



Dear Parents/Guardians,

**We are excited to say that this Wednesday, June 26, we will be celebrating Canada Day at Our Lady of Fatima School! Dress in your finest red, white and Canada gear as we say "Happy Birthday" to this country we call home!**

Last week's OLF **playday** was a huge success. The students had a great time with the activities and our grade 5 and 6 leaders were fantastic at leading their groups and the stations. Saint shout out to our teachers who organized the day and our parent volunteers for helping out with our freezie station.

We have made it to the **final week of school** and it will be a mixed week of excitement for the summer and sadness to see the year end. Students will be bringing school work and personal items home this week. **Lost and found** items will be set up on tables outside the gym. You are welcome to take a look for lost items. Any items left over will be donated.

Our grade 6 leaving ceremony takes place tomorrow afternoon. We wish our grade 6 students all the success in the world as they move on to grade 7 and all the opportunities that will come. We wish all of our families who are moving communities the best of luck as well. We hope you leave with fond memories of Our Lady of Fatima.

We also want to say **farewell to several of our staff members**, all of whom we are sad to see go. We wish our Educational Assistants, **Ms MJ, Mr. Joel and Ms. Noorah** the best of luck. We hope to see them next year but know they will be amazing additions to any staff they are with. We wish **Mrs. Kunstadt** (gr. 2/3) and **Ms Hammond** (kinder) well next year and hope that they are back with us sometime soon, as well. **Ms. Meleca and Mrs. Nichelle** are moving on to new schools to bring their amazing talents to St. Joseph's High School and St. Rita Elementary. They have both been such a big part of our community and will be missed dearly, but are ready to take on new challenges. **Mrs.**

**Nichele** has been with us since she first started teaching, 25 years ago. We are so appreciative of the contributions made to our community over the years.

**Madame Blahout** is retiring. We wish her a 'bonne retraite' and thank her for all she's done for her students over the years, encouraging a lifelong love of french.

To our **OLF families**, your partnership and involvement have been crucial in creating a positive and thriving school community. Your trust in us and your active participation in your child's education make all the difference and we are grateful for the collaborative spirit that defines the OLF family.

Wishing you all a restful and rejuvenating summer break. Thank you for making my first few months at OLF so special!

Kevin Shannon  
Principal

### **Important Dates**

**Tuesday June 25th**- Grade 6 Leaving Ceremony- 12 pm-2 pm at the Parish

**Wednesday June 26th**- Canada Day at OLF

**Wednesday June 26th**- Kindergarten party in the park, 1-2 pm

**Wednesday June 26th**- Report cards published on [Parent Portal](#)

**Thursday June 27th**- Last day of school

**Friday June 28th**- PD Day- No School

**Report Cards/Parent Portal**- Please be reminded to ensure you have access to the [Parent Portal](#). Report Cards and IEPs will be available via the portal only. **Hard copies will not be sent home this term.** Parents/Guardians whose maternal language is not English can select a preferred language in the top right corner of the landing page. There are also support tips at the bottom of the same page. You may also want to view the following [video link on logging onto the Parent Portal](#).

### **Don't Forget!! Kindergarten Registration continues !!**

If your child turns four by December 31, 2024, they will be ready to start Kindergarten in September 2024

If you have a student who is getting ready for Kindergarten for September 2024, please register as soon as possible! We can't wait! [Kindergarten OCSB Information Page](#)  
**Here is the link to register for Kindergarten at Our Lady of Fatima School.**

[Register Here](#)

**Please feel free to pass this onto your Friends and Neighbours!**

### **OCSB Volunteer Information:**

Any Parents or Guardians wishing to volunteer at Our Lady of Fatima School, please contact [volunteers@ocsb.ca](mailto:volunteers@ocsb.ca) 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](#) Any Questions please reach out to the school

### **Bus Cancellations**

Please check the OSTA website every morning before school if your child takes the bus- cancellations will be posted there. We are hoping for no more this year- fingers crossed!

<http://www.ottawaschoolbus.ca/cancellation-delay-details/>

### **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.

Have a great evening,

Our Lady of Fatima School