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Thanksgiving Prayer

Give us this day our daily bread

Our Father in heaven,

**and grant that we who are filled with
good things from Your open hands may
never close our hearts to the hungry,
the homeless, and the poor.**

**In the name of the Father, and of the
Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

**May God bless your families and homes
with good health and happiness.**



Toonie Tuesdays

The OLOP Cheerleaders will be competing on November 5 at the Hershey Centre. Come out and support our team! Admission for spectators will be \$10.00 at the door. Starting at the end of October, the Cheerleaders will be selling Kernels popcorn as an initiative to raise money for the Cheerleading Ontarios competition in March. There will be a variety of Kernels individually packaged bags selling for \$2.00 each. The popcorn is peanut-free. It will be sold every Tuesday during 11:45-12:05 in the downstairs Forum.

Student Arrival

School begins promptly at 8:45 A.M.. Students and parents are reminded that each student has the responsibility to be on time. Arriving late disturbs the students in the class, interferes with the program of instruction, and centers attention on the latecomer. Please help us teach the value of being on time, as the number of late students continue to be a concern.

Picture Day Re-Take

Picture re-take day will be October 26, 2011.



Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Thanksgiving Food Drive hopes to see several families supporting those in our faith community less fortunate than themselves. Food and monetary donations will be collected by the Youth Faith Ambassadors, grade seven and eight students devoted to demonstrating their faith in good deeds. Please give generously.

Open House A Great Success!

The Our Lady of Providence Open House on Thursday, September 22nd, 2011 was an outstanding success. The Curriculum Night component of the evening outlined several aspects of the curriculum. Parents were able to meet with staff and connect with other parents in the community.

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Library News!

Our library-automated system is now fully operational. Your children should have brought home some library books by the time you read this newsletter, as students have access to all 20,000 items here in the OLOP library. A reminder that it is a good idea to keep library books in a special place away from food, babies and pets. This helps lengthen the life of our books.

Interested students in grade six have been invited to volunteer as library helpers. They will go through a training period and then volunteer their recesses to help keep our library organized and tidy.

October is also the month when the 2011 Forest of Reading nominated titles will be released

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to the public. Soon after the lists are made public, we will start preparing for this provincial reading program here at OLOP. This past month we also had our Book Fair. Thank you to everyone who came to visit and buy books. Thanks to your generosity, we earned \$3,000.00 in books. I would be remiss if I didn't extend a special thank you to the parent volunteers who made the event a success. Thank you Mrs. Cespite, Mrs. Alonzi, Mrs. Carbonara, Mrs. Bursey, Mrs. Perruzza, Mrs. Macias.

Terry Fox Run a Great Success!

A huge and heartfelt thank you goes out to our entire Our Lady of Providence school community for your bighearted support of our Terry Fox event. Because of you, we raised over \$2,600.00 to send to the Terry Fox Foundation. We had great weather the day of the run/walk and the students thoroughly enjoyed themselves. For some, the best part of the day was the freezes they enjoyed after the walk. Our School Parent Council graciously donated these. Thank you to all the staff that pitched in in so many ways to help make this event a great success.



Eco Club News

The Eco Club is excited to announce that our school was Eco Certified Bronze at the end of June. This year we are working to achieve Silver. We have many fun things planned this year to bring awareness. On October 25th the grade 3 students and the Eco Team will be taking part in a Greening Project in partnership with Brampton Clean City Committee. The students will be learning about planting as they beautify our schoolyard planting tulip bulbs. As well on October 28th the school will be participating in a Harvest Clean Up in an effort to clean up our local park and surrounding areas. Stay tuned for more exciting Eco Club Activities.



2011-2012 School Parent Council Formed

The 2011-2012 Our Lady of Providence School Parent Council met on Wednesday, September 28th. During this first meeting of the year, executive members were elected. This year, the Council Chair is Ms. Cespite, Secretary is Mrs. Moraes, Treasurers will be Mrs. McAleese and Mrs. Cupani, and Mrs. Cirillo will be the Parish Representative. Council members are Mrs. Alonzi, Mrs. Carbonara, Mrs. Correira and Mr. Ricci. The next council meeting is Wednesday, October 26th at 7 pm.. Please plan to attend. We hope to see you there.

Lates Info

The month of September saw a total of nine students arriving late on more than 5 occasions. While there continues to be room for improvement in the number of students arriving late to school, this number is a step in the right direction and a definite improvement from previous months. All continued efforts to arrive on time and prepared to learn are greatly appreciated.

Pastoral Plan

The Our Lady of Providence Pastoral Plan has been sent home and is found online at our school website. The school and parish community work in partnership to bring your family the best in Catholic education. Please refer to the Pastoral Plan for school masses and initiatives, as well as sacramental preparation.

Sporting Items.

With the school year well under way, there are a number of sporting teams currently preparing for competition. The Cross Country Running team is looking forward to the Family of Schools competition taking place Wednesday, October 19th. There will be upwards to 70 students from grades 4-8 competing. There are two softball teams preparing for competitions in October. The Junior team competes Wednesday, October 12th. The Intermediate team competes Thursday, October 13th. The Intermediate boys and girls volleyball teams are preparing for the upcoming tournament taking place at Our Lady of Providence School on Thursday, October 20th. Best of luck to all competitors, and a huge thank you is extended to staff coaching these activities.

Fundraiser Update

The Parent Council has kicked off the Fall fundraiser at Our Lady of Providence. There are two fundraising initiatives taking place until Friday, October 14th. QSP order forms are to be used to subscribe to numerous magazines. This initiative can be done online, as well as using the form. The other package that your child(ren) brought home was for Lamontagne. The focus of this fundraiser is the chocolate offerings, but you may also select from the other catalogues. A reminder that students are not to go door to door, and are encouraged to solicit friends and family members, especially this Thanksgiving Weekend!

School Hours of Supervision

Supervision in the school yard ends at 3:15 P.M.. For the continued safety of all students, we ask that all students go directly home. There are a number of students that enjoy gathering at the front of the school at the end of the school day. This practice is discouraged, as the area is not supervised by school staff.

Skateboard Safety

The use of skateboards on school property is prohibited. Please remind your children that skateboards are not to be used on school property at any time.



Virtue Corner

In October –we celebrate the virtue of empathy. God wants us to care about everyone's feelings.

An empathetic person...

- listens when people speak
 - notices when someone is upset and tries to help
 - can name her/his feelings
 - can see a situation from an other person's point of view
- accepts that others have different perspectives

Classes will celebrate the virtue of Empathy in liturgy and reflection, lead by the Youth Faith Ambassadors.

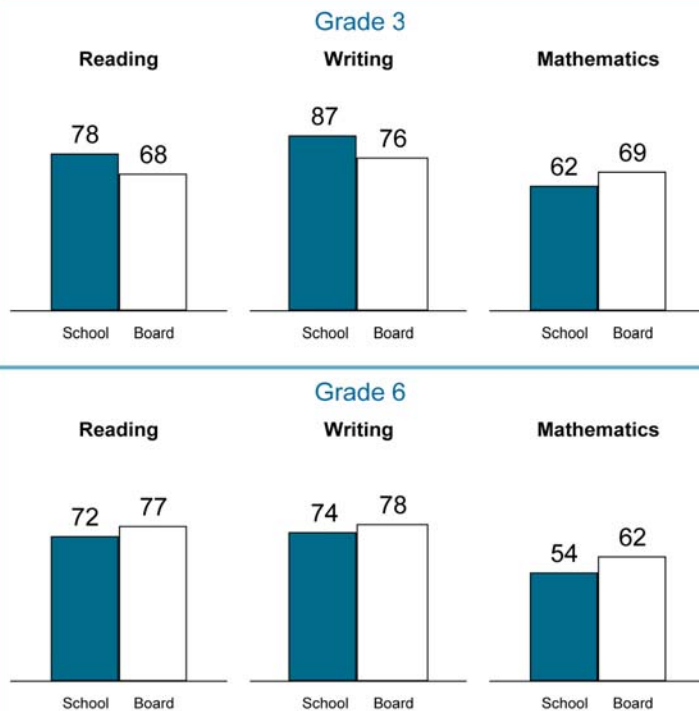
Important Dates for October

- September 29 School Fundraising begins
- October 14 School Fundraising ends
- October 6 Provincial Elections take place at Our Lady of Providence School
- October 13 Pere Saveur visit 1:00 pm.
- October 25 Elementary Gr.1-8 Progress Reports go home.
- October 26 School Council Meeting 7:00 pm.
- October 27 Progress Reports Interview
Evening



Join us at an assembly the afternoon of October 13, 2011, and meet Pere Saveur, an amazing priest helping the people in Jacmel, Haiti.

PERCENTAGE OF ALL STUDENTS AT OR ABOVE THE PROVINCIAL STANDARD (LEVELS 3 AND 4), 2010–2011



The 2010-2011 EQAO results have been released. In the diagram above you will see that the Grade 3 students scored a 78% of students achieving a level 3 or 4 (provincial standard) in Reading, 87% in Writing and 62% in Mathematics. The Grade 6 students achieved 72% in Reading, 74% in Writing and 54% in Mathematics. An extensive examination of data pertaining to these assessments will be used by staff to determine areas for growth and improvement.

E-Info a Hit!

As of October 3rd, 2011, **404** members of our school community have signed up for the E-Information program at OLOP. They will receive all newsletters and important information electronically. Not only is this an effective method of receiving information, but the environment benefits as well. Should you care to sign up for E-Information in the future, please visit the OLOP website for the required documentation.

Region of Peel Family Literacy Nights.

The Region of Peel is offering Family Literacy Nights at Our Lady of Providence. The sessions take place on Wednesday evenings beginning October 5, 2011. For further information, please call 905-791-1585, extension 7222.