

# Olivet Weekly

June 12, 2017



## From the Pastor's Office

*Be Strong and of Good Courage, The Lord is with you wherever you go.*

These words are the motto of the Olivet School, and so we end the school year with this passage as our recitation for the week. What is courage? Is it the absence of fear? Courage is the strength to carry on in the face of fear. We teach our students to respect but not deny their feelings. We may feel afraid for various reasons, but the Lord asks us to use His power to overcome those fears. Children are too young to enter into genuine, spiritual temptations. It takes a mature rational mind to enter genuine, spiritual temptations. However one of our greatest lessons to teach children is to prepare for spiritual temptation, and so this recitation is a good touchstone for learning the lessons of Christian life.

We often think temptation is the struggle to make a choice between right and wrong. Indeed that is a major part. Within all genuine temptation is the acceptance or rejection of the Lord's own power. To give into temptation is to believe that we have power to make the proper choices in life, or that the instructions which the Lord has given us are not suitable to our situation so we will come up with different guidelines by which to make our decisions.

The recitation is taken from the first chapter of Joshua. Moses has died and Joshua is to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land. Will they be able to take the land? The inhabitants of the land, each tribe and nation represent our own evils, falsities and self-serving patterns of thought and behaviour. These have to be removed before a heavenly life can be assumed. This is the meaning of this section of the Word. "Have I not commanded you?" the Lord asks Joshua, and also asks us. "Do not turn to the left or to the right." The path to heavenly life is laid out in the Word, and the Lord provides the power for us to walk in "The Way, the Truth, and the Life."

For us, and the lesson for the students, the full recitation contains the formula for spiritual success. It is only the Lord's own presence and power with us which brings us courage, strength and victory. In temptations we will have fears. The Lord encourages us. He reminds us that "with Him all things are possible."

As we go forth from the school year take this reminder of the Lord's undying love for you and your family: He is with you wherever you go.

**Rev. Michael Cowley, B.Th., MAPC**

## *Recitation*

Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

## Principal's Message

Dear Friends,

Friday is our last day of school here at Olivet. Please know that it has been an honour and a privilege to be on the leadership team for a second year. None of us could do our jobs as well if it were not for the strong support of our Olivet team, and I'd like to take the opportunity to thank them here. Our head pastor, Michael Cowley, performs all the duties of a pastor, but is also the go-to guy for advice, support and a listening ear. Our intrepid office pair, Sandy Bradfield and Vivian Renda, fearlessly hold the front lines. Jared Buss, the assistant pastor, not only delivers Sunday sermons and travels for the church, but also provides support and manpower for the school. The faculty, the home room teachers and part-time specialists, provide amazing day-to-day learning and love to your children. Behind the scenes, we have the volunteer treasurer team of Amy and Jerry Jutras, our HR person is Val Younan, the bookkeeper is Linda Paris (you see her here on Tuesdays) and Olivet's Board of Directors meet every month under the able leadership of Lynn Starkey. Were it not for this team, Olivet would not be the terrific place that you know it is!

After the **school-closing ceremony** on **Friday, June 16th (11:30 am- see you there!)**, the teachers will come back on Monday for meetings, Professional Development, report-card writing (they will be put in the mail), cleaning up the classrooms and ordering supplies for September. If you happen to drop by, you will notice that more renovating and refreshing is underway!

We are presently almost finished a newly-polished website that we hope you will be happy to check out for yourself from time to time- there will be password-accessible photos for you to see! And of course, we hope you will direct your friends with young children there so they can see what it is that we can offer.

Lastly, and most importantly - I'd like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer!

Gabriele Pulpan

P.S. If you would like to see your child's (grades two and up) **Canadian Achievement Tests scores**, please talk to your child's teacher to arrange a time.

## General Announcements

### *Parenting & Partnering Workshops!*

We will be starting a new series of workshops in the Fall/Winter. As with all our workshops, the focus is on teaching practical hands-on techniques for successful relationships. The skills that are taught are useful in all of our relationships as parents, spouses, siblings, co-workers, and the list goes on!

Please stay tuned for more details! If you would like to be on the list to receive future updates, please contact [the office](#) to let us know.

# *Lost & Found*

Please check the lost and found box this week. All items not claimed will be donated.

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## *TD Summer Reading Club*

[TD Summer Reading Club](#) is a bilingual summer reading program for kids of all ages and abilities. This free program is offered at public libraries across Canada and inspires kids to build a love of reading. Take a look at the [Toronto Public Library website](#) for program details!

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## *Gardening Committee*

Many thanks to Angela Jones and Amy Jutras for the work they have put into beautifying the north garden and the garden in front of the lobby. The Committee is still looking for help!

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## *Olivet New Church Day Celebration*

Please join us for a special [New Church Day Pageant](#) on **Sunday, June 18th**, at **10:30 am**. There will be a New Church Day flag procession into the chapel. Flags will be available in the hall and we will plan to *meet at 10:25 am*.

Following the service we present all children, infant - Grade 8, with a special New Church Day gift. If you know a child who will be coming, please **let the office know by Tuesday, June 13th**, so that a gift can be prepared. After the service, all are invited to our New Church Day Picnic in the field. The church provides drinks and dessert.

Often, folks coming to this service like to wear red tops and white bottoms, just like on the New Church flag. This is by no means obligatory; just a heads up!

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## *Sunday School*

This week was our last Sunday School Class of the year. Both Naomi Reid and I would like to thank everyone who came this week and throughout the year. We had so much fun doing thank-you gifts for the teachers, blowing bubbles, eating pizza and bowling! During the summer we will have outdoor play for the children after the children's talk and I hope to see everyone back next year. Have a great summer!



# Summer Child Care

Do you need childcare during the weekdays once Olivet School ends on June 16th? Naomi Reid (Child & Youth Worker, Olivet After-School Provider, Olivet Kindergarten Aide 2014-2015) is offering childcare services to children in kindergarten up to 6th grade. Please see her [posting](#) for details.

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## Lice/Nit Combs for Sale

There are only four left! If you have not purchased one already, you may want to pick up one of these special combs! Even though we have had perfect checkups, it is better to be proactive, especially if your child will be going to camps or sleepovers this summer. They are available in the office for \$25.00.

## Announcements from the Librarian

All library books **must be returned** before the end of school! I have sent notes to all of the students reminding them of what they have signed out. Please help to make sure that all books come back to the library! Thank you.

## From the Classrooms

### Tots' Time

On our last day together, we anticipate some summer-time activities. I look forward to seeing my Tots friends again either at Playschool or Tots' Time in September, or just out and about in the neighbourhood. Have a great summer!

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### Playschool

*The Letter of the Week:* Bring something to share about how you plan to spend your summer.

We enjoy our last days together. Our first idea for a Father's Day gift is not working out as planned, so we are attempting another concept.

On Tuesday, June 13th, Mrs. Pulpan will be supplying for me as I attend a Supervisors' meeting.

**Teddy Bear Picnic:** Please remember that there is **no program until 10:00 am on Friday, June 16th!**

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## *Kindergarten*

Wow! The end of the year is here! Your children have had an excellent year in kindergarten and have grown in so many ways! Thank you for entrusting your little one with us - it has been a true blessing to have your child in our program - I have learned so much from them. Wishing you all a wonderful summer, and I'll be seeing you in the fall!

**Bible Story Time:** Michael fights the Great Red Dragon; the Holy City New Jerusalem

**Themes:** End of year; Father's Day; and finish up with "wh"

**Show and Tell:** Anything - will be on Friday as usual

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## *Primary Room (Grade 1 & 2)*

Wow, I can't believe how quickly the year has flown! The wonderful children have grown and changed so much. In this final week of school, we will be doing some fun math activities and games. We will be completing our Social Studies unit on First Nations. There will be no spelling test this week and no new words will be coming home. We will take the time to review what we have learned this year. The children will be bringing home their workbooks and text books from the year. Please take some time to sit with your child and look at the work they have done and how far they have come. On **Thursday, June 15th**, the whole school will travel down to **High Park** for our end-of-year school trip. The children may *wear play clothes and should have hats and be wearing sunscreen* as we will be spending the day outdoors. It has been my sincere pleasure to teach your precious children, and I wish you all a sun-filled and glorious summer holiday! See you in September!

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## *Junior Room (Grade 3 & 4)*

Mrs. Pulpan and I would like to thank you for entrusting us with your child's care this year. I cannot express the experience this wonderful group of children have created for themselves.

A big thank you to Mrs. Kooting for organizing a highly educational creek study today! Thank you also to our various volunteers this year, whose time with us has been so appreciated!

This week, we will be wrapping up *Charlotte's Web*, finishing the CATs (Canadian Achievement Tests), and doing a few small other wrap-up activities. On **Wednesday, June 14th**, we will be going to **Mrs. Pulpan's house** to eat our lunches and watch **Oliver** as a reward for earning free time throughout the year. **Thursday, June 15th**, is our annual day trip to **High Park**; please have your child pack a *lunch and a snack, and outdoor gear that is appropriate for a full day outdoors*.

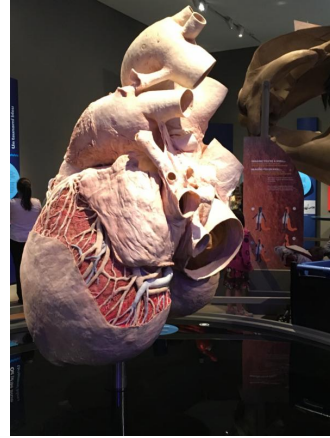
Your child will be coming home with LOTS of things that they are proud of this week! Please ensure your child's cubby is cleaned out by Friday, and be sure to check the lost and found for any wayward items.

On a personal note, I am deeply grateful for the time I have had with the children this year. I will miss them very much, and I wish everyone a safe and blessed summer!

Take a look at these photos from our trip to the **ROM** last week!



We loved the Animals and Biodiversity area! We were shown many teeth and were able to name them all. We saw coyote, shark, beaver, stingray, whale and moose teeth.



The Blue Whale's heart only beats ten beats per minute (BPM). A human heart beats 70 BPM. Even though the Blue Whale's heart is enormous, it is considered small for the size of its body.

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## *Senior Room (Grade 5)*

It's our last week of school! We have a full week wrapping up a couple of units, having a **science test (Tuesday, June 13th)**, and going on a Field Trip. **Monday, June 12th**, we will have a **movie afternoon** to redeem our reward minutes. **Thursday, June 15th**, is our school trip to **High Park**; please have your child pack a *lunch and snack, and outdoor gear appropriate for a full day outdoors*.

As the end of the school year draws near, I feel joy and sadness. I am very grateful for my time with the children this year and wish all the best to you and your child.

Take a look at some photos from our **Country Fair** last week!



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