



## PARENT UPDATE #8: OCTOBER 25 – OCTOBER 29

“Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could.” - St. Gregory

### Halloween Fun Day Fundraiser



Halloween is quickly approaching, and we ask for your support for our main fundraiser of the school year.

**Goal:** Our school goal is to raise \$16,000 this year. If each student can fundraise \$25, we can reach our goal!

**Ways to Donate:** This year due to COVID we did not send out envelopes with students to collect money. Parents are asked to donate through the school cash online system at: <https://hcdsb.schoolcashionline.com>

For ANY donation amount raised, students will have their choice of OLF themed Prizes and there are overall School Prizes including: Apple AirPods Pro, Dinner and Indoor Rock-Climbing Package, and more. Gift cards will be rewarded for the winners of our Halloween fun day Divisional Bingo. The top class in each division; Kindergarten, Primary, Junior, Intermediate raising the most money (per capita) will receive a classroom prize event.

### Lunch Box Program is Back!

We are thrilled to announce that our school Lunch program is back at OLF, including Subway and Mr. Sub. A reminder that all orders are placed through School Cash Online and **the ordering calendar is now open. Orders must be placed before Noon on Sunday to be applied for the upcoming week.**



Delivery Day	Featured Restaurant
Wednesday	Subway
Friday	Mr. Sub

**Pizza Days are coming back beginning in November. Slices are individually packed and safety sealed.**

- Supplier: Gino's Pizza
- When: Every Tuesday (Term 1 will run from Nov/2/2021 - Feb/22/2022, excluding Christmas Break)
- Cost: \$3.50/Slice - Maximum Order: 2 Slices/Student
- Size: XL Pizza, cut into 8 slices
- **Term 1 Pricing \$3.50 x 15 = \$52.50 for 1 slice per week**
- **Term 1 Pricing \$7.00 x 15 = \$105.00 for 2 slices per week**
- Pizza orders will be available on school cash online until October 28th.
- Please note that **LATE ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- Payable through School Cash Online: [www.schoolcashionline.com](http://www.schoolcashionline.com)
- Pizza must be ordered for the term, no ordering day by day or day of. No refunds for missed days.
- We cannot mix and match cheese and pepperoni slices at this time.



## School Picture day is Back!!!

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting School Picture day. on Wednesday October 27 and Thursday October 28.

DAY	CLASSES
Wednesday Oct 27	Kindergarten – Grade 5
Thursday Oct 28	Grade 6 - 8



### **MindUP™ for students**

As part of our commitment to Mental Health and Well-Being, Our Lady of Fatima School has been taking part in a Social-Emotional Learning and Mindfulness Curriculum Program called **MindUP™**. This evidence-based curriculum fosters mindful awareness and self-regulation; enhances empathy, optimism, and well-being; and promotes kindness and positive relationships. (see <https://mindup.org/>). We completed Lesson 1 last week and your child/children will be starting lesson two: “Mindful Awareness” for the next two weeks. During this lesson they will be exploring in more depth the amygdala and how it determines emotional responses by classifying incoming sights, sounds, smells and movements. Your child/children will learn to give time for their brains to process something they hear, see, taste, smell or feel, before responding produces mindful thinking. An example is “counting to ten” when you are frustrated or angry. Ask your child/children to share other ways that they can allow their brain to play catch-up and think more clearly and mindfully. (listening to music, reading, going for a walk)

### **Grade 7 and 8 Confirmation**



The dates for the Sacrament of Confirmation have been shared by St. Benedict Parish. Full information has been emailed to all parents of Grade 7 and 8 students. If you did not receive information or if you have any questions, please connect with your child’s teacher or speak to the OLF administrators.

#### ***Date for Confirmation are:***

Thursday November 11<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm – Mr. Donald and Ms. Lake’s Class  
Thursday November 11<sup>th</sup> - 7:30pm – Mme. Antonelli and Mrs. Lamanna’s Class  
Monday November 15<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm – Mr. Miszuk and Mr. Filipiak’s Class  
Monday November 15<sup>th</sup>- 7:30pm – Mrs. Szwed and Mrs. Smith’s Class

Students must attend during their scheduled date and time assigned to their class. Please be aware due to the pandemic protocols, the celebration of Confirmation will only be attended by the student receiving Confirmation, their sponsor and two parents/guardians. Unfortunately due to government and diocesan pandemic protocols, no other guests over the four designated (including other siblings and relatives) are allowed. **No exception to this rule can be made according to the Diocese of Hamilton.**

### **Daily Screening for COVID-19 Symptoms**

A continued reminder that Self-screening **must** be completed **each** day before a student attends school by using the [Ontario School and Child Care Screening Tool](#). If a student does not pass the self-screening, they are to remain home and follow the direction given on the screening tool. To ensure the safety of all students and staff, students are not permitted to enter the school building until the self-screening has been completed.

### **Masks on School Property**

Please model proper COVID protocols by wearing masks at all times when on school property, during morning drop off and afternoon pick-up. We appreciate your assistance and consistent practice of this behaviour as we ask the same of all of our students. This particularly includes during afternoon pickup when many parents/guardians are standing at the fence waiting for their child in close proximity to others. We thank you for your partnership with this every day.

### **Arriving on time**

School begins at 8:20am. The doors are open for students to enter beginning at 8:05am. It is very important that we are establishing good routines with our students and children, by ensuring that they arrive on time each day. Please consider walking your child to school to avoid the busy parking lots in the morning and afternoon. **A reminder that students should not be dropped off prior to 8:05am each day, as Supervision of students begins at that time. Students cannot enter the school until 8:05am, when supervisors arrive.**

### **Office Drop offs**

Please send your child each day with their healthy lunch and water bottle when you drop them off in the morning. We want to avoid disruptions to the class and student learning, so we ask that you avoid dropping materials off at the office, by ensuring they are packed each morning with all they need.

**Bishop Reding's Virtual Advanced Placement (AP) Information Evening** You are invited to attend a **virtual Information Session on the Advanced Placement (AP) Programme** offered at Bishop Reding Catholic Secondary School on **Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**

The AP programme offers enhanced learning and university-level courses to students in secondary school. Students enrolled in the AP programme study topics in greater depth, preparing them to develop the knowledge and the critical thinking skills that are expected in university. **Pre-Register for the Live AP Information Session!**

Parents and students who are interested in learning more about the AP programme and the application process are encouraged to attend the Information Session.

**By pre-registering, families will receive a direct meeting link to Microsoft Teams to attend the Information Evening on October 26<sup>th</sup>.** Families can also fill out the pre-registration form to receive information digitally about the programme and to submit questions in advance of the session. [Pre-register to attend the AP Information Session here.](#)

### **St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School**



The Virtual Grade 8 information night for Secondary School will take place on **Wednesday, November 3** in the evening.

Details are being confirmed by the Administration at the school, but when details become available they will place it on their website:

<https://secondary.hcdsb.org/stkateri>

# Important Dates and INFORMATION



## **UPCOMING DATES:**

November 1 – Parent Council #2

November 3 – St. Kateri Information night (Grade 8 parents)

November 11/15 - Confirmation

November 8-22 – Parent registration for Parent Teacher Interviews

November 24 – Progress Report goes home

November 25 – Parent Teacher interviews 3:00pm-8:30pm

November 25 – OCGE Golden Ticket Celebration

November 26 – PA Day (Parent/Teacher Interviews 8:30am-2:30pm)