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

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1145 a.m.-12:45 p.m.



Our Lady of Peace Catholic School Newsletter

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. Love is demonstrated when we treat all members of the community in a compassionate and respectful manner. Our Lady of Peace will look at the virtue of love through the actions of accepting others and helping to ensure that all students are shown kindness and acceptance.

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 6/7 and Grade 8 students on Thursday, February 13th.

Monday, February 3rd, 2020 marks the official start of Term Two. Term One report cards will be going home with students on Monday, February 10th. We invite all parents/guardians to attend our Parent Teacher Interviews on Tuesday, February 11th, from 6:00 -8:30 p.m. and on Thursday, February 13th from 6:00- 8:30 p.m. Please ensure to book an appointment through our online request platform, which was sent via Messenger 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!!



Follow us at **@OLP_TCDSB**
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.

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 22 and 23rd. 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 second 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, Mlle. Morassutti, Mr. Walters and Mr. Zacchilli for their efforts and leadership.

WE TEAM:

Our Christmas Ornament Sale was a huge success bringing in \$783.00 to support overseas communities in need of clean water. Thank you so much for your help in this very important initiative.

Our **We Team** begins our annual **Candy Gram Fundraiser** on Monday, February 3rd to Wednesday, February 12th. Candy Grams will cost \$2 for 1 or \$5 for 3. Surprise your friend, teacher, or family member with a Candy Gram!! All orders will be hand delivered on Thursday, February, 13th. Happy Valentine's Day!

AFRICAN CANADIAN HERITAGE MONTH:

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To celebrate the launch of African Canadian Heritage Month, students from Mr. Steriovski' s Gr. 6/7 and Ms. Guido's Gr. 8 classes have been participating in Drama workshops and have been preparing a special presentation for African Canadian Heritage Month that they will perform on Thursday, February 13th for the entire school. Thank you to our CSPC Committee for sponsoring the in-class Drama workshops and school presentation.

CONCOURS D'ART ORATOIRE:

On February 6th, 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 first week of March. 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 Friday, February 7th.

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 18th to Friday February 21st, 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 20th. 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, Mme. Micco, Mme. Mirija, Mme. Perri and Mme. Venditti for

organizing this traditional French-Canadian event for our students.

Themed Dress Carnaval Days:

- Tuesday, February 18th – Chandail de Sport Day
- Wednesday, February 19th – Toque et Foulard Day
- Thursday, February 20th – Crazy Hair Day
- Friday, February 21st – Rouge, Bleu et Blanc Day

BOOK FAIR 2019:

Our Lady of Peace is having a Scholastics Book Fair with. The Book Fair will take place on Monday, February 10th to Thursday, February 13th.

We would like to thank Ms. Ha our library technician for organizing this important and valuable event. We would also 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!

Location: Library (Rm. 224)	
Date:	Time:
Monday, February 10	9:00 AM – 3:30 PM
Tuesday, February 11	9:00 AM – 3:30 PM 6:00 PM-8:30 PM
Wednesday, February 12	9:00 AM- 3:30 PM
Thursday, February 13	9:00 AM- 3:30 PM 6:00-8:30 PM

SCIENCE FAIR 2019:

This year, Our Lady of Peace will be hosting a Science Fair which will take place on Thursday, February 27th 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. 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 Tuesday, February 26th at 6:30pm in the school library. All are welcome.

Carnival events are just around the corner! CSPC is coordinating Poutine day on February 19th. Please go online at www.olp.hotluches.net to place orders for your children!

Looking ahead, Shrove Tuesday is on February 26th, the CSPC will be busy making pancakes for all students! We require a large number of volunteers to 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, and Pizza Lunch in January. Many thanks to: S. Baraniuk, A. Brankovic, T. Brenner, A. D'Urzo, T. DeMaria, J. Probert, E. Quinn, C. Swan, S. Crowe, R. Fournier, K. Borowski, S. Mendunca, K. Boyes,

A PARENTS GUIDE:

Making the most of parent-teacher interviews

Prepare Ahead: Read your child's report card. Write down any questions or concerns to have handy when speaking with the teacher.

Ask Questions: Ask the teacher what area of the curriculum motivates your child most regularly. Ask what skills your child needs to develop further. Find out how your child gets along at school with other teachers and students.

Share Your Perspective: Share your child's interests, hobbies, and extracurricular activities, as well as any areas where your child needs extra encouragement. Let the teacher know if there are any issues completing homework.

Listen: Hear all comments and concerns raised by the teacher with an open mind and an eye towards problem solving.

Make a Plan: Ask what strategies the teacher is using to support learning – especially in areas that are challenging for your child. Discuss what you can do at home to support your child's learning and social skills. Share your contact information and ask how to get in touch with the teacher if you have more questions or concerns.

Follow-up: Share the teacher's positive comments with your child. Let your child know how you are all going to work together to help with any area that needs support. (TCDSB Student Mental Health and Well Being Newsletter)

KIDSENTENTIALS:

The Kidsentials menu for February to April is now available online for you to order hot and nutritious lunches for your children.

Kidsentials has just added more delicious entrees to the menu including Butter Chicken, Chicken Teriyaki, Chana Masala, Pineapple Curried Meatballs and if you like you can order a side of soft Naan bread.

Kidsentials serves fresh food – not fast food. Winter is here and it is great to have a hot meal on a cold day!

Ordering is easy, go to www.kidsentials.com to either log in or register for an account. For more information visit the website, and if you have any questions you may always call Kidsentials directly at 905.855.1914. so please stay tuned for further details.

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