Our Lady of Fatima
Catholic School

300 Sidney Street, Belleville, Ontario
Website: http://schools.alcdsb.on.ca/ofat/
Telephone: 613-962-2162

St. Michael the Archangel Church 613-962-4634
Fr. Richard Whalen, Pastor

Weekend Mass Schedule
   Saturday- 5:00 p.m
   Sunday- 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.
   Children’s Liturgies at 9:30 Mass

School Masses First Mass Sept 23. At Church

The scheduled masses for the school year will be announced through the newsletter. Our priests, students and staff, make these liturgies true celebrations of our faith. Parents and grandparents are warmly welcomed to attend school masses. Some masses will take place here at school and others will be at St. Michael’s church. We will announce locations in advance. What a great example it is for our students to see their families re-arranging their schedules, where possible, to come and pray and worship with us as a community of believers.

Jesus Blesses Little Children

Some people brought their children to Jesus so that he could place his hands on them and pray for them.

His disciples told the people to stop bothering him. But Jesus said, “Let the children come to me, and don’t try to stop them! People who are like these children belong to God’s kingdom.

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School Mission Statement

To develop a school community of love, learning, and respect, by living Christian values and nurturing student growth.

EVERYONE MATTERS AT OUR LADY OF FATIMA
WELCOME TO FATIMA-

Welcome to parents, students and staff of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School Community for the 2016 – 2017 school year. A special greeting also to families new to Our Lady of Fatima. I am honoured to join you again this year as we begin this new and faith filled journey together. Our common goal of high achievement for all students embedded within the rich Catholic traditions of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School will lead us on an exciting and rewarding “pathway” together. Welcome to the Fatima Family.  

Mrs. Anne Miller - Principal

Staff Assignments-

- Mrs. Yvonne Gervais Jr/Sr Kindergarten
- Miss Jennifer Morin E.C.E.
- Mrs. Marylou Langabeer Senior Kindergarten-Grade 1
- Mrs. Sharon Thur Grade 2/3
- Mr. Greg O’Sullivan Grade 3/4
- Ms. Sue McCourt Grade 4/5
- Mrs. Jessica Mulhall Grade 5/6
- Mr. Jim Gauthier Grade 7/8
- Miss Kristine LaHaye Resource
- Mrs. Elizabeth McGarvey Core Fr.
- Miss Dianna Patrick Arts /PPT Teacher
- Mrs. Anna Semark E.A. Mrs. Margie Phieffer E.A.
- Mrs. Cheryl Casey E.A. Mrs. Carol Owen E.A.
- Mrs. Nicole Crockett E.A. Ms. Maggie Carmichael E.A.
- Ms. Kelly Street E.A. Ms. Marissa Lee E.A.
- Mrs. Kenndy Peck Child and Youth Worker
- Mrs. Linda Bunnett Noon Hour Supervisor
- Mrs. Theresa Brennan Library Resource Assistant
- Mrs. Kim Berthelot Secretary
- Mr. Pete Allen Custodian
- Mrs. Anne Miller Principal
Medical Alert

It is important that the school is aware if your child has a severe medical condition. All medications must be stored in the office with updated paperwork. This includes over the counter medications. **This applies to all medications, not solely prescriptions.** Please never send any medication for students to self administer or “take with your lunch.” Please contact the school with the necessary information (materials) to assist your child. We strive to make this as easy as possible for parents. If you know that you are going to the doctor and that a medication that may impact the school day may become involved, we will save you a second trip back to the office, by providing you with medication forms that you can take to the doctor for the first visit. No staff can administer any medication without the written directions of a registered physician.

Pupil Absences and Late Arrivals-

**Safety**  Please contact the school office prior to the absence of your child. This notification is to ensure the safety of pupils while en route to the school. If the school is not made aware of your child’s absence the office will contact you. Please leave a message if calling outside school hours. Your messages will be answered promptly.

**“Every School Day Counts” - Legislated attendance and timely arrival**  Ministry regulations state that we must have, on file, a note from Parents/Guardians stating the reasons for a student absence if the student misses more than two consecutive days. Please forward the note to the office. Patterns of absence and lateness have a profoundly negative impact on student learning and social/emotional comfort at school, when not related to a significant and obvious health reason. **Please note that frequent lateness and absence is required to be reported to our Board Attendance Officer** in compliance with legislation requiring children of six years of age and older to be in school full time daily unless there are documented special circumstances. Board Attendance Officers can assist families with setting routines priorities when absences are interfering with learning.

We love having our students here at school on time daily, so that they can grow to their full potential socially, emotionally and intellectually in a regular, predictable setting that focuses on the development of the whole child.
Nut Allergies

Again, this school year we have a number of children that suffer from severe nut and other allergies. The entire school needs to be vigilant. **As an entire school we endeavour to be “nut free”** and we do ask that everyone please take extra care and caution. (A bit of peanut butter inadvertently touched by one of these children could cause death). We want to ensure that school is safe for everyone! Please, remind your children not to eat on the bus or in the bus line. Please read labels carefully.
**School Times**

8:55  Yard Supervision Begins  
9:15  Instructional Day Begins  
11:15 – 11:30  Morning Recess  
Lunch  12:30  Indoor Eating Period  
12:50 – 1:30  Recess  
Dismissal  3:30  

Please avoid early pick ups as we have a huge volume of curriculum to teach daily and we plan lessons that run close to dismissal daily. We appreciate your support in this area.

**Morning Supervision**

Students should not be sent to school nor arrive early (before 8:55) as this is an unsupervised time. Thank you for following this safety guideline.

**Lunch Hour**

If your child will be walking home for lunch for the year, please send us one note. Students are not permitted to visit stores or restaurants during lunch hour unless accompanied by their parent.

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**Elementary Student Information Form**

These forms are going home today. This form contains valuable information to ensure your child's safety. Please return the pink Student Information Form as soon as possible. These phone numbers and contacts are part of our safety plan for your child.

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We welcome Loyalist student Olivia Lambert to our school community for her fall placement.
**School Agendas**

This year we are happy to have for your children (grade 1 thru grade 8) an agenda book. This book has been paid for by the school budget and is expected to be used a primary tool for daily communication. Agendas can also help the parents and teachers indicate that they need to have a private conversation. This is best done by adding a note that says, “Please call me when possible to discuss a question that I have.” It is important for confidentiality that scenarios and names of individuals are not written in the agendas. These are books that our students use all year round and should remain functional but also child appropriate. With limited school budgets, we do want to notify you that lost agendas will be replaced at a charge to the family. Thank you for your support.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Mmmmmm...Milk** (White/Chocolate) is available each noon hour beginning Monday, September 19 for a cost of .75 cents. Milk must be pre-ordered and prepaid. Please return your form if you wish to participate. The final day to order for September/October is **Thursday, September 15**. Please call the office (Mrs. Berthelot) with any questions.

**School Pictures**

Monday, September 19, 2015, Junior Kindergarten thru Grade 8

Retake day is Tuesday, November 3, 2015.

**Family Open House/ Meet the Teacher Night**

Mark your calendars for the Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School Open House / Meet the Teacher, Wednesday, September 28, 2016. More Information to follow.
School Council

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School Council will meet Tuesday, September 20 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. New members are invited to attend. Together, our focus is to be present in a warm and inviting way to build community in our school. As a school council member, you can help the council discover new and exciting ways to contribute to the education of students in this school. Your involvement in the council gives you the opportunity to be part of a dedicated team working to ensure a high quality of education and an accountable education system for the children we serve. Your participation is most welcomed.

Belleville Spirits

BOYS TRYOUTS

All tryouts are at Nicholson Catholic College. Please use the John Street entrance. There is no cost to attend the tryouts. Tryouts will be approximately 90 minutes in length.

Atom Boys (born in 2005 or later)

Sunday, Sept 18 -- 10:30 AM
Sunday, Sept 25 -- Noon
Sunday, Oct 2 -- Noon


Sunday, Sept 11 -- 12:30 PM
Sunday, Sept 18 -- 12:30 PM

We Need You

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club program will begin for all students on September 26th. At the same time, we will also begin our snack program which allows each classroom to have a snack box. Many, many thanks to supporters of these programs, our families, local companies such as Reid’s Dairy for their donations of food or money. Parent donations of money are gratefully received. If any parents/guardians are interested in volunteering in the morning from 8:30 thru 9:30 a.m. please call Mrs. Berthelot @ 962-2162. We desperately need parent volunteers and your help may only be needed one day a week, we can be flexible to your work schedules.
SPRITS HOUSE LEAGUE 2016
REGISTRATION SHEET

NAME ________________________________________

GENDER  ____ MALE  ____ FEMALE

DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, year) ________________________________

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAMES __________________________

ADDRESS __________________________________________

PHONE NUMBER _____________________________________

EMAIL ADDRESS ______________________________________

SCHOOL (as of Sept. 2016) ________________________________

T-SHIRT SIZE  ____ YS  ____ YM  ____ YL  ____ AS  ____ AM  ____ AL

BASKETBALL EXPERIENCE
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SPECIAL NOTES (medical issues, etc.)
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SPIRITS HOUSE LEAGUE 2016

Go to www.spiritsbasketball.net for registration form

• Starts Sept 16 and goes 8 weeks, excluding Thanksgiving and October 28 (P.A. Day)

• Final night will be November 18

• The league is co-ed and has the following divisions:
  novice (grade 3/4), atom (grade 5/6), bantam (grade 7/8)

• All games will be played at local high schools

• Games will be played Friday nights with game times of 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 p.m.

• Younger teams will play early games

• The 1 hour session includes a 20 minute skill session followed by games.

• Cost is $75 which includes a t-shirt as well as an individual and team photo

• Payment may be made through e-transfer to bellevillespirits@gmail.com or by cheque on opening night

• Jumpstart (Canadian Tire) and Quinte Children’s Foundation are both options for families with financial hardship

• The primary goal of the league is to instill a love of basketball in the kids
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