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May, 2019

Our Lady of Peace Catholic School Newsletter

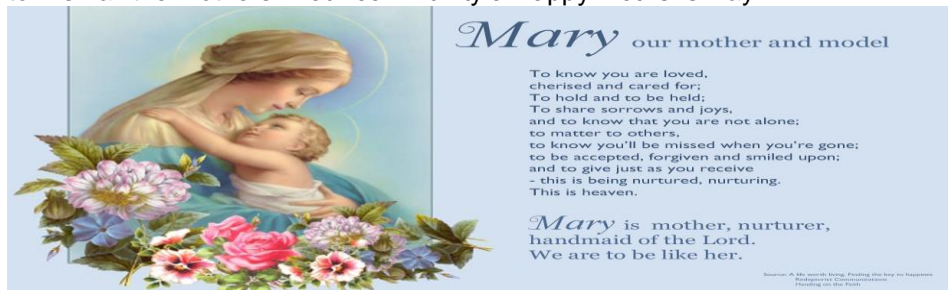
PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

During the month of May, we will be focusing on the virtue of COMPASSION. May is also known as the "Month of Mary" and is a great opportunity for all of us to renew our own devotion to the Mother of God. The tradition of dedicating the month of May to Mary began in the 13th century. We offer our devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the "Queen of May" as a way of showing our love towards her.

In the month of May, the Toronto Catholic District School Board, along with the Archdiocese of Toronto, celebrates Catholic Education Week from May 6th to May 10th. This year's theme is- "**Living as Joyful Disciples/ Vivre en disciples joyeux**". This is a week to celebrate our Catholic schools and why the critical connection of home, school and parish is such an important and integral part of Catholic education. This year's theme is very much directed to the young people in our schools, especially in their growth in holiness and their formation as disciples of Christ through the discernment of their vocational pathways. In the section of *Renewing the Promise* entitled, "A Community that Forms Joyful Disciples," we read, "*Our Catholic schools help to form joyful disciples as hearts and minds are opened to the transforming love of God and to the flame of faith in action. On a daily basis, Catholic schools demonstrate the joy of believing and witness the Good News to the communities that they serve.*"

May also marks the period of time in which many of our students will be involved in standardized testing. Throughout the month of May, students in Grades 2, 5 and 7 will be preparing and writing the CAT-4 test, which assesses the essential learning outcomes in reading, language, spelling and math. Information obtained through this assessment enables teachers to develop a deeper understanding of students, areas of strength and needs. Starting May 29th, students in Grades 3 and 6 will be completing the EQAO Assessment. Grade 3 and 6 teachers have been very busy preparing their students and we wish our students all the best as they complete these assessments. There are fantastic Parent Resources to help prepare for EQAO listed on www.eqao.com and we encourage you to work with your child over the next few weeks in preparation for their assessment.

On behalf of the Our Lady of Peace Catholic School Community, I would like to wish all the mothers in our community a Happy Mother's Day.



Please check the school website regularly for OLP news and information.

OLP is now on Twitter!! 

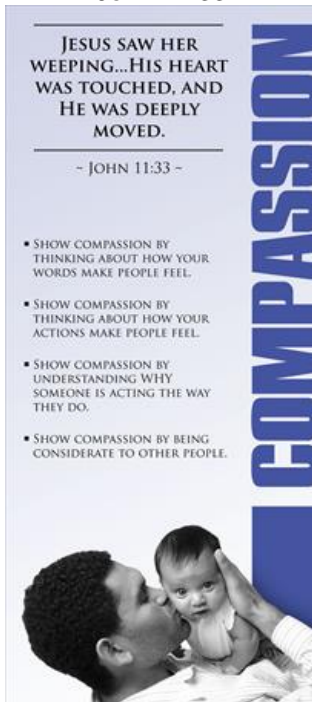
Follow us at **@OLP_TCDSB**
for news, reminders, information and fun!

MAY VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: COMPASSION

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Jesus saw her weeping...his heart was touched, and he was deeply moved.”

John 11:33



For the month of May we will be focusing on the virtue of COMPASSION. Our quote is from John's Gospel, "Jesus saw her weeping...his heart was touched, and he was deeply moved." John 11:33 True compassion is not always easy to practice as in the words of Jean Vanier "Compassion asks us to go where it hurts, to enter into places of pain, to share in brokenness, fear, confusion, and anguish." Who wants to go there when spring has finally arrived and the sun is shining down on us. This is all the more reason to show our compassion for those who cannot share in the light.

SACRAMENTS:

During the month of May our grade 2 students will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday May 26th and Sunday June 2nd. Our Intermediate students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, June 9th. We congratulate these students who have been preparing themselves spiritually for many months for their upcoming Sacrament.

CHESS CLUB:

Chess Club has had a great season so far this year, with students from the junior and intermediate grades coming out every Tuesday at lunch to play.

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Individual Chess Tournaments;

Catherine.S. placed 3rd,
Emma P. placed 2nd,
Brianna M. placed 3rd,
Ava A. placed 6th,
Henry P. placed 3rd,
Kruno K. placed 3rd,
Alex M. placed 5th.

A special congratulations for those who advanced to the City's Tournament: Emma.P who placed 5th, Brianna.M who placed 4th, Kruno.K who placed 3rd and Catherine.S. who placed 1st.

An Honorable mention to Kruno.K. who advanced to Provincials. CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Next month the following students will be representing Our Lady of Peace at the team chess tournament.

Junior Team: Kruno.K, Jonathan.M, Emma.P, Peter.P, Theo.P, & Catherine.S.

Intermediate Team: Jacob.F, Christopher.G, Shawn.K, Brianna.M, Alex.M, & Henry.P.

Thank you to all the members of the chess club who showed great dedication to the game and to each other. We are so proud of you! Many thanks to Mme. Correia for assisting and Mrs Rocci, our parent volunteer who gave of her time to prepare the students for all the Chess events. We hope that you all enjoyed the season, as much as we enjoyed supporting you!



W5H TEAMS & TOURNAMENT:

Our Junior W5H Team proudly represented OLP at their tournament at Nativity of Our Lord Catholic School where they placed second. The team competed fiercely and enthusiastically after showing much dedication at practices. Congratulations to Tristan L., Aurelio N., Jordin J., Monica A., Adam C., Liam W. and Peter E. We hope you join the team again next year!

With a dedicated group of students, OLP's Intermediate W5H Team competed at St. Marcellus, where they were just a few points shy of coming in first place. Coaches, Mrs. Culmone and Ms. Fisher, are

especially proud of our team members who were dedicated to their daily practices and performed outstandingly at the tournament. Congratulations goes out to all the team members: Vanessa M., Henry C., Andres VM., Maddie C., Elizabeth D., Lucas B., Jacob F., and Nate N. Thank you for representing OLP! Many thanks to our coaches Mrs. Culmone and Ms. Fisher for their leadership in preparing our teams.

CONCOURS D'ÉPELATION/SPELLING BEE:

On Friday, April 26th, OLP hosted its second annual spelling bee/concours d'épellation. Three French Immersion students from each grade 1-8 class competed in the gym. It was a wonderful day of friendly competition to build and expand French vocabulary. Many thanks and mille merci to M. Alphons for his leadership in organizing this event at OLP. We are grateful to the many teachers that assisted with judging the concours as well. Merci à M. Koka, Mme. Richard, M. Ndes, Mme. Murphy, et Mme. Correia. Also, many thanks to CPF (Canadian Parents for French) who helped fund the event by purchasing the ribbons for our Concours d'épellation. Congratulations and félicitations to all the students who participated and placed in our second Concours d'épellation. The names below are the top 6 in each grade starting with 6th place:

1e Année: Mark D., Connor B, Madeleine, G. Jacob B., Chelsea D. Elle C.

2e Année: Alexandra T., Eric M., Abigail M., Eliorah F., Sienna V., Willow W.

3e Année: Gwyneth S., Luka Z., Lucas D., Ben B., Matthew K., Isabella S.

4e Année: Diana K., Oliver R., Sienna R., Christian C., Olivia L., Jose M.

5e Année: Catherine S., Madeleine L., Sandrina S., Ella V., Nicolai G., Declan W.

6e Année: Sienna W., Katherine O., Niko V., Liam W., Xavier R., Marco B.

7e Année: Amanda L., Vanessa M., Zoe V., Lauren B., Michael G., Aliyah K.

8e Année: Veronica B., Amelia L., Annie B., Karina W., Lucas B.

ICE HOCKEY FINALS:

The OLP Hockey Team participated in the annual Toronto Catholic Final 8' tournament for first time in a few years. Despite all odds and the extremely tough competition, the Spirit brought home the championship pennant defeating Our Lady of Sorrows by a score of 3-2 in penalty shootout.

Each and every member of the team play an important role in helping our team succeed. Special

congratulations go to our teams MVP and Captain Massimo N. who scored two goals in the game, sending us to overtime. After a tough late goal against us in the dying seconds, the team regrouped and soared to victory. Huge shootout goes to our shootout goalscorer Colin B. and Goaltender Alexandra C. for shutting the doors for the final shooter.

If you see any of the OLP players wearing their medals around be sure to congratulate them for reaching such a milestone. The coaches and school community are extremely proud of all of you. Many thanks to our Coach Mr. Steriovski for all of his hard work and dedication throughout the season. Until next year.....



PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION:

We would like to congratulate all those students from the English stream that represented their classes at this year's School Level English Speech competition. On Monday, April 8th, the competitors presented interesting topics that were well written, well memorized and spoken with clear oration and expression to their peers and judges. Our top winners in the Intermediate Division were: Shawn K. and Maddie C. The top winners in the Junior Division were: Monika R., Angel D.

We commend them for their hard work and courage to present informative, entertaining and often inspirational speeches that captivated the attention of both students and staff. Many thanks to Mrs. Culmone, Mrs. Moretti and Ms. Barnswell for judging the speeches as well. Congratulations to all.



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST:

On Wednesday, April 24th OLP staff and students had the opportunity to welcome and thank the many volunteers that assist our students and school community on a daily basis with a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast. The parents enjoyed a beautiful breakfast served by students while enjoying a musical interlude performed by our school choir and intermediate students. We thank our Trustee M. de Domenico and Area Superintendent Mr. Yack for attending the breakfast as well. Many thanks to our committee: Mrs. Culmone, Mme. Mirija, Mme. Iatsikovska, Mme. Venditti, Mme. Wysokinski, Ms. Perlowski and Mlle. Boragina for their collaboration in organizing the event and a special thank you to our student volunteers Albert G., Sabrina C., Mitchell S., Mariah L., Javier D., Kyla D., Savannah L., Sabrina F.



SPRING CONCERT: *Dancing Through the Eras!*

Our 2019 Spring Concert, "Dancing through the Eras" is quickly approaching us on Wednesday, May 15th at 6:30 p.m. at Michael Power/St. Joseph auditorium. Junior and intermediate students who have worked diligently with our professional dance instructor will be performing their dance routines live on stage! Intermediate students in music and vocal clubs will also be making their mark this evening! We would like to thank our CSPC committee for funding the professional dance instructor who assisted with the choreography of the dances. Due to the limited venue space, we ask families to limit to two guests per student for the show. Hope to see you there!!

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN NIGHT:

The Kindergarten Team is thrilled to meet and work with our newly registered Junior Kindergarten students at our annual "WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN" evening on May 23rd at 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The newest members of Our Lady of Peace will officially start school this coming September, but will first have an opportunity to come to their new school to meet their teachers and early childhood educators and participate in an evening of 'hands-on' learning. The children and parents will be shown how they can begin to learn important kindergarten skills and concepts

over the next few months before beginning school. They will go home with a valuable bag of learning materials to use together to get ready for school! Our CSPC team will also be here that evening to welcome our new families to Our Lady of Peace. We can't wait to meet our new little ones!

DRESS CODE:

Now that spring has finally arrived, it is necessary to review our spring dress code under the Appropriate Dress Code Policy. The Appropriate Dress Code consists of any combination of white and navy blue garments (i.e. plain white top, navy blue bottom, navy blue top and bottom).

- Only walking shorts are permitted- no athletic shorts
- OLP Spirit wear or white shirt- no t-shirts and/or shirts with logos, stripes and/or graphics.
- All shorts and skirts must be to the knee
- Knee socks worn with skirts, tunics and shorts must be plain white or plain navy blue.
- Sweaters or hoodies worn in school must be solid navy or solid white, no stripes and/or logos.
- Running shoes or closed toe shoes only, no open toe sandals.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL (CSPC)

CSPC is excited to bring you a FREE Family Fun Night with Mathnasium of Islington! This engaging event for all ages will take place on Thursday May 9th from 6pm-8pm in the school gym. Please register at www.olp.hotlunches.net

Please note that our final meeting of the 2018/2019 school year will be held on Wednesday May 22nd at 6:30pm in the school library - all are welcome!

TOGETHER WE CAN BUILD IT!

The Playground Project Committee will be at the school the evening of Family Fun Night, May 9th, to present the package that has been sent to tender.

A short presentation will be delivered at 6 pm, and booth will be set up in the gymnasium until 8 pm to showcase the final drawings and specifications in this package.

The target construction start date is July 10, 2019, and the target completion date is August 23, 2019.

We encourage all to come visit us and see what is planned.

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. Many thanks to the following volunteers: E. Antunes, J. Armstrong, L. Au, S. Bolin, K. Boyes, T. Brenner, J. Celio, R. Charron, A. Cordeiro-Socha, D. Donahue-zia, A. D'Urzo, S. Franca, A. Gesualdi, I. Hanna, S. Hingley, V. James-Locke, E. Malindi, S. Massis-Dalakouras, R. Mazza, M. Medeiros-Matsuyama, E. Pacheco, L. Rapini, S. Reis, G. Solares, C. Swan, S. Switakowski, V. Symchych, R. Vinci, G. Vujeva, F. Watt-Gallardo, K. Zuk-Borawski

MESSAGE FROM FR. YAW AT OLP CHURCH:

Every year Our Lady of Peace (OLP) parish prepares children to celebrate First Confession and First Holy Communion (mostly Grade 2 students) and Confirmation (mostly Grade 7 students). We as a parish community are committed to working in partnership with our families in the Religious Education of our children. The preparation and the celebration of the sacraments are of utmost importance to the life of the Church and each of her members.

Please note that according to the sacramental norms of the Church, the preparation and the celebration of First Confession, Holy Communion and Confirmation take place in the parish where the candidate and his/her parents/guardians worship regularly on Sundays. This means that children whose parents are registered with Our Lady of Peace church but may not live within the territorial boundaries of the parish can be admitted to the sacramental preparation program. If your child attends Our Lady of Peace or St. Elizabeth schools but you do not live within the territorial boundaries of the parish and you are not formally registered at OLP, then you may not have your child registered in Our Lady of Peace program. OLP parish also prepares several children who attend other

schools but whose parents/guardians parishioners at OLP. Please note that the place of baptism of your child may not be the same as the parish where you and your child now attend Mass.

Please note that the sacramental preparation program for the sacraments begins around September/October and continues till the following May/June when the children will celebrate the sacraments. If you would like your child to participate in the parish's program then it is important to keep in mind this period when you plan to schedule other activities for your child or the family. Towards the end of the school year in June, more information about the sacramental preparation will be provided with some important dates.

The preparation to celebrate the sacraments requires a team effort from the parish, the schools and the parents/guardians. Our parish community will do whatever we can to help prepare your child to receive the sacraments. We therefore call on you for your commitment and to plan ahead to offer support to your child if you decide to enroll your child in the OLP sacramental preparation program for the 2019-20 liturgical year. Supporting your child can be a time for you to renew and to deepen your own faith.

BUDGET CONSULTATION ENDS MAY 10TH

All parents, staff, students and stakeholders are reminded that the deadline for submitting completed surveys is May 10th. To learn more about the budget, to complete the online survey, or download a pdf copy of the survey, please visit:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Budget-2019-2020>

WARD 2 TOWN HALLS HOSTED BY TRUSTEE MARKUS DE DOMENICO

May 23, 7-9 pm

All Saints Catholic School, 1435 Royal York Road,
Etobicoke

May 30th, 7-9 PM

St. Clement Catholic School, 4319 Bloor Street West,
Etobicoke

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

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