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Our Lady of Peace Catholic School Newsletter



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

A warm welcome back and Happy New Year and Bonne Année to everyone. Many blessings to families in our community celebrating Eastern Orthodox Christmas on January 7th. Another year has come and gone and we start anew with a year full of hope and new beginnings. We welcome everyone back from the Christmas holidays and look forward to a great year ahead. This month we welcome Mme. Staropoli to the French Immersion Gr. 1/2 class. We are so grateful for the generous donations of charity last month and now we focus on the virtue of Courage in this first month of 2020.

The quote for the month of January is "*Do not fear for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God.*" (Isiah 41:10) The virtue of Courage helps us to take the initiative to make changes in our lives and/or to accept changes brought before us. A suggestion to support the monthly virtue of **Courage**, all students and staff are invited to think of a courageous New Year's resolution to help the environment or to stand up respectfully when you see something wrong that is being done.

January is the first month of the year. The word January comes from the Latin word Janus. Janus is the Roman god of gates and doorways. It is an old custom to bless doorways on the Epiphany, January 6th. January is the year's doorway, an entrance into a bright new beginning. Jesus is always beginning again the work of salvation in us. It is also a time of making New Year's resolutions. As we cross over from one year to the next, let us make our first resolutions as Catholics, to continue to invite Jesus to live within us as Mary did when the Angel greeted her. Let us allow the Savior to take up residence in our hearts, our homes, our daily lives. That is how we truly can begin again.

On behalf of the staff at Our Lady of Peace Catholic school, we wish you and your family a blessed and hopeful New Year filled with love, health and peace. Bonne année à tous!

New Year Prayer

Lord, You make all things new, you bring hope alive in our hearts

And cause our Spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this new year, for all the potential it holds.

Come and kindle in us a mighty flame so that in our time, many will see the wonders of

God and live forever to praise Your glorious name.
Amen

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

OLP is now on Twitter!!



Follow us at **@OLP_TCDSB**
for news, reminders, information and fun!

JANUARY VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: COURAGE

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Do not be afraid, for I am with you.” (Isaiah 41:10)



During the month of January we will be focusing on the virtue of COURAGE. While January sees the beginning of the New Year, many of us also regard it as the true beginning of the long, hard winter. In this sense it is apt that the virtue for January is Courage. The quote for this month is Isaiah 41:10, “Do not be afraid; I am with You” “Be not afraid!” is also what the angel tells Mary at the annunciation. (Lk 1:30) and at the resurrection, another angel uses the same words to tell the women at the tomb that Christ has risen. (Mt 28:5). Jesus himself uses these words to strengthen his apostles. (Jn 6:20). It takes a lot of courage to practice and be true to our Catholic faith.

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.

PRIMARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

On the evening of December 12th, the primary classes performed their Christmas concert at Michael Power/St. Joseph high school to a full house. They sang bilingual Christmas carols, recited poems and danced. Many thanks to Andres V. and Julia J. for being amazing Master of Ceremonies for our concert. We would also like to acknowledge and thank the students from the following classes: Mlle. Morassutti, Ms. Pyndiura and Mr. Walters, Mme. Wysokinski. M. Covelli and Ms. Pyndiura, Mme. Richard, Mr. Prifti, Mme. Garcia, Ms. DiPetta, Mme. Ventura and Mlle. Boragina. Un grand merci also to Mme. Iatsikovska for sharing her musical talents and Mme. Carek for assisting with backstage and set up. Thank you to all the teachers for their hard work and collaboration in making the concert a huge success.



ELP CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

On December 17th and 18th the ELP classes performed two Christmas concerts singing Christmas carols in both English and French and decorated Gingerbread cookies. Many thanks to Mrs. Della Mora, Mrs. Hance, Mlle. Morassutti, Mme. Venditti, Ms. Longphee, Mlle. Govaert, Mme. Ngassa, M. Zacchilli, Mme. Harry, and Mme. Iatsikovska for their collaboration in preparing the students for the beautiful performances.



ME TO WE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS:

During the last two weeks of December, the ME to WE team sold ornaments that they made by hand.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a Christmas ornament and donated to the fundraiser. The ME to WE team raised \$ 750.00 and all proceeds have been donated to WE Charity. Thank you for your continued support.

SCIENCE FAIR 2020:

This year, Our Lady of Peace will be hosting a Science Fair which will take place during the last week of February 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. We hope that the Science Fair will be a fun and meaningful way for students of all ages to learn about the Scientific Method. We also believe that this opportunity 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. Since students will be hard at work, and have embraced this extra-curricular opportunity, we look forward to visiting the exhibits and learning about all of the amazing research and experiments that will have taken place in preparation for the event. There is still time to sign up for the Science Fair. Any students still interested in participating are encouraged to Mrs. Carlino at their earliest convenience.

TECH CLUB:

All junior students are invited to join the OLP Tech Club under the direction of Mlle. Morassutti and Mlle. Govaert. Please listen to the daily announcements and stay tuned for more information regarding sign up dates.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: JANUARY 2020

Junior Kindergarten in the Toronto Catholic District School Board provides children with a variety of learning experiences in a caring, faith-based environment. Registration for the 2020-2021 school year begins January 15, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. E.S.T. Apply for registration at soar.tcdsb.org or visit your local Catholic school on January 15th.

Registration options:

Online: Parents can complete their application online beginning at 10 a.m. EST on January 15, 2020 at SOAR.tcdsb.org, and follow up with a visit to the school to present the required documents. The online application is available 24 hours.

In Person: Parents can register at their local school with the required documents beginning January 15, 2020 at 10 a.m. EST.

Registration documents:

- Child's Birth Certificate or Passport/Immigration documents if child was not born in Canada
- Child's Catholic baptismal certificate (or proof of Catholicity of parent)
- Proof of residency in Toronto (some examples: a lease agreement, utility bill)
- Immunization Record

Our Lady of Peace will offer a registration evening on **Wednesday, January 22nd from 4:30- 7:30 p.m.** Kindly complete the online registration prior to attending this evening. Once the online application form is completed then we can obtain copies of your original documents to complete the registration process.

Applications to register children in grades other than Kindergarten must be done on the online S.O.A.R. application. For further information, please contact our school office at 416-393-5253. For general inquires or further information you may contact 416-222-8282 extension 5314 or visit our website at www.tcdsb.org

CONCOURS D'ART ORATOIRE:

In February, Our Lady of Peace will be holding our school-level "Concours d'art oratoire"- exact date TBD. Winners from our school will move on to the TCDSB semi-finals at the beginning of March. Junior students will present in the morning, and Intermediate students will present in the afternoon. Merci to Mme. Viselli who will be leading in the organization of this year's Concours d'art oratoire.

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 \(Ontario\)](http://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>

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL (CSPC)

Our next CSPC meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. New members are welcome.

CURRICULUM ENHANCEMENT:

Thank you to all the families who donated to our yearly Curriculum Enhancement initiative. We raised a total of \$13,000.00 which means this month students will have extra DPA, Crazy Hat Day and Pajama Day. All dates are marked on the January calendar.

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 Pizza, Pita Pit and Subway Lunches. Un grand merci à: K. Borawski, K. Landry, S. Crowe, L. Giannini, J. Rincon, I. Hanna, T. Brenner, L. Pacheco, R. Fournier, A. Lopez, A. C. Socha, T. de Maria, C. Swan, N. Kokai.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Thank you to the many selfless parents who volunteer their time to assist with pizza lunches and Kiss n' Ride. We need volunteers to assist with these two very important programs. If you would like to volunteer to assist with Pizza lunch and/or our Kiss n' Ride before or after school program please contact the main office. Thank you in advance for your help!

PARENT SAFETY PROGRAM: PSP

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. In addition, please do not linger in your parked cars once your child is dropped off. We need traffic to keep moving to so that students do not have to cross the street to get to the yard. We encourage all families to use the PSP Program and to be respectful to our parent volunteers as they are volunteering their time to ensure our students arrive and leave safely from school. We need to work together as a community for the safety of our students.

FAMILY LITERACY DAY JANUARY 27TH:

Family Literacy Day is a national awareness initiative created by ABC Life Literacy Canada in 1999 and held

annually on January 27th to raise awareness of the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with children is crucial to a child's development. This year's theme is "Take 20 in 2020". Putting aside just 20 minutes a day to do a fun learning activity – whether it's reading a book, playing a game, following a recipe or singing a song – can have a significant impact on both parent and adults.

For more information regarding Family Literacy facts, statistics and resources visit: www.abclifeliteracy.ca

CHOIR SCHOOL SCOUTING:

Greetings from St. Michael's Choir School. As you may know, St Michael's Choir School has, for 78 years, provided St. Michael's Cathedral and the Archdiocese of Toronto with sacred music of the highest calibre, sung by boys from Grades 3-12. As part of our work to continue this proud tradition, a scout will soon visit your child's school to listen to boys in Grades 2 and 3 sing. Should our scout hear a promising voice, he or she will give that child a letter to bring home with information about the Choir School, and an invitation to join us for one of our audition days, which take place in January, February and March every year.

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Congratulations to the following recipients for – November- Peace Award and Peace Certificate.

TEACHER	PEACE AWARD	PEACE CERTIFICATE
Ms. R. Della Mora	Iva M.	Martin M.
Ms. A. Pyndiura	Bruce B.	Franz N.
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Mm. T. Del Giudice	Sienna R.	Olivia L.
Mme. S. Mirija	Ibukunoluwa F.	Sebastian P.
Mme. S. Viselli	Olivia M.	Michael K.
Mme. S. Correia	Colin B.	Olivia B.
Mme. S. Altobelli	Jaida S.	Ava C.

Congratulations to the following recipients for – December – Charity Award and Peace Certificate.

TEACHER	CHARITY AWARD	PEACE CERTIFICATE
Ms. R. Della Mora	Luca P.	Kaitlynn M.
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Mr. S. Steriovski	Kailas C.	Silvia N.
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Mme. J. LeMoynes	Mia G.	Amanda Y.
M. J. Prifti	Julia V.	Elle C.
Mme. I. Richard	Charlotte A.	Aleksander C.
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