

# Olivet Weekly

September 11, 2017



OLIVET SCHOOL

## From the Pastor's Office

What a wonderful event we had yesterday afternoon as Olivet volunteers turned out to help with the Family Fun Fair. We couldn't have asked for better weather. The setup and take-down of the activity centres and equipment went off seamlessly. Some of the food equipment provided us with challenges, but also some of the more entertaining parts of the event. Kids were delighted as they watched Mrs. Cowley get covered with cotton candy and friendly yellow jackets, Ms. La gallantly making snow cones, and Mr. Kumar manning the intermittent popcorn machine! Challenges aside, the children seemed quite satisfied with their treats. Dozens were occupied in fun craft creations at the tables set up by Mrs. Reid and crew.

Our goal was to provide a community event which would allow new families in the area to feel welcomed to come on campus, meet the Olivet "family", pick up some information, see the school facilities and take a tour of the building if they were interested.

Highlights of the day included the arrival, then the departure and quick return, of one of the fire trucks from the station across the street. The half dozen firefighters were outgoing and friendly as they brought little ones and their parents onto the fire truck, engaged with the public and distributed stickers and "tattoos" to the crowd. They also collected the food donations which were set in place for the Daily Bread Food bank.

We were fortunate to hear from Toronto City Councillor Stephen Holyday. Mr. Holyday spoke to the benefits of having events such as this. This builds community as they bring neighbours together to get to know each other. One of the best ways to address the challenges created by the kind of growth which Toronto is experiencing is simply to get to know the residents in your neighbourhood. Stephen visited with the families attending, answering their questions and getting to know more about Olivet School.

Finally, we were entertained by the dance performance of Anodea, Daniel, Emily, and Iris who dusted off the number they perfected from last year's school closing.

Many thanks go to the long list of staff, parent and student volunteers who took care of the myriad details involved with such an event!

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



## *Recitation*

The first of all the commandments is: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength."

(Mark 12:29)

## Principal's Message

The first week of school went exceedingly well! All the teachers agree that there is an atmosphere of harmony among the children that is wonderful to behold!

Just a heads-up about an upcoming after-school Computer Program: Starting *Tuesday, October 3rd*, **Hatch Canada** ([hatchcanada.com](http://hatchcanada.com)) will be coming here to teach *computer coding* to interested students in *grades two and up*. Last year the kids had a blast! A letter is going home with your child today (please check for it). Extra copies will be on the info-board at the entrance and on the resource shelf outside of the office. The program is run by Hatch, and they will take your on-line registration at any time. Please bring all your questions to the **Classroom Tour evening** on *September 25th* - Hatch will have a table set up for you to check out who they are and why we like to invite them to Olivet.

## General Announcements

# *BBQ Time!*



## **Olivet School**

### **Welcome/Alumni BBQ**

**Friday, September 15, 2017**

**4:30 - 8:30 pm**

**West Deane Park**

Please join us! This event gets better every year from the greater participation of our alumni classes and school parents. *Please place your food order with the office no later than September 13<sup>th</sup>:*

**Hamburger: \$3**

**Hot Dog: \$2**

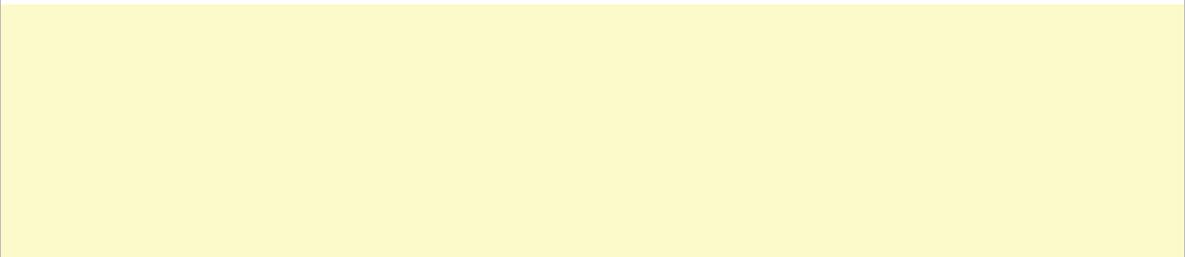
**Corn on the Cob: \$1**

Salads, sides and desserts will be potluck.

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## *Broader Horizons*

This extra-curricular program runs after school for five weeks on *Wednesdays*.





Broader Horizons invites you to reconnect with the beauty and fun of a summer day at the beach by creating this mixed media artwork. You will also learn how to make delicious cranberry scones.

Dates:

Wednesday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 –  
Wednesday, Oct. 11<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.  
(5 afternoon classes)

Times: 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.  
Also includes: Weekly home-baked snacks.

Cost: \$80.00

(No extra charge if you are already part of the afterschool program).

If there is extra time we will do another creative project.



## *Terry Fox Run*



We will be participating in the Terry Fox Run on *Thursday, September 28th*. We look forward to joining efforts this year with our neighbour, The Kingsley School, and having students from both schools run together at Olivet! Please stay tuned for more details .

## Library Teacher's Announcement

We're going to have a reading challenge every month at school this year. There will be a different theme each month, and any student who participates (ie. reads a book or has been reading a book on this theme) will be able to choose a prize at the end of the month.

*New this year:* If a student reads a book each month, then at the end of the year they will receive a \$10 gift certificate to Scholastic Books; if they participate at least five times, then they will receive a \$5 gift certificate.

## Reading Challenge: September

Our theme for this month is **school!** The display shelf in the library is full of books that have something to do with school, so please encourage your child to choose one to read. I will be happy to consider other books about school—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



## From the Classrooms

### *Tots' Time*

Welcome to our new and returning Tots' Time families! With the support of a parent/caregiver, our students will explore the classroom and discover their own independence.

### *Playschool*

Congratulations to both our children and parents for getting through the first week! We are learning and progressing with each day that we spend together, getting a little more familiar with routines, teachers and friends. This is hard work and a big milestone in your child's life. We can do this friends!

#### **General Reminders for the Week:**

- We will start **outside** on **Tuesday**, weather permitting.
- Return completed *Nipissing District Developmental Screen (NDDS)* checklist
- Pickup **door fobs** at the office to use at drop-off / pickup (\$20 deposit/fob)

**Word Wednesday:** Bring in a picture of your family to share. You may also bring in a few pictures for a collage if you do not have one picture of everyone. Write each person's name on the back of the photo(s) or on a separate paper. We will be using the photos to create a classroom picture book to place on our book cart. This is a very popular book choice and really helps children to settle emotionally and create a talking point to share about their family.

*Our Bodies:* We will talk about the Lord in class and that he made us. Our bodies have many parts and we are strong and capable. Playschool has enjoyed moving their bodies when we play games of "What can you do Punchinello funny fellow?" and incorporate actions with our colour song.

### *Kindergarten*

Our first week just flew by as we had fun painting outside, riding our bikes through puddles, making marshmallow shapes, and being Summer Detectives looking for signs of summer on the school property. The children have shown kindness to one another and it is delightful to see how well they work and play together. With this same warm and caring attitude, we look forward to welcoming a new friend to Junior Kindergarten this week - Melissa! Their first scripture verse

will be coming home with an explanation. We will spend two weeks on this verse.

**Bible Story Time** - The Lord's Creation

**Scripture Verse** - "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." (Genesis 1:1)

**Themes** - Summer, colours in our world; geometry

**Show and Tell** - Bring in anything your child would like (within reason!)

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

In mathematics this week, both grades will be working on number sense. Grade 2 will begin their spelling program this week. Their first spelling test will be this *Friday, September 15th*. Grade 1 will begin their spelling program in a few weeks (more information will follow). Continue to send in your pictures for Mrs. Gatti's Summer Bulletin Board. For show and tell this week, please bring in a baby picture and a story to share about when you were a baby.

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

What a fun time we had at Sunday's Family Fun Fair! I look forward to seeing everyone this Friday for our Welcome/Alumni Barbecue. The children had their first spelling test, with excellent results! On the door of our classroom, you will notice the *Problem of the Week*. These are critical-thinking questions that are excellent for cognitive development. The children will receive prizes for figuring out the correct answer at home or in their spare time at school. This week, we begin our mapping unit in social studies; finish our autobiographies; and begin practicing patterning and place value in math.

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## ***Senior Room (Grade 5 & 6)***

What a great first week we had! Everyone worked hard and did very well in the first spelling quiz and recitation. This week we will continue to work on whole numbers for math; church history for social studies and literature; graphic story for writing and biodiversity for science. We have *Physical Education (Phys. Ed.)* on *Tuesdays* and *Thursdays*; please remind your kids to bring their *gym uniform* on those days.

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