



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy Monday! I hope you all had a wonderful weekend. Congratulations to our Girl's Handball Team who did a fantastic job representing OLF at the board tournament last week. Thank you to Mrs. Matchett for coaching the team.

### **OLF Lenten Project**

Our Lenten journey continues and we continue to collect food and cash donations for the Ottawa Food Bank. Thank you for all the donations so far. It is great to see the students helping such a good cause.

Students are asked to bring in **NON-Perishable**, nutritious food items such as canned meats and vegetables, cereal, pasta and rice or cash donations. Monetary donations can also be made on School Cash Online. [Cash Online](#)

### **Kindergarten Registration is OPEN!!**

If your child or someone you know turns four by December 31, 2025, they will be ready to start Kindergarten in September 2025. Please register as soon as possible! To register for kindergarten at Our Lady of Fatima, please [click this link](#). We are excited to welcome them to OLF!

### [Kindergarten OCSB Information Page](#)

Thank you for making sure your children are at school on time to avoid disruptions to their learning and the learning of their classmates. As always, thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education.

Sincerely,

Kevin Shannon  
Principal

### **Important Dates**

March 27- Kindergarten Open House - 4:30 to 5:30 pm (for new registrations for September)

April 2nd- Dental Screening for -JK, SK, & Grade 2

April 18 - Good Friday - No School

April 21- Easter Monday - No School

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### **Games Club**

The OLF games club is looking for the following games. If you happen to have these games that are not being used at home and are still in good shape, please consider donating them to the school.

- Twister
- Chess
- Uno
- Headbanz
- Sorry
- Connect 4

### **School Council Corner**

**Next Meeting: April 14th at 6:30 pm in the Learning Commons**

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, April 14th at 6:30 in Learning Commons. Please email [olfcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:olfcouncil@gmail.com) if you want to be added to the email list or have any feedback/questions.

## **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

**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>

## **Weather**

Reminder to continue to monitor the **weather** and ensure students are dressed for the weather of the day. Splash pants and extra socks are a great idea during this wet time of year.

**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**

With our winter weather comes the possibility of **bus cancellations**. Please be sure to check in the morning with the [OSTA website](#) for any delays and/or cancellations.

## **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](mailto: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 track.

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](#)

## **Community News**

- **Ottawa City Soccer Club Programs** - details can be found here <https://ottawacitysoccer.com/ourprograms>
- **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/>
- Mental Health [Resource](#) for Parents and Caregivers

## **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