

Catholic School Improvement Learning Cycle 2018 – 2019

Our Lady of Fatima

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission is to safeguard the needs and well-being of every community member and to set a positive tone. We must be role models who place a high value on learning for students as well as ourselves. We must promote Catholic Values and collaborative communication by carefully planning the future while savoring the precious present.

MOTTO

"Helping Youth Towards a Brighter Future"

CATHOLIC FOCUS

Our Lady of Fatima Elementary School is situated on 39 Sunset Boulevard, northwest of Brampton's downtown corridor. It was opened on September 1982 and blessed on October 13th that same year. The school first existed as a series of portables called "Dodge City" and eventually bloomed to approximately 550 students. The school is named after the Blessed Virgin Mary who appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. There exists a wonderful film depicting this Immaculate event, giving a deeper understanding behind the school name. Daily prayer and devotion to the rosary are the epicenter of the school's faith agenda and atmosphere which resonates through the school's motto, "Helping Youth Towards a Brighter Future".

In support of the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board's Catholic Board Improvement Learning Cycle, Our Lady of Fatima is further committed to:

- Deepening the understanding, appreciation and practice of the Catholic Christian lifestyle, with Jesus as role model;
- Aligning a school-wide approach to Catholicity, whereby all educational practices are implemented through a Catholic lens;
- Developing students who are fully alive in Christ, not only in terms of knowledge and skills, but in terms of values, attitudes and actions.

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- As a diverse educational community responding to God's call, Our Lady of Fatima fosters and nourishes an inclusive atmosphere rooted in tradition and scripture while:
 - Being authentic witnesses to our Catholic Faith;
 - Being responsible stewards of God's grace in the world;
 - Respecting human dignity;
 - Modelling all learners after Jesus, as ministers of compassion

DUFFERIN PEEL'S STRATEGIC SYSTEM PLAN CORE PRIORITIES

CATHOLICITY

How does the school community model, celebrate and nourish gospel values in the teaching and learning of our Christ-centered programs and services?

At Our Lady of Fatima School, we celebrate and nourish gospel values in the teaching and learning our our Christ-centered programs and services through our:

Virtues Education Program

Virtues Recognition Program

Liturgies, Celebrations and Sacramental Celebrations

Praying of the Rosary

Acknowledgment of the Mississauga's of the New Credit each day as part of our Opening Prayers as well as Daily Prayer and Reflection.

Participation in the Rosary Apostolate program once a month

Sacred Space in all classrooms and common areas, Pause & Pray Area

School Adult Faith Ambassador Program/School Youth Faith Ambassadors

Weekly Staff Prayer services

First Eucharist and Confirmation celebrations with school and families

CATHOLIC LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

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Summary of the school's most recent (2017-2018) EQAO Primary Assessment Performance

- Reading 71% of students at or above Provincial Standard
- Writing 71% of students at or above Provincial Standard
- Mathematics 50% of students at or above Provincial Standard

Summary of the school's most recent (2017-2018) EQAO Junior Assessment Performance

- Reading 90% of students at or above Provincial Standard
- Writing 90% of students at or above Provincial Standard
- Mathematics 59% of students at or above Provincial Standard

Describe how the school fosters the achievement, well-being and continuous development of all through a caring, safe and inclusive environment.

Our Lady of Fatima School fosters the continuous development of all through a caring, safe and inclusive environment through the participation in:

The Virtues Education and Catholic Graduate expectations program

The Our Lady of Fatima Forest program

Social Justice Projects, ShareLife, Stewardship activities, Food Drives, Terry Fox Run, Christmas Baskets

Breakfast/Snack Program

Participation in the Big Brothers-Sisters program

Bullying Prevention Program, Diversity Education

Celebrating the diversity of students with differentiated needs in our school through inclusion, and cooperative activities

Team Orange and Smiley Friends program.

The God Squad Program

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

How does the school demonstrate that it values the involvement of community through partnerships and collaboration?

At Our Lady of Fatima the school team builds and sustains community partnerships and collaboration through the following acts:

Collaboration with St. Anne's Parish: ShareLife, Christmas Baskets, Share Life and United Way

Charitable Christmas partnership via Social Worker and community organizations (Century 21) Collaboration and transition planning with Cardinal Leger and St. Roch Secondary Schools, Community Police Officers, Crossing Guards, Bus Drivers and Volunteers in the School.

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Adult students from Humber College and Sheridan College in programs such as E.C.E./Early Childhood Educators and PSW/Personal Support Workers who require practical experience in the workplace, provide support to the school in the regular classrooms and the Special Needs classrooms

Peel Health, PALS/ Healthy Initiative.

Support of the High School Co-Op program

PEEL Police Youth Education Program

Junior Achievement Program for grade 7 & 8 students

Career Day during Catholic Education Week, Guest Speakers

City of Brampton Community program

Black History Guest Speakers, City of Brampton initiatives

PARISH – HOME – SCHOOL RELATIONSHIPS

Describe how the school demonstrates strong partnerships and collaboration among Parish, Home and School that are based on mutual respect rooted in our lived Catholic Faith.

At Our Lady of Fatima School, we demonstrate strong partnerships and collaboration among Parish, Home and School are based on mutual respect rooted in our lived Catholic Faith by ensuring that we:

Have consistent communication with the home

Share St. Anne's Parish news

Provide announcements for the parish over the PA system (the Edge Program for youth, Tiny Treasures for primary students)

Invite school community to participate and support St. Anne Parish events

Encourage all parents to be part of Sacramental Preparation Commissioning

Ceremony for our Youth Faith Ambassadors

Invite the clergy to visit the school and classrooms throughout the year

Provide the parish with copies of the school's monthly newsletter

Support the Sacramental preparation program

Participation in the St. Anne's Confirmation Retreat Day

STEWARDSHIP OF THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

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Describe how the school is committed to healthy and safe learning and working environments that enhance well-being, engagement and achievement.

At Our Lady of Fatima School we demonstrate commitment to healthy and safe learning and working environments that enhance well-being, engagement and achievement by ensuring that we:

Use assessment data to identify strengths/weaknesses

Use Technology to support Differentiated Instruction

Use SMART Board technology, Tablets, iPads and Chromebooks to enhance program delivery in our classrooms and continue Professional Development for all staff

Collaboration with Special Assignment Teachers

Implement and align Expected Practices as specified by the Ministry, the Catholic Board Improvement Learning Cycle and the Catholic School Learning Cycle

Continue with monthly divisional curriculum meetings with support from Instructional Support and Student Achievement Officer

Participate in the Family of Schools Professional Learning opportunities

Purchase resources to support needs that are aligned with the school goals

Use ongoing data analysis to support goal setting and instruction

Support the special services and school team to meet the needs of our diverse learners

Use profiles K-6 and My Blue Print (Grades 7-8) to support students in identifying interests that will inform future learning pathways and eventual career planning and Promote Common Grade Level Planning & Teacher Moderation

TECHNOLOGY

How is the school committed to a responsible approach in addressing the technology needs of our learners in a global context?

At Our Lady of Fatima School we are committed to a responsible approach in addressing the technology needs of our learners in a global context by ensuring that we:

Follow Board PED policy as students are encouraged to bring their own device.

Support "Edwin" rollout for Grade 7

Access to online learning tools to support learning, i.e: Raz Kids, Mathletics.

Establish a Technology Committee to look at school needs as well as staff professional development opportunities

Provide access to mobile technology carts (Dell Tablets, iPads, and Chromebooks) to all students.

Access SEA Claims in support of our diverse learners

Access Differing Abilities iPads in support of our learners

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SACREDNESS OF OUR ENVIRONMENT

How does the school encourage the respectful and sustainable environmental practices of reducing, reusing and recycling?

At Our Lady of Fatima School we engage in the following programs to model and promote good stewardship of resources:

Recycling Program (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle)

Environmental Club: Earth Day, Brampton Clean-Up, Waste Free Lunches program, Lights Off & EcoSchools Initiatives

ECO school program. We have currently achieved gold status as a result of the work that the school has done.

Healthy Eating and Litterless Lunch Programs

Social Justice initiatives

Participation in the Paper Cut program

Parent communications sent home electronically to conserve paper consumption School Cash On-Line Payments

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