



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy February! I hope it was a great weekend and you're getting a chance to enjoy this winter weather. We are looking forward to another great week at OLF.

Congratulations to our girl's badminton team who participated in the board tournament last week. They did a great job representing our school. Thank you Mrs. Matchett for coaching the team!

Kindergarten Registration is OPEN!!

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Kindergarten OCSB Information Page

Reminder to continue to monitor the **weather** and ensure students are dressed for the weather of the day. The students are outside for recess every day unless the weather gets to -25 degrees celsius (with the wind) so it is extremely important that students are dressed appropriately for the weather. Boots, toques and mitts are a must. Please reach out to the office if you need help with this.

As always, thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education.

Sincerely,

Kevin Shannon

Principal

Important Dates

February - Black History Month
Feb 5th- Notre Dame HS Program Night for Grade 6 families
Feb. 10th - 14th - Spirit Week
Feb. 14th - Valentine's Day
Feb. 13th - Term 1 Report Cards published on [Parent Portal](#)
Feb. 17th - Family Day Holiday - no school
Feb. 18 - 21st - Kindness Week
Feb. 26 - Pink Shirt Day
March 10 - 14 - March Break

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School Council Corner**Next Meeting:**

Monday, February 10th at 6:30pm. All are welcome to join us virtually using this [link](#).

Thank you to everyone for your continued support and involvement in making our school a vibrant and inclusive community! Please feel free to join us at our next meeting, February 10th, virtually. Please email olfcouncil@gmail.com if you want to be added to the email list or have any feedback/questions.

Safety around the school at bell times - Keeping every one of our students safe on their journey to and from school everyday is a priority for everyone in our community. Prioritizing convenience, disobeying signage and poor road user habits have the potential to increase congestion and safety risks around the school. I encourage all families to take a moment to watch this short video [School Zone Safety PSA](#) the Ottawa Safety Council (OSC) - and share it with others. The video offers simple yet important tips for drivers, parents, students and pedestrians to help make school zones safer for everyone, including:

- Reducing speed and staying alert in school zones.
- Avoiding distractions, especially while walking, driving or crossing the street.
- Respecting the speed limits and no parking/stopping signs.

Check out the video here: <https://youtu.be/VRTVHliAttU>

Lates- A reminder that students should be arriving at school between 7:45 and 8 am. When your child arrives late to school they are missing out on valuable learning and disrupting the learning of the other students. The office is busy in the morning, so please be patient if you do arrive late and only ring the bell once. Please do everything you can to ensure your children arrive to school on time.

Reduce the Spread of Respiratory Illnesses

Please read the document, [here](#) from Ottawa Public Health with regards to helping to reduce the spread of respiratory illnesses.

OSTA News

OSTA is excited to announce the launch of a new progressive web app designed to enhance communication and better serve our communities. Rest assured, this app will not replace your current email notifications for delays and cancellations that you are signed up for in our BusPlanner Web

This user-friendly app will keep parents, guardians and students updated on their transportation status. It features real-time alerts for delays, updates, cancellations and inclement weather "snow days."

The app is free to use, and no account is required. Simply [or click here](#) and save it to your phone's home screen. Then, select the school, route and run to get started.

Parents/guardians can find their child(ren's) transportation information in OSTA's [Parent Portal](#).

Parent Volunteers

Are you looking to be a Volunteer in your child's school? In order to be a volunteer (field trips, in class volunteering etc) , you must be approved and on the list with your child's school.

OCSB Volunteer Information:

Any Parents or Guardians wishing to volunteer at Our Lady of Fatima School, please email volunteers@ocsb.ca and put in the subject line: Volunteer at Our Lady of Fatima. They will then send you the instructions you need and make sure you are on the right rack.

If you completed a vulnerable sector check last year and are on our volunteer list, you do not need to apply for another vulnerable check. More details about the process can also be found here [OCSB Volunteer LINK](#)

Our Lady of Fatima Parish News

Check out the

- [Our Lady of Fatima Parish website](#) for parish news.
- Children's Liturgy is offered during the 11:30 Masses for children from 4 to 12, all are welcome

Community News

- **Notre Dame HS Sports Clinic** -see info [here](#)
- **Hannah Beach: The Power of Relationship and Play** -

This is an excellent [presentation](#) by Hannah Beach put on by CSPA (Catholic School Parents Association) on how essential play is to our children's well-being. Well worth watching.

For more on Hannah Beach, check out her blog.

<https://hannahbeach.ca/get-inspired/blog/>

School Messenger

Most of our communication will be done through School Messenger. It is an efficient way to communicate with all of our school community. If you haven't done so, please go to <https://www.ocsb.ca/schoolmessenger> to sign up for an account. In order to receive communication, like this newsletter, please review your settings to **ensure that you are signed up to receive General messages**. The reason you are receiving this newsletter today is because we have sent it as an ***Emergency Message***. Please note that future messages will be sent as General as to not alarm families.

School Day Schedule:

Block 1 — 8:00 - 9:15

Morning Recess — 9:15 - 9:30

Block 2 — 9:30 - 10:45

Lunch Hour: Eating & Outdoor Time — 10:45 - 11:45

Block 3 — 11:45 - 1:00

Afternoon Recess — 1:00 - 1:15

Block 4 — 1:15 - 2:30

Dismissal/Pick-up – 2:30