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November, 2019

# Our Lady of Peace Catholic School Newsletter

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we enter into the month of November, we focus our attention on the virtue of Peace. Our quote for the month of November is from John 14:27, "**Peace I leave you, my peace I give to you.**" November is a time set aside to remember those who fought for peace, and those who continue to work to keep our world at peace. Every year on November 11, Canadians pause in silence for a moment of remembrance for the men and women who have served and continue to serve our country during times of conflict. Remembrance Day marks the anniversary of the official end of World War I. We will be having a Remembrance Day Assembly on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

November is also a month where we remember All Saints and All Souls. All Saints Day on November 1<sup>st</sup> is a feast day celebrated by Roman Catholics. It is an opportunity for believers to remember all saints and martyrs, known and unknown, throughout Christian history. All Souls Day is marked on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, directly following All Saints Day, and is an opportunity for Roman Catholics to remember and pray for the faithful departed. Our students will be praying for the faithfully departed on All Souls Day by having a special prayer service on the PA.

November marks the time when parents receive a Progress Report from their child's teacher. The intent of the Fall Progress Report is to understand how your child is progressing to date. The Progress Report encourages students to set goals, assists parents in learning at home, and helps teachers in establishing plans for teaching. The Progress Report emphasizes the development of student learning skills and work habits. We invite all parents/guardians to attend our Parent Teacher Conferences on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 -8:30 p.m. and on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:30 p.m. Please ensure to book an appointment through our online booking process.



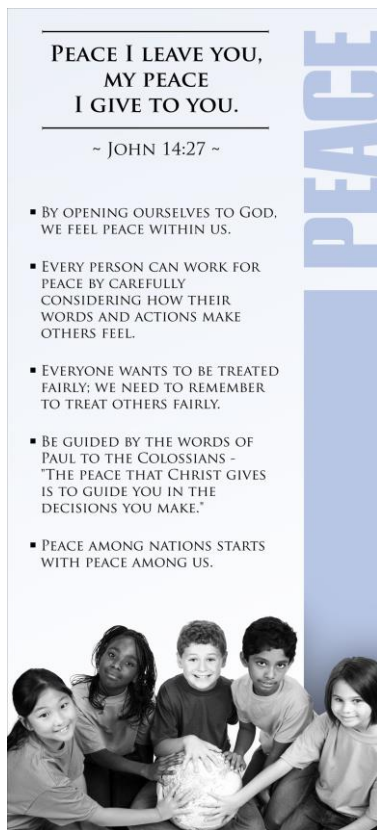
Please check the school website regularly for Our Lady of Peace news and information. <http://ourladyofpeace.tcdsb.org>



**OLP is now on Twitter!!**

Follow us at @OLP\_TCDSB  
for news, reminders, information and fun!

## NOVEMBER VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: PEACEMAKING



### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Peace I leave you, my peace I give you."  
John 14:27

During the month of November, we will be focusing on the virtue of PEACE. We connect the virtue of peace to the Sign of Peace at mass. Each time we gather for Eucharist, we are invited to extend a sign of peace to those around us: our family, friends, neighbours and strangers. Catholic social teaching reminds us that we are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, religious, economic, and ideological differences. We are brothers and sisters keepers where ever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict. What can you do to be a peacemaker in your family, your class, our school, our city and in the world?

### SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS:

On **Tuesday, October 15, 2019** TCDSB officially launched the new Secondary School Online Application website: [secsoar.tcdsb.org](http://secsoar.tcdsb.org). Starting November 29<sup>th</sup>- students will be notified program acceptance for Specialty Programs only and notices for

Regular programs will be sent January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

### EQAO RESULTS:

Our school EQAO results this year reveal that Grade 3 students achieved 38% in Reading, 25% in Writing and 70% in Mathematics. Our results show that our Grade 3 students achieved below TCDSB and Provincial results in Reading and Writing however, achieved above average in Mathematics. Our Grade 6 students achieved 92% in Reading, 92% in Writing and 64% in Mathematics. Our Grade 6 students achieved above TCDSB and Provincial averages in all 3 areas.

Throughout this term, OLP staff have analyzed school data and compared various assessments in order to identify our urgent critical learning need. Our grade 6 cohort shows significant improvement between grades 3 and grade 6 EQAO assessments. The data reveals that Grade 6 boys score higher in Math than girls in both Grade 3 and in Grade 6. Student Voice surveys indicate that students do not feel they have choice when it comes to the content, process and product of their learning. Overall, an overwhelming majority of our student's express feelings of nervousness and anxiety.

Based on various assessments and teacher observations, all students will focus on problem solving on thinking and application open response questions.

### PEACE PALS LEADERS:

On Monday, October 14, students from grades 6-8 were selected to participate in a half day training with Toronto Public Health on Playground Activity Leaders in Schools- P.A.L.S. There are three objectives of the P.A.L.S. program: to increase physical activity, to decrease conflict and reduce the incidence of playground bullying, and to provide a leadership opportunity for students. Thank you to Mme. Correia and Ms. Carlino and to the following students for their commitment in making our school yard safe for all. Thank you/ Merci to our Peace Leaders: Sinead S, Sophie K, Julia J, Katherine O, Sienna W, Lara G, Max P, Andrew C, Victoria T, Olivia B, Liam W, Andre G, George, Luca C, Adrian B, Ava C, Maria P, Peter E, Aurelio N, Jonathan M, Charlie P, Emmett S, Sophia L, Emma P, Alissa P, Katarina W, Lily L, Monica A, Chloe I, Sandrina S, Anthony S, Aaron D.B, Adam C, Ava C, Emil A, Tristan G, Siena B, Matissen A, Marco B.

### Photo Retake/Sibling Photo Day:

We will be having Photo Retake and Sibling Photo Day on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. A flyer will be sent home with students with more information.

## WE TEAM:

Congratulations OLP for a FANTASTIC Food Drive! The We Team had a very busy few weeks, designing posters, creating announcements, as well as collecting all the dry goods. Over 900 cans were collected and donated to the Daily Bread Food Bank!! Thank you so very much to every one of you who participated in this worthwhile initiative.



## CHRISTMAS IN THE PHILIPPINES 2019

Every year, students from the TCDSB volunteer their time, over the Christmas Break, to help those less fortunate in the Philippines. By working together they help build new homes, volunteer at orphanages, and help with community clean up projects. This year, our students will be visiting and working in the following villages: Masagana, AKC, Avanaí, Paniqui, House of Bethlehem Orphanage, Tondo, and Par 2. As it is Christmas time, our TCDSB students always like to give a small gift to the hundreds of children they meet on this trip, who are living in the poorest of conditions. This November, our We Team, is asking every student from OLP to contribute at least one small item. We are mainly looking at collecting toiletries and school supplies. For example: toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, hairbrushes, combs, hair accessories, deodorant, makeup, lipgloss, washcloths, soap, pencils, sharpeners, pencil crayons, markers, erasers, calculators, pencil cases etc. Small stuffed animals, and other small toys will also be appreciated. These items will mean the world to a child/teen in the Philippines, this Christmas. Please watch Philippines TCDSB Service Trip 2015 on YouTube, to find out more. Thank you- WE TEAM

## CROSS COUNTRY:

Our cross-country team participated in a number of meets this season. We had 84 participants at the divisional meet with Joseph M. and Mitchell S. placing first in their grade, Antoine D. placing second and Juan Jose P., Isaiah F., Azadeh M. and Leah B. placing third.

Of the 84 runners who went to the divisional meet, 72 qualified for regionals and of those, 25 advanced to the city meet. Honourable mention goes to our 13 year-old boys Mitchell S., Antoine D., Alex M., Julian L., Kevin M., Nathan A., Juan Jose P., and Matthew M. for winning the 1st place pennant for their age group at the regional meet. Well done boys!

Honourable mention also goes to Juan Jose P., who placed 11th for the Grade 8 boys and Adam G., who placed 13th for the Grade 4 boys at the city meet at Earl Bales Park.

Our school finished 1st at divisionals, 4th at regionals and 20th overall in the city among 128 schools. The coaches are extremely proud of all the students who came out every morning - they showed great determination and enthusiasm and represented our school with pride. A big thank you and merci to our coaches Mlle. Boragina, Mr. Covelli, Ms. Guido, Ms. Molella.



## BULLYING AWARENESS & PREVENTION WEEK:

November 17-23 is Bullying Awareness and Prevention week across Canada. Helping your child *understand* how to responsibly resolve minor conflicts before a problem escalates is an essential life skill. In this age of accessible technology, problems can happen electronically, as well as face-to-face. Be aware of your child's activities online. You have a right to ask them to show you what they are doing and always ensure that they are using their devices in a prominent area of the home. Building empathy and compassion for other people's feelings are key to stopping bullying before it starts. Here are some helpful websites you may wish to visit:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/teachers/safeschool>

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<http://edu.gov.on.ca/eng/safeschools/bullying.html>  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SafeSchools/BullyingAwarenessAndPrevention/Pages/default.aspx>

We will engage our students throughout the month with numerous Bullying Awareness and Prevention activities. On Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> we will be inviting a professional storyteller to engage and entertain students through drama, song and the power of story about bullying, inclusion and fair play. There will be eight performances: Grades 1-4: *My Secret Bully* and Grades 5-8: *Benched!*

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL (CSPC)**

Our next CSPC meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the library. New members are welcome.

### **CURRICULUM ENHANCEMENT INITIATIVE:**

Did you know that with the money raised through Curriculum Enhancement last year the CSPC (Parent Council) was able to pay for the following things for your child(ren)?

- Technology (Chromebooks/projectors & projector lamps/listening centres/computer headsets/Bluetooth speakers/visual timers/coding programs, etc)
- Scientists in the school
- Musical instruments
- Dance lessons (for spring concert gr.4-8)
- Supplemental teaching guides/workbooks (jump math/literacy-guided reading)
- Family fun night with Mathnasium
- Teacher allocations
- Grade 8 graduation
- Leukemia Fundraiser- pizza party
- Carnival & Shrove Tuesday expenses
- Hot Lunches website renewal
- Administration needs (industrial shredder/virtue medals/virtue banner framing/gift cards for science fair winners)
- Supplementary supplies (paints & canvas/water colour paper/green chalkboards/lego&kinex)
- Sports equipment & Jerseys
- Anti Bullying Magic show
- Drama workshop (Canadian Black History)
- Artist workshops

### **PLAYGROUND REVITALIZATION UPDATE:**

The Playground Project Committee would like to thank the community for your support and patience as our playground continues to be revitalized. We are almost there, and so much has been achieved to date, including:

- Regrading and repaving of the entire yard
- The installation of new a retaining wall, stairs and fencing
- The installation of basketball nets and chalkboards
- The placement of new cedar planters around existing trees
- The planting of two new trees and the installation of a large cedar bench around them

Please look for the installation of our triple hoop, tetherball and harvest tables in the coming weeks. The painted elements, including four square and track lines, will be completed in the spring, as soon as weather permits.

### **Together we can build it!**

### **PARENT SAFETY PROGRAM:**

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who donate their time for our PSP "Kiss and Ride" Program on Mattice Ave. This morning and end of day program ensures that students arrive and exit safely from school while easing the traffic flow around the community. This program is made possible with the commitment and dedication of our parent volunteers. If you are interested and available to assist with either the morning or afternoon shift, please contact the main office.

A reminder to parents to please NOT park in the bus loading zone and to be respectful of the NO parking signs in the area. In addition, please do not linger in your parked cars once your child is dropped off. We need traffic to keep moving to so that students do not have to cross the street to get to the yard. We encourage all families to use the PSP Program and to be respectful to our parent volunteers as they are volunteering their time to ensure our students arrive and leave safely from school. We need to work together as a community for the safety of our students.

### **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 Pizza, Pita Pit, Booster Juice and Subway Lunches: K. Borawski, K. Landry, S. Crowe, L. Giannini, J. Rincon, I. Hanna, T. Brenner, L. Pacheco, R. Fournier, C. DeAngelis, A. Lopez, A. C. Socha, T. de Maria, C. Swan, N. Kokai

### **GUIDANCE CORNER:**

Now that the time for Progress Reports gets closer, help your child focus on their Learning Skills and Work Habits. **Responsibility, Collaboration, Initiative, Self-Regulation. Organization and Independent Work** are key skills that help students take ownership for their learning and allow them to be more successful

in all areas of the curriculum. More information on the Learning Skills and Work Habits and how to help your child develop them, can be found at the following links: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/policyfunding/growSuccess.pdf> (pgs. 10-14) [http://www.fslhomeworktoolbox.ca/homework\\_tips/learning\\_skills\\_and\\_work\\_habits.php](http://www.fslhomeworktoolbox.ca/homework_tips/learning_skills_and_work_habits.php)

It's a busy time for Grade 8 students and the transition to High School. Open house nights took place last month, and the online application process through SOAR was initiated. As indicated on the application form, the closer the high school is to your child's elementary school, the greater the chance of

acceptance. If your child is redirected, there are **no guarantees of placement** at the alternate choice school. The redirection will be to the closest high school that has space. Also, the TCDSB does not have access to information for high schools outside of our own board. You will be receiving a **Transition Guide for Parents** which contains important information regarding the transition to high school. There are translated guides in a number of languages available upon request.

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**Congratulations to the following recipients for – September – Hospitality and Peace Certificate.**

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**Congratulations to the following recipients for – October – Gratitude and Peace Certificate.**

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