



OUR LADY OF PEACE DECEMBER 2018



PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

As the Advent season begins, we usher in a season of prayerful reflection and quiet. At Our Lady of Peace, we continue to remind our students of the beauty of the season leading up to the celebration of the birth of our Saviour at Christmas.

The theme of Catholic Education Week in 2017 is "Walking Forward Together". As you wait in joyful anticipation of the coming of our Lord, please remember the less fortunate in our wider community. Together we can move forward in creating equality in our world.

Our school remains a warm and welcoming place to be. Thank you to all parents, guardians and family members for your continued support. Congratulations to our Grade 7 Confirmandi. The students were exemplary at their confirmation.

I wish you all a blessed and joy filled holiday season!

Merry Christmas and may you receive God's many blessings throughout the year.

C. Van Balkom

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The last day of school before Christmas break will be Friday, December, 21st.

The first day back to school in the New Year will be MONDAY, January 7, 2019.



Peace, Performance, Possibilities

Dear parents:

This year each class was asked to identify the poor in our local community. The teacher's broadened the students' thinking to understand that people can be poor in spirit, -lonely, have a loss of hope or feel that they don't belong as well as being financially poor.

Each class then identified a local agency that helps meet the needs of the poor. They were taught to look at the agency through the lens of Conscious Giving. Contact with the agency was made to ask what the particular agency needed—not what we assumed that they wanted or needed.

Each class is going to do something special with this agency and connect with them before and even after Christmas to instill in our children that these needs do not go away.

You will receive a letter from your child's classroom teacher outlining what agency they have connected with and how you can help.

We are truly preparing everyone's heart for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

May you receive God's many blessings now and throughout the year.

Mrs. C. Van Balkom
Principal

Mrs. I. Fortino
Superintendent of Education

Father Mariusz Durbajlo
St. Francis Xavier Parish

Merry Christmas!
From the OLOP Staff



JOY DAY

It's the most wonderful time of the year...

Our Lady of Peace will be celebrating **JOY DAY** on **Friday December 14, 2018** in the afternoon. All students are allowed to wear red, white and green. **NO** uniform bottoms necessary on this day.

ROBOTICS TEAM

Congratulations to our Robotics Team who competed at the FLL qualifier tournament at St. Mary's on December 1st.

They represented OLOP extremely well.

The team:

J. Edwards.

M. Page

M. Hyszko

M. Niro

T. Price

N. Batakovic

M. Cummings

M. Hernandez

A. Rivera

E. Gilbert

Coaches: Mrs. M. Lamarre and Mrs. A. Skevas

Chief cheerleader and technical advisor:
Mrs. N. D'Andrea

Way to go Eaglebots!

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Advent Confessions for our grades 3-8 students will take place on Wednesday December 12, 2018 in our school gym.

ADVENT SCHOOL MASS

December 20 at 9:20AM (School Gym)

Parents are invited to attend

HOLIDAY DRESS DOWN

On Friday December 21, 2018 we invite all students to dress in a Civvies Red, Green and White day.

(NO uniform bottoms necessary)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the SENIOR BOYS' FLAG FOOTBALL team who not only won our the Newman Feeder School Team but who also brought home the CYO CITY CHAMPIONSHIP!

Team Members:

F. Tadic

D. DiPietro

G. Millar

B. Ross

L. Barresi

M. Husack

T. Fahey

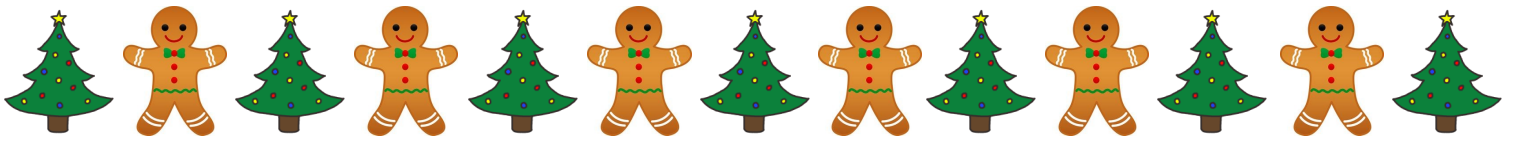
A. DiFrancesco

L. Boccalon

M. Dhawan

Head Coach. Mr. J. Husack Assistants: J. Pettorossi and L. McKerracher

I would like to extend a very special thank you to Coach "J" as he is affectionately known as by the team. Coach J made every student feel as if they were all equally part of their success and they truly were. The boys will hold these memories close for a very long time. Coach J, thank you for your guidance and your belief in each player's abilities!!!



VIRTUE AWARD WINNERS

This year we will continue to recognize students for the demonstration of Catholic virtues. The following students were selected as exemplifying the virtue of **CONSCIENCE** during the month of November 2018.

Ms. Layne/ Mrs. Graham – Massimo B.

Ms. Dalla Riva– Mia T.

Mrs. Skevas/ Mrs. DiVittorio– David I.

Mr. Capretta– Sophie C.

Mrs. Morrone– Gavin H.

Mrs. Bierhuizen– Devin G.

Mrs. Santamaria– Vanessa G.

Ms. Bombardieri- Dante F.

Ms. Polgar– Nathan M.

Mrs. Garofalo– Grace F.

Mrs. Radencich– Elizabeth P.

Mrs. Kagianis– Paisley K.

Mrs. Rousseaux/ Ms. Ionico– Thelma A.

Mrs. D'Andrea- Terie P.

INDOOR/OUTDOOR SHOES AND BOOTS

Please be reminded that ALL students need indoor and outdoor footwear for the cold and wet weather. Children spend a good portion of time outside and in addition to warm clothing, they require warm footwear. Also, we ask that children not wear wet footwear in the school for safety reasons. Should any family require assistance in this regard please contact the school.

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to our Grade 7 Students who were confirmed last month. They were exemplary. Thank you to Ms. Ionico and Mrs. Rousseaux who assisted in lovingly preparing them.

Pizza Order

Please send all money and pizza order forms in to the school no later than Thursday December 6, 2018.

PEANUT/NUT & ALLERGEN REMINDER

This is just a reminder that Our Lady of Peace School is a peanut, nut and allergen sensitive school. Because of this, we ask parents **NOT TO SEND ANY FOOD PRODUCTS IN YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM. This includes during special times of year such as Valentine's Day, Christmas, Halloween, Easter and birth-days.** Thank you for your sensitivity to this issue.



PD DAY

We will have a PD Day on Friday December 7. There is no school for students on this day.

HOMEWORK CLUB

On Mondays and Wednesdays at 3:15 there will be home work club for Grade 7 & 8 students in Mrs. D'Andrea's room.

HOCKEY TEAM

Congrats to the team who played in the 3 on 3 tournament at the Quad pad at Mohawk Sports Complex on November 28th.

Team:

B. Ross

L. Boccalon

M. Gorsic

M. Page

J. Buchan

M. Fratoni

I. Lancia

T. Price

S. Cino

T. Price

Coach: Mrs. N. D'Andrea

They represented OLOP very well and had a lot of fun. Go Peace!

CSC FUNDRAISING 2017-2018

Monies raised after expenses: \$3428.73

Monies spent:

\$2292.49 for concrete pad for bicycle rack

\$799.40 for bicycle rack

\$432.25 for Confirmation and First Communion/First Reconciliation Gifts

\$76.62 Snacks for after Confirmation

\$156.66 Bingo/Pasta Night prizes and supplies

\$72.31 Snacks for Parent Engagement Night (Paul Davis)

Total: \$3829.73 (overage covered by pizza fundraising)

MOVE-A THON AND PIZZA FUNDRAISING:

Monies raised/spent 2017-2018

\$6927.85 was raised. (move-a-thon)

Expenses for putting on the fundraiser were \$730.68 was spent.

\$6197.17 was then left to spend directly for student use.

\$1086.48 was spent on the three K classes for curriculum enhancement supports.

\$3565.60 was spent on the purchase of 10 new i-pads.

\$569.00 was spent on i-pad cases for 30 i-pads.

\$355.91 was spent on i-pad power adaptors/i-pad lightning USB

\$228.90 * spent at the beginning of this year for 10 new i-pad cases

\$339.00 spent on bus for Grade 8's to go to Cardinal Newman

\$54.10—was spent on freezies for Play Day

Monies raised through weekly pizza days (\$10970.75) and monies spent:

\$30.51 Snuggle Up and Read Prizes

\$280 Lunch for grade 7 students on Diversity Day

\$919.36 Advent Crafts for Advent Mass Evening including snacks

\$450 for CYO Levy

\$280..94 Bus for Trip to Church Grade 2

\$331.00 Curriculum enhancement

\$1059.64 extra books—levelled books to take home

\$98.08 Curriculum enhancement—Math

\$24.00 Donation To Cardinal Newman for Spring Arts Showcase (our students participated)

\$531.23 Transportation to Cardinal Newman for Track Day

\$183.51 Spectator Subscriptions for Grades 5,6, 7, 8

\$132.46 for puzzles and letter vests

\$119.88 Curriculum enhancement support

\$142.55 supplies for FDK

\$1412.91—curriculum enhancement for math

\$648.74—curriculum enhancement for math

\$58.39—curriculum enhancement for math

\$18.40— extra classroom supplies

\$37.61 - technology (adaptor and USB)

\$100—registration volleyball tournament

\$290.70—VolunteerTea

\$66.40 Computer repair for mac book

\$560.20 for special classroom supplies such as gardening supplies and communication bags

\$220.22—Pancake Tuesday

\$39.55 Kindness Jars

\$57.69 hardware to mount TV

\$46.13 Valentine Day supplies

Charity

\$250 CYO

\$500 Breakfast Programme (HWCDSD) - cheque written this year

\$70.00

\$500 - Development and Peace—cheque written this year

\$800.00 (St. Francis Xavier Parish— \$500 to the building fund
and \$200 to formed. Org)

Total 10178.49 + \$401.47 (overage from CSC)

Total \$10579.96

* Any monies left-over will be used to help cover the cost of 10 new i-pads purchased this year . The Board matched this by buying another 10 new i-pads. These will go to the Gr. 5 class. By early next year the grade 4, 5 and 6 class will have a set of class i-pads.