



Paper Heart

Sue Lennon

A heart made out of paper
Means the world to me.
It's pasted on cardboard
As crooked as can be.

But when it comes from someone
As dear to me as you,
It doesn't even matter
If it's sticky from the glue.

Just to know you made it
Especially for me,
I'm proud to put it on my desk
For all the world to see,

I may get other valentines
But none that will compare
With a heart made out of paper
And glued with loving care.





OUR LADY OF PEACE

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CPIC (Parent Engagement--TCDSB)
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www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto

Enrollment:670

Hours of Operation 8:15 a.m. -4:15 p.m.



Feb. 2016

Our Lady of Peace Catholic School News

Being in the midst of winter has several advantages, half is behind us and we hope for an early spring. Please ensure that you send your children to school properly dressed to enjoy these winter days. We will try to get the students outside even if only for 10 minutes on very cold days.

Saint Michael's Choir School is accepting applications for the Academic Year 2016/2017. Choir School testers contact school principals from January to early March, to arrange for visits to TCDSB elementary schools. The testers generally ask to test boys in grades two and three, but they do make exceptions for musically talented boys at all levels. If you would like your son tested please contact your child's teacher.

Our students are encouraged to walk to and from school. Just because it is winter, it does not mean we should not walk to school. Walking to and from school is an excellent way to be active.

February is African Heritage month. Every year we have trivia questions about African inventors and famous people during our morning announcements. On February 26th everyone is encouraged to dress in a colour or sports jersey that demonstrates their cultural background. Our Grade 1 students are celebrating 100th day of school on Feb. 9th.

Parents, please let us know as soon as possible if you are leaving our school or if your child is moving from the French Track to the English Track. We have many families wanting to register at OLP.

February is also Psychology month. We encourage all our parents to read with their children, especially if they are in the younger grades – Kindergarten to Grade 3. You can read in any language. Spend some quality time curled up with your child and a book. Card games are an excellent way to promote mathematical concepts. During the winter months, play a board game, read a book, go tobogganing and drink some hot chocolate!

The week of February 8th is "Believe in Angels Week". We are having a board-wide civvies day with donations going to the Angel Foundation.



Respectfully, *Ana Carreiro-Neto and Lily Hordienko*

REGISTRATION is underway.

For more information, call 416-393- 5253 or the TCDSB Admissions Department at 416-222-8282, ext. 5320.

For general information about the Toronto Catholic District School Board, please visit the website at www.tcdsb.org. Stay in touch with the latest news throughout the school year: Follow @TCDSB on Twitter

We'll be studying the seven habits this year. Seven Habits of Happy Kids/Effective Teens:

Be Proactive
Begin with the End in Mind
Put First Things First
Think Win-Win
Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood
Synergize
Sharpen the Saw
By Sean Covey

Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood

(p. 21 of *The Leader in Me*).

I listen to other people's ideas and feelings. I try to see things from their viewpoints. I listen to others without interrupting. I am confident in voicing my ideas. I look people in the eyes when talking.



Basketball Teams

Our intermediate boys and girls are practising for their upcoming tournaments this month. We wish them the best of luck. Thank you to Mrs. Ludlow, Ms. Guido and Mr. Covelli for coaching.



Food Allergies

We are an allergy-aware school. Just a reminder that nuts and fish are not allowed at school as we have staff and students with serious allergies. No Wow butter as it looks like peanut butter. All students and staff must carry an epi-pen on them at all times. Two epi-pens are needed when going on a school trip.



February's Virtue of the Month – Love

Chocolates, flowers, valentines, and red hearts, what would the month of February be without the celebration of Valentine's Day? While the rest of the world may choose to celebrate the ideal of romantic love on February 14, TCDSB schools will be focussing on the virtue of LOVE as expressed in the gospels. "For God so loved the world, He gave His only son." John 3:16 As we focus on the virtue of love at OLP this February let us remember that love not only inspires the practice of all other virtues, it is the form and completion of all the other virtues. We will not limit our celebration of the virtue of love to February 14th, but demonstrate this virtue through the following month long activities at Our Lady of Peace.



Virtues T-shirts still for sale - \$10.00



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| 11. Angela Kennedy, Chair | 12. Nancy Crawford |
- Karina Dubrovskaya and Allison Gacad, Student Trustees



Dress Code

Please be reminded that all students must adhere to the dress code - a combination of **plain** white and navy blue clothing (no denim) and no LOGOS please. If you are having trouble finding solid white and navy clothing, check out: InSchoolwear.com, 135 Miranda Ave, Toronto, ON 416-356-7597.

Reporting of cancellations or closures due to inclement weather

Cancellation of school bus transportation or school closures due to inclement weather will be reported through the following vehicles: News releases to all media outlets in Toronto (although the news release is provided to the media outlets, there is no guarantee that all television and radio stations will broadcast the information in a timely fashion). Communications will endeavour to send out the information electronically to ENews subscribers. Updates will also be posted on the Board's 24-hour information line, 416-222-8282, extension 2873. The information will also be posted on the Board's website at www.tcdsb.org or www.tcdsb.org/weather.htm. The Transportation Department will post this information on its website at http://www.schoolbus.to/c_home.asp

Junior Soccer Teams

Congratulations to our boys and girls junior soccer teams for participating in their tournament. Thank you to Mr. Koka, Mme. Giordano and Mlle. Tramontozzi for coaching.



French Speaking Contest

Congratulations to our students who will be representing OLP at the board level.

Rhea K. - Jr. Immersion
Stephanie P. - Int. Immersion
Thibault L.F. (Jr. Francophone)
Olivia-Rose L. (Int. Francophone)

Another PA Day added to the 2015-2016 school calendar:

Friday April 15th is a new Professional Development day for staff. This is new, kindly take note of this date.



Many thanks to our volunteers for a successful Pizza lunch during the Month of January:

Astrid Durzo, Barb Cecchin, Cassandra Trachuk, Erica Lewis, Erin Bavcevic, Imma Hanna, Ivana Leko, Jeff Boyes, Jennifer Celio, Karina DiBartolomeo, Lucy Minici-Luca, Mary Gagliardi, Sheryl Baraniuk, Sonia Hingley, Sylvia Venditti, Tina DeMaria, Sofia Dalakouras



Ms. Guido's grade 7 class will be selling Ring Pops for Valentine's Day. Students in kindergarten to grade 8 may purchase them for \$1.00 each between Monday, February 8 and Thursday, February 11. The grade 7s will go around to each class daily, after morning announcements, to take orders and collect monies. All purchases will be delivered by class on Friday, February 12.



Together We Can Build It

Let the brainstorming begin!

The playground revitalization committee is dedicated to delivering a new, amazing play space for our children and will be gathering ideas for playground options in the coming weeks.

It will all kick off with student focus groups on February 1, which will be followed by an OLP staff survey. After we have compiled all of the great ideas from within the school, we will be reaching out to YOU, our parent community, for your feedback through an online survey. The committee will take all of this forward for design concepts to rally our fundraising efforts – so please be sure to provide your input!

Look for more details in next month's newsletter, and in the meantime, feel free to email thoughts and ideas to OLPplayground@gmail.com.

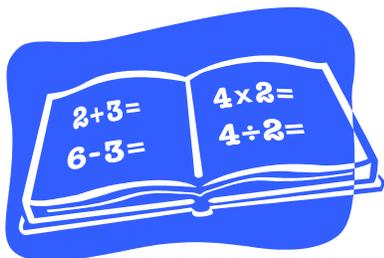


Growth Mindsets

By Jo Boaler

Here are 7 messages to give to students in math class and at home:

1. Everyone can learn math to the highest levels
2. Mistakes are valuable
3. Questions are really important
4. Math is about creativity and making sense
5. Math is about connections and communicating
6. Math class is about learning not performing
7. Depth is more important than speed



Hockey Team – Marlie Meltdown!

Our hockey team has participated in two tournaments and they have two more tournaments to look forward to. Once again we will participate in the **Marlie Meltdown** challenge, please support our hockey team by purchasing tickets. We won the tournament last year. It was a lot of fun and many of our families and staff members came out to support the team. Thank you to Ms. Ciprietti, Mme. Tebbutt and Mr. Primeau for coaching our hockey team.

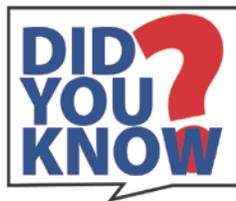


A Thank You Note from Mrs. Fisher



Junior W5H

Our Junior W5H team will be participating in a tournament on February 17th, 2016. We wish our team the best of luck. Thank you to Ms. Ryan for coaching.



Mothers' Group – OLP Church

Are you looking for ways to raise your children in the faith? Are you looking for others Moms who are going through what you're going through? Are you looking for a place to open up, ask questions, and develop bonds of friendship? Then the OLP Mothers Group is for you! The OLP Mothers Group meets the last Wednesday of every month at Our Lady of Peace church. Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 24th from 7:30pm to 9:00pm. We will be watching a "Mothering, Full of Grace" video then, over coffee, tea and snacks, we will chat about the video and any other issues at hand. If you would like more information about this wonderful group, please contact Vicki Zirnelt at vzirnelt@rogers.com or visit our website at www.catholicmomsgroup.com. We look forward to seeing you!

PSP Parent Volunteers – WE ARE THANKFUL!

Erin Bavecic
Tanya Brenner
Jennifer Celio
Betty Ciddio
Tina DeMaria
Debbie Donahue-Zia
Sonia Hingley
Sarla Mills
Bassey Osagie
Nemat (Nik) Aliyev



Chess Team

We will be having a school chess tournament on March 1st to determine who will represent OLP at Monsignor John Corrigan. Good luck to all of our students.



Immunizations

Students must be up-to-date with their immunization or have a valid exemption form to attend school in Ontario. The required immunizations protect against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, and rubella, meningococcal and varicella (for students born on or after January 1, 2010). Important boosters are given to children in kindergarten and again during the high school years.

Please note that your doctor does not send the information to Toronto Public Health.

Every time your child has an immunization, report the information to Toronto Public Health by one of the following ways:

- Online at www.toronto.ca/health and click on "Report your school-aged child's vaccine"
- Fax: 416-338-2487
- Mail a copy to:
Toronto Public Health, Immunization
235 Danforth Avenue, 2nd Floor
Toronto, ON
M4K 1N2

For more information visit our website at Toronto.ca/immunization or call us at 416-392-1250. Interpreters are available Monday to Friday 8:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

416.338.7600 toronto.ca/health |  **TORONTO** Public Health

Appropriate Footwear for all Seasons

It is important for our students to wear appropriate footwear at all times. Boots need to be worn at this time of the year and it should be a flat boot that will grip the snow. High heeled boots are not practical for school. Students are outdoors on most days and they are encouraged to run and play, thus proper footwear is necessary. Indoor shoes are also needed so that students can remove their boots and slip on running shoes. Running shoes are required for gym classes. Please label your child's shoes and clothing.



Overdue book notices

Overdue book notices were sent home during the last week of January, in an effort to keep parents informed of the books their children still need to return to the library.

At Our Lady of Peace, the borrowing procedure for students is as follows:

Students in the French Immersion program are allowed to borrow one English and one French book. Students who are not in the French Immersion program are allowed to borrow one English book. Exceptions to the borrowing limit have been made if students are using library books to work on school assignments.

If students don't return their books, they are asked to not take any books home with them until they bring their books back. Fines aren't charged for overdue books.

Overdue notices are sent home **twice** during the school year: the first during the last week of January, and the second during the first week of June.

The first notice asks parents to help their child return their books or inform me if they are lost. Once the parent confirms that their child's library books are lost and not forgotten, their child will be able to borrow books again for the rest of the year. This will be the only time the loan ban will be lifted, without needing to return a book or pay the replacement cost immediately.

The first notice will show the replacement costs of the books, but payments won't be collected until the second notice is sent. Payments aren't collected earlier in the school year because books are sometimes found before the first week of June.

The second notice asks parents to help their child return their books or pay the replacement costs for books their child may have lost throughout the year. Parents will also be asked to pay the cost of books that were confirmed to be lost when the first notice was sent, if they weren't found by the first week of June.

If you have any questions or concerns about the borrowing policy, please don't hesitate to [contact me](#).

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Ms. M. Wong-Hing
Library Technician

Carnival Games – A We Team Initiative

Our student leaders initiated a day of fun games for our younger students. On Jan. 22nd, the students in Grade 1, 2 and 3 participated in trivia games and other fun activities. The event was a success!



Congratulations to the following recipients for January's Courage certificate and peace award.

TEACHER	COURAGE CERTIFICATE	PEACE AWARD
Ms. R. Della Mora	Erick T.	Katherine M.
Ms. S. Fisher	Manning P.	Noah A.
Mr. C. Walters	Eduardo A.	Paloma G.
Ms. R. Pontes	Loothar N.	William G.
Ms. A. Ryan	Angelo A. / Carter H. / Aden F.	Jacob F.
Ms. S. Guido	Yanella A.	Adrianna P.
Ms. S. Ludlow	Madeline C.	Emily M.
Ms. K. Pillow	Julian S.	Maegan L.
Ms. S. Carlino	Ella B.	Conrad C.
Ms. L. Ciprietti	Zoe P.	Aaraby J.
Mlle. M. Boragina	Dylan W.	Lucille L.
Mlle. S. Morassutti	Valentina V.	Joshua M.
Mme. I. Richard	Eliorah F.	Jolie S.
Mme. E. Tebbutt	Charlotte W.	Cassandra R.
Mme. M. Côté	Makaius T.	Enya T.
Mme. B. Wysokinski	Christian M.	Oliver M.
Mme. W. Keldi	Daniel K.	Denver I.
Mme. Miklosy	Aurora C.	Jonathan M.
Mme. Z. Aumeer	Dario C. / Nicolai G.	Gerardo E.
M. J. Prifti	Aurelio N.	Anthony S.
Mme. K Micco	Avery B.	Nathaniel C.
Mme. Mondano	Pietro C.	Luca C.
Mlle. Tramontozzi	Niko V.	Jordin J.
M. S. Alphons	Lauren B.	Kiana M.
Mme. T. Del Giudice	Brianna M.	Brett Q.
Mme. S. Mirija	Sydney E.	Alec T.
Mme. M Sliwa	Keiran M.	Rhea K.
Mme. M. Mayer	Kate B.	Joseph G.