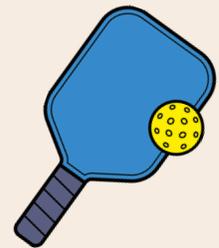
**Friday, February 27 is Colour Day! Wear your house colour and we will be having our month end assembly as well.**



**In celebration of the Winter Olympics – Our Lady of Fatima will be hosting our own Winter Olympics. Colour Houses will compete in various winter olympic games.**



## Athletics @ OLF



**Good Luck to our Girls and Boys Basketball Team at the tournament at Holy Trinity on Jan. 30. GO BULLDOGS!!**

**Next up and new this year is PICKLEBALL.** This tournament will be held on Wednesday, February 25 at the Simcoe Recreation Centre.

We are able to take 1 girls doubles team, 1 boys doubles team and 1 mixed doubles team. Thankfully our school has a pickleball net and paddles that was purchased by our wonderful Parent Council.



## Cold Weather Policy



A friendly reminder to please ensure your child has hats, mitts, coats, boots and snow pants available at school during the winter months.

We recognize that the weather this past week has been unseasonably cold, but looking ahead we want to ensure you are aware of the school board policy regarding temperatures and outdoor recess.



The policy states:



Elementary students will remain indoors if the temperature falls below  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  with or without wind chill. If the temperature is between  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  with or without wind chill, students may go outside for no more than 20 minutes.



**NEW DATE**

Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board

Holy Trinity Catholic High School

**FUTURE GRADE 9  
STUDENT & PARENT  
OPEN HOUSE**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5  
6:30-8:00PM**

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