



## OUR LADY OF PEACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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



October, 2016

# 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. At this time, we have settled into the rules and routines of the school and are beginning to engage in our learning goals, success criteria and meaningful and timely descriptive feedback 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 parents and guardians for attending our Curriculum Night last month. It was not only a chance to meet your child's teacher, visit their classroom and gain information about the curriculum, we also gathered together to break bread at our BBQ organized by our CSPC committee. Thank you to our Catholic School Parent Council and all the parent volunteers for organizing our BBQ.

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. 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!

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

## THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this [time](#) of giving thanks.

Thank you for all the graces and blessings. You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our [faith](#) and religious heritage. Our food and shelter, our health, the loves we have for one another, our [family](#) and friends.

Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and [blessing](#) throughout the coming year.

This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son.  
Amen.

## 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.

### TCDSB ROSARY DAY:

October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 is Rosary Day at TCDSB. The Rosary is a prayerful reflection on the life of Jesus, and 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. Please note that because October 7<sup>th</sup> coincides with the system-wide PA day, this year TCDSB will celebrate Rosary Day on **Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**

### SCHOOL CONNECTS:

OLP is using the School Connects automated program to communicate monthly newsletters, special announcements and reminders to our community. Please ensure the main office has your updated phone number and email address if you would like to receive the information via this format.

### SUBWAY LUNCH:

Subway lunches have been added to the on-line ordering thanks to our CSPC. Subway lunches will be offered once a month from October –June. Cost: 6 in sub \$4.50 or combo \$ 5.00- (sub/water/apple slices). Go to [www.hotlunches.net](http://www.hotlunches.net) and order now!!

## World Teachers' Day October 5, 2016

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 26, 2016

On this day we recognize the hard work, meaningful care and continuous learning Early Childhood Educators provide children every day. This year's theme is **THE KEY TO QUALITY** in recognition of the essential role that Early Childhood Educators play in quality programs. We would like to acknowledge and thank Ms. Cabral, Ms. Harry, Ms. Longphee and Ms. Ngassa for all the hard work they do each day with our early learners.

### SUON COLLEGE VISIT:

On Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, OLP was privilege to welcome and host 30 international educators from China. During their morning visit, our guests visited several classrooms and learned about teaching and learning in a dual language school. Thank you to the entire OLP staff and students for their hospitality to our visitors. A special thank you to our OLP student ambassadors Michaela B, Conrad C., Xavier R. and Nicole G. for leading the classroom tour. Much appreciation to the following classes for leading and opening their classrooms to our visitors: Mrs. Ludlow, Mme. Carek, Mlle. Morassutti, Mme. Correia, Mme. Ventura-Mondano and Ms. Ryan.

### DAIRY FARMERS OF ONTARIO COMING TO OLP:

An Ontario Dairy Educator will visit some Primary and Junior classes to support the Health program on October 13<sup>th</sup> and October 19<sup>th</sup>. This experience will provide students with hands-on, interactive activities in both French and English while meeting Curriculum expectations. Students will have opportunities to explore the use of milk in different cultures, identify different milk products available and interpret their nutritional information.

### WITH GRATITUDE:

OLP had its first Pizza Day on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate the many parent volunteers who came to assist and deliver pizza lunch. Many thanks to: L. Au, J. Boyes, T. Brenner, J. Celio, A. D'Urzo, S. Dalakouras, T. DeMaria, K. DiBartolomeo, F. Dominiak, I. Hanna, M. Hennessy, S. Hingley, L. Jahshan, E. Molindi, D. Melo, M. Pascofout, E. Quinn, M. Seidl, G. Solares, D. Tehrai, C. Trachuk, S. Venditti

## PARENT SAFETY PROGRAM:

Last month OLP launched the PSP "Kiss and Ride" Program on Mattice Ave to ensure that students arrive safely to school while easing the traffic flow around the community. This program is made possible with the commitment and dedication of our parent volunteers. If you are interested and available to assist with either the morning or afternoon shift, please contact the main office.

On behalf of the OLP community, many thanks to the following parent volunteers for volunteering their time for the well-being and safety of our children: A. Madarova, E. Bavcevic, T. Brenner, B. Ciddio, T. DeMaria, I. Hanna, C. Lopes, S. Mills, I. Stankevych, P. Vanni, and S. Venditti.

A reminder to parents to please NOT park in the bus loading zone and to be respectful of the NO parking signs in the area. We encourage all families to use the PSP Program and to be respectful to our parent volunteers. We need to work together as a community for the safety of our students.

## AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH:

October is Autism Awareness Month. Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and autism are general terms for a group of complex disorders of brain development. These disorders are characterized, in varying degrees, by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication and repetitive behaviours. Autism statistics from the CDC identify around 1 in 68 children as on the autism spectrum – a ten-fold increase in prevalence in 40 years. This increase in the number of students with autism has also been observed in the Toronto Catholic District School Board. There are over 1,400 students with autism in our schools, making this the third largest exceptionality in the board. In response to the increasing number of students with autism in the TCDSB, a range of programs, services and resources are available to support students, staff and families.

Information about resources by Autism Department staff are available on the board's website at <https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SpecialEducation/Autism/Pages/default.aspx>.

## WE TEAM

The "We Team" focuses on helping people in need and addressing issues of social inequality. We work with various organizations and charities such as The Daily Bread Food Bank, Dr. Simone's Canadian Food for Children, the Leukemia Foundation, and Free the Children. We also bring awareness to the many issues in our world that need our help at the local, national and international levels.

Our annual food drive begins this week and will end Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Acceptable food is any non-perishable canned goods, dried food, and baby food.

During the week of **October 17-21**, Mrs. Ludlow's class will be selling Kernels popcorn. The bags will cost \$2 each. Our flavours include: Ketchup, salt and vinegar, dill pickle, white cheddar, butter and caramel. Get your bags before the flavours run out!!

Together WE can make a positive difference in the lives of others and show Gratitude by sharing.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL (CSPC)

Our CSPC election meeting was held on Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016. We congratulate our new OLP Catholic School Advisory Executive Council for the 2016-2017 academic year.

Chair: Jennifer Celio  
Vice Chair: Angela Sordi  
Co-Secretary: Sylvia Venditti and Susanne Reis  
Co-Treasurer: Danielle Mueleman and Annabella Barretto

Our next CSPC meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE 2016:

Secondary School Open House begin this month for Grade 8 student and parents. This is an opportunity to meet some of the staff, check out school facilities and learn more about the various programs, services and activities as you prepare for Catholic secondary school education. Grade 7 parents are also welcome to attend. Please make time to visit the high schools of interest to see what they have to offer. The complete list can be found here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/school/openhouses/pages/default.aspx>

**Michael Power/St. Joseph C. S.S.:** Oct. 26 @ 6:30 p.m.

**Father John Redmond C. S. S. & Regional Arts Centre:**  
Oct 27 @ 6:30 p.m.

**Bishop Allen Academy:** Nov. 2 @ 7:00 p.m.

## TRUSTEES 2016-2017

### Wards

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|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Joseph Martino   | 5. Maria Rizzo               | 9. Jo-Ann Davis           |
| 2. Ann Andrachuk    | 6. Frank D'Amico- Vice Chair | 10. Barbara Poplawski     |
| 3. Sal Piccininni   | 7. Michael Del Grande        | 11. Angela Kennedy- Chair |
| 4. Patrizia Bottoni | 8. Garry Tanuan              | 12. Nancy Crawford        |
- Karina Dubrovskaya, Student Trustee  
Rhea Carlisle, Student Trustee



