



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

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G.R.O.W.L - WE GROW WITH RESPECT, OPENNESS, WISDOM, AND LOVE. WE ARE KODIAKS AND WE GROW!

**"THE INTEGRITY OF THE UPRIGHT GUIDES THEM,
BUT THE UNFAITHFUL ARE DESTROYED BY THEIR DUPLICITY." PSALM 11:3**

JUNE 2025

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we come to the end of another school year, we thank God for his many blessings as we journeyed together through this school year. We look to the last virtue of the year, the virtue of integrity to guide us. Integrity is a moral virtue that includes acting with honesty, fairness, and decency. It means being consistent in one's thoughts, words, and actions as a disciple of Jesus.

In June, the YCDSB community honours National Indigenous History Month, celebrating the rich heritage, cultures, and diversity of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples both across Canada and within YCDSB schools. June is also recognized as Pride Month in Canada. As Catholics, we honour every person as a beloved child of God. In our YCDSB schools, we are committed to nurturing safe, welcoming and inclusive spaces where every student and every member of the community is welcome, valued and respected, including those who identify as 2SLGBTQIA+. We do not tolerate any form of discrimination or bullying. On June 15th, we take time to celebrate and honour our fathers and/or father figures for their love and support on Father's Day.



June also marks a time when we say farewell to significant members of the Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic School community. We celebrate and honour our Grade 8 students who will be leaving OLGC and heading to Secondary School in September. We wish them all of God's blessings as they continue their academic journey.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents, students, and staff for making this school year a successful and productive one in my first year as Principal of this school community. To our families that are moving on, we wish them all the best. For those families returning or joining the OLGC community, we look forward to welcoming you in September. It is an honour and privilege to serve as your school principal. Wishing all families, a safe and enjoyable summer!

Yours in Catholic Education,

K. Quan King Thompson



Extreme Temperature Policy

In support of the Ministry of Education's directive for daily physical activity, children need an opportunity to get exercise and free play time outdoors. However, weather conditions sometimes warrant indoor routines or a reduced activity level. Temperatures are monitored through www.theweathernetwork.com for the local forecast and potential extreme weather alerts. When the humidex is over 35 degrees Celsius or when heat waves occur during 3 consecutive days reaching temperatures of 32°C or higher, we remind parents and students of the following:

- 1) to monitor their level of activity and take frequent breaks for water in order to remain adequately hydrated, especially during lunch hours
- 2) bring personal reusable water bottles to refill water throughout the day
- 3) wear light weight and light coloured clothing and other hot weather necessities – hat, sun visors, sunscreen etc.

In the case of these extreme heat warnings, the Principal has the option to implement an indoor recess routine, dependent on local community conditions.

Catholic School Council (CSC) Updates

Thank you to our CSC members who continue to support student achievement and wellbeing at OLGC. Our last CSC meeting was held on Thursday, May 22, 2025. The last Catholic School Council meeting of the year will be held on **Thursday, June 19, 2025 at 6:30pm** in the library. The council will confirm our budget, hear updates from the Principal, staff, students and committees. We thank the Catholic School Council for all that they do to support our school through hot lunches, fundraisers, volunteering and events that promote parent engagement. We encourage you to consider joining the CSC for our new council in 2025-2026.

September Organization

We are in the process of class organization for September 2025. It would be appreciated if you could **advise the office if your family is planning to move out of the Our Lady of Good Counsel boundaries or transfer schools.**

Thank you for your careful consideration in your extenuating circumstance requests for next year. At this time, all written requests received will be shared with the team of teachers creating class lists. Please note that your request does not guarantee that it can be honoured.

2025 OLGC Yearbook

The yearbook committee, led by Ms. Hamaoui and Ms. Cerzosimo, has been busy creating the 2024-2025 OLGC yearbook. They are excited to include fantastic memories, school events, teams and celebrations including those at the end of the school year. To capture all of these memories, the yearbook will be completed and available in September 2025. An exact date for delivery and pickup will be shared in the new school year. All orders have been taken at this time. Additional yearbooks will not be ordered, there will be no extra yearbooks for purchase. We thank the staff and students involved in creating the yearbook this year. We look forward to a great book of memories for 2024-2025!

"The Gospel calls individual Christians to live lives of honesty, integrity, and concern for the common good." Pope Francis

Active School Travel

Summer Active Travel Tips and Hints!

Summer is a great opportunity for your family to take a walk or cycle in your neighbourhood. It helps you and your family to get to know your neighbours, explore what's in your neighbourhood, as well as teach your children the rules of the road and how to practice safe road skills. This summer take some time to go over safe road skills with your children and remember to also practice them with your children. Here are a few skills to go over:

Walking

1. Stay on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic, on the shoulder far from the road.
2. Watch for cars backing out of driveways.
3. Stop, Look and Listen before crossing the road.
4. Look both ways when crossing the street and use crosswalks where possible.
5. Stand back on the sidewalk until you are ready to cross.
6. Don't use electronic devices while walking (phones, iPads, games, headphones).
7. Obey crossing guards and signs posted.
8. Be visible, be alert, be aware of your surroundings.

Cycling

1. Wear a properly fitted helmet. Every cyclist under 18 years of age must wear a bike helmet.
2. Air Brakes Chain – Check your bike tires, brakes and chain before you start riding.
3. Ensure your bike has a working bell, white light or reflector at the front, and a red light or reflector at the back.
4. Cross at crosswalks, if there is one. Walk beside your bike when crossing the road.
5. Watch for cars backing out of driveways and turning at intersections.

When possible, walk or cycle as a family to the park, local swimming pool or store. Remember to stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water and practice sun safety – wear a bucket hat, cover up, wear sunglasses, use sunscreen and stay in the shade when possible.

Have a safe, active and happy summer!

Sincerely,

YCDSB Active School Travel Team

June is The Sacred Heart of Jesus Month



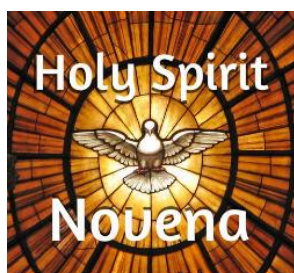
The York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB) recognizes June as the month of The Sacred Heart of Jesus. June is the month traditionally devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which for Catholics is a sign and symbol of God's boundless and passionate love for all humanity. The Feast of the Sacred Heart falls on the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost, which this year will be on June 27th.

Cardinal Leo, in his letter to the congregation, shares this reflection:

The Sacred Heart of Jesus reminds us of our call to sacrificial, unconditional and generous love for others, for each member of the Body of Christ and the call for us to be the heart, the hands and the face of Christ to all those we encounter each day.

As Catholics, reflecting on the Sacred Heart invites us to consider how we embody Christ's love through our daily work, through compassion, patience, and our commitment to serve others. More information can be found here: [Archdiocese of Toronto - Sacred Heart Jesus](https://www.torontoarchdiocese.org/sacred-heart-jesus)

Novena to the Holy Spirit



A novena is an ancient form of prayer in the Catholic tradition consisting of 9 consecutive days of prayer leading up to a particular feast day where a particular blessing or grace is sought. The Institute for Catholic Education invites all those involved in and those who care for Catholic Education in the Province of Ontario to offer a special novena to the Holy Spirit for the beginning of the month of June.

This year, the focus of the Novena will be on the Feast of Pentecost on Sunday, June 8, 2025. As we pray each day for one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit to strengthen us in our elementary and secondary school communities, locally and across the province, we will pray the words of Pope Francis: "May the Holy Spirit illuminate all believers in the light of Hope!"

YCDSB School Year Calendar

<https://www.ycdsb.ca/schools/school-year-calendar/>

Date	Upcoming Events
June 3	OLGC Track and Field Day
June 5	Grade 3's to Sibbald Point Provincial Park Junior Soccer Tournament
June 9	PA Day – No School
June 11	End of Year Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish 10:00am
June 12	OLGC Fun Fair! 5-8 pm
June 15	Father's Day
June 18	Grade 8 Graduation
June 20	Track and Field at St. Maximilian Kolbe
June 24	Play Day at OLGC
June 26	Report Card Online Distribution after 4:00pm, Last Day of School
June 27	P.A. Day – No School – Enjoy your summer! See you on September 2, 2025

You may also visit us at <https://olgc.ycdsb.ca/> for important dates and events listed on the right-hand side under upcoming events.