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# Our Lady of Peace Catholic School Newsletter

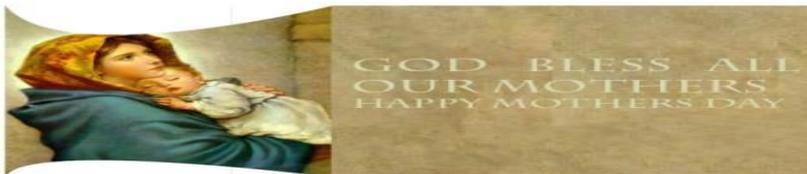
## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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 7<sup>th</sup> to May 11<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is- "*Renewing the Promise*". 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. Our Catholic schools are, by definition, faith-based schools, firmly rooted in the gospel values of Jesus Christ. What we enjoy today, is due to a history of sacrifice and determination and the extraordinary work of Bishops, Sisters, Brothers, priests and lay men and women, to build and preserve Catholic education, often in the face of political and legal opposition. During Catholic Education Week, we will be hosting a special Arts Night displaying beautiful creative art produced by students from JK to Grade 8.

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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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](http://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.  
<http://ourladyofpeace.tcdsb.org>

OLP is now on Twitter!!



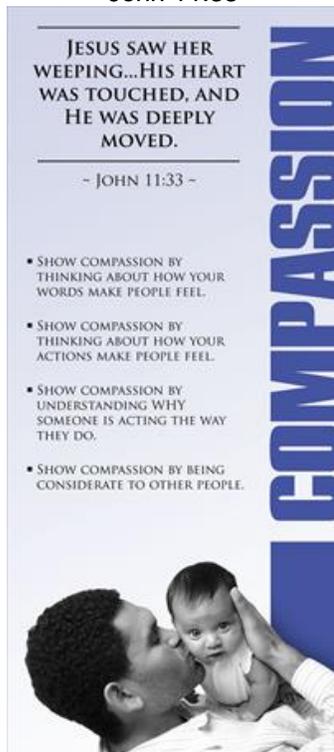
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for news, reminders, information and fun!

## 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 April 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup>. Our Intermediate students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. We congratulate these students who have been preparing themselves spiritually for many months for their upcoming Sacrament.

### CHESS CLUB:

Chess club had a great season this year, with students from the primary, junior and intermediate grades coming out every Monday morning to play.

On March 7th 2018, Our Lady of Peace participated in the TCDSB Girls Individual Chess Tournament at Monsignor John Corrigan. Our players: Madeline C., Brianna M., Catherine S., Emma P. and Gwyneth S. represented us well at the tournament. A special congratulations to Brianna M. who placed second in her grade, and Catherine S. who placed third for the grade five division. Both girls went to the City's Tournament in April, where Catherine placed fourth!

On the Friday following March Break, Our Lady of Peace returned to Monsignor John Corrigan to participate in the Individual Chess Tournament. Our school was lucky to be represented by Christopher G., Henry P., Victor B., Adriano N., Emma P., Marcus R., Gianluca C, and Davin J. A special congratulations to Victor B. who placed third in his grade, and moved on to represent us well in the City's tournament in April.

On April 20th, our chess players participated in the Team Chess Tournament which was held at Holy Child Elementary School. We had three teams participate this year. A special mention to our primary team, who were new to chess tournaments and played extremely well.

As always, many thanks to our parent volunteers who helped us get to the tournaments and cheered us on!

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 Ms. Wong Hing for her leadership and commitment in preparing the students and coaching all the Chess events. We hope that you all enjoyed the season, as much as we enjoyed supporting you!

### INTERMEDIATE W5H TOURNAMENT:

With a dedicated group of students, OLP's Intermediate W5H Team competed at Holy Angels School where they competed with great integrity, however, congratulations goes to the winners from Our Lady of Sorrows School. Our team's strong and decisive victory over the second place team at the last game of the tournament shows that their hard work both during school practices and at home paid off and they represented our school very well during the competition. Our appreciation and thanks goes out to the parents and coaches Mrs. Culmone and Ms. Ryan for giving their time to the team to help them prepare. A special thanks goes out to our student coaches Shay B. and Rebecca A. for their dedication to this year's team.

## CONCOURS D'ÉPELLATION/SPELLING BEE:

On Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, OLP hosted its first ever spelling bee/concours d'épellation. Ten 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 first ever event at OLP. We are grateful to the many teachers that assisted with judging the concours as well. Merci à M. Koka, Mme. Richard, Mme. Francis, Mme. Sliwa, et Mme. Correia. Also, many thanks to Ms. Warren and CPF (Canadian Parents for French) who helped fund the event by purchasing the trophies and ribbons for our Concours d'épellation. Congratulations and félicitations to all the students who participated and placed in our first ever Concours d'épellation. The names below are the top 5 in each grade starting with 5<sup>th</sup> place:

**1e Année:** Abigail M., Ariella Y., Marcus A., Alexis T., Alexandra T.

**2e Année :** Luka Z., Anor K., Leah B., Constanza A., Braden B.

**3e Année :** José M., Christian C., Christian M., Oliver R., Sean B.

**4e Année :** Ella V., Monica A., Catherine S., Eva C.

**5e Année :** Honor W., Elena S., Siena W., Niko V., Juliana W.

**6e Année:** Anastacia V., Lauren B., Danielle F., Zoe V., Osasu O

**7e Année :** Lucas B., Amelia L., Roy A., Veronica B., Anastasia P.

**8e Année :** Niamh H., Rebecca A., Joshua A., Abbey P., Madelaine K



## WE WALK FOR WATER:

On April 27<sup>th</sup>, our school participated in a walk to raise money and provide clean water for people who lack access to it. The WE Team had set a goal of \$10,000.00 and surpassed it reaching \$12,382. It only took \$25.00 to give someone clean water for life; by the end of the fundraiser, we had changed 485 lives and became the top school fundraiser in Canada. The WE Team is very proud of everyone who walked and raised money. We made a huge impact on people around the world. Thank you to everyone for their generous contributions to this worthy Social Justice issue.



## ARTS NIGHT:

Come and take a walk through OLP's first ever Art Gallery on Thursday May 10, from 6:30 pm -8:00 pm. Each class from JK-Gr.8 has been working diligently in anticipation for this great evening. Many thanks to our CSPC Committee for funding our art experience. The displayed finished product is a result of the collaboration between the students, teachers and artist Rochelle Jakymyc. That's not all. Please stop by the gymnasium for some refreshments, listen to our school band and don't forget to strike a pose at our photo booth in the library! Looking forward to seeing you all there.

## 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. The competitors presented interesting topics that were well written, well memorized and spoken with clear oration and expression. Our top three winners in the Intermediate Division were: Victoria O., Fiona M., Maddie C. The top three winners in the Junior Division were: Monika R., Sofia A., Savannah L.

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. Congratulations!

## **TORONTO MATH OLYMPICS:**

Congratulations and Félicitation to OLP Mathlete Roy Bou Abboud. This grade 7 student from OLP was the gold medal winner at the Toronto Math Olympics held on April 7<sup>th</sup>. He will be competing in the Ontario Math Olympics at the beginning of June. Good luck and Bonne chance next month.



## **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 24<sup>th</sup> 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!

## **LEUKEMIA FUNDRAISER:**

Our Annual Leukemia Fundraising event which will begin with the sales of raffle tickets starting from May 7-25 and end with the drawing of the prizes on June 4, 2018 (weather depending)

This fundraiser is held annually in memory of an Our Lady of Peace student, Isabel Walker, who sadly passed away after losing her battle with leukemia. We continue the tradition with Isabel in our hearts, but also we do this for our current student Frankie O., who is a Grade 2 student who has completed his leukemia treatment, after 4 long years.

This annual event has proven to be very successful due to the generous prize donations from our family community and local businesses. On average each

year, through our raffle ticket sales, we donate approximately \$5000 to Sick Kids Hospital. Last year we exceeded this amount when we raised just over \$10,000. If every student sells one sheet of tickets (5 tickets at \$2 each), we can raise \$7000. Please help us to achieve our goal this year in memory of Isabel and for children like Frankie who deserve all the support we can give.

If you are not able to sell the tickets, please send them back so that another student can have the opportunity to sell extra tickets. If you need more tickets, please return the sold tickets and see Mrs. Ludlow for more. Thank you!!

## **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
- Collared shirts only- no t-shirts and/or shirts with logos, stripes and/or graphics.
- All shorts and skirts must be to the knee or fingertip length above 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)**

Our next CSPC meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. New members are welcome.

## **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: S. Baraniuk, J. Celio, A. D'Urzo, T. DeMaria, D. Donahue-Zia, P. Fedrigo, I. Hanna, S. Hingley, R. Khoury, E. Malindi, S. Massis-Dalakouras, R. Mazza, D. Melo, E. Quinn, S. Reis, G. Solares, B. Silano, C. Trachuk, R. Vinci, K. Zuk-Borawski,

## MESSAGE FROM TRUSTEE ANN ANDRACHUK

Spring is an incredibly important time for many of the students in our Board. I would like to send my sincere congratulations and prayers to our grade two and grade seven students as they receive the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. These moments form the foundation of our faith journey as we strive to follow the example of our Lord Jesus Christ. On May 29th, students from across the TCDSB will take part in the 21st Annual Special Mini Olympics. This event brings together secondary school students with special needs for a fun filled day of activities and friendly competition. Through sharing their gifts, the games provide opportunities to discover not only new abilities and talents but "their voices" as well. The students improve their lives, and in turn, the lives of everyone they touch. This event is an opportunity for our special needs students to demonstrate their resilience, their courage, and their fortitude; and it is an opportunity for the TCDSB community to share in their joy and laughter, and witness the strength and determination of the human spirit.

The week of May 6 to May 11 is Catholic Education week celebrating the theme of, "Renewing the Promise." Catholic Education Week is held each year in May in the 29 Ontario Catholic school boards with a

multitude of events celebrating the achievements of our school communities and the critical impact Catholic Education has in the lives of millions of Ontarians. For more information, and a list of events happening this year, please visit:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/catholiceducationweek>

The TCDSB and the Board of Trustees continue to work on the budget for the upcoming 2018/2019 school year. In the coming weeks the Board will begin an official community consultation. I look forward to incorporating this feedback as we move closer to setting next year's budget. Participate in the online consultation here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TCDSB-Community-Consultations/Pages/Budget-Consultation.aspx>

Finally, with Mother's Day approaching on May 13<sup>th</sup> I would like to take a moment to thank all the mothers in our system. Use the day to cherish, honour and say thank you to Mom.

Ann

### TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2017 – 2018

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**Congratulations to the following recipients for March-Forgiveness Medal and Peace Certificate.**

TEACHER	FORGIVENESS AWARD	PEACE CERTIFICATE
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Mme. S. Mirija	Chelsea D.	Luca C.
Mme. M Sliwa	Natalia K.	Matthew M.
Mme. S. Correia	Julia K.	Mateo A. / Sydney E. / Gregory Z.
Mme. M. Mayer	Gianna B.	Kasandra J.

**Congratulations to the following recipients for April - Justice Medal and Peace Certificate.**

TEACHER	JUSTICE AWARD	PEACE CERTIFICATE
Ms. R. Della Mora	David O.	Sierra L.
Ms. S. Fisher	Jaxon S.	Rylee c.
Mr. F. Labib	Bruno P.	Brenna M.
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