

February, 2019

Our Lady of Peace Catholic School Newsletter



OUR LADY OF PEACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We begin the month of February and look to the virtue of Love to guide our actions. The quote of the month is "For God so loved the world, he gave it his only Son." John 3:16. As we focus on the virtue of love at Our Lady of Peace this month, let us remember that love not only inspires the practice of all other virtues, it is the form and completion of all the other virtues.

February is dedicated to African Canadian Heritage Month. Canadians take this time to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of black Canadians who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous nation it is today. To celebrate African Canadian Heritage Month celebrations, all students will be participating in a special Drama Presentation presented by our Grade 6 French Immersion students on Wednesday, February 13th.

This month we say goodbye to Mr. Keyes our Superintendent who will be retiring. We thank him for his hard work and commitment to the community of Our Lady of Peace. We wish him well on his new journey. We welcome back Mr. Yack as Superintendent in the interim.

Monday, February 4th, 2019 marks the official start of Term Two. Term One report cards will be going home with students on Tuesday, February 12th. We invite all parents/guardians to attend our Parent Teacher Interviews on Wednesday, February 13th, from 5:30 -8:00 p.m. and on Thursday, February 14th from 5:30- 8:00 p.m. Please ensure to book an appointment through our online request platform, which was sent home with students last week. We look forward to a productive and successful second term.

February also brings with it the feast day of St. Valentine/Saint Valentin, a martyr who has come to symbolize love. St. Valentine, according to romantic legend, was a kind-hearted Roman priest who married young couples against the wishes of Emperor Claudius II, and was executed for his deeds and his refusal to renounce Jesus Christ on the 14th of February, on or about the year 270. Prior to his execution, St. Valentine wrote a farewell message to his friend, a young girl. Valentine's note concluded with the phrase, "From your Valentine." Today, St. Valentine's Day is dedicated to celebrating those in our lives whom we love. As Valentine's Day approaches, a reminder to parents/guardians to please not send in any food products to be shared with your child's class. To celebrate St. Valentine's Day/Le Jour du Saint Valentin we invite students to wear Red or Pink with their dress code pants (no jeans).



It is not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving-St. Mother Teresa

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

Our Lady of Peace is now on Twitter!!

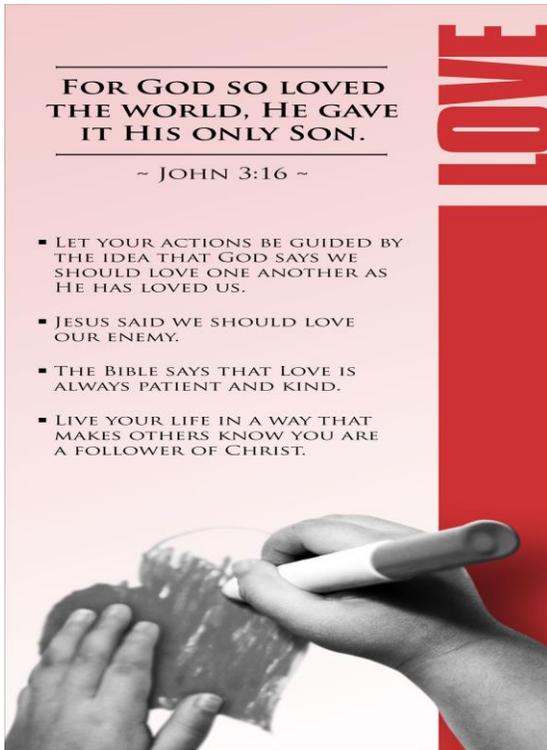


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for news, reminders, information and fun!

FEBRUARY VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: LOVE

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

For God so loved the world, he gave it his only Son.”
John 3:16



Chocolates, flowers, valentines and red hearts, what would the month of February be without the celebration of Valentine's Day? While the rest of the world may choose to celebrate the ideal of romantic love on February 14th, TCDSB schools will be focusing on the virtue of LOVE as expressed in the gospel.

WINTER DRESS CODE:

All students are expected to come to school appropriately dressed; that is, neat and clean, and in a manner that suits the aims and atmosphere of a Catholic elementary school environment. To be succinct, any combination of white and navy is acceptable. Absolutely no denim is permitted. The Dress Code is now mandated for all TCDSB schools. Adherence to the code is not optional.

Students are reminded that that they should dress appropriately for the winter weather conditions. This includes, hats, gloves, scarves and waterproof boots. On extremely cold days, students will have indoor recess however, we check the temperature daily. If a student is too sick to go outside, they should be kept at home until they are well.

OUR LADY OF PEACE SCHOOL LEARNING IMPROVEMENT PLAN (SLIP):

Throughout this term, Our Lady of Peace staff has analyzed school data and compared various assessments in order to identify our urgent critical need. Student surveys reveal that Grade 3 students enjoy Math more than Reading and Grade 6 students enjoy Reading more than Math. Based on various assessments and teacher observations, our current grade 3 and grade 6 cohorts will need focused support in shared real-world problem-solving to improve student engagement, understanding, and cognitive reasoning of multi-step problems.

Across the province, students have more difficulty with thinking and application questions. Teachers are providing students the opportunity to explore more thinking and application questions in everyday tasks and assessments.

Thinking about the types of questions we ask:

K – Knowledge: Subject-specific content acquired in each grade (knowledge), and the comprehension of its meaning and significance (understanding)

T – Thinking : The use of creative and critical thinking skills and/or processes.

A – Application : The use of knowledge and skills to make connections within and between various contexts.

JUNIOR SOCCER TEAM:

The boys and girls of the junior soccer teams demonstrated great school spirit and enthusiasm at the junior soccer tournaments on the days of January 30 and 31st. Each and every player on the girl's and boys' team played with such passion for the game and respect for coaches, opponents, and teammates. As their determination and confidence grew throughout the day, their increasing dynamic style of play lead to a second place finish for the girls and a third place finish for the boy's! They displayed great sportsmanship and commitment throughout the tournament.

Their commitment to respectful fair play was inspiring and is a testament to the values appreciated and expected of Our Lady of Peace athletes. We are so proud of all of you. Many thanks to our dedicated coaches Mrs. Carlino, Mme. Giordano, Mr. Ndes and Mr. Zacchilli for their efforts and leadership.

OLP SPIRIT WEAR:

We are pleased to announce that we are introducing an exciting new item as part of the OLP dress code: Our Lady of Peace Spirit wear. The navy blue, long sleeve dry fit shirts, branded with our OLP Logo and OLP Name are now available to order. The shirts can be personalized with a back name and/or number at an additional cost. The shirts **CAN** be worn as part of the OLP dress code.

Sizing samples are available for students to try on. Order forms have been distributed to homeroom classes on Wednesday, January 30th and they must be returned by Monday, February 11th.

Full payment for the Spirit wear orders can be made on School Cash Online starting Wednesday, January 30th until Monday, February 11th. Once orders are processed, the OLP Spirit Wear will be delivered to the school.

WE TEAM:

The Me to We Team would like to thank all of the families that sent in old prescription glasses. We received 88 pairs to send to CLERC (Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centre), one of the largest organizations to collect and distribute eyeglasses to people in the Philippines, Africa and the Caribbean. We are also getting ready to start our Valentine's Day fundraiser. Beginning on Monday February 4th to Tuesday February 12, the Me to We Team will be selling Ring pops and candy sticks for \$1 each. Students will have the opportunity to order the candy for themselves or a friend. All the candy will be delivered on Valentine's Day.

AFRICAN CANADIAN HERITAGE MONTH:

February is dedicated to African Canadian Heritage Month. Canadians take this time to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of black Canadians who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous nation it is today.

To celebrate the launch of African Canadian Heritage Month, students from the Grade 6 French Immersion classes have been participating in Drama workshops and have been preparing a special presentation for African Canadian Heritage Month that they will perform on Wednesday, February 13th for the entire school. Thank you to our CSPC Committee for sponsoring the Drama workshops and presentation.

CONCOURS D'ART ORATOIRE:

On February 7th, Our Lady of Peace will be holding our school-level "Concours d'art oratoire". Winners from our school will move on to the TCDSB semi-finals in the last week of February. Junior students will present in the morning, and Intermediate students will present in the afternoon.

The **Concours et festival d'art oratoire** is an annual French public-speaking event for students from grades 4 through 12 **studying French as a Second Language in Ontario schools**. It is organized by the [Ontario Modern Language Teachers' Association](#) and [Canadian Parents for French \(Ontario\)](#). There are four categories – Core, Extended, Immersion and Francophone. For more information on the provincial competition and festival, please visit the CPF website at: <http://on.cpf.ca>

100 DAYS OF SCHOOL:

Our grade 1 students will be celebrating 100 Days of School on Tuesday, February 12th.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES:

This term, you will be able to schedule your Parent-Teacher Interviews online. If you wish to schedule a meeting with any of your child's teachers, please follow the instructions printed further down this page.

You will be able to schedule appointments from February 3rd at 8:00 am until February 10th at 11:00 pm.

Instructions

1. Go to the Our Lady of Peace scheduling webpage at <https://olpeace.parentinterview.com>
2. Enter the Parent Code (please see prior communication that was sent home) and click "Sign In"
Please make a note of your Confirmation #
3. Fill in your contact information and click "Continue to Make Appointments"
4. Click on the name of a teacher with whom you wish to schedule an appointment
5. Click on "Available" for a time at which you wish to meet to have your meeting
6. Repeat Steps 4 and 5 until you have scheduled all the teachers you wish to meet
7. Click on "My Schedule" (top left of the page)
8. Print out, email or copy down your schedule and bring it with you
9. If you are unable to secure an appointment time, please contact the teacher at 416-393-5253 to make alternative arrangements

FRENCH CARNAVAL WEEK:

As part of the French as a Second Language and French Immersion Curriculum, students at Our Lady of Peace will be celebrating the famous Quebecois winter festival known as Le Carnaval D'Hiver. From Tuesday, February 19th to Friday February 22nd, students will be participating in various classroom activities and events to commemorate and highlight this traditional Canadian event. Events include Vocab Bingo, themed dress days, une visite from Bonhomme, outdoor Winter Play, and a Poutine Lunch (optional). We will also be having our Ski Day for grades 5-8 on February 21st. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the outdoor sports day. Mille merci to our French teachers Mme. Alaimo, Mme. Carek, Mlle. Boragina and Mme. Venditti for organizing this traditional French-Canadian event for our students.

Themed Dress Carnaval Days:

Tuesday, February 19th – Tacky Toque et Foulard Day
Wednesday, February 20th – Pajama Day
Thursday, February 21st – Sports Jersey Day
Friday, February 22nd – Rouge, Bleu et Blanc Day

BOOK FAIR 2019:

Our Lady of Peace is having a Bilingual Book Fair with Librairie Mosaïque Bookstore. The Book Fair will take place on Tuesday, February 26th through Wednesday, February 27th the night of our Math Night.

We would like to thank in advance our parent volunteers that make the book fair an exciting experience for our students! If you would like to volunteer this year, please contact the school. Thank you for your support!

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| Location: Library (Rm. 224) | |
| Date: | Time: |
| Tuesday, February 26 th | 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM |
| Wednesday, February 27 th | 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM |

SCIENCE FAIR 2019:

This year, Our Lady of Peace will be hosting a Science Fair which will take place on Friday, March 1st in the school gymnasium. Students in grades 4 to 8 who are participating in the Fair will be formulating a question and will be using the Scientific Method to investigate their topic of interest. Once students have had an opportunity to put together their findings, they will showcase their experiments to the school and the parent community and judges. We are fortunate to welcome Dr. Gabriel Ayyavoo, Adjunct Professor / Faculty of Education University of Ontario Institute of Technology as one of our judges this year. Many thanks to Mrs. Carlino for all of her hard work and leadership in organizing and guiding students with their Science Fair projects. We believe that the Science Fair will promote the importance of Science and Technology in our school. Successful students will have an opportunity to move on to the Toronto Science Fair in April.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL (CSPC):

Parent Council's next meeting will be held on February 20th at 6:30pm in the school library. All are welcome.

CSPC is excited to be partnering with Mathnasium of Islington Village to host a free math night filled with fun games and prizes for the whole Family! Please join us on Wednesday February 27th from 6-8pm in the school gym! Registration is required at www.olp.hotlunches.net

Carnival events are just around the corner! CSPC is coordinating Poutine day on February 20th. Please go online at www.olp.hotlunches.net to place orders for your children!

Looking ahead, Shrove Tuesday is on March 5th, the CSPC will be busy making pancakes for all students! We require a large number of volunteers to both make the pancakes and coordinate delivery. If you are interested in volunteering please email us at olpfee@gmail.com

THANK YOU and MERCI:

The staff and students of Our Lady of Peace would like to thank the many parent volunteers that donated their time to assist with Subway, Pita Pit, Booster Juice and Pizza Lunch in January. Many thanks to S. Baraniuk, B. Beben, A. Best, C. Blazik, J. Celio, A. D'Urzo, T. DeMaria, D. Donahue-Zia, A. Fenech Sr., A. Fenech, R. Fournier, I. Hanna, S. Hingley, V. James-Locke, R. Mazza, E. Quinn, G. Solares, C. Swan, V. Symchych, R. Vinci, K. Zuk-Borawski

TOGETHER WE CAN BUILD IT:

Thanks to the hard work of our OLP students, and the generosity of friends, family and our community, we have raised a grand total of **just over \$83,000** for the playground renovation project. This, combined with the OLP administration and PPC's partnering with the Board to secure \$400,000 in funding, will allow us to make some major changes to our students' outdoor space – including the repaving of the yard and the playground elements selected via student, staff and community surveys. The first round of requirements has been submitted to the Board, and the contract is being finalized with the Board-selected vendor.

Once we have master drawings to share, a town hall will be scheduled so that members of the OLP community can see all of the great things planned for our schoolyard. We anticipate this session will take place sometime in early March, so please stay tuned for further details.

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TRUSTEES 2018– 2019**

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