

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School



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Associate Pastor

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School Hours:

Entry: 8:30 a.m.

Lunch: 11:32-12:32

Recess:

Morning: 9:54-10:09 a.m.

Afternoon: 1:55-2:10 p.m.

End of Day: 3:00 p.m.

Prayer for a New School Year

Dear Lord, as we begin this new school year, we gather once again as your community of believers. We thank you for the energy and the spirit that you renewed in us through the summer months. We thank you for the time to enjoy our family and friends and to reflect on what is important in our lives. Let this year be marked by enthusiasm and love so that with the inspiration of your Spirit, we may continue to grow in our faith. Help us to fulfill your hope for us with honest intentions and works of faith. Let us be gentle with ourselves and bring laughter, joy and love to others. We ask this in your name. **Amen**

Principal's Message

WELCOME BACK! On behalf of all Our Lady of Fatima Staff, I would like to welcome our returning students and parents as we begin the 2024—2025 school year. Our school staff welcomes those of you who have joined the Our Lady of Fatima community over the summer months as well as all our new students in grades JK to 8. I also extend welcomes to new staff: Comfort Isalana, Cathy St. Louis, Princy Prosper. The staff has been hard at work planning, preparing curriculum materials, and creating faithfilled and welcoming learning environments for all our students. We thank our custodial staff, Ms. Tracewicz, Ms. Mari and Mr. Donald for their many hours of work over the summer. The school is very clean. Our fabulous secretary Mrs. Francia has also worked countless hours to ensure that this school year will begin smoothly. To keep in touch with events important to our school community, you are encouraged to read the monthly newsletters. These will be sent home electronically through school messenger. The Dufferin-Peel CDSB also uses the school messenger platform to communicate information from the Board. It is important that these are read as well. They are also available on our website. In addition, reminders and important notices that must be distributed quickly, will be sent home by email to those who are registered. I look forward to serving in my capacity as principal and wish you all a successful school year.

A. Fiore
Principal

September 2024



THE VIRTUE PROGRAM VIRTUE FORMATION

The Virtue for the month of September is FAITH

God made us to live together as a family community.

A faithful person...

- Prays whenever they can
- Learns from Scripture stories
- Assumes that there is good in everyone
- Knows that we are all loved by God

A faithful person believes that God's plan for us includes the right to be safe, especially at school. FAITH is the great virtue of believing in God and trusting that God is with us.

SCHOOL HOURS 2024-2025

Start time - 8:30 a.m.

Recess - 9:54 - 10:09 a.m.

Lunch - 11:32 a.m. - 12:32 p.m.

Recess - 1:55 - 2:10 p.m.

Dismissal - 3:00 p.m.



Supervision begins at the school at 8:15a.m. For your child's safety, please do not send your child earlier as there is no one to supervise them.

Students will receive scheduled outdoor breaks with their class. These times are not considered a recess. These times will be limited to a few classes at a time to ensure that social distancing can take place outside.

STAFFING

The beginning of each school year is always marked by unexpected changes which require all of us to be understanding, accommodating and flexible. The September school organization is based on projected enrollment prepared by the Board's Planning Department. Such enrollment projections determine the number of teachers assigned to the school and consequently the grade and class configurations. If student enrollment falls below or increases above projections, an adjustment to the number of teachers assigned to the school follows, which in essence may affect the placement of your child. Therefore, as we start the year, staffing is still tentative and until actual numbers are realized and assessed, reorganization of classes is a strong possibility.

SCHOOL ENTRY

The soft entry model used last year will NOT continue. School doors will be opened at 8:30 a.m. Students are expected to arrive by 8:30 a.m. Late students will then proceed to the front doors. Please note that the singing of O Canada, morning prayers and announcements take place between 8:40 and 8:45 am. To be respectful of the national anthem, land acknowledgement and prayers, students will not be admitted during this interval. Please just wait outside the front doors until the conclusion of this morning routine.

ATTENDANCE: SAFE ARRIVAL/SCHOOL MESSENGER

You are asked to report your child's absence using Safe Arrival. See separate attachment. LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS AND STUDENT SIGN-IN, SIGN-OUT POLICY Students are not permitted to leave school property without written permission from parents or guardians. Students are to be signed-out by a parent or pre-determined adult and signed-in once they return to the school. LUNCH ROUTINES Please complete the form indicating if your children's default lunch preference. Students either go home or remain at school on a regular basis. Students who regularly stay at school for lunch must be signed out by a parent each time they leave. Please provide students who will be eating lunch at school with a packed lunch and a refillable water bottle. Students may use the two filling stations and water fountains to stay hydrated. If you wish to drop off at lunch, be advised that students eat between 11:32 – 11:52 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION

Bus Safety Protocol for JK/SK & Grades 1—3 students will be sent home, as well Bus Safety Rules for all students using the bus. Review expectations with your child, reinforcing the need to follow the rules to support the safe passage of all our students. **Courtesy seating will be offered this year. The transportation department will only begin to grant "courtesy seat" riders during the month of October. For more information visit the website www.stopr.ca.**

WALKERS

Please continue to instruct your child regarding safe passage to school, i.e. crossing with the guard, and/or at signed locations, walking with a buddy, and to always watch out for vehicles. Use sidewalks and avoid crossing or walking along the centre of the parking lot.

MEDICATION

On occasion, the school is asked to store and/or give medication to students. A completed form must accompany each request for medication to be stored and given out by the school personnel. Ask the Office to supply you with the appropriate forms. It is no longer

necessary to complete anaphylaxis forms or asthma forms annually. It is the parents' responsibility to notify the school of any changes. **PEANUT AWARENESS & OTHER ALLERGENS** We have a number of children in our school who have severe life-threatening allergic reactions to peanuts, tree nuts, peanut butter, peanut oils and any peanut by-products. Other life-threatening allergens may include allergies to eggs, dairy, and flour products, sesame seeds and types of seafood if ingested by the student. Please refer to our Student Agenda for more information. In addition, treats (baking, candy, etc.) sent from home to celebrate birthdays will not be distributed. Alternates such as pencils and erasers are encouraged.

NO CHILD WITHOUT

Our school is involved in the Canadian Medic Alert Foundation's No Child Without program. There is no cost for students who attend our school and are between the ages of 4 up to their 14th birthday to join Medic Alert through this program. If your child has a medical condition, allergy or is required to take medication on a regular basis, then you should consider this program. A child's Medic Alert identification can alert school staff, friends, coaches, and others about your child's medical condition should an emergency occur. For further information go to www.nochildwithout.ca

STUDENT INSURANCE

As required by the Education Act and the Ministry of Education, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board annually provides parents with information about cost-effective student accident insurance coverage via student courier. Although enrolment is voluntary, the Board encourages parents to take advantage of the inexpensive insurance coverage, especially if their child/children participate in sports, field trips, or, if parents **do not have dental insurance coverage.** Please consult the flyer for details.

BICYCLE SAFETY

1. Walk bicycles on school property.
2. Obey all bicycle safety rules.
3. Roller blades, scooters and skateboards are not to be used on school property.
4. Students should get off wheeled devices once they arrive on the pavement.

CELL PHONES

While students are permitted to bring cell phones to school, it is expected that they be turned off during the day. Messages between parent and child should not be via cell phone. If a parent needs to relay a message, please call the office. If a child needs to contact a parent, usually if they are not feeling well, they are to ask permission to use the office phone. Students who are seen to be using their cell phone for any reason will have them confiscated. They

will be returned pending an agreement between the student's parents and the principal.

Cell phone usage:

- **Students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 will now be required to keep phones turned off or set to silent mode and out of sight for the duration of the school day, unless otherwise explicitly allowed by the educator during instructional time for a specific purpose.**
- **Students in Grades 7 to 12 must store their phones out of view and powered off or set to silent mode during instructional time, unless otherwise explicitly allowed by the educator during instructional time for a specific purpose.**
- **Contravention of these Ministry of Education expectations would be addressed as per the procedures outlined within DPCDSB's Catholic Code of Conduct.**
- **Students who need to use their phones or other electronic devices for health and medical reasons, or to support special education needs, may continue to use them during the school day following consultation with school administration.**
- **It is recognized that some parents need to communicate with their children during the school day, and in such instances, parents should contact the school office.**
- **Report cards may include comments on students' distraction levels in class.**

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FRONT DOORS LOCKED

Under this system, visitors may gain entrance by pressing a buzzer mounted on the wall outside the building, beside the front door. The buzzer activates a two-way speaker and camera system. The Office will then be able to determine who is at the door, by observing on a video monitor. This will enable better regulation of visitor access to the school.

The following are also part of our new protocol:

- All outside doors are locked, and entry can be gained only through the front door.
- Access to school for students during the singing of our national anthem and morning prayers will be delayed until they have been recited. Access during lunchtime may be delayed depending on the availability of staff who are required to monitor the new system. Please be patient.
- Arrive at school on time to allow children to enter with their classmates. We understand that extenuating circumstances cause delays and disruptions to the

morning routine. However, being punctual is a lifelong skill that must be encouraged at home.

AGENDAS

The Our Lady of Fatima Agenda is an important tool in helping students develop time management, organizational, and study skills. It also serves as a communication tool between the school and home. Thank you to families for supporting this initiative and devoting time to reviewing the agenda daily. This year there will be no cost to parents for the agendas. **PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHECK YOUR CHILD'S AGENDA ON A DAILY BASIS FOR HOMEWORK AND NOTICES.**

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL PLEASE JOIN US!!!!

Catholic School Council is an elected body that represents parents/school/parish community in advising the principal and/or board on educational matters. Our first meeting is on Monday, September 30th at 6:00 p.m. in the library.

SCHOOL FORMS

In the next week or so your child/ren will be coming home with forms that will need to be completed and returned to the school. The forms should be reviewed and returned to your child(ren)'s classroom teacher at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your cooperation.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION & PROTECTION

Please be aware that under this legislation, school staff, including the principal are not permitted to discuss other students with any individuals besides their parents, legal guardians or by court order. This applies to disciplinary procedures as well. For example, consequences for one student will not be shared with the parents of other students including the perpetrator and the target person.

PARKING LOT & TRAFFIC

The parking lot closest to the FDK playground is closed and there are signs indicating that parking is prohibited. This safety precaution facilitates the safety of students. PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY along the school lanes. Please do not park in the kiss and ride lane and leave your vehicle. If you want to walk your child to their doors, please park on the street or in our parking lot.

NEWSLETTERS

School Newsletters will be available regularly throughout the year. They serve as a means of communication between home & school. Various school events, procedures, reminders and other board, parish and community information that needs to be communicated will be provided in the newsletter. This year, we will continue to implement the 'e-newsletter'. Please be sure

that the school has your current email address. Please call the school if you have not received a monthly school newsletter and we will be happy to send one home.

Volunteers

We appreciate the many parents who volunteer on school trips and in other ways in the school. A valid **Vulnerable Sector Police Reference Check** is necessary to do so. These are valid one year. Please check existing forms for the expiry date.

NO DOGS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

In the interest of student safety, we remind you that dogs are not permitted on school property. A dog's behaviour and response around strangers can be unpredictable. Although dogs can be good pets for some people, they can be scary to some and pose an allergic risk to others. Dog droppings can pose not only a nuisance, but a health and safety hazard for all as well. Therefore, dogs must not be exercised on school property or brought to school when dropping off or picking up students.

ST. ANNE'S PARISH

115 Vodden Street East
Brampton, Ontario L6V 1M4
(905) 453-1303

Pastor: Father Joel Pabilona Jr.
Sacramental Coordinator: Arlene Morgan

Website: <https://stannesbr.archtoronto.org/>

Parish Office Hours

Monday to Saturday 9:00 am-11:00am
Sunday Closed

Monday - Saturday: Daily Mass	9:15 AM - 10AM
Monday - Friday: Prayer Only	10AM - 12PM
Saturday: Sunday Mass	5PM
Sunday: Sunday Mass	8AM, 10AM & 12PM

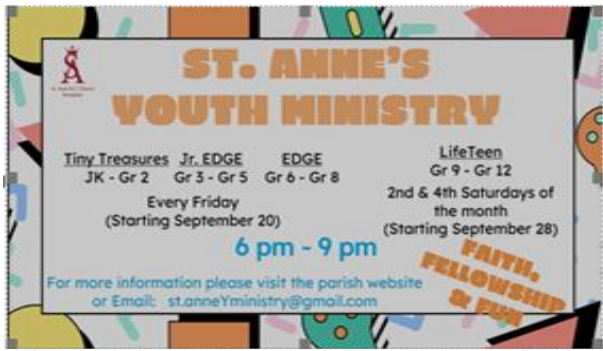
DATES TO REMEMBER (Lunch Program Starting October)

September

16 - School Council Nomination Forms due by 3:00 pm
16 - PA DAY - NO SCHOOL
19 - Open House @ 5:30 pm
24 - Picture Day
23-27 - Truth and Reconciliation Week
25 - Virtue Assembly @ 9:30
27 - Terry Fox Run/Walk
30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation/Orange Shirt Day
30 - Catholic School Council Meeting @ 6:00 in the library


October

7 - Thanksgiving Day - No School
25 - Picture retake
29 - Virtue Assembly @ 1:30 pm
31 - Halloween



OUR LADY OF FATIMA 2024-2025 SCHOOL STAFF

Z. Tatarski	FDK A
R. Stipanic	FDK B
M. Bergie	1/2
K. Moszynski	2/3
D. Cachia	3/4
M. Orange	4/5
S. Loiacono	6
S. Canestraro	7/8 A
A. Doljac	7/8 B
M. Blake	SERT/NM/NS
P. Saieva	SERT/SERC
L. Albanese	Library/Planning Time/ESL
P. Prosper (0.9)	Planning Time
A. Milotic	FSL/PT
F. Teixeira	DECE
L. Cooze	ERW
C. Mendizabal	ERW
K. Bradbury	ERW
C. St. Louis	ERW
D. Simmonds-King	ERW
C. Isalana	ERW
Alessandra Fiore	Principal
Milena Francia	Head Secretary
Krystyna Tracewicz	Head Custodian
Jackie Mari	Night Custodian
Euwin Donald	Night Custodian




International and Indigenous Languages Elementary Program


Start date September 21, 2024 to May 10, 2025 2024-2025

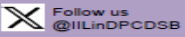
REGISTRATION STRONGLY ENCOURAGED BY: JUNE 21, 2024

- Elementary International and Indigenous Languages are available to students in Kindergarten to Grade 8.
- No prior language experience is necessary.
- The registration for each site is continuous on Saturdays from 9:00 am – 11:30 am.
- Enrolment is limited at each location.
- There is a non-refundable consumable fee of \$30.00 (Plus SchoolCash Online cost recovery fee)
- Classes will run pending sufficient enrolment.
- Families will only receive a call/email if the course has been cancelled or location has been changed.

Important Information/Dates To Remember:
 Registration is now open until June 21, 2024 for first consideration of languages and locations.
 Late Registration Day is Saturday, September 14, 2024, from 9:00 am – 11:30 am. No classes on this date.
 First day of classes for students is Saturday, September 21, 2024 from 9:00 am – 11:30 am.
 Last day of classes for Elementary students is Saturday, May 10, 2025

	Arabic	Chinese	Croatian	French	Gujarati	Hindi	Italian	Malayalam	Mandarin	Polish	Portuguese	Punjabi	Russian	Slovak	Spanish	Tamil	Telugu	Urdu	Vietnamese	Yoruba
																				
Divine Mercy 2840 Duncan Drive, Mississauga										*					*					
Pauline Vener 66 Oakley Blvd, Brampton						*						*								
St. Francis Xavier Elem (Brampton) 111 Bentley Bull Parkway, Brampton					*					*	*							*		*
St. Isaac Jogues 300 Great Lakes Drive, Brampton							*	*			*				*					
St. Philip 345 Fairview Road West, Mississauga		*	*				*				*					*			*	
St. Pio of Pietrelcina 4765 Huron Heights Drive, Mississauga										*										
St. Sebastian 3460 Aquinas Avenue, Mississauga	*		*	*			*	*	*								*		*	
Sts. Martha and Mary 1760 Bough Beeches Blvd, Mississauga														*					*	
Sts. Peter and Paul 4305 Woodington Drive, Mississauga				*									*		*					

How to Register and Next Steps:
 1. To register, please complete a [registration form](https://www.dpcdsb.org/programs-services/languages/internationallanguages) for each student or visit <https://www.dpcdsb.org/programs-services/languages/internationallanguages>
 2. OR scan the QR code 


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Lunch Program Fundraiser at Our Lady of Fatima!!!!!!

Our Lunch Program Fundraiser will be starting up in **October** again!

The following lunches will be available for purchase on School Cash Online:

 Gino's Pizza – every Tuesday starting October 1st.

 Mr. Sub – every other Thursday starting October 3rd

 Popeye's – every other Thursday starting October 10th

All items will be posted monthly on School Cash Online. All items will have a **start date and due date**. Please note that if you miss the due date, the item will no longer be available for purchase. Please make sure you do not miss the due date! The lunch program fundraiser is totally optional to students.

October items will be available for purchase starting **September 18th to September 24** for the month of **October**. Each month will have a different start date and due date. When you register on School Cash Online, please make sure you register for “notification”.

Please find attached how to register on School Cash Online.

Thank you for supporting Our Lady of Fatima Fundraiser!