

January, 2019

Our Lady of Peace Catholic School Newsletter



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



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. We start the new year with a year full of hope and new beginnings. 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 2019.

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** as well as our first year of new pastoral plan **Rooted in Christ: we Belong**, all students and staff are invited to reach out and make new friends: strike up a conversation with someone new, widen your circle of friends...and invite someone new to sit with you at lunchtime.

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

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time. 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.

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 \$ 475.00 and all proceeds have been donated to WE Charity. Thank you for your support.

ELP CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

On December 18th and 19th the ELP classes performed two Christmas concerts singing Christmas carols in both English and French and decorated Gingerbread cookies. Santa even stopped by for a quick visit. Many thanks to Mrs. Della Mora, Mrs. Hance, Mlle. Morassutti, Mme. Venditti, Ms. Longphee, Mlle. Govaert, Mme. Ngassa, M. Zacchilli, Mme. Harry, Mrs. Fisher and Mme. Iatsikovska for their collaboration in preparing the students for the beautiful performances.



DIFFERENCE MAKERS:

The Difference Makers held an Anti-Bullying Poster contest for students in grades 1-8 during Anti-Bullying Prevention month. The winning posters are displayed in the main foyer. Congratulations and félicitations to the following students for their creative Anti-Bullying Posters: Chelsea D.(Gr.1), Madelyn L. (Gr.2), Leah B. (Gr.3), Emily P. (Gr.4), Aldo F. (Gr.5), Kiana S. (Gr.6), Ava G. (Gr.7), Shawn K. (Gr.8).



PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY:

On Wednesday, December 19th, Piper S. a grade 5 student got to be Principal for the day. Piper was awarded this opportunity after she won the role at the Family Fun Fair silent auction. She had a very busy day with organizing morning announcements, addressing parents at the ELP Christmas assembly, being the MC and awarding Virtue medals and certificates at the Peace assembly and assisting with supervision. The OLP admin team would like to thank Piper for being an excellent and hardworking Principal for the day.



SCIENCE FAIR 2019:

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.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: JANUARY 2019

Junior Kindergarten in the Toronto Catholic District School Board provides children with a variety of learning experiences in a caring, faith-based environment. TCDSB looks forward to welcoming new students for September 2019. Children born in 2015 are eligible for kindergarten. Registration for kindergarten begins **Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 10 a.m. EST.**

Registration options:

Online: Parents can complete their application online beginning at 10 a.m. EST on January 16, 2019, 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 16, 2019 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 **Thursday, January 24th 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 inquiries or further information you may contact 416-222-8282 extension 5314 or visit our website at www.tcdsb.org

CONCOURS D'ART ORATOIRE:

On February 7th, 2019 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 at the end 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 \(Ontario\)](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>
Un grand merci à M. Alphons for organizing this year's concours et festival d'art oratoire.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL (CSPC)

Our next CSPC meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. New members are welcome.

TOGETHER WE CAN BUILD IT:

The Playground Project Committee is thrilled to announce that our Dance-a-thon was a **huge success!** Thanks to the hard work of our OLP students, and the generosity of friends, family and our community, we raised just over \$14,000 for our playground renovation project. We have reached a grand total of approximately \$87,000 to revitalize the playground for OLP students to enjoy for years to come.

Our lucky prize winners are as follows:

Tabletop Foosball – Natalia K (Mme Correia)
Tabletop Airhockey – Alana L (Mrs. Fisher)
Blue Jay Lights – Amelia (Mrs. Della Mora) and Chloe H (Mme Mirija)
iPod – Ben B (Mme Mondano)
Sony Headphones- Alexander M (Mme Correia)
Fitbit – Krystal Z (M. Prifti)
Giovinco Jersey – Kathryn R (Mme Venditti)
SkyZone passes – Mia L (Mlle Govaert)
Boulderz passes – Ella C (M. Prifti) and Emily T (Mme Richard)
Candy baskets- Amelia J (Mme Del Giudice), Ava C (Mrs Carlino), Olivia G (M. Zacchili), Luka M (M. Prifti), Matt S (M. Prifti), Markus (Mme Del Guidice), Alexia V (Mme Mayer) and Ben N (Mme Micco)
A week at Camp Boulevard – Elizabeth F (Mlle. Boragina)
Cinplex passes – Valeria P (Mme Mirija), Josh B (Mme Mondano), Keira S (M. Alphons) and Kruno K (Mme Murphy)
Galaxy Watch – Savannah L (Mr. Steriovski)
Garmin Fitbit – Lily L (Mme Mirija)
\$50 Cara Gift Card – Katherine O (Mrs. Carlino)
Sonos Speaker – Julian F (Mrs. Fisher)
PS4 Games – Emmett S (Mme Mirija)
Superhero Video Pack – Kaiden C (Mrs. Della Mora)
All Star Jersey – Jordan N (Mlle. Morassutti)
Xbox and Switch Games – Chloe I (Mme Mirija)
Raptors Gift Pack – Anor (Mlle Boragina)
Mastermind Gift Pack – Lily B (M. Ndes)
Gumball Machines – Willow W (Mme Giordano), Matteo P (Mrs. Della Mora), Enya T (Mme. Del Guidice), Marquesa (Mme. Venditti), Eva S (Mme Wysokinski), and Zane (Mme Venditti)
American Girl Gift Pack – Ariella Y (Mme Giordano)
Mimi and Chloe Gift Pack – Guilherme D (Mr. Steriovski)

Our lucky pizza party winners are:

For our ELP division- Madame Venditti's class
For our Primary division- Mlle. Boragina's class
For our Junior division – M. Alphons' class
For our Intermediate division – Madame Mayer's class

In addition to thanking our entire community for our success, we must also thank our generous sponsors, including Boulderz, Camp Boulevard, Mastermind Toys, and SkyZone, as well as our entire volunteer team who helped count donations, write ballots, secure prizes and supervise our students "dancing their way to a new playground". Many thanks to the following parent volunteers and families for their assistance, support and donations: C Blazik, T Brenner, T DeMaria, R Fournier, I Hanna, S Martini-Wong, D Mustac, R Khoury, D Pino, E Quinn, S Raouda, K Storey, S Venditti, A Wright, The Blazik family, The Fallows family, The Hanna family, The Jahshan family and The Wright family

The OLP staff would also like to thank the many parent volunteers who assisted with the planning, organization and supervision of the dance-a-thon! We could not have done this without you!

Please stay tuned for the project's next steps.

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, Booster Juice and Subway Lunches. Un grand merci à: S. Baraniuk, A. Best, C. Blazik, S. Bollin, J. Celio, T. DeMaria, D. Donahue-Zia, P. Fedrigo, A. Fenech, A. Fenech, Sr. I. Hanna, A. Henderson, S. Hingley, R. Mazza, G. Solares, C. Swan, V. Sumchuch, R. Vinci.

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. Even just 15 minutes a day can improve a child's literacy skills dramatically, and can help a parent improve their skills as well. (**ABC LifeLiteracyCanada**)

For more information regarding Family Literacy facts and statistics 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.

KIDSENTIALS CATERED HOT LUNCHES :

Kidssentials mixes, assembles & serves the meals fresh right at the school guaranteeing the texture and quality you would get fresh from your own kitchen. They offer 4 nutritious and delicious entrée choices on each lunch date. Menus include popular food items including burgers, nuggets, pastas, wraps, vegetarian, vegan and allergen free options (free of gluten, egg, dairy, seafood, sesame, soy) as well as a great variety of healthy sides. The menu for February to June will be available to order online starting in January. Please note the important cancellation policies below.

1. **Snow day/Bus cancellation policy:** Lunches will be delivered if the school is open. If your child will not be attending school, please contact Kidssentials directly by 8 a.m. sharp to cancel their meal and receive a credit.
2. **Field trip cancellation policy:** If you have ordered a Kidssentials lunch on a date your child will be away over lunch-time, we ask that you please contact Kidssentials to cancel the meal as soon as they receive the field trip form. A credit for the value of the meal will be posted to your account for future use. Please

provide as much notice as possible – 2 business days' notice or more - to help Kidssentials plan most efficiently.

3. **Every day policy:** Will your child be absent over lunch time? Cancel a meal up until 8 a.m. sharp on 'the morning of' to receive a credit on your account. Cancellations made after 8 a.m. cannot be accepted.

Notification of cancellations must be made directly to Kidssentials through the 'contact us' link on the website.

PLEASE NOTE FOR HEALTH & SAFETY REASONS WE ARE UNABLE TO LEAVE UNCLAIMED MEALS AT THE SCHOOL FOR LATE PICK UP.

To place your order or for any inquiries go to www.kidssentials.com

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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	Luca P	Joseph G.
Ms. S. Fisher	Timothy L.	Adrian O.
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Mme. S. Mirija	Dario C.	Michael K.
Mme. R. Murphy	Colin B.	Peter P.
Mme. S. Correia	Juliana R.	Tristan M.
Mme. M. Mayer	Cary L.	Nicole R.

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

TEACHER	CHARITY AWARD	PEACE CERTIFICATE
Ms. R. Della Mora	Matteo P.	Leslie A.
Ms. S. Fisher	Harry F.	Alannah L.
Ms. J. Donaghey	Livee S.	Martin N.
Ms. S. Di Petta	Joseph N.	Jose Angel D.
Mr. S. Steriovski	Sabrina C.	Sonia K.
Ms. S. Guido	Bastian P.	Nicole A.
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M. J. Prifti	Sienna V.	Lucas U.
Mme. J. Giordano	Davin J.	Emma B.
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