

Olivet Weekly

October 30, 2017



OLIVET SCHOOL

From the Pastor's Office

Our recitation this week contains one of the most-often quoted phrases of the New Testament: "Judge Not".

It is good not to be judgemental towards others. Over and over, Jesus taught us to look at others with the eyes of love and compassion. "Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgement." So often we jump to conclusions about other people's motives and intentions. Only the Lord can actually see what is in another's heart. Although Jesus tells us not to judge according to appearances, we only can make proper judgements by means of what we can see. So we must make certain kinds of judgements by means of what appears. As parents and teachers, we must make assessments based on appearances, or what we know from what we can see. What the Lord is asking us not to do is make an internal, spiritual judgement based on natural, external appearances.

The Lord was Himself judged falsely, condemned and crucified by His fellow Jews. He came as the Prince of Peace, teaching a new Gospel of love. He predicted that those who followed Him would be treated harshly. But at all times, He did not retaliate with revenge toward the false judgements of others. This is a high bar to maintain. On the cross Jesus said, "Father forgive them, they know not what they do."

This example of forgiveness is almost unbelievable! Yet we know that the Lord, being divine, was capable of divine acts of forgiveness we can only pray and constantly strive to achieve ourselves.

We ourselves can only forgive with divine aid. However when it comes to judgement, we can never judge with Divine Judgement but can only attempt to judge from divine mercy, as we ourselves are judged by the Lord. How does the Lord judge us? The example of the woman about to be attacked by stones for her sins sets a good example. After Jesus asked the person who has never sinned to cast the first stone, all of her accusers left. He then said, "Neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more."

We seek to love others as the Lord does. This is His commandment, "To love one another as I have loved you."

The greatest challenge as a Christian is to "judge righteous judgement." To seek forgiveness as we think about the actions, intentions or motives of others.

"Forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors." If this were our first intention before we make any kind of judgement, then we enter the spirit of the judgement mentioned in this weeks' recitation.

Rev. Michael Cowley, B.Th., MAPC

Recitation

Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

(Luke 6:37)

Principal's Message

New Flash!! Another good reason to come to the Open House on Wednesday, November 15th!

Artist *Sonja Sekulic* will be here on this evening to take your commissions for watercolour paintings. She does portraits of adults, children and even pets. She will have some of her work with her for display and sale. 20% of proceeds will go towards a fund to support those in Puerto Rico who lost so much in Hurricane Maria.

School Safety

You may remember reading in these pages that we need to plan for emergencies in many ways here at Olivet. Having regular fire drills is one of these, and having lockdown drills is also one of these. We had a successful lockdown last week, after the classes were empty and most of the children had gone home. We will plan a drill during the regular school day in the future.

On the topic of safety, please be reminded that you need to use your door fob every time! Please remind your children not to ring the doorbell, but to wait for you at the door to open it with the fob. (Do you need an extra fob? Please come to the office.)

Children have been asked not to open the door to anyone, even to familiar faces. This is not rudeness, but a safety concern.

We appreciate your cooperation on this – the reality is; the fewer times the doorbell rings, more attentive our Office Manager, Sandy, can be with each occurrence!

General Announcements

Operation Christmas Child



Olivet begins this charity initiative this week and continues until November 14th. Operation Christmas Child is a hands-on project that brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes.

Each class will collect and assemble one or more shoeboxes for donation. Suggested donations include: *school supplies, toys, non-liquid hygiene items, accessories and crafts*. For a list of the top 100 shoebox items, please visit it [What to Pack](#).

QSP Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who supported our school during this campaign! The delivery of cookie dough (and other items ordered) to the school is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 22**.

Sunday School

This week we learned about how the Lord will forgive us when we make mistakes and also ask us to do better going forward. We made messages in glitter glue and foam, and talked about different ways to try our best every day!



Library Teacher's Announcement

October Reading Challenge

The month of October is drawing to a close! Any student who has read a book (or who has been read to) on the theme of dinosaurs or Halloween, and has been able to successfully tell me about what they read, will **receive a prize** this week.

Books must be read by October 31st, and students must **tell me about the book by the end of this week**. If students participate every single month of the school year, they can receive a gift certificate to Scholastic Books! *Please remind your child to come and talk to me.*



From the Classrooms

Tots' Time

When on a walk, have you seen pumpkins sitting on a porch? Tots will create 2 different kinds of pumpkins to take home. Songs, a story and a sequence felt story will get us in the spirit during circle time. Tots are not dressing up.

Preview of the following week: The leaves are falling and gathering on the ground. Have Tots seen the busy squirrels preparing for winter? Tots create a busy tailed squirrel, sing a squirrel song of swishing tails and have their own hunt for acorns!

Playschool

- On Tuesday, pumpkin-inspired activities will be enjoyed rather than dressing up. Wear your *rubber boots* for some outdoor fun! We are searching for pumpkins hidden on the ground.
- **Word Wednesday** - Bring in a picture or an item that shows the letter “Pp”.
- Our tool works hop centre has been very popular. If you have small pieces of scrap wood, nuts and bolts that fit together, please bring them in for some potential building projects. Last week, the children created beds for the dollies!
- We will further explore fall colours.

Kindergarten

Next week on **Friday, November 3rd**, we will be travelling to the **Royal Winter Fair** by car - more information will follow. Please **send in \$15** to cover costs. As a class, we will start to work on keeping our inside voices for the classroom and stop talking over one another. We will be collecting blue glass stones with three different reward lines - the rewards being what they will decide as a group. Any support from home for this initiative would be much appreciated!

Bible Story Time - Esau bullies Jacob; Jacob steals birthright and then the blessing; Jacob runs away; Jacob's ladder

Scripture Verse - Wait on the Lord, Be of good courage (Psalm 27:14)

Letter of the Week - Cute and Cuddly "Cc" = /k/; Also for SK - Celebrating "Cc" = /s/

Nursery Rhyme or Fairy Tale - Hey Diddle Diddle the Cat and the Fiddle; Cinderella

Themes - Halloween; food & nutrition; farm life & animals; fall

Show and Tell - Something cute and cuddly

Primary Room (Grade 1 & 2)

This week we will complete Energy Inquiry and begin looking at the seasonal changes that autumn brings. During Bible Story Time, we read about Noah and the Ark. The children are making beautiful tissue-paper rainbows as we read the stories. Measurement and number sense will be our focus during math. We will continue our learning about the countries that our families originate from. The tops of our mobile are complete. This week we will each colour a flag of our country of origin. For show and tell, please bring in some lovely fall leaves for an art activity - perhaps ones from near your house or ones found on a nature walk! For Halloween on Tuesday, our class will be allowed to wear (appropriate) costumes all day. We will be doing some fun activities during the afternoon! Our focus will be on dressing up and having fun.

Junior Room (Grade 3 & 4)

I hope everyone enjoys a safe and happy Halloween! On Tuesday we will have all sorts of Halloween-themed fun in class. This week we will finish our science unit on forces, and begin studying landforms. We will be writing some Halloween poetry, and will begin practicing subtraction facts. You can help your child learn subtraction facts using flash cards at home; please feel free to make use of our class sets!

Senior Room (Grade 5 & 6)

For the next few weeks we will be memorizing "In Flander's Fields" to recite at our Remembrance Day service. The kids will work on memorizing the poem in pieces, and will likely need support at home to do this! This **Friday, November 3rd**, we are going on a field trip to

the *Royal Winter Fair*. Please send in **\$15 by Thursday** with the tear-off payment form (will be sent home).

We will participate in Operation Christmas Child starting this Monday. Please refer to the website for details on packing a shoebox: [Operation Christmas Child](#).

Calendar

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~ November 2017 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 3p Broader Horizons to Nov 15	2 10a Arcana Class 6:30p Beaver Scouts 8:30p Open AA Mtg	3 Field Trip KG & Gr 5-6	4
5 Journey Program Week 5 10:30a Worship (MKC)	6	7 3p Hatch Computer Coding Class 7p Closed AA Mtg	8 3p Broader Horizons to Nov 15 7p Pastor's Council @ Manse	9 6:30p Beaver Scouts 8:30p Open AA Mtg	10 2:30p School Remembrance Day Service 7p Forward Sons'	11 <i>Remembrance Day</i> 10:45a Remembrance Day Service (MKC)
12 10:30a Worship (MKC) 12p Potluck and Journey Celebration	13	14 End of Operation Christmas Child 3p Hatch Computer Coding Class 7p Closed AA Mtg	15 3p Broader Horizons to Nov 15 5p Olivet School Open House 5-7 pm	16 10a Arcana Class 6:30p Beaver Scouts 8:30p Open AA Mtg	17 Chatterbox Deadline	18 7p Young Adults' Social (JJB)
19 10:30a Worship (JJB) 11a Christmas Set-Up with Children	20 7p Olivet Board Meeting	21 3p Hatch Computer Coding Class 7p Closed AA Mtg	22 Cookie Dough Campaign delivery 6:30p Social Supper & Doctrinal Class (MKC)	23 6:30p Beaver Scouts 8:30p Open AA Mtg	24 Gr 3-6 Field Trip Last Day of Fall Term	25 7p Ladies' Craft Night
26 10:30a Worship (JJB) 12p High School and Middle School Classes	27	28 3p Hatch Computer Coding Class 7p Closed AA Mtg	29	30 10a Arcana Class 6:30p Beaver Scouts 8:30p Open AA Mtg	Notes:	

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