



# OUR LADY OF PEACE JANUARY 2019



## PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ is one of the oldest Christian feasts, though, throughout the centuries The Epiphany is celebrated on the 12th day after Christmas-January 6<sup>th</sup> It celebrates the visit of the three kings or wise men to the Christ Child, signifying the extension of salvation to the Gentiles. *Epiphany* comes from a Greek verb meaning "to reveal," and all of the various events celebrated by the Feast of the Epiphany are revelations of Christ to man.



*Peace, Performance, Possibilities*

### **Prayer for a new School Year**

God of Creation, you  
have given us the  
ability to grow and change  
throughout our lives.

*We hope for improvement.*

Be present to  
us in the strength to accomplish  
this hope.

*We want to believe in ourselves.*

Be present in our  
emotions so that we may be  
confident.

*We want to learn.*

Be present so as to enable us to  
be open to new knowledge and  
wisdom.

Happy New Year to all of our families and  
best wishes for a healthy and happy 2019

Yours in Catholic Faith,  
Mrs. C. Van Balkom

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Principal

Mrs. I. Fortino  
Superintendent of Education

Mrs. M. Nardini  
Trustees

Father Mariusz Durbajlo  
St. Francis Xavier Parish

Happy New Year!  
From OLOP Staff

## OFFICE NEWS

### **Arrival and Dismissal From School**

If you require before/after school care please contact  
the **Before and After School Program** at

905-525-2930 EXT. 1387

Morning Supervision begins at 8:30AM and Dismissal  
is at 3:15PM each day. It is Parental obligation to en-  
sure students are picked up promptly. Students can-  
not remain on site after dismissal as there is no su-  
pervision.

### **Anaphylaxis/Allergy 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  
food products which contain aller-  
gens to students in the classroom  
into the school. This includes dur-  
ing special times of year such as:  
Christmas, Valentine's Day, Hal-  
loween, Easter and birthdays.**  
Thank you for your sensitivity to this  
issue.

### **LATE ARRIVALS**

As the weather is changing we are finding that more students arrive  
late for school. Please ensure that your child arrives prior to 8:45am  
each day and enters through the proper entry doors with his/her class.  
If you arrive during morning announcements, please wait to be admit-  
ted without buzzing. The sound travels through the school over the PA  
system and disrupts the solemnity of our morning prayers.

# **REGISTRATIONS**

Junior Kindergarten and Senior Kindergarten registrations will take place on:  
**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2019 AND THURSDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2019.**

Parents are required to bring their child's documentation:

- baptismal certificate
- birth certificate
- Immunization
- proof of residency

Please do one of the following to register your child for the :

- ◆ You may register in school. **Please contact the school secretary to book an appointment time 905-523-2330.** Please have all documentation with you on the day of registration.
- ◆ You may register online. Please go to [www.hwcdsb.ca](http://www.hwcdsb.ca), click on "Schools", click on "Our Lady of Peace", Click on "Online Registrations".  
\*Please note you will still need to make an appointment to hand in your registration documentation.

## **THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS AND COACHES**

In the spirit of gratitude I would like to thank all of our **parent and staff coaches, volunteers and club leaders.** These individuals have offered their tireless contributions to the life of the school with little in return other than the satisfaction of a job well done and a group of happy children and parents. Without individuals who give up their time to devote to the extracurricular life of the school, students would be without the great opportunities that they often have come to expect. Please remember to extend a kind word and thank you to all of those who give so much and ask so little in return.

We thank Mr. Coe, Mr. Husack, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Capretta and Mrs. D'Andrea. Thank you for your dedication to our students. They have benefitted from your leadership.

## **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2018-2019**

### **BELIEVING**

**It is our goal to improve student responses at mass and to have students have a true encounter with Christ each and every day. We want them to be able to put their faith in action even during challenging situations. The staff is deeply committed to this and take time to explain why and how students can make different choices when they are angry, frustrated , tired or hurt.**

### **ACHIEVING**

**It is our goal to improve student achievement in thinking and application questions in mathematics.**

**Teachers are using think alouds to assist students in developing their own thinking skills.**

### **SERVING**

**It is our goal for students to build healthy relationships.**

**Teachers are recognizing students for displaying Catholic virtues and Catholic School Graduate Expectations.**

## **VIRTUE AWARD WINNERS**

We will continue to recognize students for the demonstration of Catholic virtues. The following students were selected as exemplifying the virtue of **HOPE** during the month of December 2018.

Ms. Layne/ Mrs. Graham – Max B.  
Ms. Dalla Riva– Jayden T.  
Mrs. Skevas/ Mrs. DiVittorio– Chiara D.  
Mr. Capretta– Maya T.  
Mrs. Morrone– Alexa S.  
Mrs. Bierhuizen– Lauren M.  
Mrs. Santamaria– Sophie C.  
Ms. Bombardieri- Santiago S.  
Ms. Polgar– Tessa B.  
Mrs. Garofalo– Ava D.  
Mrs. Radencich– Daniela C.  
Mrs. Kagianis– Jessica P.  
Mrs. Rousseaux/ Ms. Ionico– Kacper B.  
Mrs. D'Andrea- Tyler F.

### **Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Poster Winners**

The junior and intermediate divisions participated in the Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Poster Contest. This contest is run by our local Knights of Columbus (7969). The four students whose posters have won from the junior and intermediate divisions are:

#### **Intermediate Division Winner**

## **CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATE EXPECTATION**

### **"CARING FAMILY MEMBER"**

Ms. Layne/Mrs. Gaaham– Abby S.  
Ms. Dalla Riva– Erica B.  
Mrs. Skevas Mrs. Divittorio– Victoria F.  
Mr. Capretta–Christopher D.  
Mrs. Morrone–Annaliese C.  
Mrs. Bierhuizen- Sofia C.  
Mrs. Santamaria–Vincent S.

## **PARKING LOT**

With the winter weather present, there is increased risk for accidents. Please read the information below to help with the traffic flow when picking up children.

- ◆ Please park only in designated spots.
- ◆ Do not park in the laneway or driveway (no stopping in front of the dumpster please)
- ◆ Proceed single file and do not pass in the driveway
- ◆ Have your child(ren) exit on the side of the building/sidewalk
- ◆ Don't drive the wrong way-the traffic signs and markings are clear
- ◆ Be on time and patient with one another and your children

*Please note that the staff are here to assist with safe arrival of your children. Please treat them with respect.*

### **Warm Clothing, Shoes and Boots**

Please be reminded that ALL students need indoor and outdoor footwear, as well as warm clothing 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.

Ms. Bombardieri- Dante F.  
Ms. Polgar- Sierra M.  
Mrs. Garofalo- Julia C.  
Mrs. Radenciich- Darragh G.  
Mrs. Kagianis- Domenick P.  
Mrs. Rousseaux /Mrs. Ionico- Logan M.  
Mrs. D'Andrea- Ella V.