

Olivet Weekly

December 18, 2017



OLIVET SCHOOL

From the Pastor's Office

Christmas Concert and Tableaux

Our celebrations of the Lord's birth all spring from the stories we have from His Word.

This past weekend, our students did an outstanding job participating in two of Olivet's most cherished Christmas traditions: the Christmas Concert and the Tableaux.

I want to congratulate them for the joy their performances brought to parents, friends and family on both occasions. I want to note especially how well-behaved the preschool children were in hanging in the whole concert on Wednesday night. Not only did they do their songs to the delight of the audience, but they watched and listened attentively to the other classes for the duration. Not a small feat for such young children.

The Children's Choir sang beautifully both at the concert and in the Tableaux worship service. It is delightful to hear the well-trained voices breaking into separate parts and harmonies.

Special thanks go to Rachel Hasen for her part in teaching the students the songs and leading them so well at both events. Special thanks also goes to Justine Buss for orchestrating the Tableaux service and bringing together so many children and adults in the various scenes from the Nativity Story. The Olivet students helped provide a special atmosphere in our praise and celebration of the Lord.

Rev. Michael Cowley, B.Th., MAPC

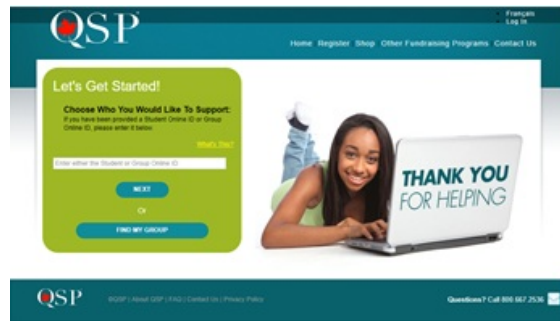
Recitation

And it will be said in that day:
"Behold, this is our God;
We have waited for Him, and He will save us.
This is the Lord;
We have waited for Him;
We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

(Isaiah 25:9)

Principal's Message

Stuck for a Christmas gift for someone? Why not check out the magazine subscriptions at QSP? Give the gift of reading! Little ones especially enjoy a gift that comes once a month all year long! Visit www.qsp.ca and click "[Shop Now](#)". When prompted, enter the school code **3735156** to ensure your online purchases benefit Olivet School.



[Hatch](#) computer coding starts again in **January** (Tuesdays from January 16 to March 6). All students in **Grades 2 to 6** are invited to register for this extra-curricular afterschool program. Letters with more details will be sent home on *January 8th*. Early birds may register online at any time by visiting [Register for School Classes!](#)

It has been a pleasure to work with you all again this school year! I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy 2018!

General Announcements

Christmas & New Year Holidays



The holiday break will begin with an *early dismissal* at **1:00 pm** this *Thursday, December 21st*. Please be advised that there will be **no after-school care** on this day.

Classes *resume* on **Monday, January 8th!** Playschool returns on *Tuesday, January 9th*.

Celebrate Christmas with Olivet!

December 24th at 5:00 pm - Christmas Eve Service

December 25th at 10:30 am - Christmas Day Service



New Year's - Cowley Open House

Come share a cup of good cheer to start the New Year! All are invited to the home of Rev. Michael and Gwenda Cowley (2 Lorraine Gardens, across from the school) **between 2:00 and**

Library Teacher's Announcement

December Reading Challenge

The Christmas holiday is drawing close! Any student who has read a book (or who has been read to) on the theme of Christmas, and has been able to successfully tell me about what they read, *will receive a prize this week*. The students must *tell me about that book by this Thursday*, before Christmas break.

Remember, 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.

Prize Time!



From the Classrooms

Tots' Time

Tastes like Christmas! We'll have a more relaxed morning of fellowship with our families. Wishing all of our families a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Preview of the next class: Tots' Time resumes on **Monday, January 8, 2018**. Over the first several weeks in the New Year, we will be focusing our activities on a variety of different colours. On our first day back, the crafts, story and activities will primarily feature the colour white. Let's hope for some on the ground!

Playschool

- **Word Wednesday** - Bring in a picture or an item that shows the letter "Rr".
- With some red, reindeer and Rudolph fun?
- Finishing our gifts and enjoying our time together with games.
- There is *no Playschool on Friday*. See everyone in the New Year on **Tuesday, January 9, 2018**.
- Wishing all our families a Merry Christmas!

Kindergarten

Wow! Can't believe we are almost at Christmas! The children will be going to the Centennial Greenhouse this afternoon for a look at the wonderful Christmas greenery. Mosey on over during the holidays and you won't be disappointed. We will be finishing our Christmas Bible booklet as well as some other wonderful ornaments and a present for you! Thursday is our party day; so please look for all the details elsewhere in this issue. Wishing you and yours a very Happy Christmas and a blessed New Year! See you in 2018!

Bible Story Time - The star; the Wise Men; three gifts; flight to Egypt

Scripture Verse - "For unto us a Child is born..."

Themes - Christmas

Show and Tell - None this week

Primary Room (Grade 1 & 2)

This week we finish our study of probability in mathematics. There will be no spelling test this week, however the children will be doing some review of the spelling units already completed. Also, there will be no Show and Tell this week.

In lieu of Secret Santa this year, as a school we are fundraising to help support efforts to improve the habitats of the Blue Whale. Please see the letter which was sent home last Friday. We hope to have all the money collected by this *Thursday, December 21st*.

Starting in the new year, we will be going to Wedgewood Rink to skate once a week for Phys. Ed. Please check if your child still fits into their skates and helmet. The dates and times of skating will be posted in the next Olivet Weekly.

What a marvelous first term we have had! The children are all growing and learning so much. I hope you all have a blessed Christmas and a joyful New Year! See you all on January 8th!

Junior Room (Grade 3 & 4)

It's so hard to believe the Christmas season is upon us! This week we will be wrapping up our geometry unit, and doing some fun Christmas activities!

Please remember to send your child's \$3 donation to the WWF by this Thursday, December 21st.

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This Thursday will be a half day with a 1:00 pm dismissal; there will be no aftercare on this day. Please ensure your child's cubby is cleaned out so any extra clothing items can be washed over the break. I wish you and your families a safe and joyous Christmas - see you in the new year!

Senior Room (Grade 5 & 6)

The Christmas Tableaux on Sunday was beautiful! Thank you to everyone who participated in it. The Junior Class came to our class and gave a very nice presentation on the Blue Whale. We will collect \$3.00+ dollars by this *Thursday, December 21st* to complete our adoption fundraiser. Please remind your kids that the money needs to come out of their pocket, or they need to do some homework to earn it.

Starting in the new year, we will be going to Wedgewood Rink to skate once a week for Phys. Ed. Please check if your child still fits into their skates and helmet. The dates and times of skating will be posted in the next Olivet Weekly.

Have a wonderful Christmas holiday and a happy New Year!

Calendar

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-- January 2018 --						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>New Year's Day</i> Olivet School Christmas Break 2-5p Open House at the Cowley's (2 Lorraine Gardens)	2 Olivet School Christmas Break 7p Closed AA Mtg	3 Olivet School Christmas Break	4 Olivet School Christmas Break 8:30p Open AA Mtg	5 Olivet School Christmas Break	6 Olivet School Christmas Break
7 Olivet School Christmas Break 10:30a Worship (JJB)	8 Classes Resume	9 7p Closed AA Mtg	10	11 10a Arcana Class 6:30p Beaver Scouts 8:30p Open AA Mtg	12	13
14 10:30a Worship & Holy Supper (MKC) 12p Potluck	15 7p Olivet Board Meeting	16 7p Closed AA Mtg	17 6:30p Social Supper & Society meeting (MKC)	18 6:30p Beaver Scouts 8:30p Open AA Mtg	19 Fun & Silly Dress-up Day 4p Investment Committee Meeting	20
21 10:30a Worship (MKC) 12p High School and Middle School Classes	22	23 7p Closed AA Mtg	24	25 9a Nitwits-Lice Check Clinic 10a Arcana Class 6:30p Beaver Scouts 8:30p Open AA Mtg	26	27 7p Young Adult's Social (JJB)
28 10:30a Worship (JJB) 12p Swedenborg Children's Luncheon	29	30 7p Closed AA Mtg	31	Notes:		

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