

June 2018



OUR LADY OF PEACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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



Our Lady of Peace Catholic School Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we prepare for the end of the school year, we are focusing this month on the Virtue of Faithfulness/la fidélité. As we send our students off for a summer of fun and relaxation, we have faith that they will return to us safely to begin another year. We can always have faith that no matter what path we choose to take in life, God will always be with us.

This month we also honour and celebrate Fathers on Father's Day June 17. This special day is reserved to honour our Fathers and celebrate Fatherhood. As in the words of Pope Francis: "The Gospel speaks to us about the exemplarity of the Father who is in Heaven who alone, Jesus says, can be truly called, "the good Father" (cf. Mk10:18). The Church, our Mother, is committed to supporting with all her strength the good and generous presence of fathers in families, for they are the irreplaceable guardians and mediators of faith through their goodness, justice, and protection." On behalf of the Our Lady of Peace Catholic School Community, I would like to wish all the fathers in our community a Happy Father's Day

As we enter into the final month of the school year, there are a number of special events happening within our school community. We will be having our last Peace Assembly on Monday, June 18th. We will be celebrating our year end mass as a school community on Wednesday, June 20th at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Peace Church. This month we also honour our Senior Kindergarten students at their Celebration of Learning Graduation on Tuesday, June 19th and celebrate our Grade 8 graduates on Thursday, June 21st.

June also marks a time when we will be saying farewell to significant members of the OLP community. Congratulations to our grade 8 graduates who prepare to enter secondary school. We wish each of you the best of luck as you continue your academic journey and that you continue to live out our school motto: "Let the Spirit of Peace be your Guide/ Que l'esprit de la paix soit votre guide." This month we also say goodbye to Mme. Francis, Ms. Labib, Mme. Venditti, Ms. Ryan, Ms. Wong Hing, Mme. Sliwa, and Ms. Martinez. The Our Lady of Peace community would like to thank them for their hard work and efforts to the well-being of our students and to their commitment to Catholic Education. They will be missed and we wish them all the best in their new schools and new positions.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents, students and staff for making this school year an enjoyable and successful one. We should be proud of what we have accomplished together. To staff and families who are moving to another school in September, we wish you continued success. For those students returning, we look forward to welcoming you back in September. It has been truly an honour and a privilege to serve as your school principal this year.

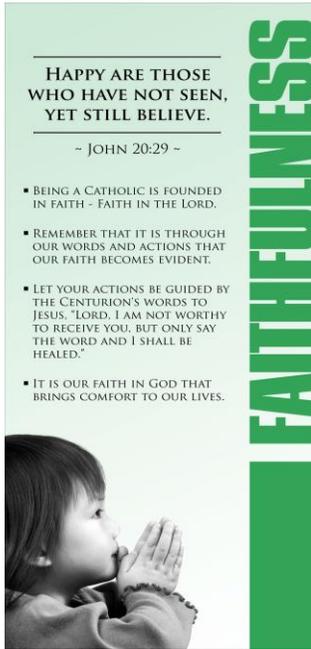
OLP is now on Twitter!!



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

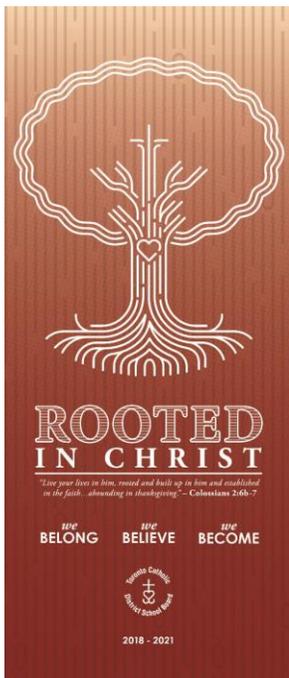
JUNE VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: FAITHFULNESS
QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Happy are those who have not seen, yet still believe.”
 John 20:29



As we prepare for the end of the school year, we are focusing this month on the virtue for Faithfulness. As we send our students off for a summer of fun and relaxation and our graduates off into the wider world, we have faith that they will return to us safely to begin another year.

The quote from John’s gospel reminds us, “Happy are those who have not seen, yet still believe.” John 20:29. We will encourage our students to continue to put their faith into action by bringing the Gospel spirit into every aspect of their lives. This is how we become true witnesses to Christ, extend the kingdom of God and build a more humane world.



TCDSB NEW PASTORAL PLAN:

Our new pastoral plan was launched on May 9, 2018 during Catholic Education Week. The theme for our new plan is inspired by St. Paul’s letter to the Colossians: *“Rooted in Christ: we Belong, we Believe, we Become”*.

Thank you Mme. Perri, Layla (Gr.7) and Mrs. Celio for attending and representing the Our Lady of Peace Community at the launch of the Pastoral Plan.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK:

On Thursday May 10th, OLP hosted its first ever Art Gallery to celebrate Catholic Education Week. Each class from JK-Gr.8 had a half day art workshop with Ms. J our professional artist and then created a second art piece with their classroom teacher. Thank you to all the families for attending the evening and appreciating the creative hands and ideas of our students as well as the beautiful music performed by our band students under the direction of Ms. Perlowski. It was an amazing evening that could not have been completed without the collaboration of staff. Many thanks to Mme. Alaimo and Ms. Perri for their creative vision and leadership in organizing and executing this beautiful night. Many thanks to our CSPC Committee for funding our art experience.



OLP SCHOOL LEARNING IMPROVEMENT PLAN (SLIP):

As you are aware, students have been preparing for the EQAO and CAT testing throughout this academic year. Teachers and students have been working diligently throughout the year.

I would like to express my sincere thank you and gratitude to the School Learning Improvement Team: Mlle. Boragina, Ms. Carlino, Mrs. Della Mora, Ms. Di Petta, Mme. Giordano, Ms. Laxton, Mme. Mayer, Mlle,

Morassutti and Mme. Mirija for their leadership and efforts in collaborating with staff on our School Learning Improvement Plan this year.

Thank you to all teachers on staff for their dedication, efforts and collaboration while focusing on improving student learning and student success with our School Learning Improvement Plan.

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN EVENING:

On Thursday, May 24 Our Lady of Peace hosted its annual Welcome to Kindergarten evening for our new JK registrants who will be starting school this coming September. It was a wonderful evening that included building, cut and paste activities and each child received a Welcome to Kindergarten bag. Many thanks to our Early Learning Teams: Mrs. Della Mora, Ms. Fisher, Mme. Tebbutt, Mlle. Morassutti, M. Zacchilli, Ms. Hance, Mme. Harry, Mme. Longphee and Mme. Ngassa for their hard work and efforts in organizing the evening. In addition, we thank Fr. Yaw, Mrs. Warren from Canadian Parents for French and Ms. Ann Andrachuk our school trustee and Mr. Yack for attending and meeting our new students.

TRACK AND FIELD:

Our Lady of Peace had another successful performance at this year's TCDSB Track and Field events. Approximately 90 students represented our school at the divisional meet on May 9, 27 students advanced to regionals on May 19, and four students participated in the City Finals on May 23 at Lions Stadium at York University. Honourable mention goes to Julian B. who placed 3rd, Maya M. who placed 5th, Kiana M-N. who placed 7th, and Antoine D. who placed 8th in the city. We are very proud of all those students who participated in this year's track meets. Thank you to all the coaches: Ms. Guido, Mme. Micco, Ms. Carlino, Ms. Ryan, and Ms. Mme. Mondano and Ms. Di Petta who helped to prepare our athletes. We would like to recognize and applaud our overall team achievements. Congratulations to all student athletes and thanks for making our athletic tradition remain as one of the premier programs in the TCDSB.

INTERMEDIATE BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER:

On Monday May 28th and May 29th, the Intermediate Boys and Girls Soccer Team fought valiantly and with great sportsmanship. Both girls' and boys' intermediate soccer teams played with comradery, with passion and displayed Catholic values in this year's divisional tournament. The intense heat did not inhibit their performance. Despite playing in rough conditions like hot weather and very tall, uncut grass, the boys and girls made having fun a priority as they demonstrated impeccable sportsmanship towards their peers, coaches, and opposing schools. Although both teams did not qualify to continue onto the next round, they celebrated as though they did, as they encouraged and motivated each other. It was an honour to coach such

dedicated and thankful athletes. Many thanks to our wonderful and dedicated coaches: Mr. Zacchilli, Mrs. Carlino, Mr. Covelli and Mr. Whicher. We are very proud of our students. Thank you to:

Boys Soccer: Julian B., Daniel C., Raphael C., Luis D., Nicholas L., Mateo A., Roy B., Daniel C., Lukas C., David G, Hudson J., Shawn K., Harrison M., Massimo N., Luka O., Charles Z., Henry P.

Girls Soccer: Madeline C., Dawn M., Sophia S., Maya M., Teresa S., Sara S., Katie B., Madeline C., Sophie C., Michelle C., Monica C., Elizabeth D., Mimi C., Sasha R., Rachel H.

OLP ANNUAL LEUKEMIA FUNDRAISER:

This year we have had another VERY successful Sick Kids Annual Leukemia Fundraiser. We are happy to announce that we have raised \$7,400. We are so pleased with the school involvement this year and we thank you for being a part of such a great cause. We had 3 classes that went above and beyond in their sales of leukemia tickets, so as promised they will each receive a pizza party on Monday June 11th. These classes are Ms. Ryan- 140 sheets, Mrs. Ludlow- 105 sheets and Mme. DelGuidice- 68 sheets. Thank you again for all your hard work and dedication to this fundraiser.

We would also like to recognize a few students who sold an amazing amount of tickets on their own. A very special thank you to: Lilyan L., Kaitlyn L., Savannah L., Kyla D., Sabrina C., Maria D.

Orange represents strength and support for survivors and for the family members and friends affected by Leukemia. So as we have done in the past, we welcome all students to wear ORANGE shirts on June 5th with blue pants (no denim). We will be doing the raffle draw for our amazing prizes. The prizes will be drawn in order as they appear on the prize list. All winners will be contacted by our secretaries on the same day, please come and pick up your prizes as soon as possible.

We would like to extend a special thank you to all of those individuals that donated prizes and their time to help make this fundraiser such a success. A special thank you and merci to Mrs. Ludlow and her students for organizing and leading this annual fundraiser.

THANK YOU AND MERCI:

Our Primary division students received a free book entitled *Harry Purple Monkey Dishwasher* from Angela Walker the author of the book. She generously donated a book to each child in the primary grades 1-3 to encourage them to read over the summer. On behalf of the OLP community we thank Angela for her generosity and we hope to have her visit in the fall so she can read her book to our students.

OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH CELEBRATES CANADA DAY:

Save the date - Our Lady of Peace Church is having a special Canada Day Celebration and Mass on Sunday, June 24, 2018. After the 11:00 AM Mass, students and their families are invited to the church hall for Canada Day Celebrations with light refreshments and a display of student art work.

Our Lady of Peace is encouraging students of the parish to bring any **Art Work** for display this day especially those who have made their 1st Holy Communion or Confirmation this year. Please bring your work with your name to the church hall before the 11:00 AM Mass that Sunday.

OLP CELEBRATES CANADA DAY:

Students across the Toronto Catholic District School Board will celebrate Canada Day on the last day of the school year, Thursday, June 28, 2018. Students will dress up in red and white, to join with students and staff from across the Toronto Catholic District School Board in celebrating Canada Day.

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, Pizza, Pita Pit Lunch and Booster Juice. Many thanks to the following volunteers: S. Baraniuk., A. Barreto, J. Boyes, L. Calitri, J. Celio, D. Donahue-Zia, A. D'Urzo, T. DeMaria, P. Fedrigo, I. Hanna, A. Henderson, S. Hingley, C. Lopes, R. Khoury, S. Massis, Dalakouras, R. Mazza, Denise Melo, E. Quinn, S. Reis, G. Solares, C. Trachuk, R. Vinci, K. Zuk-Borawski

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL (CSPC)

Our next CSPC meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the library. New members are welcome.

The Parent Council (CSPC) would like to thank the community for supporting us this year. **Because of YOUR donations via Curriculum Enhancement and your participation in the various lunch programs** (Pizza, Subway, Pita Pit & Booster Juice), CSPC was able to provide our children with the following programs / items to enhanced their learning and social experiences at OLP:

- Money towards the grade 8 graduation
- Art workshops (which was presented at the May Evening Art Show)
- Drumming workshops
- African Canadian Heritage performances
- Suitcase theatre performances – Canada 150

- Carnival Festivities (Hot Chocolate & cookie day, tire sur la neige, etc)
- Divisional art & math supplies
- Teacher allocations (allows teachers to purchase extra tools or learning materials)
- Scientists in the school
- Hot Lunches system (website you order lunches through)
- Shrove Tuesday
- My Life Online presentation for both students (grades 4-8) & parent evening
- Musical instrument repairs
- Technology (iPads, headseats for iPads & cloud books)
- Signage for Kiss and Ride
- \$8,000 towards the playground revitalization plan

TOGETHER WE CAN BUILD IT!

The PPC has had a very successful year. Thank you to the OLP parent community for your continued support. We are looking forward to next steps.

SAVE THE DATE:

OLP is turning 65!! We are excited to celebrate this milestone with you at our Fall Family Fun Fair! **Saturday September 15th, 2018 11am-3pm.** Stay tuned for more information! If you would like to help support the fun fair please email us at: Olpfunfair2018@gmail.com

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL PROCEDURES:

Tuesday, September 4th marks the first day of the 2018-2019 academic school year. When the bell rings, all students will assemble in the school yard by their grade level sign. Any new students who have **NOT REGISTERED** will be asked to go to the main office. In the event of inclement weather, please follow the following procedure: ELP classes will meet in the library and foyer, Grades 1, 2, and 3 will meet in the primary hallway and Grades 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 will meet in the gymnasium.

Students are expected to attend school in proper dress code. 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).

- Collared shirts - no t-shirts and/or shirts with logos, stripes and/or graphics
- Sweaters or hoodies worn in school must be solid navy or solid white, no stripes and/or logos.
- Only walking shorts are permitted- no athletic shorts

- Students must wear proper footwear- closed shoes with rubber soles- no sandals/flip flops

CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER:

Class lists for next year will begin in late June. The first step in the process is to determine class grades and sizes consistent with the Board, Ministry and contractual guidelines. Each student will be placed according to what is best for the child.

Our goal is to establish balanced classes and to provide effective working groups, which will benefit all children in each class. Teachers will provide feedback to consider criteria such as: students' learning styles, academic ability, special education, ESL/ELL and behavioral and social needs.

On the first day of school on Tuesday, September 4th, a tentative class and grade organization will be in place. However, ***it is important to understand that a possible increase or decrease in enrolment may cause changes in grade organization, teacher assignments and the placement of your child during the month of September.***

JUNE MESSAGE FROM TRUSTEE ANN ANDRACHUK

After a long year the home stretch is finally upon us. While many of our students are gearing up for a well-deserved summer of rest and relaxation others are preparing for some of the most memorable and important moments in their lives. I'd like to send my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to all of the elementary and secondary school students graduating this year.

I would like to take a moment to congratulate the students and staff that participated in the 21st TCDSB Special Olympics on May 29th. Of all the school events I attend in a given year this one holds a special place in my heart. The event brings together high school students with special needs together from across the system to compete in games and sports that benefit and highlight their skills – physically, socially, mentally and spiritually. It was truly an inspiration time for all involved.

Just because school is out doesn't mean learning has to stop during the summer months. The TCDSB offers a number of programs and courses over the summer months for students looking to catch up, get a head start on next year or reinforce concepts from the previous year. The TCDSB Summer Playground offers self-guided and parent driven online activities for students of all ages while traditional summer school courses are available in class or online. Literacy and numeracy enrichment programs are also available to those students looking to brush up before the new school year begins. For more information on these programs, please visit <http://www.tcdsb.org>. Have a fantastic June and a safe and wonderful summer!- Ann

TCDSB SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2018-2019

Number of school days 194
Number of Professional Activity Days 7

Labour Day- September 3, 2018
First Instructional Day - September 4, 2018
Thanksgiving Day - October 8, 2018
Christmas Break - December 24, 2018–January 4, 2019
Family Day - February 18, 2019
Mid-Winter Break - March 11–15, 2019
Good Friday - April 19, 2019
Easter Monday- April 22, 2019
Victoria Day- May 20, 2019
Last day of classes for elementary students- June 27, 2019

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