



# Our Lady of Providence Press

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Dear Families,

As we move into the autumn season we bear witness to some of God's very tangible handiwork with the transformation of trees turning into glorious shades of colour. In this season of Thanksgiving, I wish to extend to all of you a heartfelt thank you for entrusting your most precious gifts, your children, to us. Their smiles, their laughter,

their joy and their bright minds full of wonder and learning are among the greatest blessings we know. I am also extremely grateful for the wonderful staff here at OLOP. They provide a safe, secure and loving environment, rooted in our Faith for your children, not to mention a top quality education. Please take some time this season to pause, give thanks and enjoy the awe and wonder of your family, your friends and the world around us. Remember to follow us on Twitter at [@olopatholic](https://twitter.com/olopatholic) or visit our school website at [www.olopec.ca](http://www.olopec.ca) to find out what is happening in our school community and to keep up to date with news and events!

Jack MacDonald  
Principal

## We Thank Thee

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

For each new morning with its light,  
For rest and shelter of the mighty,  
For health and food,  
For love and friends,  
For everything Thy goodness sends.

For flowers that bloom at our feet;  
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;  
For song of bird, and hum of bee;  
For all things fair we hear or see,  
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!

Amen.



## Important October Dates

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Book Fair (in library).Week of November 20	

## Important December Dates

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Advent Mass at School 1:40 P.M. ....	13
Junior Basketball Tournament .....	15
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## School Bell Times

Yard Supervision Begins	8:30 AM
Instructional Block	8:45 AM — 10:25 AM
First Nutrition Break	10:25 AM — 11:05 AM
Instructional Block	11:05 AM — 12:45 PM
Second Nutrition Break	12:45 PM — 1:25 PM
Instructional Block	1:25 PM — 3:05 PM
Dismissal	3:05 PM

## PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress Reports will be sent home with your child(ren) on **Monday, November 6th**. The Progress Report is part of a continual effort to communicate to and inform parents about the status of your child(ren)'s academic progress and learning skills up to this point in the school year. There will be an opportunity for parent / teacher conferences during the evening of November 16th and morning of November 17th to discuss your child(ren)'s progress. More information will be sent home in the coming weeks.

## ANAPHYLAXIS ALLERGY ALERT

**Our Lady of Providence is a Peanut/Tee Nut Safe School!** At OLOP, we have several students and staff with severe risk allergies to **peanuts and tree nuts**. As a Catholic School community, and in accordance with Sabrina's Law (2005), we ask your co-operation in helping us ensure that all students are in a safe and healthy environment by reading all labels and packing lunches and snacks that are free of these items. Truly, this is a life saving measure. If other caregivers prepare your child(ren)'s lunches and snacks, please share this information with them.



Please note that the use of peanut butter substitutes (e.g., WOW Butter, etc.) is **NOT** permitted. The reasoning behind this is that these substitutes look and smell like peanut butter, which makes it difficult for staff to monitor as well as possibly causing anxiety for students and staff with a severe allergy.

While it is impossible to create a risk free environment, students, parents, and staff can all take important steps to minimize potentially fatal allergic reactions. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping ALL of our students safe!

## HALLOWEEN



On Tuesday, October 31st, students and staff will have the opportunity to wear their costumes or dress in black and/or orange for the day. The day is meant to provide a safe and fun experience for everyone, therefore costumes should reflect our Catholic values and beliefs and not reflect violence, excessive gore, blood or anything inappropriate or derogatory. For safety reasons, props such as swords or any "look alike" weapons are **NOT** permitted.

It is also recommended that students not bring accessories such as wands, tiaras, etc., as these items may be broken or lost in transit.

We will continue the tradition of our costume parade throughout the school community beginning at 9:30 AM (weather permitting). This will also be a nutrition exempt day. Students can bring in snacks and as usual **MUST** ensure that their snacks are peanut/tree nut free. A balance of healthy snacks and treats is always encouraged! Individual teachers will communicate special treat requests for their own classrooms.

## PARENT COUNCIL 2023-2024

Thank you to all who came forward and volunteered to be a member of our OLOP School Parent Council for what promises to be an exciting school year! Our executives for this years' Parent Council are: Michelle Dreyer (Chair) . Megan Etchells (Treasurer), Jenn Hopkins (Secretary).- The staff representative is: Mr. DeKeers.

All meetings are held from 6:30—7:30 PM in the school library and dates are available on the school's website. Please note that all parents are invited to attend our meetings!



## DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

With the cold weather approaching, students are encouraged to dress appropriately for the weather. This may include dressing in layers in order to stay warm or cool off as the temperature dictates, boots, and/or gloves, mittens and a hat. Also, please remember to **label your child's belongings** as this helps us return lost / misplaced items to their rightful owner!



## HAWKS SPORTS

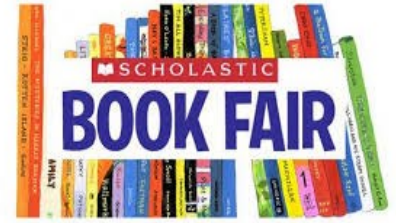
A BIG THANK YOU to Ms. MacIntyre and Mrs. Gallo for coaching our co-ed soccer team. Another BIG THANKS to Mrs. Boismier and Mrs. Saint for running our cross country team.



Our Basketball teams are under way.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

It's Book Fair Time! Mrs. To will once again be running the Scholastic Book Fair at Our Lady of Providence, on November 22 and 23. Students will be attending with their class, but parents are always welcome. This is the perfect opportunity to do some Christmas shopping and support the school library. Proceeds from the book fair will be used for library materials. Please note that **cash, MC, Visa and debit are accepted**. Thank you for your support. The book fair will run the following dates and times: Preview day Nov 21



Purchase Day Nov 22 8:30 to 3:00

Purchase Day Nov 23 8:30 to 4:00

## SCHOOL CASH ONLINE



As of September 2019, for safety and efficiency reasons, we will solely be utilizing School Cash Online as the **ONLY** method of payment for field trips, hot lunches, student items, etc. School Cash is a convenient, safe and secure means to pay for these events/items. If you haven't done so already, please register at School Cash Online for this easy to use service. Here's how:

**Step 1:** Please go our school's website or to: <https://bhncdsb.schoolcashonline.com>

**Step 2:** Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" and follow the steps.

**Step 3:** After you receive the confirmation email, please select the 'click here' option, sign in and add each of your children to your household account.

You can register using a debit card or, new this year, credit card. Ample communication for field trips, hot lunches, school events, etc. will be provided via notes, classroom newsletters, classroom calendars, school newsletters, school website postings, and at least 2 automated e-mails from SchoolCash. On average, events will be open for two weeks (including weekends) for payment to be made through School Cash.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office (519-758-5056).

## ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION



If for any reason your child needs to take medication at school on a daily basis, or in case of a medical emergency (e.g., anaphylaxis, asthma), the appropriate medical form needs to be completed. These forms are available at the office and assist us in establishing a plan to help keep our children safe. In addition, if your child requires the administration of non-prescription medications at times (i.e., Benedryl, aspirin, etc.), please contact Mrs. Andree at the office (519-758-5056) to discuss and establish a plan. Thank you for your cooperation!

## DRESS PURPLE DAY

This year, Ontario Dress Purple Day will take place on Friday, October 27, 2023. The purpose of this day is to raise awareness about the rights of children and youth to safety and well-being. Various lessons will take place in our classrooms to help support this initiative. We look forward to seeing a sea of purple, Hawks!