

Nurturing  
Our Catholic  
Community  
through...

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## St. Boniface Catholic School APRIL NEWSLETTER 2010

<http://www.tcdsb.org/schools/stboniface.asp>

Dear Parent/Guardian,

During April, as we get closer to Easter, we enter the Triduum Sacrum-the sacred Three Days - the holiest and most solemn days in the Christian calendar. All three days are intertwined; leading from the celebration of the Last Supper, which embraces the Institution of the Eucharist and the Washing of the Feet, to the Commemoration of the Passion and Death of Jesus on Good Friday and the triumphal celebration of Glory of the Resurrection during the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. "The Lord has really risen, and has appeared to Peter". (Luke 24:34)

May your celebration of these Great Mysteries of our faith be for you and your loved ones a time of reflection and renewal and joy. We are a Resurrection people, and we bring that heartening message of hope to our school communities each day, but especially at Easter.

Peace be with you. May we wish you all a very Happy Easter.

P. Stachiw,  
Principal

### Holy Week & Easter Schedule at St. Boniface Church

Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> - 7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> - 12:00 & 3:00 p.m. Good Friday of the Lord's Passion  
- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross/Divine Mercy Novena  
Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> - 3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena  
- 8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass  
Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> - **Easter Sunday**  
**Masses** - 9:00 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 Noon  
- 3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena  
Monday April 5<sup>th</sup> to Friday April 9<sup>th</sup> - **Easter Week Solemnity Masses**  
No Masses are scheduled for Monday April 5<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday April 6<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 a.m. Mass  
- 7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena  
Wed. April 15<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m. Perpetual Help Novena  
- 7:30 p.m. Mass  
- 8:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena  
Thurs. April 16<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 a.m. Mass  
- 7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena  
Friday April 17<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 p.m. Mass  
- 8:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena (with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)  
Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> - 3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena  
- 5:00 p.m. - **Mass**  
Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> - **Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)**  
**Masses** - 7:30 a.m.; 9:00 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 Noon  
- 2:45 p.m. Praise & Worship, Mass, Procession and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Novena, Blessing of Images & Religious Articles, Guest speaker Dr. Simone from Canadian Food for Children.

### Dates to Remember

April 2 Good Friday - No School  
April 5 Easter Monday - No School  
April 8 Junior Boys Volleyball Tournament  
April 9 Junior Girls Volleyball Tournament  
April 12 Grade 8 Instrumental Music Festival  
April 20 Cross Country Meet  
April 22 Easter Liturgy 10:00 a.m. at St. Boniface Parish

### Celebration of Excellence

For March our theme was Forgiveness. Our quote of the month was, "To err is human; to forgive is divine." The following students were recognized at our Spirit Assembly on April 1<sup>st</sup>:

Ngozi F.-I., Brianna T., Rebecca H., Anthony N., Ja Vade M., D'Andre M.-J., Christian M., Ejay C., Alyssa L., Ky L., Chinyere A., Nala G., Piranavan S., Mathea B., Michael G., Ryann L., Kaitlyn M., Michael D., Jeevan T., Anthony J.

Our theme for April is Justice. Our quote for the month is, "If you want peace, work for justice."

In March, we recognized student excellence in the academic subject of French. The following students were recognized at our Spirit Assembly:

Joseph T., Valeria M., Justin S., Matthew K., Angelo M., Bien C., Selom H., Paula L., Nicole V., Tim B., A.J. L., Alex P., Stephanie A.

Our academic subject for April is Mathematics.

### Appropriate Dress Code

Several Toronto Catholic elementary schools already have an Appropriate Dress Code in place. The remainder of our schools, including our school, will be implementing this Dress Code by September 2011. The dress code consists of any combination of white and navy blue garments (e.g. plain white top, navy blue bottom or, navy blue top and bottom, no denim). There is a great deal of choice and flexibility available to parents and students with this type of dress code. You will be able to purchase a variety of clothing styles at retailers of your choice. Some dress code options may be decided by our school community. For more information, please contact the Principal or the Chair of CSAC.

### Warm Weather Clothing for Students

With the warmer weather coming, it is a good time to review the appropriate clothing guide for students.

- All shorts and skirts must be fingertip length or longer. Only walking shorts are permitted. If girls are going to be involved in physical activity, pants or shorts are preferable.
- All tops must cover the midriff area when arms are raised overhead.
- All undergarments must remain just that-under.
- Boys may not wear basketball style tops or fishnet jerseys in class.
- No student may wear clothing with images or words that are not suitable for a Catholic school.
- No students are allowed to wear their pants low which is known as low riding
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TCDSB bases all dress codes on Christian modesty and respect. The general idea is to have comfortable clothing appropriate for a Catholic school environment.



The Toronto Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) will be holding elections in each of the Toronto Catholic District School Board's Wards in May 2010!

CPIC is made up of elected parent representatives, working with trustees and TCDSB staff. With a large city such as Toronto, this is a great opportunity for you, to become part of an important committee where parents are vital partners in their child's education. Parent representatives and alternate representatives are elected by their peers from each of the Board's 12 Trustee Wards. Meetings are held up to 6 times a year - a great way to meet new people, parents like you that are an important link between home and school; discuss and identify issues related to parent and community involvement; and contribute directly to board planning consultations and parent leadership initiatives.

If you are interested in joining the Toronto Catholic Parent Involvement Committee, contact your local school principal and CSAC for more information as dates and locations of the meetings will be coming soon! And keep up to date by visiting: [www.tcdsb.org/parents/cpic.htm](http://www.tcdsb.org/parents/cpic.htm)

### Book Fair

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Book Fair which ran in the library from March 2 - March 5. Your support allowed the students to buy books and also allowed the school library to benefit from the book sales. Congratulations to Nathan J., from Miss Trott's class, who won \$25 in free books from the book fair and \$25 in free books for his classroom. A special thanks to Mrs. Shea who organized the book fair and to all of the staff who helped at the book fair.

### Immunization

Help us to maintain current and accurate Immunization Records for your child.

If your child has received any recent immunization, please contact the Public Health Department:

850 Coxwell Avenue  
Toronto, Ontario

Or call in the information to the Public Health Dept. at:

Telephone: (416) 392-1250

Fax: (416) 338-2487

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Moving

We thank you for choosing our Catholic school for your child's spiritual, academic, emotional and physical development. We have dedicated teachers and support staff who make every possible effort to meet the individual needs of our students.

We trust that your children will be returning to continue their Catholic education in September 2010. Our Mission states that, "In a school community formed by Catholic beliefs and traditions, our Mission is to educate students to their full potential".

As we start to plan for the next school year, we look to you for assistance and support. **Please call the school if your child will not be returning in September 2010**

## Free Online Reading Resources

These are child friendly websites that offer online books, games, and activities for families to enjoy.

<http://kidsspace.torontopubliclibrary.ca/>

- Lots of resources, author and book series updates, games, homework help, parent resources, and much much more.

[http://www.tumblebooks.com/library/asp/home\\_tumblebooks.asp](http://www.tumblebooks.com/library/asp/home_tumblebooks.asp)

- Click on storybooks to choose from 100's of picture books that can be read online with pictures and narration.
- Books available in English, French, Spanish, Italian, Chinese, and Russian by clicking on the language learning tab.

<http://www.robertmunsch.com/>

- Author, Robert Munsch, has many great poems and narrated books easily accessible on his website.

<http://www.starfall.com/>

- Great site to access fully animated alphabet letter and sound online activities.

<http://www.storyplace.org/>

- This site has both pre-school and elementary level activities, read aloud books sorted by reading levels, and print out activities.
- Accessible in both English and Spanish

## Hand Washing

Hand washing is the most important way to reduce the spread of germs that can cause illnesses. As parents, you can teach your children when and how to wash their hands properly and be good role models.

We should always wash our hands:

- before and after touching food
- after using the washroom
- after sneezing, coughing or blowing our nose
- after touching pets
- after handling garbage
- after outdoor activities

Steps in proper hand washing:

- wet hands under running water
- add a good amount of soap
- scrub hands well for 15 seconds, front and back and between fingers
- rinse hands well under running water
- dry hands with a clean towel  
(when outside home, turn off taps with paper towel if available)  
(Toronto Public Health Insert)

## Transportation

The Board asks the cooperation of the whole community in its efforts to provide safe and dependable transportation for the more than 30,000 students who use this service each day.

### Your Responsibility as a Parent

- Parents are responsible for their children's safety before they board their school bus, and after they are dropped off in the afternoon.
- While on the bus, students are responsible to the school principal for their conduct. Transportation privileges may be revoked if a student's behavior creates problems, the length of the suspension varying with the severity of the incident. If transportation privileges are revoked it becomes the parent's responsibility to transport the child to and from school for the duration of the suspension.
- Parents are also responsible for transporting their children to and from school in cases of inclement weather or mechanical difficulty.
- If transportation arrangements for your child need to be changed, the Board requires 7 days notice.

### Your Responsibility as a Motorist

- Motorists meeting a school bus with red lights must stop unless on a highway divided by a median strip.
- Motorists overtaking a stopped school bus must stop at least 20 meters before reaching the bus. Motorists may proceed only after the bus resumes motion or the lights have ceased flashing. The law applies everywhere regardless of the posted speed limit.

### Your Responsibility as a Student Waiting for the Bus

- Be at the pickup point on time. Drivers cannot wait for latecomers.
- Do not abuse the privilege of waiting on or near private property for the school bus.
- Wait in a single file well away from the roadway until the driver stops the bus, then board the bus in an orderly fashion.

### On The Bus

- The driver is in charge of the bus and must be obeyed at all times. School patrols should be accorded the same respect
- Sit where the drivers tell you and remain seated for the duration of the trip.
- Be quiet and behave sensibly. Horseplay, fighting, eating, and foul language are forbidden.
- Keep your belongings on your lap or under the seat; aisles must be left clear.
- Don't open a window without the driver's consent, and never lean out the windows.
- Never throw anything inside the bus or out the windows
- Respect the bus equipment. Students will be held responsible for any damages to the vehicle
- Avoid conversation with and distraction of the bus driver while the vehicle is in operation.

### Leaving the Bus

- You may leave the bus only at regular stops.
- If you drop something under the bus, notify the driver; don't try to retrieve it yourself.
- Never cross the road behind a school bus. Cross in front of the bus where the driver can see you.

