



# OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

July/August- 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians

It is so hard to believe this is my last collective school wide communication for the 20/21 school year. This year has presented many challenges for us. Both for the virtual and Face to Face Students. The virtual students had to become accustomed to joining another community in St. Annes and being isolated from their friends at OLA. The students in the face-to-face format had to deal with the constant changes in routines and pivoting at least 3 different times. Some classrooms had to isolate even more than this as we experienced the occasional outbreak.

I am so proud of all of you for taking it all with Patience and Faithfulness which happens to be our Virtue of the Month. It was easy to lose faith at times this year, but you parents and students never did. If you did at times, that is okay, you got back up again and tried even harder which we are all so proud of.

Now we have been given a time to rest for the next two months. Please take this time as an opportunity to rejuvenate yourselves and spend some much-needed time with family and friends. As more of us in society get vaccinated, we may even be able to now get together with loved ones and HUG them.

Next year we will be having some changes at OLA and we still don't have a clear picture of what our school will resemble but today that doesn't matter yet. What matters is that you pat yourselves on the back and congratulate yourselves and our children for a job so well done.

Please read through the summer newsletter and review news and details of interest. I wish you all a beautiful summer with safety, health and so much JOY and laughter.

Sincerely

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<b>OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS)</b>
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<b>ENROLLMENT</b>
<b>HOURS OF OPERATION</b>
11:45am-12:45am
<b>LUNCH HOUR</b>

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### **Faithfulness Virtue Winners**

Congratulations to the following students who demonstrated the June Virtue of Faithfulness

**Ms. Szakola/Ms. Gomez- Avery Ancheta- Lowrie**

**Ms. DiStefano – John Gabriel Puno**

**Ms. Pignataro – Logan Oliveira**

**Ms. Pilato- Nathaniel Mesa**

**Ms. Pena-Vital - Jasmine Bulaso**

**Ms. Rozowski - Haniel Afrifa**

**Ms. Furiato- Nicholas V. Marbani**

**Mr. Ciraco – Ravin Larroza**

**Ms. Le Blanc - Shintaine Vallente**

**Ms. Nicholson – Denzel Manu**

### **Good-Byes and Retirements**

This June we have some goodbyes to say. Although goodbyes are never pleasant we do wish our wonderful OLA members the best in their futures. Firstly, we say goodbye to 2 remarkable educators who have spent a great deal of time here at OLA. Ms. Nicholson has been a teacher here for 35 years. We thank her for her compassionate and matriarchal presence here at the school. Ms. Nicholson is retiring, and we wish her a future of fun projects, health and joy with her family.

We also say goodbye to Ms. Cunningham who has been a teacher here at Ola for 20 years. She has been a pioneer member and creator of the 5<sup>th</sup> Block program. She has contributed so much to our students lives and we wish her the best of health, love and enjoyments of her future endeavors.

We also congratulate Mr. Waddel who will be moving onto another school within our board where he will become the MEDD Spec Ed Teacher.

We also say good bye to Ms. DiStefano who has been an amazing addition to OLA this past year as an LTO as Ms. Cardone was on Parental Leave. We wish Ms. Di Stefano the very best and thank her for all her contribution to the OLA community.

Ms. Lim and Ms. Crombet are 2 other individuals you will see less of as they will be transferring to different schools. We thank these two remarkable EAS for all their dedication to our students.

We also wish Ms. Natanek the best as she transfers into the Vocal Music role at another school. We wish all of these wonderful educators the very best and thankyou for touching so many lives of our students.

## **Report Cards**

Report Cards have gone out to your child's email from the school board. Just a reminder that there are no comments on the reports as teachers were not able to write comments due to the sanctions imposed by the present "Work to Rule". When you open your child's email you will be asked for a passcode. The passcode is 4 digits for the year your child was born, two digits for the month and 2 digits for the day. You must also use forward slashes. Please see the example below for July 1, 2021. If this were a birthday, the code would be: 2021/07/01. Please contact me or Ms. Kowalenko if you are still having trouble opening your child's report.

## **CSPC Thanks**

Thankyou to our wonderful CSPC Executive Council and Members for all your work throughout the year. We would like to thankyou for your generous donation of the Grade 8 Grad caps.

We are looking forward to many more exciting projects in the new year.

## **Early Years Online Sessions**

Please note that the Early Years Online Sessions will be on pause for the month of September. We await news on how they will operate in the upcoming school year.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/schools/ourladyoftheassumption/News/Pages/default.aspx>

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/EarlyYears/EarlyON/Pages/default.aspx>

## **SK Celebration of Learning**

We had a lovely SK Celebration of Learning on June 17 in the afternoon. We showcased our students who have completed the ELP program and will be entering grade 1 in September. They also came by the school to take some photos on Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was lovely to see them all so dressed up. We wish them a wonderful summer before they head into Grade 1. We are so proud of them. Thank you to all the parents, families and staff who have worked together to assist our youngest students through their growth and development in their most formative years.

## **Gr. 8 Graduation**

Our Grade 8 graduation took place virtually, Thursday, June 18 at 7PM . We enjoyed celebrating this milestone especially after a very challenging year. It was a wonderful celebration commemorating all the years we have had together and celebrating their transition as growing students entering high school. We wish our Grade 8s God's blessing throughout their lives. We were able to see our graduates both in person and virtual graduates on Tuesday June 22<sup>nd</sup>. They looked so grown up as they took pictures. We will miss them but know they are going to be amazing in high school and we wish them every success in their futures.

## **Filipino Heritage Month**

This Filipino Heritage Month it was wonderful to share each day about Filipino leader, holidays and history over the announcements. I too learned so much about this beautiful culture shared by so many of our students.



## **Indigenous Heritage Month**

In the past few weeks, we have learned about so many tragedies that have affected our Indigenous Brothers and Sisters across Canada. We pray for healing from this terrible time in History and look with optimism and hope to ways to ensure the message of Love and Belongingness to our Indigenous Communities in Canada. We live in a beautiful country and of course are grateful to live here but we keep in our minds and prayers the families and survivors of all Residential Schools. Normally this month would be celebrated in a much more joyful way but instead it served also as an educational opportunity and time of reflection to learn about this beautiful group's heritage.

## **Return to School for the 2021/22 School Year**

Indeed, many questions remain about the new school year. We are planning for many more students to return to in person learning. Between July 16<sup>th</sup> and August 2<sup>nd</sup> you will be asked to complete a questionnaire if you intend for your child to return to St. Anne. Please look out for that email which will come from the school board.

Students will be returning to school on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to welcoming them back. Please note that masks will still be in use for September and will many of the TPH orders that we are already familiar with this year. More information will be coming as we approach the date of the new school year.

Finally, I wish you all a beautiful Summer Holiday and leave you with this prayer.

May God keep us all safe and happy throughout the Holiday.



