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



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. Justice means that we deal fairly with others, recognizing the equality and dignity of all. It requires that we work to insure that all people, especially the poor and the weak, have access to opportunities. It assumes that none of us is free until all of us are. One of the central tenants of Catholic social teaching is the dignity of the human being; we are all created in the image of God, and therein rests our inalienable dignity. Justice is extended to people, animals, the environment; the whole universe. 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.

This month we also observe Lent, Holy Week and the celebration of Easter. Easter is a time of rejoicing for Catholics as it commemorates the rising of Christ to heaven, which is the foundation of Christianity. Easter Sunday reminds all Catholics of their heavenly calling and of the open door for relationship with God through Jesus, His Son. During Holy Week, students will be learning about the Stations of the Cross.

During the month of April, we also acknowledge the valuable contributions that volunteers make at Our Lady of Peace. From April 7 – April 13, we take the time to show our appreciation for these individuals through Canadian National Volunteer's Week. This year's theme is "The Volunteer Factor- Lifting Communities". This is especially evident at Our Lady of Peace- from Pizza lunch, Subway, Pita Pit, PSP, Carnaval, 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 a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast in their honour on Wednesday, April 24th at 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. in the library. ALL Volunteers are welcome.

On behalf of the Our Lady of Peace School Community, I would like to wish you a joyous and Blessed Easter. Joyeuses Pâques!



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)



LET JUSTICE FLOW
LIKE A STREAM,
AND RIGHTEOUSNESS
LIKE A RIVER THAT
NEVER GOES DRY.

~ AMOS 5:24 ~

- THE FIRST STEP TO ACHIEVING JUSTICE IS TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT AND STAND UP FOR WHAT WE KNOW GOD WANTS.
- LET YOUR ACTIONS BE GUIDED BY THE IDEA THAT EVEN IN THE FACE OF INJUSTICE (DEATH ON THE CROSS) JESUS ALWAYS ACTED WITH DIGNITY.
- EVERYONE WANTS TO BE TREATED FAIRLY; WE NEED TO REMEMBER TO TREAT OTHERS FAIRLY.
- REMEMBER THAT JESUS WAS ALWAYS AN INSTRUMENT OF JUSTICE IN HIS WORK WITH PEOPLE.

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 WEEK:

ShareLife Week is celebrated each year during the Lenten Season in the week prior to Holy Week. This year Share Life week is April 8-12. 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. All schools in the TCDSB will be having a dress down day on Friday, April 12th and all donations and proceeds will be given to Share Life. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

OLP SPELLING BEE/CONCOURS D'EPELLATION:

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 26th, 2019. 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.

PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALS:

On Monday, April 8th students from our English Program will be presenting their speeches in the library. Finalists will be presenting their speeches to their peers and to a panel of judges. Good luck to all.

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 bases 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 24th from 9:30 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.** in the library. All adult volunteers are welcome!

SPRING TALENT SHOW:

To enrich the Dance curriculum this term, students from grade 4 to grade 8 will be working with a professional dance instructor and choreographer on music genres and dance techniques. On Wednesday, May 15th OLP will be hosting a Spring Concert, *Dancing through the Eras*, in the Michael Power/St. Joseph auditorium, whereby each junior and intermediate class will showcase a choreographed dance performance of a specific era. We thank our CSPC committee for financing this opportunity for our students. In addition, our intermediate students in musical and vocal clubs will perform throughout the evening. Please stay tuned for further details!

BRUSH-A-MANIA:

April is Oral Health Month. School children all over the country from Junior Kindergarten to grade six are going to brush their teeth. Please encourage your child to brush his/her teeth.

Each school will have a dentist show the students how to brush their teeth the right way and to answer any questions. Dr. Kovbel from Eatonville Dental will be attending OLP on Friday, April 12th. At the school's Brush-a-mania assembly, your child will receive a Brush-a-mania instruction pamphlet, a Colgate toothbrush and toothpaste and a special Brush-a-mania sticker. Log on to brushamania.ca every day to record your child's brushes. After 30 days, every student who has brushed and/or flossed their teeth 100 times will be able to print out a Brush-a-mania certificate of achievement. His or her name will be entered into a draw to win an Xbox One or one of fifty tablets. Make it a BIG month and Have FUN!

CONCOURS D'ART ORATOIRE:

On March 5th, our French Immersion students, Sienna W. (Immersion) and George C. (Francophone) in the Junior Division and Karina W. (Immersion) Roy A. (Francophone) in the Intermediate division competed at the Concours Finals at the CEC. We are very proud of their accomplishments and for representing OLP at the board level. Félicitations to George C. and Karina W. who will be moving on to the provincial level on May 4th. We wish them bonne chance as they represent OLP at the provincial level competition at Glendon next month.



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 24, 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 Tuesday, April 2nd. Students, Families and staff are invited to join in a

special Autism Awareness Evening @ 7:00 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre, 80 Sheppard Ave. East. All are welcome.

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 29- May 3rd**.

GUIDANCE CORNER:

During this season of Lent, I encourage you to help your children to live out their faith by finding ways to serve others. It is in recognizing the needs of others that we build empathy and strong relationships with those around us.

<https://www.allprodad.com/10-ways-to-serve-others-as-a-family/>

<http://www.mamaplusone.com/being-the-hands-and-feet-seven-ways-kids-can-serve-others/>

Primary and Junior students have access to an electronic portfolio on <http://www.myblueprint.ca> called **All About Me**, and can record and reflect on aspects of self-awareness, goal-setting, experiential learning and classroom learning. Introducing students early in their school career to the process of developing a personal portfolio helps them reflect on their strengths and interests as learners as they prepare for transitions from grade to grade. Intermediate students also have accounts on My Blueprint and can complete their Individual Pathways Plans.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL (CSPC)

Our next CSPC meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in the library. New members are welcome.

MATHNASIUM NIGHT:

The Mathnasium night that was originally scheduled for February 27th is now rescheduled for Thursday, May 9th. Please register online at www.olg.hotlunches.net

TOGETHER WE CAN BUILD IT!

The Playground Project Committee is thrilled to announce that we have received a tentative timeline for our schoolyard revitalization project.

The schoolyard site survey has recently been completed, and the tender package is in the process of being prepared. Our target construction start date is July 10, 2019, with a target completion date of August 23, 2019.

Every member of our community is invited to attend a townhall session to see the final drawings and specifications that will be sent to tender. We encourage all to attend, and anticipate this session will take place the evening of May 9th. Please stay tuned for details.

As ever.....together we can build it!

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.
- Be Respectful of the Volunteers, neighbours and people within our community.
- 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
- Thank you to the many parent volunteers that assist each day with our Kiss & Ride program!
- Did you know that Ontario New Driving Penalties are now in effect? **Passing School bus: \$885 / Parking in Bus Lane or Zone:bus: \$900**

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 Shrove Tuesday, Subway Lunch, Pizza Lunch, Pita Pit and Booster Juice. Many thanks and merci to the following volunteers: J. Amrstrong, S. Baraniuk, J. Boyes, T. Brenner, J. Celio, R. Charron, T. DeMaria, S. Hingley, R. Khoury, E. Malindi, R. Mazza, E. Pacheco, E. Quinn, G. Solares, C. Swan, K. Zuk-Borawski

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