

# Olivet Weekly

January 8, 2018



OLIVET SCHOOL

## From the Pastor's Office

Happy New Year!

This week we will see a break from the bitter cold of the first week of 2018. We hope you found warm and friendly activities to keep you happy and healthy since Christmas time.

Our recitation to bring in the new year reminds us that genuine spiritual delight and happiness comes from humble, useful service to others. This is no secret. Although we may crave many things such as popularity, acceptance, material possessions, wealth, honour, fame, etc., we will find there are many people who have many or all of these who are simply unhappy people. Money does not buy us happiness, nor do the other things mentioned. Some of the most unhappy people I know have great wealth, status and possessions. They seem to have placed their heart in “treasures on earth” which bring only fleeting pleasures.

Our meaningful connection with others must be based on something outside ourselves, something outside our self-centred concerns. Seeking happiness for the sake of happiness is a dead end. Our satisfaction in life overall will not increase with the amount of selfies we post or the number of “likes” people click on our Facebook page. In fact, one “secret” to happiness involves being useful to others without doing so for the sake of praise and recognition. Again, this is not really a secret. The whole middle chapter in the Sermon on the Mount reminds us that our charity toward others should not be for the sake of personal recognition. We should not feel “proud” of the good things we do.

For children, this is a difficult lesson. We want our children to have a healthy sense of self-worth, and we encourage them to do good. We praise them every week for the deeds the teachers have written in the “good deed” jar. But we praise them even more for doing things which don’t bring a picture on a bulletin board or applause from their school mates. We encourage them to thank the Lord if they are able to do something good for another person, for it is the Lord who gives us the ability to be a good person.

This week, help your child/children to appreciate being of humble service to others. Set an example for them by quietly doing good things without the hope that someone will notice and praise you. Ask them if they can do the same.

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

## *Recitation*

With good spirits and angels useful service is the source of their delight...For the Lord's kingdom

## Principal's Message

Welcome back to school! We have some fun events on the calendar! Stay tuned! Read your Olivet Weekly!

On **Friday, January 19th**, we will have a **Silly Dress-Up Day**! The theme this year will coincide with National Sweater Day, which is actually on February 2nd, so we will be a little early. Let's wear warm, "as funny as you want to make them" sweaters!

This is a fun way to learn about the importance of saving energy and to inspire us to use less heat all winter. Heating accounts for 80% of residential energy use in ... learn more about how you can take action on climate change:  
[www.wwf.ca/events/sweater\\_day/](http://www.wwf.ca/events/sweater_day/).



## General Announcements

### *Computer Coding with Hatch*

This extra-curricular afterschool program is available once again for all students in **Grades 2 to 6**. The winter session runs every **Tuesday** from **January 16 to March 6**. Online registration is now open at [Hatch - Register for School Classes](#). For more information, please see the letter that will be sent home with your child today.



### *Broader Horizons*

**Broader Horizons** invites you to make a gnome winter wonderland, paint a nighttime winter scene and make cupcakes with candy-cane icing.



**Dates:**

**Jan. 10 to Feb. 7, 2018**

(5 Wednesday afternoon classes)

**Times: 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.**

**Cost: \$80.00**

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

*Includes weekly home-baked snacks.*



## Library Teacher's Announcement

### *Reading Challenge: January*

The theme of this month's reading challenge is **other faiths**. We don't have as many books dealing with other faiths for younger kids as older, but there are a few; accordingly, parents may read aloud to kids up to grade 3 this month. When the students can tell me a bit about the book they heard/read, they will receive a prize!

**JK-Grade 3:** have an on-topic book read to them

**Grade 4:** read an on-topic book over 50 pages long



## From the Classrooms

### *Tots' Time*

Over the next several weeks we will be focusing our activities on a variety of different colours. Today, the crafts, story and activities are primarily featuring the colour white. Let's hope for some snow on the ground!

**Preview of the next class:** Yellow will be the colour on this day, as out pops the warm sunshine to melt a snowman away!

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### *Playschool*

- **Word Wednesday** - Bring in a picture or an item that shows the letter "Ww".
  - This month we start our unit on winter. After highlighting some characteristics of winter, the students will assist with inquiry questions which will direct our learning in the coming weeks.
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### *Kindergarten*

Happy 2018! We are so ready to have fun in the snow and celebrate winter time!

**Bible Story Time** - Review Joseph's early life in Canaan and continue with his adventures in Egypt

**Scripture Verse** - "...This is the Lord; We have waited for Him; We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation." (Isaiah 25:9)

**Letter of the Week** - Goofy Gg

**Nursery Rhyme or Fairy Tale** - The Golden Goose

**Themes** - 2018; winter; measurement (cm/m)

**Show and Tell** - Something that is good for you

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

Welcome back to school after what I hope was a marvelous Christmas Break. I had a lovely time celebrating with family and friends, and spent lots of time outdoors with my son, Cedric, doing "wintery" things.

This week we will get right back into the swing of things. Both grades begin new spelling lists and

new math units. The grade 1's will be counting to 100 within tens, and the grade 2's will be learning about equations and word problems. We continue with lots of writing and reading practice - the children are doing great work in this area!

This week we will begin skating once a week for Phys. Ed. class. We will be walking to Wedgewood Rink on Tuesday afternoons beginning this Tuesday, January 9th. If this cold weather continues, we will be going skating for 7 weeks, until February 20th. Please be sure your child's skates and helmet fit - these little people grow so quickly!

I will be absent Tuesday morning for an appointment and Mrs. Cowley will be our supply teacher. I have also been called for jury duty on January 11th and Mrs. Makaltses will be our supply teacher for that day. I am uncertain how long I will be away, but the children will be in good hands.

For show and tell this week, please bring an item or a picture which tells about your winter holiday.

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

It's the start of a new year, and I hope everyone had a wonderful vacation! We are going to begin skating this Tuesday (tomorrow); please make sure your child is bundled up and that they have their skates and helmet! We are going to be starting MANY fun new things this month. We will do a nutrition unit, multiplication (which will require at-home support in memorizing facts), a major unit on Ancient Rome, and a novel study on a book called "Stone Fox". I'm so looking forward to our next few months together!

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

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a nice break. Starting from tomorrow, every Tuesday we will be going to Wedgewood Rink to skate for Phys. Ed. Please make sure skates are sharpened, and send in your child's helmet, scarf, gloves and a beanie or ear warmer to wear under the helmet.

Wishing you all the blessings in 2018!

## Calendar

(click on calendar to enlarge)

~ 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	3 Olivet School Christmas Break	4 Olivet School Christmas Break	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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