



# OUR LADY OF PEACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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



October, 2019

# 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. Students have now settled into their classes – routines of the school have been embraced and a true sense of community and family have emerged. In order 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. This month we celebrate the many people who support student academic success and well being each day: 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>

## Attitude of Gratitude

Dear Lord, we come to You today  
With a humble attitude.  
For all you give, our hearts are full  
Of love and gratitude.

Thank you for this special time  
To offer our Thanksgiving.  
Thank you for this food, and for  
The blessed lives we're living.  
In Jesus' name we pray;

Amen

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**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>, 2019 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. We will be saying part of the Rosary together as a school community.

**NATIONAL CUSTODIAL WORKER'S DAY  
October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**

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, 2019**

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 24, 2019**

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. Ngasa for all the hard work they do each day with our early learners.

**DRESS DOWN DAY FOR HURRICANE DORIAN:**

Thank you to staff and students who donated \$2 and extra change for our first dress down day in support of the victims in Bahamas due to Hurricane Dorian. OLP collected over \$1000.00 to help support the victims. Thank you and merci to the Grade 6 students from Mme. Carlino and Mme. Perri's class for leading and organizing this social justice cause.

## WE TEAM:

On Thursday, September 19th, 9 members of the We Team (Lauren B., Maja B., Zoe V., Ava C., Ava G., Amanda L., Natalia K., Kianna M., Isabella S.) attended We Day Toronto with Ms. Fisher at the Scotia Bank Arena. The WE Day experience was spectacular which brought together world renowned speakers such as David Suzuki, Johnny Orlando, Jordan Fisher, Jenna Ortega and video calls from the Jonas Brothers and Bianca Andreescu. Together, we celebrated a year of action that transformed communities and changed many people's lives, all around the world.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL ONLINE APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION (SEC SOAR.TCDSB.ORG):

On **Tuesday, October 15, 2019** TCDSB will officially launch the new Secondary School Online Application website: [secsoar.tcdsb.org](http://secsoar.tcdsb.org). This new online application will allow you to easily submit and track the status of your child's application, receive email notifications for offers of placement, and accept/decline offers of placement.

Please note: you must have a current email address on file with your elementary school in order to create your child's application/account for secondary school. If you do not have an email address on file, please be sure to submit this information to your elementary school office **before Tuesday, October 8, 2019**.

For a full guide to completing the online application, please visit the TCDBS website at [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org) → Admissions & Placement Department page, to view the "Parent Guide to Completing the Secondary School Online Application" information guide.

## SECONDARY SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE DATES:

*October 3<sup>rd</sup> : Michael Power/St. Joseph Catholic Secondary School*

105 Eringate Dr.  
4165-393-5529

October 9<sup>th</sup>: Father John Redmond Catholic Secondary School and Regional Arts Centre

28 Colonel Samuel Smith Parkway  
416-393-5540

*October 10<sup>th</sup> : Bishop Allen Academy*

721 Royal York Road  
416-393-5549

## 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, 17<sup>th</sup>. On Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, there will be a mandatory parent meeting at OLP Church at 7:00 p.m. for any students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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.

## PLAYGROUND UPDATE:

To maintain a safe environment for our staff and students, the final placement of asphalt in the schoolyard will take place on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. This timing allows the contractor two full days without building occupation to complete the paving as well as two full days for the asphalt to cure prior to reopening the yard for use on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Please note that line painting will take place after the completion of the paving on evenings and weekends.

We apologize for the delay in completion and look forward to delivering a paved yard to the Our Lady of Peace school community on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

## HALLOWE'EN

Hallowe'en is a very exciting time for children, and we would like to embrace this excitement. We will be having a Hallowe'en Dance for the entire school. Times are as follows:

ELP	9:15 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.
Grades 1, 2	10:00 a.m. - 10:42a.m
Grades 3,4	11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Break	
Grades 7,8	1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Grades 5,6	2:25 p.m.- 3:20 p.m.

We do ask that students leave any toy weapons and masks that may be part of their costume at home. Just a gentle reminder that all costumes should be appropriate for a catholic school setting. Teachers may also send out more details with regards to specific activities in their classroom.

## 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 18th, 2019. We congratulate our new OLP Catholic School Advisory Executive Council for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Chair: J. Celio  
Vice Chair: S. Franca  
Secretary: E. Zaffino  
Co- Treasurer: A. Barretto, L. Giannini  
Community Rep: S. Raouda

As voted at our AGM, the CSPC meeting dates for the 2019/2020 school year are: October 23, November 27, January 15, February 25, April 22, June 3 and September 23 (AGM).

In October CSPC will be rolling out its one and only fundraising campaign for the year, the Curriculum Enhancement Fee. Our goal is to raise \$15,000 by receiving generous donations from our community. This money raised will go towards enhancing our child(ren)'s academic and social experience at OLP. Please keep your eyes open for the information on how to donate in the coming weeks.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!** Our Transportation committee is in serious need of many volunteers to help our children arrive and depart safely from school through the Kiss & Ride program. ***This program is driven solely by parent volunteers.*** If you come to school to pick up your child and find yourself waiting at dismissal, please consider sparing 15-20mins of your time. One day a week or even a couple of times a month would have a huge impact on the flow of traffic and safety of all our children. Please contact the office if you would like to help!

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 Pita Pit and Pizza lunch. Many thanks to: R. Mazza, K. Borawski, Tamara O., T. DeMaria, L. Au, A. Best, J. Boyes, S. Flavin, N. Kokai, L. Giannini, J. Probert, N. Probert, S. Bollin, A. Brankovic, A. D'Urzo, J. Surrige, E. Bavcevic, T. Brenner, A. Lopes, C. Swan, V.Symchych

## TRUSTEES 2019 – 2020

### Wards

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



