

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SCHOOL

September Newsletter



WELCOME BACK

We welcome back all of our staff, students and families to the 2025-2026 school year. We hope you all had a relaxing and safe summer.

Just a few reminders as we begin the new school year:

- **Supervision does not begin on the school yard until 8:30am so please do not drop off your children before that time.**
- **Please ensure your child has a refillable water bottle, indoor shoes, back pack, peanut free lunch as well as a change of clothes for K to 1 students**
- **Start of year permission forms are due Sept 15 on School Cash Online**
- **If your child has a medical condition: (ie) allergy, asthma, etc. please contact the office asap to obtain the necessary forms.**

STAFFING

Principal - Mr. Persia
Secretary - Mrs. Robinson
Custodian - Mr. Hutchings
JK/SK/Grade 1 - Mrs. Brooke
Gr. 2/3/4 - Mrs. Hartwell
Gr. 5/6 - Mrs. Day
Gr. 7/8 - Mrs. Vermeersch
EA's - Mrs. Warvill and Mrs. Sowden
SERT - Mrs. Abele
Lunch Monitor - Mrs. Priem
French/Prep - TBA
Librarian - Ms. Cunningham
STEM - Mrs. DeWaele
CYW - Ms. Gilbert



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Principal's Message



Hello and welcome back to another year within the Our Lady of Fatima school community. I hope you had a relaxing and restorative summer with a lot of memory-making activities for you and the family. We appear to be off and running without a hitch and the children have smoothly moved back into their school routines. We welcomed some new students who registered with us over the summer and said farewell to a few who have left our community.

As for myself, I am thrilled and honoured to return as the school's Principal this year.

While our staff remains pretty much the same with our classroom teachers, I wanted to take this opportunity to publicly welcome Mrs. Georgia Abele as our Special Education Resource teacher. Mme. Gignac is our French and Primary Prep teacher, however she is currently off on maternity leave, and we continue to wait for the naming of a replacement in that long-term occasional role.

We have some new fun ideas about how to make this school year both productive and enjoyable for the staff and students. You will likely hear about an initiative called Colour House. The children have been divided into five teams of different colours. We will have activities and challenges through the year that present the children the opportunity to earn points for their colour house. The colour team with the most points at the end of the school year will earn an extra special treat.

You too can participate in the school community by involving yourself in Parent Council. Our first meeting and election of officers for the upcoming year will take place on Weds., Sept. 24th at 6:00 p.m. here at the school. One of the big items on the agenda will be the annual Turkey Bingo. If you would like to be involved on Parent Council but can't make it that evening, please let me know, and I will share an online meeting link with you. I look forward to keeping you up to date with school news and various FYIs.

Mr. Persia



ATTENDANCE



Please report your child's absence, late arrival or early dismissal through our Safe Arrival System in one of three ways:

- 1) App: Download and install the SM Home app
- 2) Website: <https://home/school.messenger.ca>
- 3) Call the toll free number at 1-844-445-4381

If you know in advance that your child(ren) are going to be away you can put in prior to the date. Feel free to call Mrs. Robinson with any questions.

MEET THE TEACHER & BBQ



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
4:00 PM TO 6:00 PM



**PLEASE JOIN US TO MEET YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER AND VISIT THEIR
CLASSROOM**

PRE-ORDERS ARE REQUIRED BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15 ON SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

HAMBURG, CHIPS AND DRINK: \$6.00

HOTDOG, CHIPS AND DRINK: \$4.00

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE AT OLOF!!!



MEDICAL INFO



If your child has an allergy or medical condition please contact the office immediately for the appropriate paperwork.

VOLUNTEERS

if you are interested in volunteering within our school for field trips etc. the following is required:

School Specific Vulnerable Sector Check

(good for 3 years)

AODA Training

Confidentiality Form signed annually.



If you are new to the school or if you wish to become eligible to volunteer please contact the office.

Lunch Programs

Kelsey's lunches will be held on Tuesdays. Meal choices are listed on School Cash Online.

Pizza will be provided by

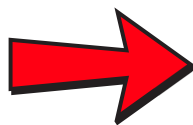
Domino's and will be offered on Thursdays.

In October we will be starting our Monday Lunch Fundraisers.

Thank you to Angela McArthur for offering this again this year.

We are still in the process of securing a milk provider as last year's supplier is no longer providing to schools. Stay tuned!

Picture Day



OCTOBER 10



We are looking for parent volunteers to help with our Nutritious Snack Program. Ideally we will need one or two people to prepare snack bins before the morning bell 2 days per week. Volunteers must have or be willing to obtain the Food Handler Certification (reimbursed by school) as well as have a Vulnerable Sector Check, AODA Training and Confidentiality Form signed annually. If you are interested please let Mrs. Robinson know.

Also we always welcome parents to sit on our Parent Council. For more information please contact Mr. Persia.



**Terry Fox
Run**



Our school will participate in the Terry Fox Run again this year. It will be held at the school on Thursday, September 25, last block.

In order to make a donation to this very worthy cause, please go to [https://terryfox.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?](https://terryfox.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9c16f8b6c2b735d53eb75ef97&id=ddad0e58dc&e=693cad24a8)

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Student

ACCIDENT INSURANCE



Many families do not know that our school board does not cover accident costs!

If an accident happens, the board may be prevented from offering financial solutions to our families even if we wanted to. Student accident insurance, Insuremykids®, can help you manage the cost for student injuries that occur on school property or during school activities, including extra- curricular sports.

Each year, many families are left financially unprotected when their children are injured at school, while participating in non-school activities or at home. If a student is injured, parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for any costs not covered by the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) or their employer's health care plan.

Please check with your provider regarding your coverage.

Most accident-related expenses are not fully covered under OHIP and some expenses like ambulance fees, casts, crutches, physiotherapy, and emergency dental care are usually not covered at all. This leaves the parent/guardian, financially responsible.

To help protect your family, it is recommended that you consider obtaining student accident insurance. As a convenience to you, the Board has arranged to offer student accident insurance through insuremykids®.

Participation is voluntary, but highly recommended, and the costs are to be paid by the parent/guardian. The program is available for students up to age 26.

Coverage is provided for a wide range of accidental expenses, including:

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Dental Expenses - includes 10 years unlimited dental benefit coverage, future dental up to \$1,650 per tooth, and injury-related orthodontia coverage up to \$2,500 per accident.

•Total and Permanent Disability - up to \$350,000.

•Loss of Limb/Loss of Sight, Hearing, or Speech.

•Accidental Death.

•Ambulance Fees.

•And much more.

Insuremykids® Student Accident Insurance offers three plans with 24/7 coverage at affordable rates – their most affordable plan is \$17 per year and their most popular plan is the Platinum at \$33 per year, which provides out-of-province emergency medical coverage and travel benefits.

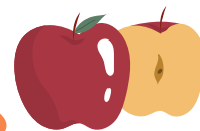
All annual plans provide 13 months of coverage from the date of purchase. Family rates are available for three or more children in the same family, even if attending different schools. You can also save on time and premium with an optional 3-Year or 5-Year plan, available for online purchase only.

If you wish to purchase coverage, please do so directly online at www.insuremykids.com or call 1-800-463-5437. The insurance agreement is between You and the insurance underwriter,

Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada. For more information, please visit www.insuremykids.com



SEPTEMBER



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2 First Day of School! WELCOME BACK	3	4	5
8	9	10 Parish Visit 11:05	11	12 PA Day NO SCHOOL
15 Annual Permission Forms <u>and</u> Food Orders Due on School Cash	16	17	18 Meet the Teacher 4-6pm	19
22	23 Kelseys Soccer Tournament	24 Parent Council Meeting ALL WELCOME 6:00 pm	25 Pizza October Lunch Orders Due TERRY FOX RUN	26
29	30 Kelseys			