

March, 2019



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



Our Lady of Peace Catholic School Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

How timely is it that the virtue for the month of March is FORGIVENESS, not only because we are in the Lenten season but also because it is an important cornerstone to our Catholic faith and tradition. The quote for this month is "To Err is Human, to Forgive is Divine" (Alexander Pope). Forgiveness is ultimately a gift that we give to ourselves as we let go of the burden of resentment that we may feel toward others. Lent is also a time of preparation and self-sacrifice through fasting, giving up worldly desires and activities. In Latin, Lent is referred to by the term Quadragesima (meaning "fortieth"), in reference to the fortieth day before Easter. It is an excellent time for us to reflect on our lives on how to become closer to God and a time of renewal.

OLP will mark the start of the Lenten season with an Ash Wednesday Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church on Wednesday March 6th at 1:15 p.m. Students will also be participating in Lenten Confessions with Fr. Yaw during the Lenten season. Students will also be receiving a Pancake breakfast on Shrove Tuesday, courtesy of our CSPC Committee and parent volunteers.

This month we also welcome Ms. Maioto, our new library technician. We welcome here to OLP and look forward to having her work with our students in the library.

March 17th also marks the time of year that the Irish and the Irish at heart celebrate St. Patrick's Day. What began as a religious feast day for the Patron Saint of Ireland, has become a day of celebration around the world. During the month of March, the TCDSB acknowledges St. Patrick by designating March as Celtic Canadian Heritage month. At Our Lady of Peace, our students will be involved in a variety of learning activities focusing on the history of St. Patrick's Day.

May you grow closer to God throughout March and this Lenten season.

Seeking and Finding God

Faithful God,
You give us forty days of Lent to quiet ourselves
And explore the inner chambers of our hearts.
Let these sacred days be a time when we seek and find you there.
Passionate God
May we find you even in our tears and in our pain
And in whatever troubles our hearts.
Keep us from all that separates us from you.
Be with us and in us.
Amen.

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OLP is now on Twitter!!

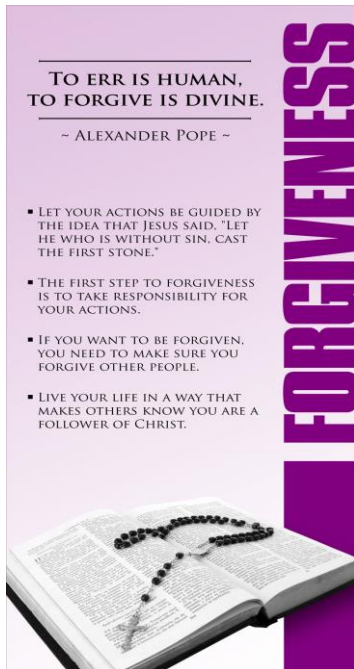


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for news, reminders, information and fun!

MARCH VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: FORGIVENESS

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“To Err is Human, to Forgive is Divine.” (Alex Pope)



During the month of March we will be focusing on the virtue of FORGIVENESS. Not only are we in the season of Lent, but forgiveness is the cornerstone of our faith one that Jesus modeled for us in his life and death. The quote for this month is: *“To Err is Human, to Forgive is Divine” (Alexander Pope)*. We are reminded that forgiveness is a gift to ourselves as we let go of the burden of resentment when we forgive another person and it’s a gift to our children when we teach and model it to them.

AFRICAN CANADIAN HERITAGE MONTH:

During the month of February, Our Lady of Peace celebrated African Canadian Heritage month. Students were able to enjoy a bilingual Drama Presentation presented by the Grade 6 French Immersion students highlighting prominent African Canadians. Thank you to our CSPC Committee for sponsoring the drama workshops in preparation for the assembly.



CARNAVAL D’HIVER:

Our Lady of Peace celebrated Carnaval d’hiver during the month of February. OLP celebrated the famous Quebecois winter festival from Monday, February 19th to Friday February 22nd. The week was filled with themed days such as Chandail de Sport, Tacky Tuque Day et Pyjama Day. Students participated in various classroom activities such as Vocab BINGO, Carnaval trivia and a Carnaval Door decorating contest. Félicitations to Mrs. Carlino’s class for winning the Vocab Bingo challenge, and to Mlle. Govaert, Mme. Wysokinski, Ms. Di Petta and Ms. Laxton for winning the creative Carnaval door decorating challenge. Félicitations also goes to the following trivia winners: Syndal-Marie A., Lylah M., Maria D., Aliyah K.

Students ended the week with a Winter Activity Sports Day that included skiing, basketball and curling. Students also got to enjoy the flavours of Carnaval with a poutine lunch. Thank you to our CSPC and parent volunteers for all their help and assistance during the fun week. We were also lucky enough to have Bonhomme visit us throughout the week as well. Mille merci to Mme. Alaimo, Mlle. Perri, Mlle. Boragina, Mme. Carek, Mme. Venditti and M. Zacchilli, for their collaboration and leadership in organizing our Carnaval d’hiver.



INTERMEDIATE BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL:

Congratulations to our Intermediate basketball teams. Both the boys and girls competed in divisional tournaments this season. Each team played well and showed great determination. Our boys competed at the divisional level, placing second. Our girls’ team have had a good season as well. Our Intermediate Girls’ Basketball team placed third at the divisional level! Thank you to Coach Covelli, Coach Laxton and Coach Ludlow for their commitment and hard work in another great season.

CONCOURS D'ART ORATOIRE:

On February 7th, our French Immersion students presented their speeches to the school. Félicitations to all the participants and especially to Sienna W.

(Immersion) and George C. (Francophone) in the Junior Division and Karina W. (Immersion)

Roy A. (Francophone) in the Intermediate division. We wish them bonne chance as they represent OLP at the board level competition on Tuesday, March 5th.



OLP BILINGUAL BOOK FAIR:

OLP hosted a two day Bilingual Book Fair in collaboration with Librairie Mosaïque Bookstore. Students were able to peruse and purchase many French and English picture books, graphic novels and short stories. Many thanks and merci to the parent volunteers that assisted with the book fair. Thank you and Merci to: E. Antunes, T. De Maria, C. Swan and K. Zuk-Borawski.



SCIENCE FAIR AT OLP:

This year, Our Lady of Peace will be hosted a Science Fair in the school gym on March 1st. Students from grades 4-8 participated in our schools Science Fair. For several months, under the leadership of Mrs.

Carlino, students have been researching and studying the Scientific Method to prepare for this day. During our Science Fair, students presented individually and in teams, their scientific research and findings. It was a wonderful morning whereby students shared their experiments and research with the OLP community and judges from Father John Redmond.

Congratulations to the following students for their hard work and participation in this year's Science Fair. The following students will be moving on to the Toronto Science Fair:

Jr. winners: 1st place: Emmet S. & Adam N.

2nd place: Liam W. & Sienna W.

3rd place: Xavier R., Massimo C., George C.

Intermediate winner: Karina W.

ME TO WE:

The Me to We Team would like to thank all of our OLP students and families for all of their support in our fundraising events since January. We managed to collect over 100 pairs of glasses in the eyeglass donations and \$450 in the Valentine's Day ring pop sales. We had a huge number of participants wearing pink to celebrate Anti bullying day on Feb 27, 2019, and we look forward to presenting Anti bullying presentations to Our Lady of Peace students.

Coming up our Team will be making and selling hair scrunchies for \$1 from recycled clothing and Minga bracelets (Me to We) for \$10 each. There are 6 different colours to choose from. The sales will take place starting on March 18, 2019 at lunch each day.

In Ecuador, a minga is a call to action—everyone working together toward the collective good. When you wear or gift a Minga Bracelet, you're joining that circle of good. Every bracelet empowers the amazing artisan who created it with the resources to send her children to school, purchase healthy food and access health care and clean water.

OLP HOCKEY TEAM:

This year the OLP Spirit Hockey Team will be making triumphant return to the ice. The team has been working hard on and off the ice for the past few months in order to prepare for this year's TCDSB Cup at York University. The team will participate in its first tournament on Tuesday, March 19th and its second tournament the week after. We have high expectations for this year's team and look forward to an amazing and entertaining season of hockey. Good luck to the team and Coach Steriovski as they prepare for their first tournament.

EDUCATION SUPPORT APPRECIATION DAY:

Let us all celebrate and show appreciation for this diverse group of individuals on March 4th for the energy, enthusiasm and care that they devote to our

school communities and their commitment to student achievement and well-being. They foster positive, trusting relationships with students and improve the school climate by supporting teachers/staff and encouraging parent and family involvement in education. We would like to thank Ms. Barnswell, Ms. Gargarella and Ms. Klamann for the hard work and love they devote to our school and students each day.

OLP SPELLING BEE:

In order to encourage our students to develop their French language skills, OLP will be hosting its second 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 26, 2019. Parents are asked to please help support and encourage your child in the preparation of our first Spelling Bee at OLP.

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.

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 Lunch, Pizza, Poutine and Pita Pit Lunch. Merci and thank you to: E. Antunes, S. Baraniuk, M. Bennett, J. Boyes, T. Brenner, J. Celio, R.

Charron, A. D'Urzo, T. DeMaria, A. Fenech, Jr, A. Fenech, Sr, R. Fournier, A. Gesualdi, I. Hanna, S. Hingley, R. Khoury, L. Lyras, E. Malindi, S. Massis-Delakouras, R. Mazza, E. Palacio, S. Reis, A. Santoro, C. Swan, V. Symchych, R. Vinci, K. Wiltshire, K. Zuk-Borawski

TCDSB SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2019-2020

Labour Day September 2, 2019
First Instructional Day September 3, 2020
Thanksgiving Day October 14, 2019
Christmas Break December 23, 2019–January 3, 2020
Start of second semester for secondary schools February 3, 2020
Family Day February 17, 2020
Mid-Winter Break March 16-20, 2020
Good Friday April 10, 2020
Easter Monday April 13, 2020
Victoria Day May 18, 2020
Last day of classes for all students June 26, 2020

P.A. DAYS: October 11, 2019 Provincial Education Priorities/Faith Development
November 15, 2019 Parent-Teacher Conferences
December 6, 2019 Provincial Education Priorities
January 17, 2020 Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting
February 14, 2020 Parent-Teacher Conferences
June 5, 2020 Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting
June 26, 2020 Provincial Education Priorities

TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2018 – 2019

Wards

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| 1. Joseph Martino | 5. Maria Rizzo- Chair | 9. Norm Di Pasquale |
| 2. Markus de Domenico | 6. Frank D'Amico, | 10. Daniel Di Giorgio |
| 3. Ida LiPresti | 7. Michael Del Grande-Vice Chair | 11. Angela Kennedy |
| 4. Teresa Lubinski | 8. Garry Tanuan | 12. Nancy Crawford, |
| | | Joel Ndongmi, Student Trustee |
| | | Taylor Dalin, Student Trustee |



Congratulations to the following recipients for – January – Courage -Award and Peace Certificate.

TEACHER	COURAGE AWARD	PEACE CERTIFICATE
Ms. R. Della Mora	Adam F.	Rafael S.
Ms. S. Fisher	David O.	Erika B.
Ms. J. Donaghey	Molly L.	Maggie N.
Ms. S. Di Petta	Alexander S.	Mercy V.
Mr. S. Steriovski	Savanah L.	Monika R.
Ms. S. Guido	Sara N.	Ivana B.
Ms. K. Pillow	Emma P.	Madalynn O.
Ms. S. Carlino	Ashton T.	Alexandra C.
Ms. C. Laxton	Anjelica S.	Jaida S.
Ms. S. Ludlow	Luke R.	Angela K.
Mr. M. Zacchilli	Quentin J.	Olivia Z.
Mlle. M. Govaert	Henley B.	Ayden M.
Mme. S. Venditti	Kathryn R.	Adriano P.
Mlle. S. Morassutti	Rowan P.	Calissa C.
Mr. J. Ndes	Savannah A.	Lucas L.
Mme. I. Richard	Julia V.	Sebastian O.
Mme. B. Wysokinski	Eva S.	Lucille L.
M. J. Prifti	Ayden A.	Jolie S.
Mme. J. Giordano	Madelyn L.	Isaac P.
Mme. K Micco	Simona S.	Benjamin N.
Mme. A. Mondano-Ventura	Valentina V.	Akhille M.
Mlle. M. Boragina	Lucas D.	Lucas S.
Mme. T. Del Giudice	Alexandra B.	Joseph C.
M. S. Alphons	Aaron A.	Mira G.
Mme. S. Mirija	Lilyan L.	Gregory T.
Mme. R. Murphy	Keliane A.	Adrian B.
Mme. S. Correia	Michael G.	Osasuwmen O.
Mme. M. Mayer	Isebella P.	Maegan L.

Congratulations to the following recipients for –February – Love -Award and Peace Certificate.

TEACHER	LOVE AWARD	PEACE CERTIFICATE
Ms. R. Della Mora	Alyson E.	Mia G.
Ms. S. Fisher	Timothy L.	Franz N.
Ms. J. Donaghey	Chantelle M.	Marta D.
Ms. S. Di Petta	Jose Angel D.	Daniel B.
Mr. S. Steriovski	Sabrina F.	Silvia N.
Ms. S. Guido	Angjela F.	Tristan H.
Ms. K. Pillow	Valerie V.	Rebecca F.
Ms. S. Carlino	Maja D.	Laura P.
Ms. C. Laxton	John Luca F.	Ava A.
Ms. S. Ludlow	William O.	Nathan N.
Mr. M. Zacchilli	Elisa V.	Jonas N.
Mlle. M. Govaert	Mariella M.	Ethan T.
Mme. S. Venditti	Vimalene N.	Karolina E.
Mlle. S. Morassutti	Marcus M.	Oliver N.
Mr. J. Ndes	Jasmina T.	Jacob B.
Mme. I. Richard	Chelsea D.	Mason S.
Mme. B. Wysokinski	Gianluca V.	Sophia F.
M. J. Prifti	Krystal Z.	Princeton S.
Mme. J. Giordano	Alexis T.	Joshua M.
Mme. K Micco	Maja M.	Alexandra G.
Mme. A. Mondano-Ventura	Sierra S.	Noah S.
Mlle. M. Boragina	Sophie F.	Ariana T.
Mme. T. Del Giudice	Sienna R.	Markus S.
M. S. Alphons	Noel L.	Diana K.
Mme. S. Mirija	Madeleine L.	Adam N.
Mme. R. Murphy	Ava C.	Colin B.
Mme. S. Correia	Alexander M.	Ava C.
Mme. M. Mayer	Alexia V.	Andrew S.

