



Our Lady of Fatima

Elementary School
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October Newsletter



Autumn Prayer

Lord, thank You for the
beauty of this season.
As the leaves fall, remind me
that change can be good,
and that letting go makes
room for new beginnings.
Fill my heart with gratitude
for every harvest,
every blessing, and
every lesson learned.
Help me rest in Your timing,
trusting that You are at work
in every season of my life.
Amen.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 "There is a time for
everything, and a season for every
activity under the heavens."

Prayer

Principals Message



We are now heading into month 2 of the school year. Once again, it has been a great start to the school year and I love being down here in Courtland with all of you. It's been a pleasure to see their smiling faces return to the routine of school.

Things are falling into place nicely, and we're happy to announce the Student Council Leadership Team will once again be carrying

on the work began a few years ago as part of their compassion crew involvement. As we do annually, this past month we have been recognizing and celebrating the virtue of hospitality, and next month our focus will be on gratitude.

As you've already read in the September newsletter, we are continuing with the Colour House community-building activities this year, children are actively participating and helping their team earn points in various ways.

We had our very first Parent Council Meeting. We had a great turnout and the work is already well underway to support our 53rd Annual Turkey Bingo. We would love your support in rounding up donations to assist with this. Please feel free to reach out to us here at the school to find out how you can help and/or if you are willing to help out on the evening of the event. The Bingo is Nov. 7th, 7:00 p.m. at the Courtland Community Ctr.

More information about future Parent Council meetings dates and times will follow as meetings approach. Meetings are often a combination of in-person for those who can make to the school, and online for those who choose to attend electronically.

I wanted to say a special thank you for your generous support of our Terry Fox fundraising run. At the time, setting a goal of raising \$1000 for a school our size seemed optimistically ambitious.

However, this school community truly stepped up and we are currently at over \$2,300 raised! Almost two and half times our goal. Thank you to all who contributed.

School Bell Times

- **School Starts: 8:45 a.m.**
- **First Nutrition Break: 10:25 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.**
- **Second Nutrition Break: 12:45 p.m. - 1:35 p.m.**
- **School Dismissal: 3:15 p.m.**



Safe Arrival Reminder

If your child will be absent or late for school please use the SafeArrival system, you no longer need to contact the school.

You have 3 options to report an absence:

- Download the mobile app;
- Use the [website](https://home.schoolmessenger.ca) (<https://home.schoolmessenger.ca>)
- Or call the toll free number: 1-844-445-4381

October is Kindergarten Registration Month!

The Road to Kindergarten

Little one born in 2023?
Register for Kindergarten **this October**



Register for Kindergarten

Do you have a little one born in 2023? Mark your calendar - online kindergarten registration opens in October

Important Dates



October Calendar.pdf

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October 1: Mass at Sacred Heart Church 9:30 am
October 2: Terry Fox Donations Due on School Cash
October 5: World Teacher Day
October 5: Spaghetti Lunch
October 5: Camp Celtic Meeting for Gr. 7/8 Families

October 6: PA Day
October 8: Pizza
October 12: Happy Thanksgiving - No School
October 13: Kelsey's
October 14: Wear Fall Colours Today
October 15: Pizza
October 16: Picture Day! Wear your smile :)
October 19: Chicken Caesar Wraps/Salad
October 20: Kelsey's
October 21: Immunizations - Grade 7's
October 22: Pizza
October 23: November Lunch Orders Due on School Cash
October 26: Spaghetti
October 27: Kelsey's
October 28: Flag Football Tournament
October 29: Pizza
October 29: Colour Day - WEAR YOUR COLOUR and Month End Assembly
October 30: Wear your Halloween Costume!!!
October 30: Halloween Activities by Student Council



Fall Colours Day

Wear fall colours: red, orange, green, rust, burgundy, red, brown, beige. You can even add leaves etc. to your outfit! OCTOBER 14



Picture Day

Picture Day will take place on Friday, October 16 by Edge Imaging. Retakes will be on November 26. Wear your SMILE!!!



HALLOWE'EN

October 30 - Wear your Halloween Costumes!! Remember no masks, blood or gore!!



Student Council Updates

Congratulations to our 2026-27 Student Council:

Kaeleb Case

Amilia Oliveira

Brynn Pedley

Juliet Peters

Quinn Stier

Our Student Council has made their goal for the year to make Our Lady of Fatima a place where people want to come!

They will be planning 2 spirit days every month as well as various other activities throughout the year. They will also plan the month end assembly activity that we do in order for Colour Houses to earn points! Continue to watch the monthly school newsletters for school happenings and events!!!

For October they have planned:

October 14: Dress in Fall Colours

October 29: Wear your Colour Day

October 30: Dress in your Halloween Costume and we will also will have 5 Halloween activity stations.

Colour Houses friendly competitions have started for this school year. Students will earn points for their Colour House by participating in spirit days, colour days, weekly posted puzzles, weekly perfect attendance, winning Colour House challenges etc. We look forward to a great Colour House year!!!



Our Soccer Tournament was held on September 24.
Congratulations for the team on one win, one tie and one loss. A valiant effort was made by all players! Thank you to coaches: Miss Duffus and Mr. Persia!
Next up is Flag Football. The tournament will be held on October 28 (raindate: Oct. 30) at John Wright Field in Brantford. Please watch School Cash Online for permission forms.



Tax Direction Information

Support Catholic Education in the Upcoming Municipal Election

Help protect and preserve our Catholic education system by ensuring that you are registered as an English Separate (Catholic) School Supporter. Like many Catholics, you may be surprised to find out that you are registered as a 'Public School' supporter. You are able to correct this before the upcoming election.

If you miss the update deadline, you can also bring photo identification and proof of address to your polling station on election day to ensure you are able to cast a vote for your local Catholic school trustee.

By directing your tax support to the separate school system:

- You may vote for separate school trustees in municipal elections
- Your children may attend Catholic elementary schools
- You show your support for the Catholic school system

You can visit [MPAC](#) to learn more about changing your school support online or download the MPAC school support factsheet below.



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Grand Erie Public Health

Stay home when sick

When children are sick, it is difficult for them to learn and participate in school and activities. Home is the best place for your child if they have any new symptoms of illness.

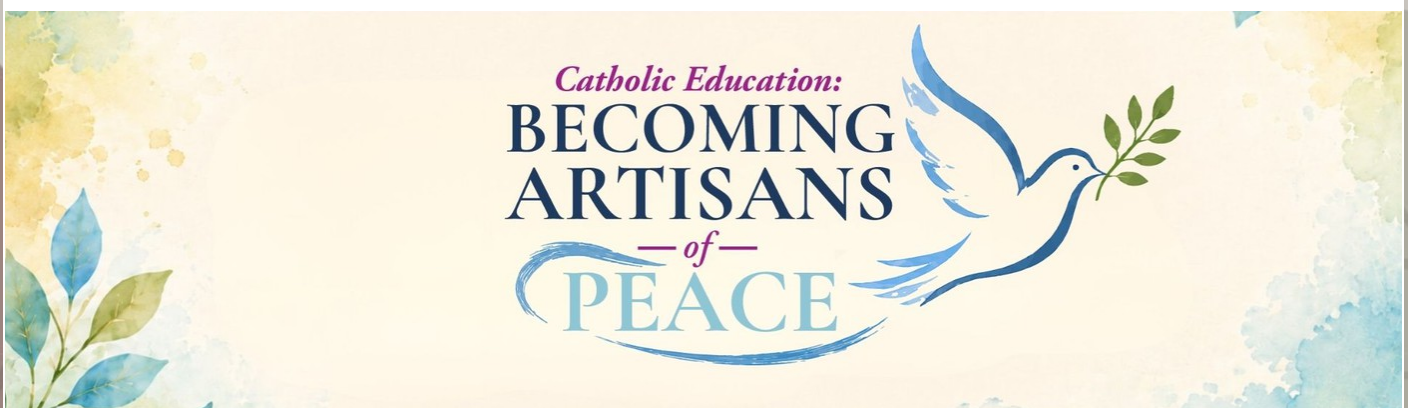
They can return to school and activities when they feel better for at least 24 hours (48 hours for nausea, vomiting or diarrhea) and they do not have a fever.

Remember, handwashing is the best defense in stopping the spread of germs!

Thank you for taking care of your community!



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