

Olivet Weekly

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OLIVET SCHOOL

From the Pastor's Office

A Need for Healing

"And on both sides of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve fruits, yielding its fruits every month, and the leaves for the tree were for the healing of the nations." Rev 22:2

God's Word provides us with so many teachings about healing. In the quote above from the book of Revelation, John sees the image of the Holy City, New Jerusalem with a clear river flowing with the Water of Life from God's throne. As the river descends we are given the picture of a special tree, The Tree of Life, which has the river on either side of it, And this Tree of Life, fed by the river, has special qualities of healing and producing 12 different kinds of fruit. The Water of Life is at the root of the tree, establishing the idea that health, nourishment (fruit) and healing (leaves) in all their various forms flows directly from the Divine, and it is available to everyone (all nations).

The Word of the New Church explains that this healing quality of the leaves means people can change from unhealthy to healthy ways of both thinking and behaving. This can happen through direct contact with the Lord in His Word, like touching the hem of His garment, but healing can also happen by spiritual life and love being available to people by means of rational concepts. Kind actions and truthful speech can help change the way we think. We can change and alter our interpretations or belief systems about ourselves and the world around, and within us.

Great healing can take place simply by being given a good explanation of some passages from the Word, or a rational explanation of some act of providence. Just as there were 12 kinds of fruit on the Tree of Life, we know that there are many kinds of leaves, each representing different kinds of heavenly, spiritual, rational and natural truths and appearances of truth. Our "internal" nations are our clusters of beliefs, systems of thinking, family patterns of behaviour, each able to be healed by this or that kind of truth, this or that leaf from the Tree of Life.

We look to the Lord for strength and hope for healing in our lives. We also know His healing is found in the teachings of His Word as well as His presence in others. And this is what we teach our students, to look to the Lord for help, to pray for Him to change us and help us grow in healthy ways, and to seek Him in others.

All parents seek to be a source of healing and positive growth in their children. Olivet stands by you and with you in that mission, and we are blessed to provide the care, support and guidance in the classroom and playground which promotes this spiritual direction.

Rev. Michael Cowley, B.Th., MAPC

Recitation

And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid.
Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord,
which He will accomplish for you today."

(Exodus 14:13)

Principal's Message

Exciting news! Olivet is resurrecting a **Home and School Committee**.

Our first official meeting is this **Thursday, October 19th** at **2:30 pm** in the *lobby*! We will go over what you would like to be involved in. The first two items are:

1. **QSP Cookie Dough Fundraiser** - Laura Braam will be on hand to talk about the details; and
2. **Santa Claus Parade** - We would love ideas and help putting some costumes together. We have made a start on that, and will bring our ideas to the meeting.

In the past, we've had a parent-led pumpkin-carving event after school before Halloween. Please look at your calendars and see if you would like this tradition to continue.

Everyone is welcome to join the Committee - the more the merrier! If you would like to be involved, but can't make it to the meeting, just let me know.

Santa Claus Parade, Etobicoke Lakeshore – Saturday, December 2nd

Olivet School is participating! Mark your calendars! We need all children and families to march along with us! The Home and School Committee will be discussing costumes – if you can help, please come to the meeting on Thursday!

Hatch Computer Coding – on Again!

At this time last week, we did not have enough registrants to run the coding class. As it turns out, we now have just enough students to go ahead! The **classes will start Tuesday, October 17th** and run for *seven weeks* – the last day being Tuesday, November 28th. If anyone else wants to join last minute, do so today by registering on the Hatch website www.hatchcanada.com.

General Announcements

QSP Fundraiser

Our QSP Fundraising Drive is on-going! We are concentrating on cookie dough for this campaign, but you can go on-line and order all kinds of items and gifts (magazine subscriptions!) in time for Christmas.

To order online please follow the steps below:

- Go to www.qsp.ca
- Click on “**Shop Now**”
- This will bring you to a page asking for the student online ID or the group online ID #. (**enter 3735156**)
- The next screen will ask for student information.
- Finally you will be directed into the online store, where you can simply add to cart and proceed to check out.



Thank you for supporting Olivet!

Picture Day

Hide the scissors! Picture day will be on ***Tuesday, October 24th!***



Broader Horizons

This extra-curricular program is running again after school for five weeks **beginning this Wednesday!**

Broader Horizons invites you to have fun creating a fall scene, and also to learn how to paint a beautiful picture using a variety of painting techniques and mixed media.



Dates:

October 18 to November 15, 2017
(5 Wednesday 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 time, we will make a home-made treat in the kitchen.

Helping Our Neighbours

From time to time, we have organized meals for various school and church families during times of stress for them. If this is something you would like to help out with, please let Linda Holmes our coordinator know. She can be reached at 416-243-9862 or hants_cricket@sympatico.ca.

Sunday School

Thank you to everyone for the wonderful songs on Sunday! We also learned about the power of forgiveness and created a wonderful display under the Sunday School Board.



Library Teacher's Announcement

Reading Challenge: October



As a reminder, the amounts read this month are more flexible since so many of the dinosaur books are non-fiction.

From the Classrooms

Tots' Time

“Way up high in an apple tree”... Tots sing, create an apple craft and experience different types of apples. Yum!

Preview of the following week: Leaves are just turning to red, yellow, orange and brown. Today, toddlers are interacting with leaves in all parts of the program.

Playschool

Word Wednesday: Bring in a **picture or an item** that shows the letter "Cc", focusing on the hard C sound of "K" as in the word *car*.

- Public Health meeting on Tuesday for Ms. Todd – Our school principal, Mrs. Pulpan, R.E.C.E., will supply for Ms. Todd in her absence.
- For QSP orders, look on the website for more products other than cookie dough: magazines for kids and adults, e-books, digital subscriptions, photo books, cards, journals, bulbs and plants, premium chocolates and giftware. Start on your Christmas shopping! Online ID:3735156
- Activities this week include: colour sort, counting, catch games and corn.
- The Creation Story- Every Friday during Worship circle for the next 7 weeks.

Picture day is next **Tuesday, October 24th!** Please have your child dressed in the **red Olivet t-shirt**. Speak with Ms. Todd if you need one.

Kindergarten

Hopefully we can get to the creek this week (Wednesday morning) to look for more signs of fall, so please make sure your child brings splash pants to protect them from the mud as well as a coat to protect them from the breezy fall days. It does look like the days are getting colder so light mittens and layered outdoor wear is always a good idea and work well as the weather shifts between warm and cold.

Bible Story Time -Tower of Babel; Abram and Sarai move to Canaan; The Lord makes a covenant with Abram

Scripture Verse - "The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works."

(Psalm 145:9)

Letter of the Week - Never nosy but nearly always noisy Nn

Nursery Rhyme or Fairy Tale - Night night sleep tight don't let the bugs bite...

Themes - Fall; fractions; comparison (apples)

Show and Tell - Something they think is "nice"

Primary Room (Grade 1 & 2)

This week we will begin our 2 week science inquiry on Energy. What is it? Where does it come from? How do we use it? In Mathematics both grades will be studying patterning. Our trip to the grocery store and the follow-up apple tasting were a lot of fun. This week we will take some time in the kitchen to prepare a yummy apple dessert! For show and tell please bring in something that uses battery power to give it energy.

Junior Room (Grade 3 & 4)

The children were just wonderful on Sunday, their voices were a lovely addition to our Sunday worship service! As the cooler weather approaches, our gym classes will sometimes be indoors and other times, outdoors. In an effort to make sure the children are properly dressed, we will be checking uniforms each class; please make sure your child has a set of indoor gym clothes (t-shirt, shirts and running shoes), as well as outdoor footwear. This week we leave geography behind and begin studying forces in science, beginning with magnets. In writing, we have begun our board game projects, and we will be practicing our alphabetizing skills in reading this week. Thank you to Mrs. Cooper for spending Friday with us!

Senior Room (Grade 5 & 6)

This week we will continue to wrap up several units: Grade 5 whole number unit for math followed by the unit test on Tuesday; 5 churches unit for history with the test on Wednesday; nouns for grammar. We will begin the unit of ancient civilization of Mesopotamia for history, verbs for grammar, and autobiographical paragraphs for writing. This week's 125 spelling words will be the ones with vowel pairs, digraphs and diphthongs.

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