

April Virtue—Justice May Virtue—Compassion

LET JUSTICE FLOW
LIKE A STREAM,
AND RIGHTEOUSNESS
LIKE A RIVER THAT
NEVER GOES DRY.

~ AMOS 5:24 ~

- THE FIRST STEP TO ACHIEVING JUSTICE IS TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT AND STAND UP FOR WHAT WE KNOW GOD WANTS.
- LET YOUR ACTIONS BE GUIDED BY THE IDEA THAT EVEN IN THE FACE OF INJUSTICE (DEATH ON THE CROSS) JESUS ALWAYS ACTED WITH DIGNITY.
- EVERYONE WANTS TO BE TREATED FAIRLY; WE NEED TO REMEMBER TO TREAT OTHERS FAIRLY.
- REMEMBER THAT JESUS WAS ALWAYS AN INSTRUMENT OF JUSTICE IN HIS WORK WITH PEOPLE.

JUSTICE



I would like to welcome everyone back from our March break holiday. I hope everyone had a restful, enjoyable and fun-filled time with their families. This time marks the end of second term, the beginning of the third and final term of the school year. For our students, it is time to reflect upon the first two terms and to see what they have achieved and where they need to improve. There still is a lot of time to make a positive change in their learning. Please encourage your children to reflect on their learning, and discuss with them where they have grown, and in what areas they need to work on to improve in their learning. It may be in behaviour towards learning and others, or in a more specific curricular area, like mathematics, or it may simply be to make sure that they finish their homework on time and with care. Where and in what they need to improve in will be different for everyone, but what is important for their growth is the realization that it is up them to make that difference in their learning. Our students need to care and take ownership of their learning. With hard work and with the help of the school in partnership with the parent and parish community they will achieve whatever they set out to do. This growth comes in areas of social/spiritual development, academic development and extra curricular development.

March /April brings us into the Lenten Season where we prepare for Easter. For Lent, Mr. Scully and Mme. Wolk together with Matthew C. and Michelle A. in Grade 8, led the school in prayer for our Lenten promise to pray a decade of the Holy Rosary every Friday just before the lunch hour. Ms. Iannozzi's Grade 5 class worked on a almsgiving project for Lent. They raffled off a jar of gum. All proceeds were donated to the Canadian Cancer Association. They raised \$ 120. In March/April we celebrate the Passion of Christ, His death on the Cross and Resurrection. In March we celebrated the virtue of Forgiveness, in April we celebrate the virtue of Justice and in May we celebrate the virtue of Compassion. The month of May brings us closer to our Holy Mother Mary. The month of May is dedicated to our Holy Mother. What better description could there be of Mother Mary and our own mothers. We are aware of the loving and compassionate nature of our mothers and it is a trait that all are encouraged to strive towards. Compassion and mercy help to create a cycle of kindness that should be our goal every day in life.

The EQAO test for Gr. 3 and 6 and the CAT 4 test for Gr. 2, 5 and 7 will provide a snapshot of how our students are performing. These tests will take place in late May and early June. We are aware of the many different factors that make a student's school journey a success: the May/June testing period is one part of the equation. As always, we would encourage parents to make sure your children are prepared for learning by arriving to school well rested, properly fed and ready to take on new challenges. This holds true not just for testing time, but every day.

And so as we move into the months of April and May, we centre ourselves in several important facts. Struggle and pain often lead to growth and change. Jesus showed us this through His death on the Cross and Resurrection. If we trust in God's plan, then this change can be a positive thing. Every day is a day to make sure your child is prepared to learn. The months of April and May simply put more of a focus on this preparation as we move into the testing months. And compassion, like all of our virtues, is a virtue best experienced and shared. Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers out there, and best wishes to everyone for an excellent three months ahead.

Michael Femia
Principal

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Rob Davis (Trustee) 416-512-3406
Public Health Dept. 416-338-7600
Dental Health Dept. 416-394-8256
Weston Public Library 416-394-1016

Classroom Activities

Cross Country

The running season has arrived! Students from grades 3 to 8 are training hard to prepare for the cross country meets on April 19, April 26 and May 5. Practices are being held Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:50 - 12:20 in the school yard. GO ST. JOHN GO!!

French Public Speaking

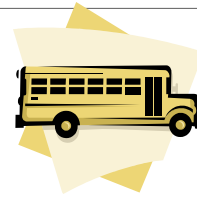
On Wednesday, March 3, 2010, a French Public Speaking Contest was held at the TCDSB Office (C.E.C.). Caroline P. (Gr.6) and Matthew C.(Gr.8) each wrote a speech in French which they presented before a panel of judges. Mme Wolk is pleased to announce that they placed 2nd and 1st respectively in their categories. Matthew C. went on to compete in the City Finals the following week. We thank Shai C. (Gr.6), Michelle A. (Gr.8) and Marianna A. (Gr.8) for accompanying their classmates as well as the parents of Caroline and Matthew for their support. BRAVO!

Black Creek Pioneer Village

The grade 3 students enjoyed a sunny day at the Black Creek Pioneer Village on Friday, March 26. We had a tour of several of the buildings, including the town hall, schoolhouse, doctor's house and the tin-smiths. We saw geese that were used as watch dogs, horses that were used for transportation and sheep that would be sheared for their wool to make clothing. We participated in the new program called Many Hands which included chores that a pioneer child would have participated in during the 1860s. We carved wood, worked a on loom to make cloth, drilled holes with hand powered tools and sewed leather straps for a horse's harness in the workshop. Then we learned how to bake apple cake and oat-meal cookies in a wood fired oven. We made candles by dipping a wick in hot melted wax and learned to card wool that would be made into yarn. We did homework on slate boards and wrote our names with a goose feather quill and a bottle of ink. It was a wonderful trip that felt as if we had travelled back in time. Now we understand better what a pioneers life would be and some of us even wished we could stay in those times!

STUDENT SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

Parents are asked to call the school at 416-393-5244, press 1 and leave a message if your child(ren) is going to be LATE or ABSENT from school. Clearly state the date, your child's name, their grade and the reason for the absence. Our school bell rings at 8:45 a.m. to start the day. Morning recess is from 10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Kindergarten dismissal is at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Afternoon recess is from 2:30-2:45 p.m. and the end of day bell is at 3:45 p.m.



April Newsletter

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



March Virtue Students

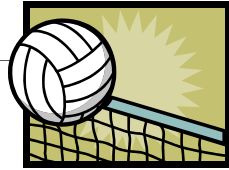
- Carter Arteaga
- Stefania Misogianis
- Edric Porter
- Lucas Calcano
- Maximiliano Drummond-Canas
- Eddie Rojas
- Andy Black
- Kathleen De Souza
- Marco Critch
- Angelo De Nichilo
- Nimat Ajeigbe
- Gabriela Bajana Coronel
- Jennifer Ponte
- Olaya Sibello Valdivia
- Magy Jaupaj
- Renesha Smith
- Jasmin Amalathanan
- Sebastian Olivos
- Joshua Alexander
- Stefano Russo
- Evans Ofori-Amanfo
- Kimberly Moreno
- Mary Ann Vo

Volleyball

Congratulations to the boys and girl's volleyball teams who both placed 2nd against St. Benedict. Great Job!

Girls Team: Alondra M., Alyssa L., Janyssa S., Esi A., Ebony B., Kimberly, Jasmin, Yanina, Victoria F., Rocio, Shai, Nancy

Boys Team: Michael S., Joshua M., Chinedu O., Jason A., Francisco, Andrew, Agustin, Christian, Matthew, Nelson, Nathan, Joshua A., Jahrome



Birthday Treats

Parents please make note that you are **NOT** to provide any snacks or foods to celebrate your child's birthday at school. Although we understand that you are being generous, we have many students that have allergies to a variety of snacks and foods. Thus, we need to take every precaution to avoid an anaphylactic reaction. We want to keep our kids safe.

Catholic School Advisory Council

Let us start by thanking all the families who have supported St. John the Evangelist's Kernels popcorn fundraiser, your efforts will allow us to host many school activities. By now most of you will have received the product, and we hope you are enjoying it. Our fundraiser director (Mr. Russo) has been hard at work with all the figures, packaging and money. A huge thanks to you, too.

As the end of the school year approaches, we will be hosting many activities such as Confirmation and First Communion Reception, School graduation, amongst others. We would like to ask any parent who has some free time to come and lend us a hand or two. Remember many hands make light work.

We will like to welcome you all to the next CSAC meeting, which will be taking place on Monday, April 19th at 6:00 pm in the Staff room on the second floor. Please do not hesitate to contact us, our e-mail is: csac.stjohntheevangelist@tcdsb.org, or you can also leave a message at the school's Office and it will be forwarded to the appropriate person.



Gotcha's

February

Primary

Nicholas Campbell/ David Acosta

Junior

Jonathan Quintain

Intermediate

Marcello Barbieri

March

Primary

Alexandrea Bennett

Tatiana McDonald

Junior

Joshua Gittens

Intermediate

Robert Berardo

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| 12. Paul John Crawford | 416-512-3411 |
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| Student Trustee | 416-512-3412 |

Threats to School Safety

Response Procedures

The Toronto Catholic District School Board has a primary responsibility to ensure the safety of students and staff inside Board buildings and on Board property.

Central administrative policies and procedures provide direct support to school principals and vice-principals in the management of a crisis situation. These supports have been developed through community consultation and through collaboration with the Toronto Police Service.

Shelter in Place, Hold and Secure and **Lockdown** represent the three different responses that may be initiated by a school principal in the event of a threat to school safety.

Shelter in Place - Possible Environmental Danger in the School Neighbourhood

A **Shelter in Place** response is generally initiated by the Toronto Police Service or other agencies, including Toronto Fire Services, having jurisdiction over the incident. The threat poses no immediate danger to students or staff unless they leave the building.

Hold and Secure - Possible Danger in the School Neighbourhood

A **Hold and Secure** response is initiated when the threat is proximate to, but not inside the building. The threat poses no immediate danger to students or staff unless they leave the building.

Lockdown - Danger on the School Site

A **Lockdown** response is initiated when imminent danger is present on the school site and the safety of students and staff is threatened.

In order for all students and staff to become familiar with expectations during a threat to school safety, our school will be practising threat response procedures as we have normally done with fire drills. During these drills, signs will be posted on the entrance doors indicating that the school is in **Shelter in Place, Hold and Secure** or **Lockdown**. The doors **may** be locked and no one will be allowed to enter or exit the school.

Should a real threat to school safety procedure be initiated, the school will inform parents of the event that led to the particular response by letter or phone out system. Any questions about procedures should be directed to the School Administration.

St. John the Evangelist School will be having a **PRACTICE LOCKDOWN DRILL ON TUESDAY, April 20, 2010** in the afternoon.