

April, 2018



## **OUR LADY OF PEACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

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# **Our Lady of Peace Catholic School Newsletter**

## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

During the month of April, students will focus on the virtue of JUSTICE. The quote for this month is "Let Justice flow like a stream, and righteousness like a river that never goes dry" (Amos 5:24). We know that the key component to JUSTICE- like equality, fairness and love- can be taught to children of all ages. Throughout this month, teachers and students will be reflecting on what Justice means in our lives and how we can demonstrate a greater sense of Justice in our everyday life. We realize that the need to do justice comes from the obligation to respect the dignity of every human being created in God's image. Throughout the course of the year, students have been involved in a number of Justice initiatives, both locally and globally to ensure that the needs of all of God's people are being met. Whether it's through donating monies to various charities through our monthly Dress Down days, involvement in various Me-To-We Social Justice initiatives, students experience the extreme sense of gratification that comes through showing Justice toward others.

During the month of April, our students will be participating in our first ever Water Walk in support of WE Charity's "We Walk For Water" Campaign. We believe in clean water for all, and we hope that you do too. Just \$25 gives one person clean water for life. If every student in the school can raise even this small amount, Our Lady of Peace could provide clean water for a whole village! We're asking for your support as we invite the whole school to participate in our fundraising initiative – our goal is to raise a total of \$10,000! Our Walk for Water event will take place on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

During the month of April, we also acknowledge the valuable contributions that volunteers make at Our Lady of Peace. From April 15<sup>th</sup> - April 21<sup>st</sup>, we take the time to show our appreciation for these individuals through Canadian National Volunteer's Week. This year's theme is "Celebrate the Value of Volunteering- building confidence, competence, connections and community". This is especially evident at Our Lady of Peace- from Pizza lunch, Subway, Pita Pit, PSP, Carnival, Shrove Tuesday, and much more, we know that it is because of the volunteerism of everyone in the community, that we are able to provide our students with a truly enriched learning experience. To say thank you and merci to ALL the volunteers in our community, we will be hosting an Appreciation Breakfast in their honour on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. – all are welcome.

On behalf of the staff and students at Our Lady of Peace, it is with sincere gratitude that I take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers at OLP for the important contribution you make to the lives of students at Our Lady of Peace! Mother Teresa reminds us, "Love cannot remain by itself - it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action, and that action is service." 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!

## APRIL VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: JUSTICE

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Let Justice flow like a stream, and righteousness like a river that never goes dry.” (Amos 5:24)



April, with its celebration of Easter, has been assigned the virtue of JUSTICE. At this time we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus who is the Just One who died for the sake of the unjust, that He might lead people back to God. But justice is also an important part of Catholic teaching beyond Christ's Death and Resurrection. The need to do justice comes from the obligation to respect the dignity of every human person. This dignity comes from being created in God's image. Failing to respect human dignity, including failing to do justice, is a failure to respect the image of God in others.

### SHARELIFE:

ShareLife Week is celebrated each year during the Lenten Season in the week prior to Holy Week. ShareLife supports the many local Catholic charities that help families, single parents, the elderly, individuals with special needs, immigrants and refugees, the homeless and the needy, as well as the education of clergy within our own City of Toronto. OLP collected \$366.50 in donations at our last dress down day and all proceeds will be donated to Share Life. Thank you for your contributions.

## APRIL MESSAGE FROM TRUSTEE ANN ANDRACHUK.

Happy Easter! As we celebrate Easter and greet the coming of spring, we also place a focus on the sacraments. Many of our students will receive their First Communion, First Reconciliation and Confirmation. Let us support our young people through example as they journey through their faith formation.

I would like to remind parents that the Board of Trustees has begun the budget setting process for the 2018-2019 school year. As always, I encourage parents and CSPCs to review the budget documents and let me know what their priorities are. For more information please visit, <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BudgetandFinance>.

After several long years of waiting, students and staff at the Holy Trinity Catholic School are settling into their new building. I would like to extend my congratulations and I look forward to the coming months as they bring life to the wonderful new facility. Details on the official ribbon cutting ceremony and blessing will be provided once a date has been set. Finally, I would like to congratulate the Holy Angels community on the recently announced funding for a new school building. The much needed funds will allow the TCDSB meet the growing needs of the community in the years to come. Further details will be announced as they become available. Have a wonderful April!

### OLP LEARNING IMPROVEMENT PLAN (SLIP):

How can we improve student's application and critical thinking skills in Reading, Writing and Math?

Starting in the primary grades into the intermediate grades – engage in inquiry based learning and reflect on instruction **to improve student learning**. ([through descriptive feedback](#))

Parents can help support their child in the learning process by asking higher order thinking questions when supporting their child with his/her homework.

Avoid asking yes/no type questions. Rather, focus on open ended questions such as:

- How are these same/different?
- What would happen if....?
- Why did you...?
- How did you prove your estimate/response/point of view?
- What did you notice about...?

By asking your child open-ended questions, provides a manageable challenge and it encourages a variety of approaches and responses. It allows the child to explain his/her learning in their own words.

## ME TO WE:

The Our Lady of Peace WE Team is holding our very first Water Walk in support of WE Charity's "We Walk For Water" Event on **Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. We believe in clean water for all, and we hope that you do too. Please support us as we walk through our community to raise awareness and funds for WE's clean water initiatives. Kindergarten and primary classes will be completing laps of the school yard, while junior and intermediate classes will be heading out into the community to cover a distance of approximately 5km.

\$25 gives one person clean water for life. If every student in the school can raise even this small amount, Our Lady of Peace could provide clean water for a whole village! We're asking for your support as we invite the whole school to participate in our fundraising initiative – our goal is to raise a total of \$10,000! Information on how to fundraise will be coming home with students during the first week of April.

## OLP FIRST EVER SPELLING BEE:

The staff at OLP have decided to organize a Spelling Bee for this school year for students in grades 1 to 8. The goal of the Spelling Bee is to improve and increase the vocabulary capacity of each grade, which will in turn encourage and help students with their French oral communication.

Spelling Bee finalists will compete in our school gym on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Parents are asked to please help support and encourage your child in the preparation of our first Spelling Bee at OLP. Stay tuned for more information later this month.

## INTERMEDIATE GIRLS BASKETBALL:

Our Lady of Peace Intermediate Girls Basketball team won the TCSAA City Championships on Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> against the strong and talented St. Francis De Sales. The girls battled on the court with many staff, students and parents cheering them on. The girls worked hard as a team all season long with their Coaches- Mrs. Ludlow, Ms. Laxton and Mr. Covelli. Congratulations to our Girls' Intermediate Basketball team on an amazing season!



## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST:

The TCDSB is pleased to celebrate **National Volunteer Week** in recognition of the invaluable part that volunteers play in the life of our Catholic schools. Students and staff across our board are supported by volunteers each and every day, and we are so thankful for their contributions and dedication to our school communities. This is especially evident at Our Lady of Peace with the many parent volunteers that help out in our school on a regular basis with CSPC, PPC, Kiss and Ride, Pizza, Subway, Pita Pit lunch, team drivers, milk program, CPF, etc. Staff and students will be hosting a **Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.** All adult volunteers are welcome!

## SPRING ART SHOW:

During the month of April students from ELP-grade 8 will be working with a professional artist on various artwork using different materials such as water colours, plasticene, beach glass, foil etc. On Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, during Catholic Education Week, OLP will be having an Art Show where students will showcase the various artwork they have learned and created. Stay tuned for more information!! Thank you to our CSPC committee for financing the artist for our classes.

## CONCOURS D'ART ORATOIRE:

On March 20<sup>th</sup>, our French Immersion students to Lauren B. (Immersion) and George C. (Francophone) in the Junior Division and Karina W. (Immersion) Madelaine K. (Francophone) in the Intermediate division competed at the Concours Semi-Finals at the CEC. We are very proud of their accomplishments and for representing OLP at the board level. On March 27<sup>th</sup>, George C. and Madelaine K. both competed at the Concours Finals at the board level and both won first place. Félicitations to these two students who will be moving on to the provincial level on May 5<sup>th</sup>. We wish them bonne chance as they represent OLP at the provincial level competition at Glendon next month.



## SCIENCE FAIR 2018:

Congratulations to the following students who showcased their Science Fair Projects at the Toronto Science Fair at the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. We are proud of their hard work, original ideas and challenging and sharing their scientific findings. Once again thank you and merci to Mrs. Carlino and Mr. Perzia for their hard work in facilitating and assisting these students in STEM research.

Grade 4 Emmett S., Adam N.  
Grade 5 Liam W., Sienna W., Xavier R., Marco B., Thomas B., Sinead S., Olivia B., Victoria T.  
Grade 6 Victor B., Natalia K., Anatasia V., Maya F.  
Grade 7 Karina W.



## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT DAY:

First originated in 1952, Administrative Assistant Day is now observed in a number of countries worldwide and is one of the most celebrated workplace holidays. On Wednesday, April 25, we formally recognize the work of administrative support staff. On behalf of the Our Lady of Peace Catholic School community, I would like to thank Mrs. Furlano and Mrs. Trigiani for all they do for the staff, students and parents at Our Lady of Peace school!

## AUTISM AWARENESS:

Autism Awareness Day is Monday, April 2nd. Students, Families and staff are invited to join in a special Autism Awareness Evening featuring Aspie Comedian Michael McCreary, on Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre, 80 Sheppard Ave. East.

## ANGEL BRIGADE WEEK:

The Angel Brigade is a group of students, teachers and staff working together, doing good deeds for others and creating a positive impact on those around them. By being a member of the Angel Brigade you and your school are helping the Angel Foundation For Learning reach their goals to ensure that no one is left behind.

When teachers, students, principals and parents join together, anything is possible. Together, we can shape how future generations learn to care and stand up for each other. This year we are encouraging students within the TCDSB to participate in Believe in Angels Week from **April 16-20, 2018**. Our Dress Down Day donations for April will be donated to the Angel Foundation for Learning.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL (CSPC)

Our next CSPC meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 4th at 6:30 p.m. in the library. New members are welcome.

## TOGETHER WE CAN BUILD IT!

It is with mixed emotions we announce that we have recently learned that the playground repaving project that was planned by the Board for this upcoming summer has been reprioritized to the summer of 2019/20. Our school requires the construct interior staircase and a necessary electrical panel upgrade. These upgrades must be completed as soon as possible and will take priority over the repaving.

As our playground revitalization project is directly tied to this repaving, the delivery of our updated playspace is delayed as well.

On a positive note, we've learned that there is the possibility that the funds the Board originally allocated for the repaving will be increased. In addition, this delay will allow us to organize one more large-scale fundraiser in the fall of 2018 so we can deliver even more of the elements our Community wanted to see in the playground. Going to tender in the fall may also allow us to secure more effective pricing.

The head of capital planning for the Board will be attending the upcoming CPSC meeting to confirm the 2019/20 repaving allocation and answer any questions and/or address any concerns we might have about the reprioritization.

This meeting will kick off at 6:30 pm on Wednesday April 4th in the OLP library. We hope you can join the conversation.

The OLP Playground Project Committee

## KISS & RIDE PROGRAM:

Now that the spring weather has started here are just a few friendly SAFETY reminders when it comes to our KISS & RIDE Program:

- Only temporary stopping in the Kiss & Ride lane. Pull up to the curb and let the parent volunteer assist your child(ren) out of the car.
- DO NOT get out of your car to assist, get knapsacks or walk your child(ren) to the yard, etc.
- Look for the orange pylons that designate the Kiss and Ride area.
- Keep traffic moving. Once your child(ren) are in or out of the car proceed forward and exit the kiss and ride area.
- Please be considerate of others and Do Not block the bus loading zone or park in areas where it is not permitted.
- The parent volunteers who carry out the Kiss & Ride program are here to help ensure a safe "drop off and pick up" of your children.
- If any one would like to volunteer for the Kiss & Ride program please feel free to contact us via email at: [olptransportation@gmail.com](mailto:olptransportation@gmail.com)

- Thank you to the many parent volunteers that assist each day with our Kiss & Ride program!

## 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 Lunch, Pizza Lunch, Pita Pit and Booster Juice. Many thanks and merci to the following volunteers: S. Baraniuk, J. Boyes, J. Celio, T. DeMaria, A. D'Urzo, D. Donahue-Zia, N. Hamoui-Benedet, A. Henderson, S. Hingley, R. Khoury, S. Massis Dalakouras, R. Mazza, D. Melo, M. Oppedisano, S. Reis, K. Saldutto, G. Solares, C. Trachuk, S. Venditti, R. Vinci, K. Zuk Borawski

## CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH:

CPF – Toronto Catholic West endeavors to support and enhance French cultural activities such as OLP's Carnival, first ever Spelling Bee, challenge French Speakers of any level with the Concours et Festival D'Art Oratoire, but we cannot do it without the support of parents within our community. If you aren't already a member, please sign up online <http://cpf.ca/en/membership/>

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