

Olivet Weekly

October 2, 2017



OLIVET SCHOOL

From the Pastor's Office

Many Thanks!

We had perfect weather for our **Terry Fox Run** last Thursday. Our friends from Kingsley School joined us, and to add to the initial excitement, we had a film crew videoing some of our students, classes and activities. It was quite a jam-packed day!

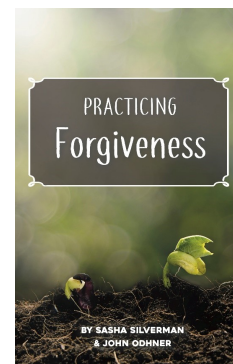
However the focus of the day was well met. Two enthusiastic school bodies took off for the trail with a good number completing the 5 km track. In the spirit of the run, the participants welcomed the challenge and each did their best, moving along at their chosen pace to return to the school gym where we enjoyed refreshing watermelon and orange slices. We ended the event by watching a couple of short videos from the Terry Fox Foundation, which thanked the runners for whatever part they could play in contributing to the cause: Cancer Research.

We **exceeded our fundraising goal of \$500 by several hundred dollars!** Many thanks to all the students, parents and contributors who supported the school in this goodwill effort to help our neighbour.

Journey Program

I want to continue to extend our invitation to all to participate in one of our small study groups which begin meeting this week. We are looking at the subject of forgiveness, with individual readings, meditations, and exercises along with group discussions. This is all in the effort to help us examine how we can improve our attitude and spiritual awareness of both the need to receive as well as offer forgiveness in our lives.

Please call or visit the office to obtain or look over the book ***Practicing Forgiveness***, which the program is following. There is a limited number available for **\$15**.



A *Tuesday afternoon group* is gathering for its first meeting tomorrow, **October 3rd**, from **1:30 to 3:00 pm** at 2 Lorraine Gardens (across the street from the school). This group is especially arranged for parents of students to attend and then be able to pick up their children after school.

The *Sunday group* had their first gathering this past Sunday. The next meeting will be **after church on October 15th**.

Additional groups will be announced as details become available.

Please join in!

Recitation

Lift up your eyes on high,
And see who has created these things,
Who brings out their host by number;
He calls them all by name,
By the greatness of His might
And the strength of His power;
Not one is missing.

(Isaiah 40:26)

Principal's Message

WOW! What a busy week we had!!

Thanks to all who came out to the **Classroom Tour Evening** on September 25th and sat in on the presentations by [Hatch Canada](#) and [LIFT Physiotherapy](#). Elysha and Adam gave an excellent presentation about the importance of physical movement – and the shocking news was that most of us are not getting enough! At Olivet, we are doing our best to provide ‘run-around’ time for your child!



The Terry Fox Run was wonderful! Thanks to all who participated and lent a helping hand!

YELP was here to film some footage for a new promotional video for Olivet School. It is difficult to go before a camera and speak from the heart – my compliments and deepest appreciation to all who participated for a job well done!! We will let you know when the video is ready for viewing!

Upcoming:

Times are changing. When most of you were young, schools did not need to practice “**lockdown” drills**. Although the possibility of a real emergency of this sort is remote at Olivet, we are planning to practice the drill *in the next month or so*. Please rest assured that we are very sensitive to the language and method we will use so as not to frighten your child. If you happen to approach the building and see a sign on the door indicating that a lockdown drill is in progress, please wait a few minutes until it is over. Thank you!!

The **Nitwits head-check clinic** was moved from last week to this **Wednesday morning**. We haven't seen any signs of lice, but it is best to be proactive! Facts: lice do **not** prefer ‘dirty’ hair – there is no shame in getting lice! For more information, please visit [Nitwits](#).

General Announcements

Hatch Coding

Classes start **tomorrow, Tuesday, October 3rd at 3:15 pm!** *Have you signed up?*

All students in grades 2 and up are invited to register for our afterschool computer-coding class. Registration is done directly at www.hatchcanada.com. An information letter went home with your child last Friday as a reminder. Additional copies are available in the office.

PD Day

There are **no classes** this **Friday, October 6th**, due to a Professional Development Day. Teachers from Olivet and our sister school near Kitchener will be gathering together to learn about the many facets of the brain as it pertains to learning.

Classes resume on Tuesday, October 10th, after the Thanksgiving holiday.

Sunday School

Sunday School has started the new Journey program this week. We experimented with pepper and soap, made a fragrant alabaster vase and identified mystery scents.



Sunday Choir

The first of our three annual choir dates is coming up on Sunday, October 15th for students in **Grades 1 to 6!** Please remember that participation is required, and will be factored into the term music grades.

Choir Performance & Pizza Party



Date: **Sunday, October 15, 2017**

Times:

- **10:15** – Warm up with Mrs. Hasen on the stage
- **10:30** – Choir Performance and Church
- **12:00** – Pizza lunch for the children
- **12:20** – Outside play



Library Teacher's Announcement

Reading Challenge: October

The themes for this month's reading challenge are **dinosaurs and Halloween**. The display shelf in the library is full of books that have something to do with these two themes, so please encourage your child to choose one to read. I will be happy to consider other books on these themes—just check with me. The reading levels are as follows:



- Junior Kindergarten - Grade 1:** have a picture book read to them
Grade 2: read a book on their own
Grade 3-4: read a book over 50 pages long
Grade 5-6: read a book over 100 pages long



Scholastic Books

The first Scholastic book order will be distributed to the students today. If you would like to purchase something, all *order forms and payment* must be turned in to the homeroom teachers **by Thursday, October 5th**. Remember that there is an online payment option now!

From the Classrooms

Tots' Time

There will be **no class** on **Monday, October 9th**, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Preview of the Following Week (October 16th): "Way up high in an apple tree" ...Tots sing, create an apple craft and experience different types of apples. Yum!

Playschool

Word Wednesday: Bring in a **picture or an item** that shows the letter "**Aa**".

- *We will do activities related to our market trip using fruits and vegetables purchased.*
- We may try to walk to an apple tree that is located in the hydro field on *Thursday, October 5th*, weather permitting. Please bring boots if the week has been wet.
- Nitwits' head-check clinic has changed to Wednesday, October 4th.
- There is **no Playschool** this **Friday, October 6th**, due to a Professional Development Day for teachers.

Kindergarten

Our trip to the beach was all things "B" - beautiful (sand and water), bouncy (the playground), and blue (the sky). The afternoon kindergarten did a great job during our Terry Fox Run/Walk. Thank you for entrusting your children with us. They are a delightful group who work and play together very well. Wishing you all a happy and peaceful Thanksgiving!

Bible Story Time - Stories of thanks

Scripture Verse - "O Give Thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for his mercy is forever. Amen." (Psalm 107:1)

Themes - Thanksgiving; fall; general hygiene; apples

Show and Tell - Something you are very thankful for!

Primary Room (Grade 1 & 2)

October is an exciting month! We will be doing some Thanksgiving activities followed by some Halloween activities. The Fall weather has arrived so we will be heading outside to observe the changes that come with the season. We will also be doing some fall baking! Stay tuned ☐ The children are doing a wonderful job learning their spelling words. Keep up the great work. Grade One has begun taking books home to read and Grade Two will have books by this week. Read a little every day! For show and tell, please bring your favourite book from home. Since it is a short week, show and tell and our spelling test will be on *Thursday, October 5th*.

Junior Room (Grade 3 & 4)

What a fabulous event we had on Thursday - the kids ran their hearts out! Since we had such a great event, our mapping test is going to be pushed back slightly to this week.

We are participating in a postcard exchange program that is Canada wide; we have begun receiving some postcards already! In writing, we are crafting our postcard message and they will be sent out the week of October 2nd.

Since this Friday, October 6th is a PD day, spelling tests will occur on *Thursday, October 5th* (and homework will be due a day early!). It is so hard to believe Thanksgiving is already upon us - I wish you all a holiday full of family, food, and love!

Senior Room (Grade 5 & 6)

Terry Fox Run last Thursday was very successful, especially with Kingsley school joining us and the timely return of the cool weather. Thank you for your participation and donation. We will continue with our whole number unit for math; *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* for novel study; classification of animal kingdom for biodiversity unit; and the culture of the Ancient Church for history.

Have a wonderful and happy Thanksgiving weekend!

Calendar

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~ Olivet School and Olivet New Church ~
~ October 2017 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Journey Program Week 1 10:30a Worship (MKC) 12p Potluck and Journey Kickoff	2	3 3:15p Hatch Coding 7p Closed AA Mtg	4 3p Broader Horizons to Oct 11 7p Pastor's Council	5 10a Arcana class 6:30p Beaver Scouts 8:30p Open AA Mtg	6 Olivet School PD Day (Playschool-6)	7
8 10:30a Thanksgiving Festival Service (MKC)	9 Thanksgiving Thanksgiving Holiday	10 3:15p Hatch Coding 7p Closed AA Mtg	11 Cookie Dough Campaign begins (to Oct. 24) 3p Last Broader Horizons 7:15p AGM Refreshments 7:30p Olivet Annual Meeting	12 6:30p Beaver Scouts 8:30p Open AA Mtg	13 7p Forward Sons Dinner and meeting	14
15 Journey Program Week 2 10:15a Children's Choir 10:30a Worship (JJB)	16 7p Olivet Board Meeting	17 3:15p Hatch Coding 7p Closed AA Mtg	18 6:30p Social Supper & Doctrinal Class (JJB)	19 6:30p Beaver Scouts 8:30p Open AA Mtg	20 MKC Gone Mid-Term Reports	21 Charter Day Weekend MKC Gone Private School Expo
22 MKC Gone Journey Program Week 3 10:30a Worship (JJB) 12p Middle & High School Classes	23	24 End of Cookie Dough Campaign Picture Day 3:15p Hatch Coding 7p Closed AA Mtg	25	26 10a Arcana class (Manse) 6:30p Beaver Scouts 8:30p Open AA Mtg	27 GCIC Teen Weekend in Kitchener Gr 7-12 1p Early Dismissal 1p Parent- Teacher Conferences	28 GCIC Teen Weekend in Kitchener Gr 7-12
29 GCIC Teen Weekend in Kitchener Gr 7-12 Journey Program Week 4 10:30a Worship (MKC)	30 Operation Christmas Child begins (to Nov. 14)	31 Halloween Halloween Dress- Up Day 3:15p Hatch Coding 7p Closed AA Mtg				

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