
OUR LADY OF PEACE

FEBRUARY 2019

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Parents:

In the month of February, we emphasize building empathy and kindness in students. This is part of our SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN. We try to model and explicitly teach these values each and every day.

We know that our students are a reflection of all the love, kindness and empathy they see.

Thank you for supporting us in this endeavour.

Scientists have recently noted a decline in empathy amongst college students. There are many theories about why this is happening. At OLOP we are committed to ensure that empathy is taught, valued and celebrated.

Another goal of our SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN is to increase student's ability to solve THINKING AND APPLICATION questions in mathematics. Teachers are currently demonstrating their own thinking out loud (THINK ALOUDS are an instructional practice.) We do not expect you to do this at home. We do want you to exhibit a positive attitude towards mathematics and a mindset that says, "I don't know this yet." The power of YET is something we work on every day. You are all math people!!

Again, the staff thanks you for your continued support and the encouragement of your child(ren)

Yours in Unity,
Mrs. C. Van Balkom

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH!

Students will be learning about important contributions of Black Canadians to our society and celebrating our diversity.

Peace, Performance, Possibilities

Mrs. C. Van Balkom
Principal

Mrs. I. Fortino
Superintendent of Education

Mrs. M. Nardini
Trustee

Father Mariusz Durbajlo
St. Francis Xavier Parish

OFFICE NEWS

REGISTRATIONS

If you have a child who is eligible to start JK this September 2019. (Born in the year 2015) please call the school office **905-523-2330** in order to register your child. Planning now will ensure we are well prepared for classes in the fall.

Registration days at OLOP will be Wednesday, February 6, 2019 and Thursday, February 7, 2019.

PLEASE CALL BEFORE FEBRUARY 6th to REGISTER A CHILD FOR KINDERGARTEN

SCHOOL PROCEDURES/POLICY

It is school policy that there are to be **no parents/guardians wandering through the hallways during school hours**. If a student is late for school (arrive after 8:45 AM) they are to report to the office through the front doors. **The student** will be sent down to his/her classroom (FDK students will be escorted by teacher/ECE). If students are to be dismissed early from school, parents are to wait at the office and the child will be dismissed to the office. Under no circumstances should a parent/guardian walk down to the child's classroom. All adults are to enter and exit by way of the front doors. Thank you for your understanding.

LATENESS

Too many students are arriving late to school. The bell rings promptly at 8:45. I am beginning announcements three minutes later.

I ask your assistance in ensuring that your children are on time. Teachers tell me that those students who are consistently late miss out on time allotted for curriculum. I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

GRADUATION PHOTOS

Grad Photos for our Gr.8 students will be taking place on **Thursday February 7, 2019.**

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

CSC meeting will take place on **Thursday February 7, 2019 at 6:15 PM.**

FAMILY DAY

Monday February 18, 2019 is the Family Day Holiday. There will be no school on that day.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards go home **Tuesday February 12, 2019.**

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 ensure students are picked up promptly. Students cannot remain on site after dismissal as there is no supervision.

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

PICKING UP STUDENTS EARLY

My K teachers inform me that during that far too many students are being picked up early.

As no appointment was noted in their agenda it appears that they are just being picked up early. Please note that this interrupts the teacher's instructional time.

FREE THROW WINNERS!

The following students won first place in their divisions at the **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST.**

Grace F.

Alex D.

Luke P.

Alex D sunk 15 out of 15 free throws. This is the first time this has occurred at our local contest. Good luck to them as they

SNOW REMOVAL!

We do our very best to ensure everyone's safety. Mr. Kearse is required to keep a log on how often he salts and what areas he salts. In turn it is my job to ensure that this is consistently done.

Mr. Kearse has also gone above and beyond his duties in clearing walkways with our newly purchased snowblower.

I have met our contractor in person. He has a clear vision of his responsibilities as far as clearing the snow. We continue to work together to ensure the safety of all.

VIRTUE AWARD WINNERS

Our Lady of Peace recognizes students for the demonstration of Catholic virtues. The following students were selected as exemplifying the virtue of **SELF-CONTROL** during the month of January 2019.

Ms. Layne/ Mrs. Graham – Nolan Haan
Ms. Sciascietti – Marissa Anibalie
Mrs. Skevas/ Mrs. DiVittorio– Keyan Talave
Mr. Capretta– Xavier Smith
Mrs. Morrone– Mia Fernandez
Mrs. Bierhuizen– Marcus Tournidis
Mrs. Santamaria– Daniel Ha
Ms. Bombardieri- Mary Riadh
Ms. Polgar– Jason Brinjak
Mrs. Garofalo– Nathaniel Ventresca
Mrs. Radencich– Frank Weglinski
Mrs. Kagianis– Michela Cutulle
Mrs. Rousseaux/ Ms. Ionico– Emily Groulx
Mrs. D'Andrea- Brandon Paolini

CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATE EXPECTATION WINNERS!

A Discerning Believer

Ms. Layne/ Mrs. Graham – Isabella Fascinato
Ms. Sciascietti – Daniel Przerwa
Mrs. Skevas/ Mrs. DiVittorio– Jayden Teodoro
Mr. Capretta– Ellis Myciak
Mrs. Morrone– Azariah Jones
Mrs. Bierhuizen– Manya Dhawan
Mrs. Santamaria– Etinosa Idumwonyi
Ms. Bombardieri- Erika Stowe
Ms. Polgar– Landon Coe
Mrs. Garofalo– Michael Heitmeyer
Mrs. Radencich– Gabriela Baldyga
Mrs. Kagianis– Matthew Cummings
Mrs. Rousseaux/ Ms. Ionico– Ava Metcalf
Mrs. D'Andrea- Nolan Murray

