



Fatima Flyer



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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OUR LADY OF FATIMA SCHOOL - GRIMSBY

MAY 2012

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

“Walking in the Light of Christ”

During the week of May 7th through 11th our Catholic School community celebrated Catholic Education Week with many events that reminded us of the many wonderful gifts with which God has blessed us. We also celebrated the distinctive contribution that Catholic schools make to our students, our community and our province.

TEXTBOOKS

It's getting close to the end of school and in a short while we will be taking inventory of textbooks. Just to be on the safe side, **NOW** is a good time to check to make sure that your child (ren) has all of the **numbered textbooks** that were originally assigned to him/her. If your child **DOES NOT** have the textbook originally assigned, he/she must talk to the classroom teacher and locate their assigned texts. Replacing these textbooks is very costly.



Full Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program Parent Presentation—Orientation

Parent-orientation will be held on Wednesday, June 13th 6:30 pm in the School Library. First Student Canada, our bus company, will also be here at 1:00 pm to give a presentation and bus ride to our new Kindergarten students.



PICTURES

A reminder to parents that Thursday, May 17th Pegasus will be here to take our Teams, Clubs and SK Grad pictures.



To help celebrate **Better Hearing and Speech Month** during the month of May, we are pleased to participate in **Dress Loud Day**, May 22nd. On May 22nd have your child come to school dressed wild and wacky! Also the Niagara Catholic's Speech–Language Pathologists, Communicative Disorders Assistants and Teachers of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will be having their 6th annual colouring contest. The contest is open to all primary students from ELKP to Grade 3. This event will focus on bringing awareness to the needs of our students with communication concerns or delays. Completed colouring sheets must be returned to the Special Education Department at the Catholic Education Centre before May 31, 2012. Prizes will be awarded at the beginning of June 2012.

Celebrating Primary Art Gala

Congratulations to the following primary students whose art work was chosen by their teachers to represent OLF at the Celebrating Primary Art Gala at the Catholic Education Centre in Welland: Rachel Shwajch, Ava Bosiljevack and Kieyaan Baktawar.



TRACK AND FIELD will be held on Tuesday, May 29th. Raindate is Friday, June 1st.

EQAO - GRADES 3 & 6

OLF has set the dates for the primary (Gr. 3) and junior (Gr. 6) assessments. The assessments will take place between May 23rd to June 6th, 2012. The tentative date for the Grade 6 students are May 30-June 6. The tentative dates for the Grade 3 students are May 23-29.

It is extremely important that students do miss not any school during the assessment time. Please do not make any appointments for your child during the assessment period. We appreciate your support in having students arrive at school on time, well rested and ready to go. This assessment will provide high quality information to educators, parents, students and the general public on the academic achievement of students in the areas of reading, writing and mathematics. They also provide additional input for improving student learning and supporting school improvement initiatives.

Parents can help ensure that students have a positive experience in the assessments.

Discuss the assessments with your child. These EQAO assessments help all students to learn better and do their best work

Try to avoid interruption in your child's attendance during assessment. Parents are asked to avoid arranging appointments during this period to accommodate testing schedules. Please refer to the school calendar, which highlights the specific testing days for the Grade 3 and Grade 6 students.

Remind students to be prepared by bringing to school a calculator, sharpened pencils, pencil crayons, ruler, eraser, highlighter, book for silent reading when work is complete.

Enforce home routines such as a nutritious breakfast, healthy snack and appropriate bedtime.

Encourage your child to do his/her best throughout the testing days.

Soccer Tournament

Our Jr. Girls Soccer tournament will be held at Smith School on Wednesday, May 23rd and our Jr. Boys Soccer tournament will be held on Thursday, May 24th. The raindates are May 25th and 28th respectively.



“HOPE”

For working toward peace and justice despite facing obstacles.

April “Virtue of the Month” Award Winners

JKAM	Mya Demirbas, Nolan Bennie & Kate Celia
JKPM	Anthony Faustini
SKAM	Rae Ann Daley, Ainsley Quinn, Vivian Santos & Braedan Simoncic
SKPM	Luca Volpini, Sebastian Melgarejo & Katarina Markus
JK/SKAM	Kylee Smukavic & Liam Young
Gr 1S	Brendan Roberts-O’Carroll
Gr 1W	Giordano Pietrorazio
Gr 2B	Matthew MacInnis & Brookelyn Ticchiarelli & Nolan McLaughlin
Gr 2L	Aaron Adzijevec & Daniella Greco
Gr 3D	Sophia Sorbara
Gr 3M	Madison Porkolab
Gr 4	Dylan Flaisch & Jocelyn Tweedle
Gr 4/5	Christian Gagliardi & Owen DeTullio
Gr 5	Bryan Tassone
Gr 6	Daniela Karaula & Dylan Keegan
Gr 6/7	Anthony Corso & Nick Putigna
Gr 7/8	Jenny Jaskula
Gr 8	Alysha Quatrala

BOARD HERITAGE FAIR

Congratulations to the following students who represented OLF at our recent Board Heritage Fair held on April 25th at Brock University:

Martin Bradley, “Yonge Street” received the *Niagara Catholic District School Board Award of Excellence*
Daniela Lozano, “Highway of Heroes” also received the *Niagara Catholic District School Board Award of Excellence*

Antonio Serkhanian, “The Bay of Fundy” received the *Bird Sanctuary Award*

Stephanie Larmet, “Sir Irsaac Brock” received the *Heritage Niagara Esther Summers Award*

Dashiel Baktawar, “The Port Dalhousie Carousel” received the *Ontario Heritage Fairs Association Founders Award*

Also special mention to Noah Muraca’s project on “HMCS Haida”

Congratulations to Daniela and Martin who will be representing our Board at the Provincial Heritage Fairs in June in Toronto.

6TH ANNUAL GRIMSBY COMMUNITY SAFETY FUNFEST



On Saturday, May 28, 2011
from 10:00 am to 2:00
pm the 6th Annual Grimsby



Community Safety Funfest will be taking place. The focus of the event is preventable injuries. Emergency Services and various organizations will be on hand at the Peach King Arena to provide valuable safety information while having fun.

Please pass this information on to friends and family, it is a very successful event with over 40 organizations attending, free bbq, bike rodeo, prizes, balloons, a splash pad and much more. The best part is that the event is FREE!!!! Event participants: Grimsby Fire Department, Niagara Emergency Medical Services, Niagara Regional Police, Ministry of Natural Resources, CAA, Canadian Red Cross, Injury Prevention, War Amps, Ornge, Fire Safety Trailer, Town of Grimsby, Grimsby Power, RONA, face painting, and more!

FREE BBQ proudly sponsored by:

**Enbridge Gas & Giant
Tiger, Grimsby**



Catch the Spirit

Congratulations to Sara Bruno who was OLF's recipient of the Niagara Catholic "Catch the Spirit Student Award of Excellence" for 2012. Sara received her award at the Catch the Spirit Ceremony at St. Paul Catholic High School on May 7th. Sara has demonstrated these outstanding qualities:

- ◆ *Catholic Leadership Qualities*
- ◆ *Catholic Faith and Catholic School Philosophy*
- ◆ *Family Commitment*
- ◆ *School Community Relations (rapport with teachers and other students)*
- ◆ *Involvement in School Affairs and Activities*
- ◆ *Involvement in Community Activities*
- ◆ *Commitment to a Difficult Situation or Task*
- ◆ *High Degree of Academic Excellence*

LOST and FOUND

Parents and students!!! Please continue to check our 'lost and found' department for items you may be missing. All items left at the end of the school year will be donated to the Grimsby Benevolent Fund.

BT CORNER

The Student Services Department would like to thank all of the grade 8 parents and teachers for their diligence in completing and returning the 2012/2013 Option Sheets. **Grade 9 orientation is scheduled for Tuesday, August 28th, 2012.** At this time the incoming grade 9 students will have the opportunity to pick up their 2012/2013 timetable and move into their assigned lockers. A letter will be sent home in August outlining the events of this day. If you have not yet paid the \$55 activity fee, please do so as soon as possible. Payment can be given to your grade 8 teacher or brought to Blessed Trinity.

Maddalena Uniforms is the proud supplier of the Blessed Trinity school uniforms. If you were not able to attend the uniform fitting which took place March 26, 27 and 28th, the Tuck Shop will be open every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., or contact them @ 1-877-553-9991 * web page: www.maddalena-uniforms.com * email: moss@maddalena-uniforms.com.

If your son/daughter is considering summer school, applications will be available in the office of each Elementary School the week of April 23rd. Summer school will take place from Tuesday, July 3rd until Monday, July 30th, 2012. A Summer School information flyer was included in your Open House package. If you require any further information, please contact Continuing Education @ (905)682-3360 or <http://alc.niagaracatholic.ca/summerschool.asp>

Upcoming events:

- Catholic Education Week – Sunday, May 6th – Saturday, May 12th
- Spring Concert – Friday, May 4th at 7:00 p.m.

Blessed Trinity Hosts Relay For Life

On May 11th and 12th Blessed Trinity will be hosting their second Relay for Life – a student run fund raiser and Cancer awareness event. The event is totally student run with teacher supervision.

Because of the nature of the Relay (a 12 hour event - 7pm to 7am) it is impossible to have elementary students participate; however, we would like for the elementary students to become aware of the event and have a chance to contribute in some way.

Part of the Relay is a survivor lap, where survivors of cancer walk for a lap just after sunset. To light their way the track will be surrounded by luminaries. Luminaries look like lunch bags and have a candle inside. Luminaries can be purchased for \$5 and can be decorated and personalized by those who purchase them. The Grade 7 and 8 students at your school have already been informed about the luminaries and will be purchasing them through their teachers. If your child is not in Grade 7 or 8 and you would like them to purchase a luminary please contact John Cino at 925-945-6706 Ext. 2310.

Parents - Do you know what your kids may be doing?

One out of five youth have reported misusing prescription drugs in the past year! A lot of them say they are getting them straight from their home medicine cabinet.

We can protect our kids:

Lock up all prescription medications

Talk to your children about the dangers of misusing prescription drugs

Take back all old or unused prescription medications to your local pharmacy or

Drop them off at various locations around the Niagara region on

Saturday, May 12, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Check www.niagararegion.ca/health for more information on Niagara's Prescription Drug Drop-off Day and a list of locations near you.



-'Keep your head in the game' this summer with LEARNING ADVANTAGE Workbooks

—"Our Lady of Fatima" will be making available a summer activity workbook called "Learning Advantage" later in the month of May 2009. "Learning Advantage" is a fully coloured 192 page, activity book designed to reinforce and maintain Kindergarten to Grade 7 students' academic learning skills over the summer months. There is one 192 paged activity book per grade level from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 7. All major units and 3 summer fun units in each book are aligned with the Ontario curriculum expectations. In addition to the summer months, the books can be used all year long from September to the following June. All books have parent information pages, evaluation forms; follow up activities and a family focus. The cost of each book is \$19.05 plus GST (\$20 total). This is a savings of about \$4 compared retail and online prices. You can visit

www.learningadvantage.ca to download a free unit of the book you would like to order for further review. An order form and information sheet with more details about the "Learning Advantage" program will be sent home to all parents within the next few weeks. Orders are due back to the school **June 6th**. The books ordered will be delivered to the school **before** the last week of school.

Chess Team

Congratulations to the school Chess team who competed in the Board's Area 4 Chess Tournament. Many thanks to Mrs. Druce for coaching the team and for Mr. Greene who supervised the team at the tournament at St. Mark's School.



OLF's Chess Team members:

Ethan Hunter	Nicolina Serkhanian
Richard Pendlebury	Colin MacInnis
Tiana Del Bel Belluz	Julia Drossmann
Owen Livermore	Stephanie Larmet
Quinn Ciardelli	Joseph Lofaro
Jasper Kasunic	

BOOK FAIR

Our annual Book Fair was held from May 8-11th. Thank you for all your support. All monies raised are used for the school library and library programs. Many thanks to Mr. Greene for organizing the book fair. We also thank Mrs. Muise, Mrs. Harman, Mrs. Dulaney, Mrs. Greco, Mrs. Greenfield, Mrs. Jakuszewski, Mrs. Larmet, Mrs. Magnini, Mrs. Novak, Mrs. Santaguida, Mrs. Shwajch, and Mrs. Smilsky.

ART GALLERY



Primary

1st Place—"Raining Colours" Ava Appelman
2nd Place—"Beauty of the Sea" Mya Valvasori
3rd Place—"Gymnastics Silhouettes" Rachel Shwajch
Honourable Mentions
"Picture This"—Lilly Sipos
"Butterfly Gardens"—Mia Krushelnicki
"Black Capped Chickadee"—Stephanie Cabai

Junior

1st Place—"River Leaves" Sarah Harman
2nd Place—"A Meadow" Jocelyn Tweedle
3rd Place—"A Summer Path" Daniela Lozano
Honourable Mentions
"Discovering the Ocean" Tiana Vrbanic
"Explosion" Olivia Gaspich

Intermediate

1st Place—"May the Odds Be Ever in Your Favour" Aaron Parry
2nd Place—"Tranquility" Christina Merola
3rd Place—"Autumn's Palette" Amanda Sipos
Honourable Mentions
"Misty Day" Katie Bartlett
"March of the Penguins" Cara Lozano