



# OUR LADY OF PEACE OCTOBER 2018



## PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Thank you to all families for helping us to ensure a great start to the new school year. Our Lady of Peace continues to be a caring, welcoming, Christ centered place of learning, prayer, play and opportunity!

We have so much to be thankful for as our students are blessed with loving families, a dedicated staff and a parish team who are all committed to meeting your child's needs.

As a faith community we are dedicated to serving the poor. This week we are supporting the EVA ROTHWELL CENTRE: To reduce the barriers felt by the community by providing social, educational, recreational, mental health and nutritional programming and services. Located in the heart of Hamilton's North End, Eva Rothwell Centre strives to provide the resources, support and the tools needed for the betterment of the lives of the community. We feel that with positive intervention, we can help create a better tomorrow for the City of Hamilton.

CANS OF SOUP, CANNED PASTA, CANNED BEANS, PEANUT BUTTER and CANNED TUNA is needed.

October is the month of the Rosary. Please take time to pray the rosary with your family. Some of your children will be asked to bring their rosaries to school as they will be given the opportunity to pray the rosary in their classes.



*Peace, Performance, Possibilities*

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St. Francis Xavier Parish

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!  
From the staff at OLOP

## OFFICE NEWS

### ABSENCE REPORTING

**Please do not call the school to report absences**

We are asking our parents to do any of the following:

1. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account using your email address. Select Attendance to Report an Absence. NOTE: Once you are logged in, please ensure that you update your message preferences.
2. Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>). Use your new login information to access your account. Select Attendance to Report an Absence.
3. Call toll-free number **1-833-275-6703** to report an absence using the automated phone system.

**FYI there is a PA day on  
MONDAY October 22, 2018**



# BOO-A-THON FUNDRAISER

This year's Boo-A-Thon will take place on Wednesday, October 31st in the afternoon. This is our school's **major fundraiser** and we kindly ask you to support your children with donations. Through our past fundraising we were able to purchase Smart Boards for our classrooms as one example of what we do with the funds. This year the money will go to purchase some more i-pads, i-pad cases, phys.ed equipment, resources for the FDK rooms, bussing to special events. We will also use the money to subsidize the cost of agendas as well. As well some of the money to purchase extra resources for classrooms.

Once again, we thank you for your very generous support. Our focus will be to continue to support our school goals in support of our School Improvement

## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Student Council will be holding a Food Drive for Thanksgiving from October 1 - October 5. We will be donating to the Eva Rothwell Center. Please help out and donate

## TECHNOLOGY !

The school will be purchasing 10 new i-pads with fundraising monies. The Board is going to match this by purchasing another 10 new i-pads. This will mean that our grade 4, 5 and 6 classes will have full sets of class i-pads—one for every student in the class. One of our teachers has received extensive in-service on their use as an educational tool. We hope that 2 other teachers will receive the same in-service this school year. We also have Forty i-pads available in the Learning Commons for any teacher to use. As well, every teacher has a smart board and document camera in their class or convenient access to one.

## MOMS GROUP AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

This group meets on the third Monday of every month. The next meeting will be on Monday, October 15th at 9:30 a.m. or 7:30 p.m. It is a drop-in group. Come and join with like -minded woman who will help support and encourage your vocation as a mother! Children are most welcome.

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## Cross Country

Our Cross Country meet will be held on Tuesday October 2, 2018 at Marydale Park in Mount Hope.

**\*PLEASE NOTE THAT CHILDREN NOT AT THE EVENT ARE EXPECTED TO BE AT SCHOOL.**

## THANKSGIVING LITURGY

This liturgy will be held  
On Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:50AM  
Parents are welcome!

## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER MASS TIMES

**Saturday at 5:30**

**Sunday at 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.**

**Children's Liturgy: 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.**

## VIRTUE OF THE MONTH AWARDS

As you know, our agendas arrived very late. We will return to posting the names of the winners of the virtue of the month award in our next newsletter.

## **Catholic School Council (CSC) 2018-2019**

Congratulations to our newly elected Council!

Our Catholic School Council representatives are:

Chair: Mrs. Heather Kennedy  
Vice Chair Mrs. Sandra Fascinato  
Treasurer: Mrs. Andrea DiNicola  
Secretary Mrs. Daniela Husack  
Councillor: Mrs. Patty Cutulle  
Councillor: Mrs. DiPietro  
Councillor: Mrs. Sandra Alihodzic  
Councillor: Mrs. Cristina Dixon  
Councillor: Mrs. Jennifer Cummings  
Councillor: Mrs. Pasquini  
Staff Rep: Ms. Layne  
Staff Rep: Mrs. Dorothy Graham

Next Meeting: Monday, October 15th  
@ 6:00 p.m. in our Learning Commons  
Everyone is welcome!

## **Litterless Lunches on Lundi**

A litterless lunch is simply that. It is a lunch that creates no waste! Starting on October 1st and for the following Mondays, students from the ECO-team will be coming around to classes. The ECO team will be looking for and encouraging reusable containers or possibly no containers at all, to store and transport food. It involves the elimination of disposable products and the encouraged use of reusable containers. The goal of a litterless lunch is to reduce waste production, and therefore help to reduce our impact on the Earth.

Our Eco team is really excited about this new initiative. Please help support them!

## **SCHOOL MESSENGER**

Parents, I am now able to send every parent in the school community an e-mail. This means that if something changes after the Newsletter goes out, or I simply want to remind you of an event, I can send you an e-mail. Please check your e-mails. Right now I sent one as we are in desperate need of 4 volunteers who can go on the Cross Country Meet on Tuesday, October 2nd. If you are going anyway, consider going on the bus and returning on the bus as a volunteer, The e-mail you must check is the one you provided for School Safe Arrival.

## **STUDENT COUNCIL**

Congratulations to the winners of this years 2018/2019 Student Council:

President: Alex D.  
Vice President: Bret R.  
Secretary: Ella V.  
Treasurer: Emma B.  
ECO Reps: Marcus H. & Dario D.  
Athletic Rep: Terie P.  
Faith Rep: Jenevieve C.  
Media Rep: Sofia K.  
Social Convener: Nathan C.

### **Emergency Evacuation**

In the event of an emergency our off-site emergency evacuation locations are as follows:

1. Orchard Park Secondary
2. St. Claire of Assisi

## **PARISH NEWS**

The parish is calling for ALTAR SERVERS.

Students must be in grade 3 & up.

Quest Youth Group for students in grades 3,4 & Five starts on Monday, October 1st.

Epic Youth Group for students in grades 6 & 7 also starts on Monday, October 1st

Digging Deeper is a grade 8-12 Youth Group.

All of the forms have been posted on our school website. Download the, fill them in and bring your child on Monday, October 1st. (The gr. 8-12 group is at a different time)

Wes Moga, our Youth Minister has advised that if your child wishes to attend Monday's group to see if they would enjoy it, they can do so at not cost. TONIGHT !