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9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Lunch Hour:

11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.



October, 2021

Our Lady of Peace Catholic School Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we enter into the month of October, we focus our attention on the virtue of Gratitude. Our quote for the month of October is from the Psalm 118:24, ***"This is the day, the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad."*** We are so blessed to have publicly funded Catholic schools for our children to attend. We thank God every day for the gift of education and a place to gather to enrich and nurture our future. Students have now settled into their classes – routines of the school have been embraced and a true sense of community and family have emerged. To ensure that our children have the support they need to succeed, it is essential to keep the communication and support of our children at school and home consistent to ensure success. Thank you to all the parents and guardians for your patience, support, and cooperation as we launched this unique new school year.

During this time of Thanksgiving, we are reminded of our many blessings: a Catholic community, which is supportive and positive with a dedicated staff working for our energetic and responsible students. We are grateful for the dedicated staff at Our Lady of Peace for their continued commitment to Catholic education. This month we celebrate the many people who support student academic success and well-being each and every day: Happy National Custodial Worker's Day, Happy World Teacher's and Early Childhood Educators Day!

May each of your families continue to be blessed with the Lord's bountiful goodness and abundant love, Happy Thanksgiving! Joyeux Action de Grâce!

Please check the school website regularly for Our Lady of Peace news and information. <http://ourladyofpeace.tcdsb.org>



OLP is on Twitter!!



Follow us at [@OLP_TCDSB](https://twitter.com/OLP_TCDSB)
for news, reminders, information and fun!

**OCTOBER VIRTUE OF THE MONTH:
GRATITUDE**



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“This is the day, the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad.”
Psalm 118:24

We are always hopeful in the Lord to protect, guide and bless us abundantly. Whenever we gather as a community of faith and hope, we offer thanks to our God. The blessings of food, friends, family and freedom are all gifts from our Creator, God. As we prepare for the celebration of Thanksgiving, we are urged to take some time to remember our blessings and give thanks. This month at Our Lady of Peace we will be focusing on the virtue of GRATITUDE/La Reconnaissance.

TCDSB ROSARY DAY:

October 7th, 2021 is Rosary Day. The Word rosary is from the Latin rosarium, or “rose garden.” The Rosary is a prayerful reflection on the life of Jesus, which involves contemplating certain Gospel scenes, the “mysteries”, in the company of Mary. For Pope John Paul II, “The Rosary, precisely because it starts with Mary’s own experience, is an *exquisitely* contemplative prayer.” (Rosarium Virginis Mariae, 12). The Rosary is the most popular of all the Marian devotions. As a Catholic community we often come together in prayer to reflect, to celebrate and to mourn. On Rosary Day, we invite our staff to engage our students in discovering, or rediscovering, the mysteries of the Rosary. We will be saying part of the Rosary together as a school community on this day.

**NATIONAL CUSTODIAL WORKER’S DAY
October 2nd, 2021**

We are so grateful to our custodial and maintenance staff for their dedication to maintaining our buildings throughout the school year, but also for their hard work during the summer months to ensure that our schools, classrooms and playgrounds are ready for September. We would like to acknowledge and thank our custodial team: Mr. Holowko, Mr. Kulpinski and Mr. Contardi for all they do to keep Our Lady of Peace a safe and clean school especially during this COVID crisis.

**WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY
October 5, 2021**

On this World Teachers’ Day, we thank our educators for their commitment to the students in our classrooms, and for participating fully in the life of their school communities. We see the talent and dedication of our teachers at work throughout the year at special events, school liturgies, classroom retreats, clubs and teams, as well as field trips. We celebrate their successes in academics, athletics and the arts, which all contribute to the dynamic and exciting learning environments that our students enjoy.

We thank our educators for their continued commitment to Catholic Education, and their passion for serving students of all ages. We take great pride in your successes, no matter how big or how small. We pray for God’s blessing that you will continue to find inspiration and strength from the support of your colleagues, and from the teachings of the Gospel. Happy World Teacher’s Day!

**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS APPRECIATION DAY
October 21, 2021**

On this day we recognize the hard work, meaningful care and continuous learning Early Childhood Educators provide children every day. These staff members play a key role in the early growth and development of our youngest students, nurturing and guiding them in the earliest stages of their education. We are thankful for their devotion to the children entrusted to us, and for their partnership in the delivery of our early learning and care programs. We would like to acknowledge and thank Ms. Cabral, Ms. Longphee and Ms. Ngasa and Ms. Raposo for all the hard work they do each day with our early learners.

**BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY
October, 22, 2021.**

The third week of October is School Bus Safety Week, and October 22 is School Bus Driver Appreciation Day. We extend our sincere appreciation to all our school bus drivers for their commitment to the safety of our children and we applaud them for the work that they do each and every day to support safe schools and safe communities.

CURRICULUM NIGHT:

In lieu of Curriculum Night, teachers are encouraged to send home to parents either via Google Classroom or paper communication important information regarding curriculum and program expectations, how assessments will be gathered and establishing clear communication protocols with families.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ONLINE APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION (SEC SOAR.TCDSB.ORG):

The Secondary School Online Application website: secsoar.tcdsb.org. is now open for Secondary School Applications. This online application will allow you to easily submit and track the status of your child's application, receive email notifications for offers of placement, and accept/decline offers of placement.

Please note: you must have a current email address on file with your elementary school in order to create your child's application/account for secondary school.

For a full guide to completing the online application, please visit the TCDSB website at www.tcdsb.org → Admissions & Placement Department page, to view the "Parent Guide to Completing the Secondary School Online Application" information guide.

GRADE 8 OPEN HOUSE:

All secondary school open houses will be virtually this year. Please see the dates below.

Bishop Allen Academy	October 13 (AP/French Immersion) 6:30pm
Bishop Allen Academy	October 14 (Regular Program) 6:30 pm
Michael Power / St. Joseph	October 7 th (IB Program) 6:30pm October 13 th (Regular Program) 6:30 p.m
Father John Redmond	October 21 st at 7:00 p.m.

For a full listing of all Virtual Open Houses for all TCDSB Secondary Schools, please see the link below.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tOL0kz4VYP6sgDHqHsLFsopAPBTA7xo3MGd59Gb_PqA/edit#gid=0

Monday November 1st, 2021 is the application deadline. This is a hard deadline for regional program applications (Arts, AP, IB, and S.T.E.A.M.). You will no longer be able to apply to specialty/regional programs after this date.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE:

"If you can't feed one-hundred people, at-least feed one or two."

We, the grade 6 class are organizing a food drive for those less fortunate than us. With all the food we get it will be sent to the Etobicoke Food Bank that will distribute all the food to the homeless or very poor people in our community. The food drive's main objective is to raise food for people in need of help. The food drive ends October 08, 2021. So far, we have collected a mini van truck load of food and we are so impressed by OLP's generosity.

"Little by little, a little becomes a lot."



HALLOWE'EN

Hallowe'en is a very exciting time for children, and we would like to embrace this excitement. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions certain activities will have to be cancelled. Costumes may be worn only on **Friday, October 29th**. Students may bring costumes to wear OR wear Halloween colours (orange and black). NO masks, weapons or objects which may be harmful to others. Please No scary, gory costumes that may frighten our younger students.

We do ask that students leave any toy weapons and masks that may be part of their costume at home. Indigenous and culture type costumes are not appropriate type of costumes. Just a gentle reminder that all costumes should be appropriate for a catholic school setting. Due to COVID restrictions and since we have several students with allergies who cannot participate in the consumption of edible treats we ask that you do not send treats to school. We will be organizing school activities and crafts for this day. Teachers may also send out more details with regards to specific activities in their classroom.

CSPC – CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

The Parent Council held its AGM on September 29, and we are thrilled and grateful to have another full complement of parents and guardians for the 2020-21 Council. Our annual listing of Council Members will be shared with the community in the next couple of weeks. Everyone is invited to join us for our next meeting on Wednesday, October 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Council sub-committees are beginning to form for Transportation and Events/Communications -- we invite **anyone** who is interested in participating to contact us at cspc.ourladyofpeace@tcdsb.org. Let your voice be heard!

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY:

Walk to School Day is an opportunity for all of us—students, staff, families—to focus on improved health and well-being, active lifestyles and building safer communities for everyone. We encourage all students to walk to school on October 6, 2021/

AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH:

October is Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month in Canada. Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a neurodevelopmental disorder that includes challenges in language, communication skills, and social interactions combined with restricted and repetitive behaviours, interests or activities. Today, prevalence rates of ASD in Canada are approximately 1 in 66. TCDSB celebrates World Autism Day on April 2nd.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY:

World Mental Health Day provides us with an opportunity to reach out to those who may need support, raise awareness, and decrease stigma, or to learn more about mental health and mental illness. For our students, staff, and parents, World Mental Health Day provides us with an opportunity to check in with each other and reflect on how we might be able to make our schools Mentally Healthy and Well.

OLP PICK UP AND DROP OFF:

Thank you for helping make the return to school a safe and positive one!

We wanted to provide a quick reminder to **please follow traffic signs regarding No Parking and No Stopping around the school**. By following these signs and our requested traffic flow, which has been recommended by the Toronto Police, we will better keep you and all children safe, including your own. Please watch out for cars, children and families crossing the streets!

Additional Notes:

- Toronto Police are quick to issue tickets and we are not advised when they are on site.
- There is still no Kiss and Ride program at this time.

Parking Signs surrounding school:

Mattice

NO PARKING - in front of school. Keep clear for busses.
NO STOPPING - Eastbound Mattice (Ashbourne to Botfield) (no stopping to let child out/in)
NO PARKING - Jopling to Prennan, both sides
PARKING - Westbound - from Jopling to Ashbourne

Botfield

NO PARKING - Southbound at school (drop off/pick up child but no exiting car/no parking)
NO STOPPING -Northbound at school (no stopping to let child out/in)
NO PARKING - on Botfield, South of Mattice.
PARKING - Southbound from Goswell to almost school. See signs.

Jopling

NO PARKING - Northbound at school (drop off/pick up child but no exiting car/no parking)
NO STOPPING - Southbound at school (no stopping to let child out/in)
PARKING - Northbound (North of Mattice), starting north of fire hydrant (see sign) to Goswell.
PARKING - South of Mattice

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Wards

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| 1. Joe Martino | 5. Maria Rizzo | 9. Norm Di Pasquale |
| 2. Markus de Domenico | 6. Frank D'Amico-Chair | 10. Daniel Di Giorgio |
| 3. Ida LiPreti | 7. Michael Del Grande | 11. Angela Kennedy- Vice Chair |
| 4. Teresa Lubinski | 8. Garry Tanuan | 12. Nancy Crawford |



