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Our Lady of Peace Catholic School Newsletter



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.



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 Service on Friday, November 9th.

November is also a month where we remember All Saints and All Souls. All Saints Day on November 1st 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 2nd, 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 this day by reciting the rosary with their classes for 20 minutes.

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 Wednesday, November 14th from 5:30 -8:00 p.m. and on Thursday, November 15th from 5:30-8:00 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

PEACE I LEAVE YOU,
MY PEACE
I GIVE TO YOU.

~ JOHN 14:27 ~

- BY OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD, WE FEEL PEACE WITHIN US.
- EVERY PERSON CAN WORK FOR PEACE BY CAREFULLY CONSIDERING HOW THEIR WORDS AND ACTIONS MAKE OTHERS FEEL.
- EVERYONE WANTS TO BE TREATED FAIRLY; WE NEED TO REMEMBER TO TREAT OTHERS FAIRLY.
- BE GUIDED BY THE WORDS OF PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS - "THE PEACE THAT CHRIST GIVES IS TO GUIDE YOU IN THE DECISIONS YOU MAKE."
- PEACE AMONG NATIONS STARTS WITH PEACE AMONG US.



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:

Our grade 8 students received their Secondary school applications. A reminder that Secondary School Applications are due no later than Monday, November 5th, 2018. Acceptance packages will be distributed to students in early 2019.

EQAO RESULTS:

Our school EQAO results this year reveal that Grade 3 students achieved 14% in Reading, 29% in Writing and 64% 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 91% in Reading, 87% in Writing and 67% 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 need. Our grade 6 cohort shows significant improvement between grades 3 and grade 6 EQAO assessments. Student surveys indicated that Grade 3 students enjoy Math more than Reading and that Grade 6 students enjoy Reading more than Math. The data also reveals that Grade 3 boys score higher in Math than girls in the same cohort but Grade 6 girls score higher in Reading, Writing and Math than boys in same grade.

Based on various assessments and teacher observations, our current grade 3 and grade 6 cohorts will need focused support in Reading strategies to help students better understand and solve real life Math word problems.

PEACE LEADERS:

On Monday, October 15, 20 of our 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 to the following students for their commitment in making our school yard safe for all. Thank you/ Merci to our Peace Leaders: Roy A., Keliene A., Marco B., Olivia B., Ava C., Luca C., Henry C., Elizabeth D., Ava G., Dante G., Lara G., Jordin J., Julia J., Gabriel M., Tristan M., Massimo N., Adriano N., Luke R., Xavier R., Andrew S., Erick S., Sebastian S., Milena T., Victoria T., Juliana W., Liam W., Sienna W.

Photo Retake/Sibling Photo Day:

We will be having Photo Retake and Sibling Photos on Tuesday, November 6th. A flyer will be sent home with students with more information.

CROSS COUNTRY:

Our cross country team participated in a number of meets this season. Of the 82 runners who went to the divisional meet, 52 qualified for regionals and of those, 25 advanced to the city meet. Honourable mention goes to our 12 year-old boys Mitchell S., Antoine D., Alex M., Julian L., Michael G., and Allen J. for winning the 1st place pennant for their age group at the regional meet. Well done boys!

Honourable mention also goes to Luis D., who placed 7th and Massimo N., who placed 10th for the Grade 8 boys and Antoine D., who placed 9th for the Grade 7 boys at the city meet at Earl Bales Park.

Our school finished 1st at divisionals, 2nd at regionals and 15th 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 Ms. Guido, Mlle. Boragina, Mme. Correia, Ms. Fisher and Mr. Covelli.

BULLYING AWARENESS & PREVENTION WEEK:

November is Bullying Awareness and Prevention month, we will engage our students throughout the month with numerous activities. On Wednesday, November 14th, we will be having an Anti-Bullying Magic Show. There will be three performances ELP/Gr. 1 Sharing is Caring, Grades 2 to 5: Verbal and Physical Bullying and Grades 6 to 8: Cyberbullying and Responsible Use of Technology. We would like to thank our CSPC Committee for sponsoring this important message and performances for our students.

CHANGES COMING TO CASL:

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is deploying a new system for parental outreach, emergency broadcasts, and other electronic communications called SchoolMessenger. SchoolMessenger enables each school to communicate with families using an automated system to phone and send emails to parents. If your contact information has changed, please advise the school as soon as possible. As of November 5th, we will no longer be using CASL to communicate with parents. Parents may receive phone calls and emails from SchoolMessenger beginning **Monday, November 5, 2018**.

INFORMATION ABOUT CANNABIS

On Wednesday, October 17, 2018, cannabis became legal in Ontario and the rest of Canada. The Toronto Catholic District School Board remains committed to maintaining safe school and work environments that are welcoming and support the Board's focus on excellence in education. Although legislation permits

the recreational use of cannabis, the vaping, smoking, or use of lighted tobacco, cannabis/marijuana, herbal material (or any other combustible material) and electronic smoking devices **is prohibited at all TCDSB schools and worksites.**

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL (CSPC)

Our next CSPC meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 28th at 6:30 p.m. in the library. New members are welcome.

CURRICULUM ENHANCEMENT INITIATIVE:

Curriculum Enhancement, Parent Council's biggest fundraiser, is in full swing! Our goal is to raise \$15,000 by November 9th. If we meet our goal, teachers will participate in a Karaoke Battle and the children will be the judges! Currently we are only at approximately half of our goal, we need everyone's help, please go online to www.schoolcashionline.com to donate before the deadline. Money raised from curriculum enhancement directly impacts your child during this school year. Things such as scientists in the class, performances, technology and more are purchased with this money. Thank you for your continued support!

PLAYGROUND REVITALIZATION UPDATE:

The Playground Project Committee (PPC) continues to partner with our Board contacts to ensure a summer 2019 project delivery. As previously communicated, we have until the end of 2018 to augment the \$73,000 our community has already raised towards the \$100,000 target to revitalize our playground. The PPC, with the approval of the parent council and the OLP administration, will be conducting a Dance-A-Thon on December 14th as our final fundraiser. Dance-A-Thons have been extremely successful in the past and our students truly look forward to this fun and active event. Students will be sent home with pledge forms and more details at the end of November.

Our progress to date has been the product of the time and generosity of our community; and as with all PPC initiatives, this fundraiser is volunteer-driven. If you can contribute to the effort in any way, whether through prizing, time, or suggestions, please contact Andy Wright at wright.andrew@bell.ca or Erin Quinn at erinquinnagent@gmail.com. We remain blessed and grateful for your continued support.

For those community members who have not yet seen the plan and would like to do so, please contact Erin Quinn at erinquinnagent@gmail.com.

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.

On behalf of the OLP community, many thanks to the following parent volunteers for volunteering their time for the well-being and safety of our children: V. Locke, V. Symchych, K. Borawski, R. Markopoulos, M. Dulny, S. Mills, E. Quinn. C. Swan, A. D'Urzo

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. We need to work together as a community for the safety of our students.

THANK YOU:

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: E. Antunes., E. Bavcevic., S. Baraniuk., A. Best., C. Blazik., S. Bollin., K. Boyes., J. Celio., T. DeMaria., A. Fenech., R. Fournier., S. Franca., I. Hanna., A. Henderson., S. Hingley., E. Malindi., S. Massis-Dalakouras., R. Mazza., S. Mendonca., E. Quinn., C. Swan., V. Symchych., R. Vinci., A. Yano., E. Zaffino., K. Zuk-Borawski

TCDSB Trustee Election Results

Congratulations to the newly elected and re-elected Trustees for the Toronto Catholic District School Board:

- **Ward 1** - Joseph Martino
- **Ward 2** - Markus de Domenico
- **Ward 3** - Ida Li Preti
- **Ward 4** - Teresa Lubinski
- **Ward 5** - Maria Rizzo
- **Ward 6** - Frank D'Amico
- **Ward 7** - Mike Del Grande
- **Ward 8** - Garry Tanuan
- **Ward 9** - Norm Di Pasquale
- **Ward 10** - Daniel Di Giorgio
- **Ward 11** - Angela Kennedy
- **Ward 12** - Nancy Crawford

The new Board of Trustees will be sworn in at the Inaugural Meeting on Monday, December 3, 2018.

OLP CHURCH SOCIAL:

OLP Church is having a Bingo, Potluck Dinner and 50/50 Raffle Draw on Saturday, November 3 @ 6:00 p.m. Please contact Joan Grima at 647-278-9362 to RSVP.

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| 4. Patrizia Bottoni | 8. Garry Tanuan | 12. Nancy Crawford,
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Congratulations to the following recipients for – September – Hospitality and Peace Certificate.

TEACHER	HOSPITALITY AWARD	PEACE CERTIFICATE
Ms. R. Della Mora	Josephine K.	Gabriella K.
Ms. S. Fisher	Rylee C.	Louise S.
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M. S. Alphons	Oliver R.	Baukje J.
Mme. S. Mirija	Katelyn S.	Osarugue O.
Mme. R. Murphy	Kruno K.	Amara F.
Mme. S. Correia	Sebastian s.	Aliyah K.
Mme. M. Mayer	Veronica B.	Robert R.

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

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Ms. J. Donaghey	Henly S.	Chantelle M.
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Mr. S. Steriovski	Sofia A.	Joseph M.
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M. J. Prifti	Eric M.	Katherine M.
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Mme. K Micco	Frankie O.	Isabel T.
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