



St. Rene Goupil Catholic School News

NOVEMBER 2017

Virtue of the Month: PEACEMAKING

During the month of November St. Rene Goupil will be focusing on the virtue of PEACE. The scripture passage that guides us this month is *"Peace I leave to you, my peace I give to you"* John 14:27. As we celebrate the Year of the Parish, we connect the virtue of peace to the Sign of Peace at mass. Each time we gather for Eucharist we are invited to extend a sign of peace to those around us, our family, friends, neighbors and strangers. Catholic social teaching reminds us that we are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, religious, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict. What can you do to be a peacemaker in your family, your class, our school, our city and the world?



WHY WE WEAR A POPPY?

Each November, Poppies blossom on the lapels and collars of over half of Canada's entire population. Since 1921, the Poppy has stood as a symbol of Remembrance, our visual pledge to never forget all those Canadians who have fallen in war and military operations. The Poppy also stands internationally as a "symbol of collective reminiscence", as other countries have also adopted its image to honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Just prior to the First World War, few Poppies grew in Flanders. During the tremendous bombardments of that war, the chalk soils became rich in lime from rubble, allowing poppies to thrive. When the war ended, the lime was quickly absorbed and the poppy began to disappear again.

The person who was responsible more than any other for the adoption of the Poppy as a symbol of Remembrance in Canada and the Commonwealth was Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae, a Canadian Medical Officer during the First World War

Important Upcoming Dates in November:

- 1st Mass in the gym @1PM**
- 2nd Photo Retake Day @ 1PM**
- 9th First Nations Pow Wow – Gr. 3/4 trip**
- 10th Remembrance Day assembly - AM**
- 13th Progress Reports go home**
- 15th Parent Teacher Interviews – 5:30 – 8:30 pm**
- 16th Parent Teacher Interviews – 5:30 – 8:30 pm**
- 17th P.A. Day - No School**
- 24th Little Red Theatre presentation @ 1PM**

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School Hours of Operation
9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Lunch Hour
11:45- 12:45PM

Recesses
10:42-10:57AM
2:10-2:25PM



St. Rene Goupil
VIRTUE AWARD
RECIPIENTS for OCTOBER

Eden Guo
Clement Lee
Maia Murakami
Destiny Lee
Jeshi Cater
Peter Liu
Navaeh Brown



SWIM TO SURVIVE

Our grade 3/4 students in Ms. Kinoshita's class will be beginning the Swim to Survive program. This is a free program provided to all grade 4 students in all of Ontario. This program runs for 3 weeks every Tuesday starting November 28, December 5, and 12, 2017. Students will be bused to and from the swimming pool.

NUTRITION PROGRAM UPDATE



We are still trying to hire a new nutrition coordinator. If you are interested or know anyone who is interested please have them contact the school and speak with Mr. Pasia

Cross Country



CONGRATULATIONS to all the students who participated in Cross Country on October 11th and 18th 2017 at Morningside Park. Everyone ran great races! A special thank you goes out to all the teachers who supervised and helped train these young athletes.

CITY CROSS COUNTRY



On Tuesday, October 24, 2017. Stanley Lee represented St. Rene Goupil at the city country meet at Earl Bales Park. Thanks to Mrs. Cheung and Joshua Lao, (Stanley's classmate) who came out to watch and support him.



Intermediate Girls' and Boys' Volleyball

Our intermediate girls and boys volleyball teams will be competing in their divisional tournaments on November 7 for the boys and November 9 for the girls.

ANTI-BULLYING MONTH

November kicks off Anti- Bullying Month. St. Rene Goupil's 'Caught You Caring' campaign starts up again. Staff members will be able to write students names down on a slip of paper in the office and place them in the "Caught You Caring" basket if they witness students shows acts of kindness towards other students and staff.

Dance a thon

Thank you to all students for collecting over **\$1000** for our dance a thon. All monies collected will be going towards our December Advent lunch as well to pay for buses for the Swim to Survive program and other assembly presentations. Thank you as well to you, the parents and of course Ms. Shaloufe-Sanchez. Great Job!!!!





Monthly Update from the Board November 2017

November's Virtue is Peacemaking

Find all the monthly resources associated with our virtues of the month online

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/VirtueoftheMonth/Pages/Default.aspx>

Congregated Elementary Gifted Program

The Toronto Catholic District School Board offers Full Time/Congregated Elementary Gifted Programs for students in Grades 6 to 8 who have an exceptionality of Giftedness. These programs are integrated into the regular school community. Important aspects of the program are curriculum extensions in depth, breadth and pace, daily continuity of programming, collaboration with like-minded peers and leadership opportunities. A Parent Information evening will be held for parents/guardians interested in exploring a full time elementary Gifted Program for their child with the exceptionality of Giftedness. The Parent Information evening will take place at St. Edward School, 1 Botham Rd., on November 23, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

School Cash Online

We are now in Phase 2 of implementing the School Cash Online Payment system to all TCDSB schools. This new cashless system option offers parents the convenience of paying online for school activities and purchases from the convenience of their own home. School Cash Online will be an efficient payment alternative for families, however participation in the application is voluntary. Schools will continue to accept traditional methods of payment. For more information, please visit the School Cash Online website at <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/schoolcashonline/Pages/default.aspx>

The 2017-2018 TCDSB Awards Season has begun!

Nominations are now open for the following TCDSB Alumni Award, Award of Merit and Friends of Catholic Education Award which will be presented at Awards Night on May 7, 2018.

Deadline: third Friday in January (January 20).

- TCDSB Alumni Award: Open to TCDSB alumni who are still active in the Catholic community and who have distinguished themselves in their career or accomplishments.
- TCDSB Award of Merit: Open to former staff, parents and trustees who have made outstanding contributions to the TCDSB and to Catholic education (can only be considered for award after a three-year period has passed since departure from the TCDSB)
- Friends of Catholic Education Award: Open to members of the general public (individuals or organizations) who have accomplished extraordinary service to Catholic Education but who may not be Catholic.

For nomination forms and information, visit:

www.tcdsb.org/awardsnight

Prime Minister's Awards: Recognizing Excellence in Education

Do you know an amazing teacher or early childhood educator? Consider nominating them for a Prime Minister's Award.

- Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence and Teaching Excellence in STEM
The Teaching Excellence in STEM Awards honour outstanding Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics teachers that help develop the culture of innovation Canada needs today, and in the future. Nominate a teacher today! Nominations accepted until January 12, 2018.
- Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Early Childhood Education
The Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Early Childhood Education honour ECEs for their leadership, exemplary early childhood education practices, and their commitment to help build the foundation children need to make the best possible start in life. Nominate an educator today! Nominations accepted until January 12, 2018.

TCDSB Young Disciples Ignite Day

As we continue to celebrate the Year of the School, the Nurturing our Catholic Community Team invites grade 6 students and teachers, parish priests/youth ministers and parent councils to TCDSB's Young Disciples' Ignite Day. This free rally for Grade 6 students is designed to ignite their faith and inspire acts of service in their respective school communities.

Through a teaching Mass, community building activities, music, and guest speakers, students will be invited to embrace the mission of discipleship and continue to promote acts of faith in collaboration with school communities, families and parishes.

Dates and locations are as follows:

- Tuesday November 28th 2017 @ Blessed Cardinal Newman (auditorium) - 9:30-2:15 pm
 - Thursday November 30th, 2017 @ Bishop Marrocco/Thomas Merton (auditorium) - 9:30-2:15 pm
- <https://www.tcdsb.org/schools/bishopmarroccothomasmerton/news/20172018/pages/youngdisciples.aspx>

Angel Foundation for Learning Evening to Feed the Soul Gala

November 10th

For details and ticket information:

<https://www.aflgala.org/>

Help feed hungry children, and support a variety of opportunities for students who need assistance.



Other Dates to Note:

- November 1—Take Your Kid To Work Day
- November 1—All Saints Day
- November 2—All Souls Day
- November 6-10—Treaties Recognition Week
- November 6-10—Holocaust Education Week
- November 11—Remembrance Day (Schools to commemorate on Friday, November 10th)
- November 19—World Day of Poor
- November 25—Christ the King Rally and Youth Conference
- November 27—TCDSB Caucus Meeting
- December 3—Advent Begins

Visit www.tcdsb.org to get more information about any of these events and remember to subscribe to ENews to receive regular updates via email

<https://www.tcdsb.org/News/eNews/Pages/default.aspx>

And/or follow @TCDSB on Twitter to get all the latest news and information

Don't Forget to Turn Your Clocks Back!

Weekend of November 4-5, 2017. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep!



Toy store



This coming December will be have our first toy store fundraiser. We are asking all parents to donate any toys that your children no longer play with. We will then sell these toys back to the students. The cost of the toys will range from \$1.00 to \$4.00. All monies collected will be used towards your children. The toy store will be set up in the library and students will get a chance to buy a toy for themselves or as a gift for a friend or sibling. The toy store sale will take place on Wednesday, December 13, 2017. You can start donating your toys now! Thank you in advance.



Save the date:

→ Monday, December 11, 2017

Christmas concert in the evening

→ Tuesday, December 5, 2017 @ 11:45AM

Advent lunch – Volunteers needed