

Our Lady of Fatima

Elementary School
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NOVEMBER Newsletter



Prayer

As we enter the month of November,
we thank You for the gifts of learning,

friendship and community.
Help us to be grateful for each day,
to show kindness to others,
and to share Your love in all that we do.
Bless our school and guide us throughout this month.



Principals Message



Hasn't this October weather been spectacular? I know I will be sad to see this weather come to an end as it inevitably will.
However, with October winding down, we look forward to this school's premier fundraising event – OLOF's Turkey Bingo. This year will be our 53rd annual! I want to express my most sincere gratitude to the school community for their generous support over the years of our school's largest and most longstanding fundraiser. I would also like to thank our school's Parent Council. They have been working diligently (mostly behind the scenes) and began putting things in place for this event even as far back as once the school year started. Their efforts make it possible for us here at the school to provide students with experiential learning opportunities, additional resources, and other unique events. We are very optimistic about putting the money raised this year to good use once again.
Following the Turkey Bingo, we can turn our attention towards Christmas, and I am excited to let you know that we have booked the Courtland Community Centre for the early evening of Dec. 10th. We look forward to seeing you there as we host our school Christmas Concert.
~Mr. Joe Persia~

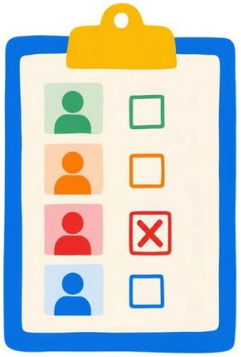
School Bell Times

- **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)
- Or call the toll free number: 1-844-445-4381

Important Dates



November 2: Pancakes/Sausage Lunch
November 3: Kelsey's
November 4: Funky Sock Day
November 5: Pizza
November 7: TURKEY BINGO at the Courtland Community Centre
November 9: STEM
November 9: Spaghetti Lunch
November 9: Progress Reports Go Home
November 10: STEM
November 10: Kelsey's
November 11: Remembrance Day Liturgy 10:45
November 12: Pizza
November 16: Grilled Cheese Sandwiches
November 17: Kelsey's
November 19: Dress Like Your Future Career
November 20: PA Day - No School for Students
November 23: Spaghetti Lunch
November 24: Kelsey's
November 24: Dairy Presentations - All Classes
November 26: Picture Retakes
November 30: Pulled Pork/Chicken Burgers
November 30: Colour Day - Wear your house colour!
November 30: Month End Assembly
Mark your calendar: Christmas Concert - Thursday, December 10 @ Courtland Community Centre

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Funky Sock Day

Wear your funkiest and craziest socks on November 4th and earn points for your Colour House!!



Dress As Your Future Career

What do you want to be when you grow up?
Now is your chance to dress up like what you want to be. Whether it be a doctor, teacher, farmer, plumber - use your imagination and dress up on November 19!



Remembrance Day Liturgy

Families and Friends are welcome to join us for our Remembrance Day Liturgy to take place in gym at 10:45am on November 11.



Picture Retake Day

If you would like your child to have their school picture retaken - please let the office know. Retake Picture Day will take place on Thursday, November 26 by Edge Imaging.





Student Council Updates

Student Council has planned 2 spirit days for the month:
November 4: Funky Sock Day

November 19: Dress Like Your Future Career - dress up as what you want to be when you grow up (ie) nurse, dancer, construction worker, farmer etc.
November 30: Colour Day - Wear your Colour House colour and earn points for your team!
Also Student Council is now on "X" formerly known as Twitter. Follow our page to see photos and stories on all the happenings at OLOF: **olofcatholic**



Athletics @ OLOF

Congratulations to our Flag Football Team that participated in the tournament on Oct. 28 at John Wright Field in Brantford. They did an absolutely amazing job. They started out the day with a little bit of nerves. After some pep talks and some team building, they really turned their day around and they deserve to be recognized for their efforts and teamwork.
There are no sports until December when we start practices for Basketball in January.



Student Nutrition Program

Our school offers the Nutrition Program two days a week - Wednesdays and Fridays. It is offered in the morning to all classes. We try to offer a variety of items. Each week we offer a fruit, vegetable, grain and a dairy. Some items include: apples, bananas, grapes, brocolli, cauliflower, peppers, carrots, yogurt tubes, cheese strings, muffins, applesauce, etc. The Child Nutrition Network offers some funding to the program but not enough to sustain it for the year. We have posted on School Cash Online an opportunity for OLOF families to make a donation to this worthwhile program. If you are able to help in any way it would be greatly appreciated. We will leave it open on School Cash until June. Thanking you for your support in advance!



A special thank you to our parent volunteers who come in to prepare and deliver snacks. We are truly grateful to you for your time and efforts. **Thank you - Holly, Salomeja and Angela!!!!!**

Join us for Turkey Bingo Fundraiser! Bring all your family/friends!!!



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.

PDF **Direction of School Support** Download 116.1 KB

Grand Erie Public Health

Head Lice

What you need to know about head lice Head lice are common among school aged children and having them does not mean your child is unclean.

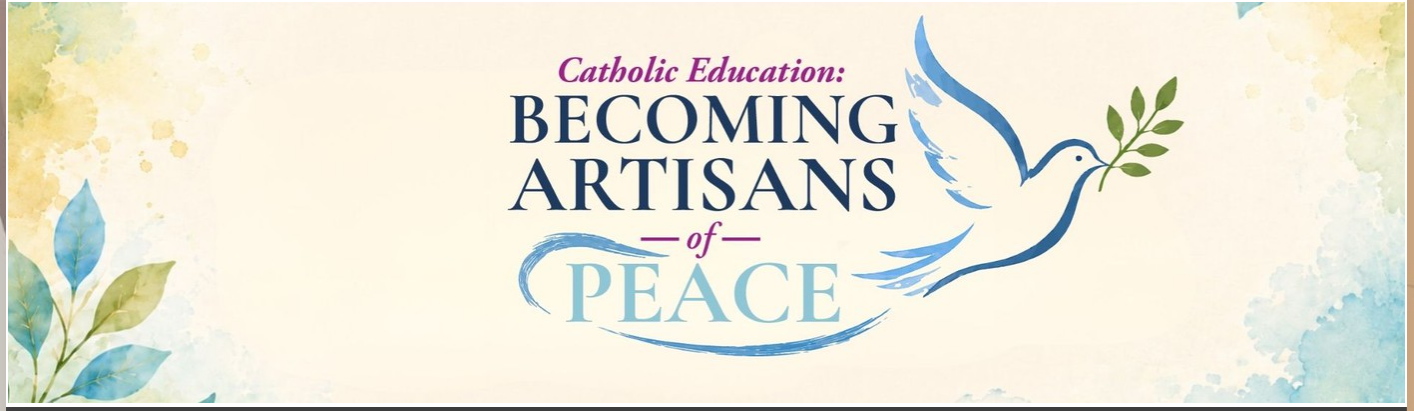
Head lice are tiny bugs that live on the scalp and lay eggs called nits. An itchy scalp and frequent head scratching are common signs of lice.

Lice spread easily by direct head-to-head contact, and by sharing items like hats, helmets, and hairbrushes. They can't jump, fly, swim, or live on pets.
· If your child has head lice, tell the school and anyone they've been in close contact with. Children with head lice should be treated and can attend school.
· Lice shampoo products are the best way to get rid of them. Your pharmacist or doctor can help you choose a treatment. Treatment is covered under OHIP+ with a valid prescription.

Children with head lice do not need to be kept home from school or childcare. Refer to your school board policies for further information.

For more information, visit: www.caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/head_lice

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