

Principal's Update

Principal Update November 14th, 2022

1. **Sharelife** - Profits from the cookie orders during the month of October were used to support Sharelife. We collected \$165. Thank you to Milena for organizing this.
2. **Tonino's pasta** – we had 70 orders. Should we continue to offer? Any feedback?
3. **Report Cards** go home November 15th. Parent/Teacher conferences will be either phone calls or in-person on Thursday November 17th
4. **Halloween dance** – huge success. Students and staff appreciated all the hard work that the parents on the school council put forth. They were very thankful to all of you for organizing the event.
5. **Winter Coats**: Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for the very generous donation of winter coats and snowsuits. All the families that requested one, received them
6. **Bad Weather Day** – School board has 3 zones. Our Lady of Fatima belongs to zone 2. All parents should check the board website for the yellow banner when bad weather is anticipated. Decisions are made by 6:30 a.m. There are two possible scenarios. One, all schools and offices are completely closed. Two, busses are cancelled but schools and offices are open. Please note, if busses are cancelled, it is for both morning and afternoon runs.
7. **Welcome to Ms. Bozzo** – Mrs. Wall had a baby boy on Nov 1st.
8. Faith ambassadors did a Food drive for Thanksgiving and have also done a Candy Drive for Dr. Simone. Thank you to Ms. Tatarski and her group of students who did this. Ms. Tatarski delivered the candy.
9. **TREATIES RECOGNITION WEEK: NOV 6-12, 2022**
Treaties Recognition Week helps students, faculty, staff, and the public learn about treaties from diverse Indigenous perspectives and encourages greater understanding of the importance of treaties in Ontario. We had presentations for all grades on Nov 9th.
10. **ATHLETICS**
To date, Our Lady of Fatima participated in junior boys and girls volleyball mini tournaments against 4 other elementary schools and the family and board Cross Country Meets featuring all the schools in the Brampton West family. All the athletes worked hard during practice and gave superb efforts during the competitions. Thank you to all the students who tried out and participated. Thank you to the staff coaches for their work with these teams. (Ms. Stipanic, Mrs. Cachia, Mrs. Bergie) Presently we have indoor soccer tryouts (tournament will be on Nov 26/27 junior teams and Dec 6 and 7th for intermediate teams). Thank you to Mr. Milotic and Ms. Bozzo for coaching. We also have intermediate volleyball teams practicing. Thank you to Ms. Stipanic for coaching. We also will have a chess team that will be going to a tournament at Guardian Angels. Mrs. Blake is spearheading this.

11. **Christmas break – Friday Dec 23 – January 8th** inclusive (yes the last day is Thursday)
12. Grade 8's went to Cardinal Leger for **A Day in the life of a grade 8 Leger student** on Nov 2nd.
13. **Rosary Apostolate** has begun again. They are not coming into the schools as of yet however they did it virtually. FDK – grade 3's (in the morning @ 8:45) and Junior – Intermediate (in the afternoon @ 12:45). First one was done on Thursday Nov 3. All students received a rosary so that they can pray along. The next one will be on Dec 7th.
14. **In-school tutoring and after school tutoring** still taking place
15. **Earth Rangers** – coming on February 2, 2023. The Earth Rangers School Assembly is an exciting and interactive presentation complete with live animals, games and trivia, captivating video content, and two enthusiastic presenters who explain complex environmental issues in a way kids can understand. We not only teach kids about the environmental issues our planet is facing — we empower them to take action. Our assembly inspires students by highlighting the real-life work conservationists are doing, showing them how they too can take action for a cause they care about. Thank you to Mrs. Blake for organizing.
16. **Anti-Bullying Prevention Week Spirit Week -**



Catholic Community, Culture and Caring

1. **Masses** – First School Wide Mass was on October 12th (opening mass/thanksgiving mass). Thank you to Mrs. Loiacono and her class for organizing
1. **Advent mass** to take place on Friday December 9th @ 10:30 a.m.
2. **Advent liturgies** – Nov 28th, Dec 12th, Dec 19th @ 9:15– by YFA and Ms. Tatarski
3. **Virtues**
 - Ms. Tatarski, Mr. Albanese and Mrs. Cachia classes did the virtue assemblies for Sept and October.
 - Month of November: Conscience – was done by Mrs. Loiacono's class
4. **Remembrance Day Service** was done by Mrs. Albanese's class and Mrs. Loiacono's class

To Discuss:

1. EQUITY FAIR

Rocks and Rings (curling) \$225 + taxes + \$20 TRAVELLING FEE ????

2. School Council Report:

A) Provide a summary of achievements and/or activities being planned for this school year

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B) Please indicate your Catholic School Council goals for the future

Fundraising: possible ideas: Box of cards, Cookie Dough

Halloween Costs: please submit your expenses