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Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School News



JUNE VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: FAITHFULNESS

LUKE 16: 10

Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much.

O God of all beginnings and endings,
We praise and thank you for the gift of this school year.
It has been a time filled with grace and blessings,
With challenges and opportunities, joys and sorrows.
The days have passed quickly, O Lord.
The weeks, the months, the seasons, the holidays and holy days,
The tests, vacations, breaks, and assemblies,
All have come forth from Your Hand.
While we trust that your purposes have always been at work each day,
Sometimes it has seemed difficult to understand and appreciate
Just what you have been up to in our school.
Give us the rest and refreshment we need this summer.
Let our efforts of this past year bear fruit.
Bring all of our plans to a joyful conclusion,
And bless us,
With the fulfillment of our summer hopes and dreams.
Watch over us in the weeks of rest ahead,
And guide each day as you have done this past year.
Help us return to school with a new spirit and a new energy.
May we continue to grow
In age, wisdom, knowledge and grace
All the days of our lives.

AT A GLANCE: SOME IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

CAT4 Testing: Grades 2, 5, 7: June 8th to June 12th

Staff Appreciation Luncheon (CSAC): June 18th, staffroom

Grade 8 Luncheon and Graduation: June 19th and June 22nd

FDK Celebration: Please contact classroom teachers for date.

Report Cards Distributed: June 24th

Last Day of School: June 25th: Last day of school

*Please see the monthly calendar
for additional information and events*

STAFFING UPDATE

We take this opportunity to acknowledge Ms. Prus on her upcoming retirement. You will be missed. Enjoy the start of your new chapter in life as a retiree. A new road is ahead of you to a new bright future. You are finally going to have the time to do all those things you never got to do when you were inspiring young minds. Your 35 years at the TCDSB have had a profound impact on those you served – thank you.

MAINTAINING FOCUS

By means of a continued partnership with our always supportive parent community, we encourage all parents to assist the school by reminding students of the value of maintaining focus through to the conclusion of the school year. The temptation of better weather tends to distract students; parents please emphasize the need to **finish strong**. Your cooperation is most appreciated. The finish line is near.

DRESS CODE

As a gentle reminder the dress code is as follows: any combination of navy or white, discrete stripes and/or logos are permitted. In accordance with our Appropriate Dress Code Policy, students must also dress in a way that is appropriate for a Catholic school setting. As such, tank tops, short shorts and beach wear are not part of school attire. Your cooperation and partnership with this matter is most valued, and the success of it is contingent on our collective efforts.

FAMILIES NOT RETURNING TO OLS SEPTEMBER 2015

Worth repeating - this is just a gentle reminder to all families that if there is anyone who **will not** be returning to OLS for September 2015, (excluding our Grade Eight graduates), it would be appreciated if you could confirm that information in writing. Please call the school should you need further direction.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The final day of school is Thursday June 25th. Dismissal is as per usual, that being 3:00 p.m.

REMOVAL OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Over the course of the month of June, students are asked to gradually remove personal

belongings from the school. Please remind students to not leave this task to the last day. It is far more helpful to remove personal items at the time when they are no longer required at school.

TCDSB SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2015-2016

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PD Days	6
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Easter Monday	March 28, 2016
Victoria Day	May 23, 2016

Last day of classes for elementary students
June 29, 2016!

SIX (6) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

September 3, 2015	
November 13, 2015	Parent-Teacher Conferences
January 22, 2016	
February 12, 2016	Parent-Teacher Conferences
June 10, 2016	
June 30, 2016	

OLS YEARBOOK

Our coloured yearbook is nearly complete. Our team has put in a valiant effort to provide the students with this wonderful keepsake. Yearbooks will be sent home with those who pre-order during the last week of school. Pre-ordering instructions will be disseminated shortly.

COMBINED CLASSES

An Introduction to Combined Grades brochure is intended to answer many of the questions parents may have about combined classrooms (also called split grades), refer to brochure below.

CSAC (CSPC) CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all enjoying this summer-like weather and the fact it finally appears safe to

stash away our winter gear.

Many thanks this month to Eva Marie Moffat and the Social Committee, who organized the Mother & Daughter tea this week, and the upcoming Father & Son Lego Night. A huge thank you also to Michelle Korda and the Science, Technology and Engineering Committee who presented the OLS Staff with a terrific list of primarily free science-based resources and learning activities that are available to the school.

I hope you are able to attend our final CSPC meeting on **June 3rd at 7 pm**. We will start the meeting by honouring a number of parents whose children are not returning to the school next year with the OLS Volunteer Awards. I have been inspired by all of the talent and energy that these parents have given to our community year after year and look forward to celebrating them!

We do have one volunteer for our election committee, but still **require a few more people to help oversee our first election** of parent council members in September next year. The time commitment won't be great, does not need to take place during work/school hours, and you would be performing a big service to the community by volunteering! Please contact me at jenniferacsac@gmail.com if you are interested in assisting.

Finally I wanted to say a **thank you to all of you that have helped out this year**, in ways big and small, and for your support and encouragement of me as a new Parent Council Chair. It is a terrific school community that we have here at OLS and it has been a pleasure working with all of you this year.

Wishing you and your families a happy last month of school.

Best wishes,
Jennifer

SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The yearly Teacher Staff Luncheon hosted by The Social Committee is being held on Thurs. June 18. The Social Committee/CSAC provide the main course. Families of grade 1-6 children donate food and drinks for the event.

The Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony is being held on Mon. June 22. The Social Committee organizes food and refreshments for the evening along with donations from grade 7 families.

MEAGAN'S WALK, CREATING A CIRCLE OF HOPE

Thank you! A very special Thank You to our OLS students who raised over \$2000 in support of Brain Cancer/Tumour Research at Sick Kids Hospital.

Our School Hug on May 8th was a gesture of encouragement and support for all the children, and their families, who struggle with serious illness or loss in the TCDSB community and around the world. Supporting all of these families gives us the opportunity and the privilege of putting our faith into action.

OLS students gathering together to celebrate "healthy kids helping sick kids". We unite to become a strong voice and to make a difference!

CLASS REPS FOR 2015-2016

If you are interested in being a parent class rep for the 2015-2016 school year, please send your name and the name/grade of your child/children to Diane Rugosi at germano@sympatico.ca. Please indicate if you have a specific class preference. Parent class reps will be chosen in September once the school year has begun and the class sizes have been finalized.

LOST AND FOUND

Students and parents are reminded to please check the lost and found box for any clothing or treasures that may have gone missing. The box is located at the base of the stairs going into the

school gym.

Contents of the lost and found will be cleared out the last week of June and are laundered and donated to charity.

MUSIC NOTES

Congratulations go out to Grade 6 student Stephanie Staibano for being chosen for a National Youth Leadership Music Award. Stephanie is one of only five students from all across Canada chosen to win this award. Sponsored by the Coalition for Music Education, and in conjunction with Music Monday, this award is granted to youth who make a difference for music in their school. Both Stephanie and the Music department of our school win a cash prize. The award is a tremendous honour for Stephanie, and we are very proud of her! Well done, Stephanie! Music Monday, an initiative sponsored by the Coalition for Music Education, was celebrated on the first Monday of May all across Canada. This year, the students of OLS marked Music Monday in a variety of ways. The Kindergarten students made drums which they were able to play during Music class. Students from Grade 1 to 3 used recyclable materials to make a variety of musical instruments from maracas to guitars to drums. Students in Grades 4, 5, and 6 wrote the lyrics to their own music anthem, inspired by the young high school student who was responsible for writing and composing the Music Monday anthem for 2015 entitled We Are One. And Grade 6 students filmed their rap compositions in preparation for their display on the school TV. OLS held a school concert during Education Week, and the choir participated in both the TCDSB Music Festival as well as performing for the Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association Annual General Meeting just prior to Music Monday. Finally, on Music Monday, the students were entertained by Stephanie Staibano, our music leadership award winner as she and her friends Vanessa Ng, Alexa Horcsok, and Abigail Delizio played and sang their original Music Monday anthem

over the PA just before the whole school joined in the singing of We Are One. Well done, everyone!

ARTS AND ENRICHMENT NEWS

On June 19, the grades 4 - 7 will experience a performance of ***Visions of Turtle Island*** by Tribal Vision Dance. This is a family dance troupe from the Six Nations of the Grand River Territory. The group is comprised of champion singers and dancers with a wealth of knowledge and experience to share with young audiences and a desire to build deeper understanding and appreciation of First Nations culture.

Stereotypes are met head on in this high energy dancing and singing performance offering an engaging look at First Nations culture, complete with multimedia. Visions of Turtle Island includes video and image presentations to help explain the dances and to illustrate the cultural experience of First Nations people in Canada. The message of interconnectedness is embodied in the finale with a demonstration of the traditional Hoop Dance.

This performance is in celebration of National Aboriginal Day which is on Sunday, June 21.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

As school administrators, teachers and parents, we all want our children to enjoy learning and to be at their best in and out of the classroom. We are very excited to be once again conducting our popular and energy packed interactive Health and Wellness Days for our Junior students on Thursday June 4th and Monday June 15th.

Our WIN - Wellness In Action Team provides our students with practical and effective strategies in the areas of nutritional, physical and mental well-being. This is an excellent opportunity for our students to learn and experience a variety of Wellness programs, to move into action and to establish lifelong healthy habits!

TRUSTEES 2014 – 2015 Wards

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|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Peter Jakovic | 5. Maria Rizzo | 9. Jo-Ann Davis |
| 2. Ann Andrachuk | 6. Frank D'Amico | 10. Barbara Poplawski |
| 3. Sal Piccininni | 7. John Del Grande, Chair | 11. Angela Kennedy |
| 4. Patrizia Bottoni | 8. Gary Tanuan | 12. Nancy Crawford, Vice Chair |



Angela Gauthier, Director of Education | Christopher MacDonald, Student Trustee | Hannah McGroarty, Student Trustee

OLS –Annual Outdoor Mass & Picnic Attendance Registration
Saturday June 20, 2015 at 4 pm
at Our Lady of Sorrows School (32 Montgomery Road)

Name: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

I plan to attend to

- The mass only
- The picnic only
- Both (mass and picnic)

Number of adults: _____

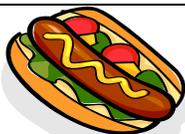
Number of children: _____

Children ages _____



We will require (# of) _____ hamburgers

We will require (# of) _____ veggie burgers



We will require (# of) _____ hot dogs

We will require (# of) _____ veggie dogs

We appreciate **help from volunteers**. If you want to volunteer, please go: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7YQ2NRH> or send an email at OLS.picnic2015@gmail.com with name and phone number **or fill here**:

I am willing to volunteer

Name: _____ and I can be reached at _____

If you can make and bring a salad, a watermelon or a bowl of washed fruit, please indicate it here.

I will make & bring a salad for 8 to 10 people without mayo, cream, or raw egg – please take a “salad form”, too.

I will donate a bowl of washed 8 to 10 pieces of fruit: Apples, bananas, oranges.



Rain or shine the event will take place. See you there!

You can drop this form off at the back of the church, at the parish office or place it in the collection basket or enter to the following link and register online at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LWZSZLK> or send an email at OLS.picnic2015@gmail.com with the information requested in this format.

THANK YOU!!!!

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

Outdoor Mass and Parish Picnic

Sat. June 20, 2015

Mass at 4 pm, Picnic from 5 - 9 pm

Location: Our Lady of Sorrows School Grounds
32 Montgomery Rd.

Celebrate the Sunday liturgy with us at this --
one of our 75th Anniversary events. 1940 -2015

Reservation forms available in Parish & School Offices





Monthly Update from the Board June 2015

TCDSB's Three-Year Pastoral Plan Focuses on Family, School Parish Together with One Voice

Year one, starting September 2015, the focus is on Family.

Watch for news and information:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Default.aspx>

Update on Labour Negotiations

Any new information will be posted to the board's website

<https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2015/pages/labour-negotiations-update.aspx>

CPIC Elections Coming October 5th and 7th

Mark your calendars

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/ParentInvolvement/CPICElections/Pages/Default.aspx>

Toronto Catholic Parent Involvement Committee is a provincially mandated and funded committee. The focus of the committee is to support student academic achievement through increased parent involvement. Members provide information and advice on parent engagement to the school board; create initiatives that promote and facilitate parent engagement; and educate parents to help them support their children's learning at home and/or at school.

Find out how you can get involved in CPIC:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/ParentInvolvement/Pages/default.aspx>

First annual TCDSB Catholic Parent Involvement Week

October 26-30, 2015

Watch for news and information: www.tcdsb.org

Welcome to Our New Student Trustees

Congratulations to the two students who will represent their peers on the Board of Trustees for the coming year. The grade 11 student who will serve for 1 year is Allison Gacad from St John Paul II. The grade 10 student who will serve for 2 years is Karina Dubrovskaya from Bishop Allen.

School Calendar 2015-2016

Number of school days	194
Number of Professional Activity Days	6
Labour Day	September 7, 2015
First Instructional Day	September 8, 2015
Thanksgiving Day	October 12, 2015
Christmas Break	December 21, 2015–January 1, 2016
Start of second semester for secondary schools	February 1, 2016
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More details including PA Days here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/school/SchoolYearCalendar/Pages/FutureSchoolYearCalendar.aspx>

Upcoming Events to Note:

June is Portuguese and Italian Heritage Month

Get all the info here:

- <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/ItalianCanadianHeritage/Pages/default.aspx>
- <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/PortugueseCanadianHeritage/Pages/default.aspx>

June is Aboriginal Education Month

<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/june-is-aboriginal-education-month.aspx>

June 21st is National Aboriginal Day

TCDSB Staff Musical: *Urinetown* – June 5-13, 2015

Don't let the title scare you off! Shows and tickets:

https://www.tcdsb.org/affiliates/staffarts/pastseasons/20142015/pages/musicalperformance_jun5_6.aspx

June 19 is Sickle Cell Awareness Day

<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/sickle-cell-awareness-day.aspx>

Canada Day Celebrations--June 25, 2015

Students across the Toronto Catholic District School Board will celebrate Canada Day on the last day of the school year, Thursday, June 25th, 2015.

Students will dress up in red and white, and gather in their school yards, fields and gyms with their Canadian flags, to join with students and staff from across the Toronto Catholic District School Board in the singing of the National Anthem at 9:30 a.m.

Catholic Education Week Student Led Province-Wide Mass

If you missed the live webcast on May 7th, you can check out the highlights in photos, or watch the archived video footage from the event.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/catholiceducationweek/pages/province-wide-student-mass-for-catholic-education-week.aspx>

Get all the latest news from the Board via email by subscribing to Enews

<https://web1.tcdsb.org/InterestSubscription/subscription.aspx>

Or follow @TCDSB on Twitter

June 1, 2015

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This is an excellent opportunity for our students to learn and experience a variety of Wellness programs, to move into action and to establish lifelong healthy habits!

Students are asked to bring a labelled water bottle, to dress in active gear for both indoors and outside (weather dependent) and to bring their positive energy!

The cost of the full day Health and Wellness Day's programming and materials is \$10. For those paying by cheque, please make your cheques payable to Our Lady of Sorrows. The students are asked to bring in their payment and permission form ASAP.

Thank you,

June 2015

Happy are those who have not seen,
yet still believe. John 20:29

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH - FAITHFULNESS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1 Storytelling Mrs. Maxwell Father-Son Lego Night 6:30 p.m. Gym	2 Scientist in School Gr. 5's Lunch Lady Divisional Intermediate Boys Soccer Fit Club - Zumba lunch hour	3 Mass - 9am Grades 4 & 5 La Victoria Banquet ME Students Divisional Intermediate Girls Soccer Scientist Workshop - Gr. 5's PIZZA DAY CSAC Meeting Library 6:30 p.m.	4 Wellness Day Dress in Active Wear Grs 4-6	5 PD DAY NO SCHOOL	6	
EQAO TESTING (Grades 3 & 6) May 25 th - June 4 th							
7	8 Regional Boys Soccer Scientist in School Tino Ice Cream Day	9 Rocks Workshop/ Perisic Scientist in School Sanchez/Ignoto Regional Girls Soccer Lunch Lady SCAR Mtg @ St.Leo	10 Mass - 9am Grades 1 & 7 Rocks Workshop Ms. Perisic	11 Quarter & Semi Boys & Girls Soccer June 11th - 12th	12 Mrs. Schaeffer Gardiner Museum	13	
CAT 4 TESTING (Grades 2, 5 & 7) June 8 th - 12 th GRADE 8's - OTTAWA TRIP							
14	15 City Boys & Girls Soccer Scientist in School Mrs. Tecimer - a.m. Ms. Cosentino - p.m. Wellness Day Dress in Active Wear Grs 4-6	16 Scientist in School Mrs. DeCaria-a.m. Mrs. Alves - a.m. Lunch Lady Gr. 8 Teacher Appreciation Luncheon	17 Year End School Mass @ OLS Church PIZZA LUNCH 	18 Staff Appreciation Luncheon Grade 8'S "clap-out" 2:00 p.m. Ice Cream Day Only for Gr. 8's	19 Gr. 8 Luncheon Magnolia Gr. 8's Graduation Ceremony 6:30pm-Church Civvies Day Tribal Visions Presentation Gr's 4-7	20 OLS Church Picnic 5-9 p.m. Mass 4 p.m.	
21 Happy Father's Day 	22 Grade 8 Graduation 7:00 p.m. OLS - Gym	23 Lunch Lady REPORT CARDS GO HOME	24	25 Canada Day Celebration Board Wide wear Red & White LAST DAY OF CLASSES Regular Dismissal	26 PD DAY NO SCHOOL	27	
28	29	30	July 1st Canada Day 	UPCOMING EVENTS Labour Day - Monday, September 7 th Back to School - Tuesday, September 8 th			

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD SUCCEED?

1

Get involved in your child's school life

Ask about their day – school work, friends, their teacher. Let them tell you about the best part of their day, and about what was not so good. This will help you share their successes and uncover any problems.

2

Stay connected with the school

Talk to your child's teacher. Ask questions. This can be as simple as sending a note to school with your child. Or check with the school to see if you can volunteer to help.

3

Make learning fun

Learning is not limited to the classroom. Simple activities can build your child's skills and confidence. Talk about prices on a trip to the grocery store to help older kids with math. Make reading fun for younger ones by pointing out the words all around you – on street signs, posters, even cereal boxes!



The Ministry of Education has many tools to help both teachers and parents. Visit www.edu.gov.on.ca and discover how you can help your child succeed in school.

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AN INTRODUCTION TO COMBINED GRADES



WHAT IS A COMBINED CLASSROOM?

Combined classes group children from two or more consecutive grades in one classroom. Schools combine classes for a variety of reasons. This includes organizing classes to meet student learning needs and combining grades to balance class size.

All classrooms include students with a range of skills and abilities. Combined classes are neither better nor worse than single-grade classes. They are simply one of the many ways schools meet students' academic and social development needs.

HOW ARE STUDENTS CHOSEN FOR COMBINED CLASSES?

Principals and staff consider a variety of factors when grouping children into classes, including:

- Learning styles
- Social skills
- Academic needs
- And many other factors

All classrooms, whether single-grade or combined, include students performing at a range of achievement levels. In every case, schools strive to create a classroom environment that will support the needs of all students.

HOW WILL A COMBINED CLASS AFFECT MY CHILD?

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Several studies have found that students in combined classes do just as well as students in single-grade classes. In fact, some students actually do better in language and reading.

IMPROVED SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Canadian studies show that children in combined classes have **more opportunities for emotional and social growth**. The rich social environment helps students:

- Learn how to work on their own and as part of a team
- Build leadership abilities as they work together and help each other
- Develop decision-making skills, and become more self-motivated and responsible
- Learn in an environment that reflects the real world. The diverse ideas and opinions of classmates help expand students' perspectives.

WILL MY CHILD GET ENOUGH INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION?

Every day, in both single-grade classes and combined grades, teachers work with large groups, small groups, and individual students. But students in combined classrooms also benefit from a broader support structure.

Younger children can ask students from the higher grade for help. Older students learn by explaining problems to their younger peers. In fact, peer tutoring can help higher achieving and older students reinforce their knowledge and positive social behaviours.

HOW CAN THE TEACHER TEACH MORE THAN ONE GRADE AT A TIME?

Teachers use many different strategies to teach students in combined grades. They may:

- Introduce a common topic then give each grade a different task or problem.
- Break students into groups to study different problems and report back to the class. These groups can be flexible, including students with varied interests and skills.
- Bring students together for activities like health, physical education, and the arts.

The Ministry of Education has developed strategies that help teachers reach a range of learners. For example, teams from every school in Ontario have been trained in differentiating instruction. This is a strategy that looks at the individual learning needs and progress of each student. The teacher can then identify the range of needs in the classroom and plan a program that meets the needs of all the students.

