



# OUR LADY OF PEACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Hours of Operation:  
9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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



October, 2018

# Our Lady of Peace Catholic School Newsletter

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

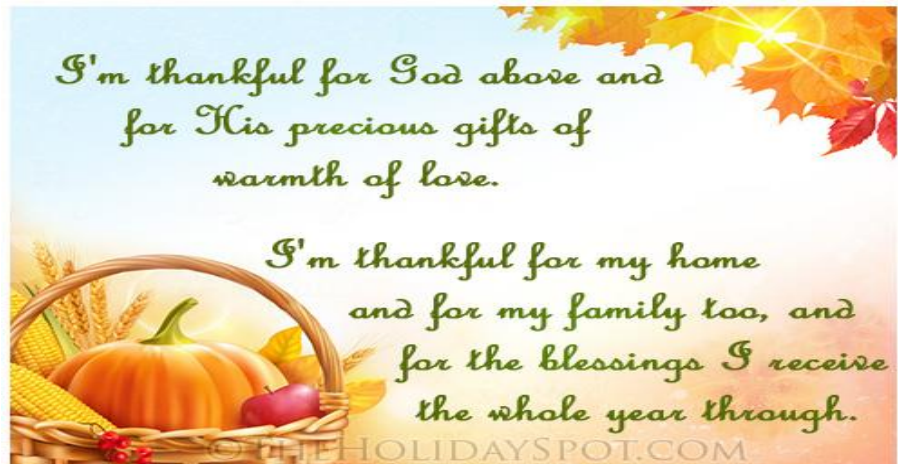
As we enter into the month of October, we focus our attention on the virtue of Gratitude. Our quote for the month of October is from the Psalm 118:24, ***"This is the day, the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad."*** We are so blessed to have publicly funded Catholic schools for our children to attend. We thank God every day for the gift of education and a place to gather to enrich and nurture our future. At this time, we have settled into the rules and routines of the school and are beginning to engage in our learning goals, success criteria and meaningful and timely descriptive feedback to ensure that our children have the support they need to succeed. It is essential to keep the communication and support of our children at school and home consistent to ensure success.

Thank you to all parents and guardians for attending our Curriculum Night last month. It was a wonderful evening to meet your child's teacher, visit their classroom and gain information about the curriculum.

During this time of Thanksgiving, we are reminded of our many blessings: a Catholic community, which is supportive and positive with a dedicated staff working for our energetic and responsible students. We are grateful for the dedicated staff at Our Lady of Peace for their continued commitment to Catholic education. Happy National Custodial Worker's Day, Happy World Teacher's and Early Childhood Educators Day!

May each of your families continue to be blessed with the Lord's bountiful goodness and abundant love, Happy Thanksgiving!

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



## OLP is on Twitter!!



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

**OCTOBER VIRTUE OF THE MONTH:  
GRATITUDE**



**QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

“This is the day, the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad.”  
Psalm 118:24

We are always hopeful in the Lord to protect, guide and bless us abundantly. Whenever we gather as a community of faith and hope, we offer thanks to our God. The blessings of food, friends, family and freedom are all gifts from our Creator, God. As we prepare for the celebration of Thanksgiving, we are urged to take some time to remember our blessings and give thanks. This month at Our Lady of Peace we will be focusing on the virtue of GRATITUDE.

**TCDSB ROSARY DAY:**

October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 is Rosary Day. The Word rosary is from the Latin rosarium, or “rose garden.” The Rosary is a prayerful reflection on the life of Jesus, which involves contemplating certain Gospel scenes, the “mysteries”, in the company of Mary. For Pope John Paul II, “The Rosary, precisely because it starts with Mary’s own experience, is an *exquisitely* contemplative prayer.” (Rosarium Virginis Mariae, 12). The Rosary is the most popular of all the Marian devotions. As a Catholic community we often come together in prayer to reflect, to celebrate and to mourn. On Rosary Day, we invite our staff to engage our students in discovering, or rediscovering, the mysteries of the Rosary. Please note that because October 5<sup>th</sup> coincides with the system-wide PA day, this year TCDSB will celebrate Rosary Day on **Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**

**NATIONAL CUSTODIAL WORKER’S DAY  
October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

We are so grateful to our custodial and maintenance staff for their dedication to maintaining our buildings throughout the school year, but also for their hard work during the summer months to ensure that our schools, classrooms and playgrounds are ready for September. We would like to acknowledge and thank our custodial team: Mr. Holowko, Mr. Kulpinski and Mr. Contardi for all they do to keep Our Lady of Peace a safe and clean school.

**World Teachers’ Day  
October 5, 2018**

On this World Teachers’ Day, we thank our educators for their commitment to the students in our classrooms, and for participating fully in the life of their school communities. We see the talent and dedication of our teachers at work throughout the year at special events, school liturgies, classroom retreats, clubs and teams, as well as field trips. We celebrate their successes in academics, athletics and the arts, which all contribute to the dynamic and exciting learning environments that our students enjoy.

We thank our educators for their continued commitment to Catholic Education, and their passion for serving students of all ages. We take great pride in your successes, no matter how big or how small. We pray for God’s blessing that you will continue to find inspiration and strength from the support of your colleagues, and from the teachings of the Gospel. Happy World Teacher’s Day!

**Early Childhood Educators Appreciation Day  
October 16, 2018**

On this day we recognize the hard work, meaningful care and continuous learning Early Childhood Educators provide children every day. These staff members play a key role in the early growth and development of our youngest students, nurturing and guiding them in the earliest stages of their education. We are thankful for their devotion to the children entrusted to us, and for their partnership in the delivery of our early learning and care programs. We would like to acknowledge and thank Ms. Cabral, Ms. Harry, Ms. Longphee and Ms. Ngassa for all the hard work they do each day with our early learners.

**DRESS DOWN DAY:**

Thank you to staff and students who donated \$1 for our last dress down day and Orange Shirt Day- Every Child Matters. OLP collected \$450 and will be donating all proceeds to Share Life.

## WE TEAM:

On Thursday, September 20th, members of the We Team attended We Day Toronto. The WE Day experience was very educational and inspiring for all the members of the WE team that attended. One student, Katie Baker, was given the opportunity to speak on stage about our school's accomplishments and experiences during the 2017-2018 school year, such as our candy gram sale and our WE Walk For Water campaign, where we raised over \$12 000! This school year, we look forward to helping and benefiting the people in our community and around the world.



## OLP 65<sup>th</sup> & FAMILY FUN FAIR:

On September 15, families, alumni, and community members gathered at the 65th Anniversary Fun Fair organized by Our Lady of Peace school and CSPC committee. Attendees had such an amazing time at the festival and enjoyed the food trucks, bouncy castles, dunk tank, face painting, games, a visit from Reptilia Zoo, and much more! A police car and a fire engine were on site for the kids to jump in and have their photo taken. Principal Sandra Figliomeni, Vice Principal David Whicher, and Pastor Yaw Acheampong were also at the event and welcomed all to join in the fun. Thanks to all the parent volunteers for organizing such an amazing celebration!



We would like to extend a big THANK YOU and MERCI to the following parent and student volunteers for all their help with the Family Fun Fair celebration: E. Antunes, C. Blazik, T. DeMaria, D. Zawada, L. Rocci, B. Maddalena, M. Vinci, R. Vinci, A. Barreto, AM. Docherty, D. Meulleman, S. Franca, D. Fordham, M. Ferrer, N. Belluzzo, N. Schoepke, K. Martini-Wong, S. Raouda, V. Symchych, J. Neculai, D. Dias, T. Otchere, M. Young, A. Henderson, A. Nerurada, E. Giovinazzo, S. Giovinazzo, E. Zaffino, V. Bou-Aboud, L. Jahshan, D. Jahshan, S. Paul, M. Bavcevic, C. Rowe, T. Hallman, SM Bilinska, D. Pino, C. Reeve, K Kearsey, M. Chimienti, N. Aracama, N. Palacio, E. Duffy, N. Storino, M. Vinci-Gaudio, D. Fernandes, T. Barco, V. Ciraco, J. Celio, S. Hingley

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

If your child is preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion or Confirmation this year, there was a mandatory meeting held at OLP Church with Fr. Yaw on September, 18<sup>th</sup>. According to the norms of the church, the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation are celebrated in the parish where the candidate and his/her parents/guardians worship regularly on Sundays. If Our Lady of Peace Church is NOT your regular parish, but you would like your child to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion or Confirmation at Our Lady of Peace Church please call the church at 416-239-1259. You may be required to present a letter from your home parish expressing that you actively attend mass at that parish but would like your child's sacrament at Our Lady of Peace Church.

### AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH:

October is Autism Awareness Month. Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and autism are general terms for a group of complex disorders of brain development. These disorders are characterized, in varying degrees, by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication and repetitive behaviours. Autism statistics from the CDC identify around 1 in 68 children as on the autism spectrum – a ten-fold increase in prevalence in 40 years. This increase in the number of students with autism has also been observed in the Toronto Catholic District School Board. There are over 1,400 students with autism in our schools, making this the third largest exceptionality in the board. In response to the increasing number of students with autism in the TCDSB, a range of programs, services and resources are available to support students, staff and families.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL (CSPC)

Our CSPC election meeting was held on Wednesday, September 19th, 2018. We congratulate our new OLP Catholic School Advisory Executive Council for the 2018-2019 academic year.

Chair: J. Celio  
Vice Chair: S. Franca  
Secretary: E. Zaffino  
Co- Treasurer: A. Barretto, K. Salduto  
Community Rep: S. Raouda  
Voting Members: T. De Maria, A. Sordi, A. Wright, S. Hingley, D. Fordham, L. Mazzucco, H. Pham, B. Lopes, B. Huen.

Our next CSPC meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

Keep your eyes peeled for our Curriculum Enhancement campaign!

### 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. 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 our first Pizza Lunch. Many thanks to: E. Antune, L. Au, A. Best, C. Blazik, S. Bolin, K. Boyes, J. Boyes, C. Solares, T. DeMaria, I. Hanna, T. Jones, L. Lyras, R. Mazza, ML. Palacay, E. Quinn, K. Saldutto, C. Swan, V. Symchych, E. Zaffino, J. Celio, S. Hingley

### TRUSTEES 2018 – 2019

#### Wards

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| 1. Joe Martino      | 5. Maria Rizzo - Vice Chair | 9. Jo-Ann Davis             |
| 2. Ann Andrachuk    | 6. Frank D'Amico            | 10. Barbara Poplawsk- Chair |
| 3. Sal Piccininni   | 7. Michael Del Grande       | 11. Angela Kennedy          |
| 4. Patrizia Bottoni | 8. Garry Tanuan             | 12. Nancy Crawford          |
- Joel, Ndongmi, Student Trustee  
Taylor Dannin, Student Trustee

