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April/May 2020

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8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

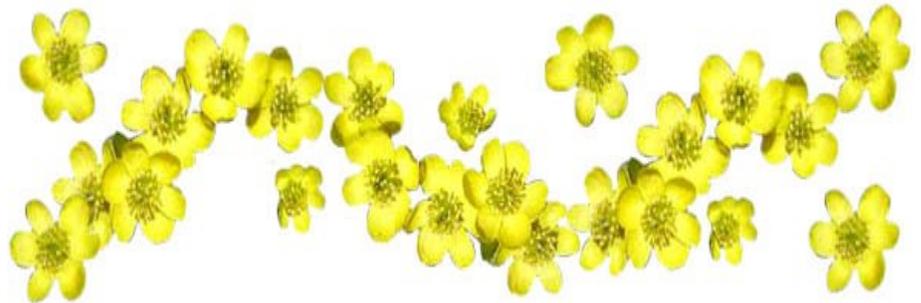
Outdoor supervision begins at 8:00

Morning Recess: 10:12 a.m.

Lunch Hour: 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Afternoon Recess: 1:40 p.m.

After school supervision ends 3:15



When we said goodbye at March Break, little did we think that would be apart this long or that we would be living in such unprecedented times! I hope that everyone is safe and healthy and keeping your distance. These are challenging times and truly short term pain will bring long term health for all of us.

Being home together full time, coping with job demands, children at home, distance learning, more tv and online time, upset schedules are just some of the challenges we thought would end with March Break and the return to school and regular routines. Seven weeks later and we are all getting a little tired of the whole situation! Let's take a moment to consider: Did you ever think you would have so much quality times with your children at this age in their lives? Enjoy this time and use it wisely— learn together, exercise together, laugh together, play together. When you look back on this time, how will you and your family remember it?

On a personal note, we miss you all terribly! Distance learning is just not the same for all of us. We miss seeing our colleagues, our families, but most importantly—our students. We miss the conversations, the laughter, - and yes, even the silliness at times. So please, stay safe, stay healthy and keep your distance. This, too, shall pass.

The Staff at Annunciation

CELEBRATION OF FAITH

VIRTUES OF THE MONTH

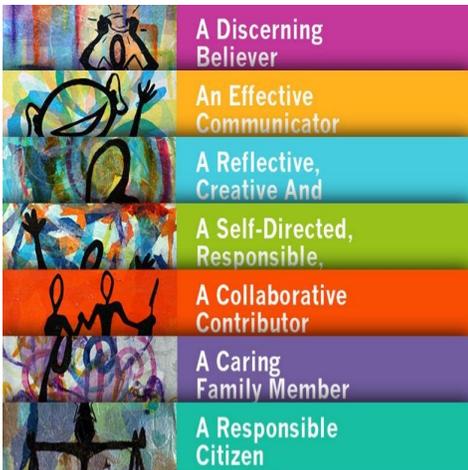
APRIL: JUSTICE

In April, with its celebration of Easter, we celebrate the virtue of **JUSTICE**. At this time, we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus who is the Just One, who died for the sake of the unjust, that He might lead people back to God. But justice is also an important part of Catholic teaching beyond Christ's Death and Resurrection. The need to be just comes from the obligation to respect the dignity of every human person. This dignity comes from being created in God's image. Failing to respect human dignity, including failing to be just, is a failure to respect the image of God in others. "Let justice flow like a stream, and righteousness like a river that never goes dry." - Amos 5:24,

MAY: COMPASSION In May we consider the virtue of **COMPASSION**. In John's Gospel, "Jesus saw her weeping...his heart was touched, and he was deeply moved." John 11:33. True compassion is not always easy to practice. In these challenging times, we are called upon to be compassionate and to take care of each other. Let our words and actions be guided by Colossians, "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience" (Colossians 3:12)

ONTARIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATE EXPECTATIONS

The Catholic Graduate Expectations describe the vision of a Catholic learner. The life roles, knowledge, skills and attitudes outlined in our Catholic Graduate Expectations describe the distinctive expectations that the Catholic community has for graduates of Catholic schools.



These Expectations describe:

A **discerning believer** formed in the Catholic Faith community who celebrates the signs and sacred mystery of God's presence through word, sacrament, prayer, forgiveness, reflection and moral living. An **effective communicator** who speaks, writes and listens honestly and sensitively, responding critically in light of gospel values. A **reflective, creative and holistic thinker** who solves problems and makes responsible decisions with an informed moral conscience for the common good. A **self-directed, responsible, lifelong learner** who develops and demonstrates their God-given potential. A **collaborative contributor** who finds meaning, dignity and vocation in work which respects the rights of all and contributes to the common good. A **caring family member** who attends to family, school, parish and the wider community. A **responsible citizen** who gives witness to Catholic social teaching by promoting peace, justice and the sacredness of human life.

TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2019 - 2020

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Important Dates

May 4-8 :Catholic Education Week and Mental Health Week.

May 10: Mother's Day

May 18: Victoria Day

May 31: Pentecost

Catholic Education Week Igniting Hope



Activities of Hope for Students & Families Each day, we can do simple activities, individually or as a family, to act on the hope that dwells within us. These are suggestions for simple activities to reinforce hope for ourselves and others.

Create a fancy message of hope in chalk on your driveway or sidewalk for passerby to read, or create a poster to put in a window.

Write a postcard or note of thanks for frontline healthcare workers and drop this in the mailbox for a local hospital.

Bake cookies and deliver them to your neighbourhood grocery store for workers to share.

Make cards or draw pictures for seniors in your community.

Music makes us happy. Create a playlist of happy music. Play this in your backyard, or if you are able, send it to a family member who you miss.

Make a video or recording, singing a favourite hymn. Send this to your parish priest. He needs support at this time.

Look in your bible or go online to make a list of psalms that give hope.

Write an acrostic poem about HOPE... H is for Happiness, O is for Ongoing, P is for ... etc.

Write words of hope on index cards or paper and hang them from a tree in your yard for others to read.

Go for a walk past your local parish. Stop in front of your church and say a prayer for your faith community.

Look through a newspaper for stories of hope and talk about the stories.

Put messages of hope on social media.

Plant some seeds in the ground. When they bloom, they will give hope.

Phone your grandparents and tell them you love them.

Offer a hug to a family member in your house.

Source: Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association <https://www.ocsta.on.ca>

Mental Health Week

For great resources and things to do, see:

<https://mentalhealthweek.ca>



Monthly Update from the Board

May 2020

Important Information for Parents

COVID-19

Stay up to date with all the latest news and information: <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/HealthandSafety/Pages/CoronavirusInfo.aspx>

[Frequently asked questions](#) regarding school closures.

Curriculum-linked resources for each grade are available on the TCDSB Learning Resources page <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/LearningatHome/Pages/Default.aspx>.

International Languages Elementary (ILE) After-Hours Program

Register online for the fall program

SHARE YOUR VOICE. GROW TOGETHER.

Beginning May 19th, parents must register online at www.tcdsb.org/intlang to secure a place for their child.

Playground Reserve Application: Deadline Extended to May 22, 2020

The Playground Reserve is an internal reserve fund made available to schools in each Ward when there is an in-year operating budget surplus for ground improvements. The Playground Reserve will allocate \$100,000.00 of funding per ward. For 2020 only, an additional \$300,000.00 from the Student Equity Reserve will be distributed based on Ward socio-economic data.

[Click here for more information](#)

Event Cancellations

A number of planned events such as the TCDSB Swim Invitational have been cancelled, or will be taking place in some sort of virtual manner. Visit our website for details: <https://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2020/Pages/EventsCancelled.aspx>

Opportunities and Information for Students

Student Mental Health & Well-Being: April Newsletter

This special COVID-19 edition from the Mental Health Department has resources and information for Students, Parents, and Teachers - including tips on ways to connect & calm the body & mind.

[Click here to access the April Student Mental Health & Well-Being Newsletter.](#)

Catherine Temple Mathematics Award

Deadline: May 8, 2020

The Catherine Temple Mathematics Award of \$4,000 is presented annually to an eligible female student graduating from a TCDSB secondary school to encourage and support the pursuit of studies in mathematics or a mathematics-related field at a Canadian post-secondary institution.

[Click here for more information and an application form.](#)

Canadian Hearing Society National Scholarship Program

This scholarship is available to Deaf and hard of hearing Canadian residents, 17 years of age or older attending an accredited post-secondary educational institution. Scholarship awards are \$3,000 a year for full-time students and \$1,000 a year for part-time students.

The deadline is May 20, 2020 at 4 p.m.

Apply today at chs.ca/scholarships

The University of Toronto Department of Philosophy presents The Aristotle Contest

A high school philosophy essay contest recognizing the finest philosophical work by current Canadian high school students. First Prize: \$500. **Deadline for submissions: May 25, 2020**

For details on eligibility, submission guidelines, and prizes, please visit uoft.me/aristotle-contest.

DMZ Basecamp for High School Students Interested in Entrepreneurship

Calling all high school and university students!

Are you a high school or university student who is looking to take part in a summer program that introduces you to the world of entrepreneurship and technology? If so, you should apply to our 8-week summer Basecamp program to work on innovative ideas that are solving important problems. All workshops, mentor meetings and program activities will be hosted via video link.

For full details and to apply visit: dmz.to/basecamp. For info: Blake at bfarquharson@ryerson.ca.

Nurturing our Catholic Community

The Virtue of the Month for May – Compassion

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

Catholic Education Week 2020

Igniting Hope/Allumer la flamme de l'espérance
May 4-8, 2020

<https://www.tcdsb.org/catholiceducationweek>

May 6—Mass for Catholic Education Week <https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/catholiceducationweek/pages/catholiceducationweekmass.aspx>

TCDSB Celebrates Respect for Life Week

May 16-20, 2020

As a Catholic community, every week is Respect for Life Week as we work together to nurture and empower our students and one another to stand up for those who are most vulnerable: the unborn, the elderly, the sick, those with mental health issues, those who suffer poverty, injustice, violence, abuse and who are marginalized in other ways. All life is sacred, and we are called to serve and to love one another.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/RespectForLifeWeek>

General News and Information

Angel Foundation for Learning Response to COVID-19

More than 30 per cent of Toronto families live on less than \$20,000 a year. Many of these are those earning minimum hourly-wage or in precarious jobs that have lost employment over the past weeks due to COVID-19 emergency measures and closures. Together, the TCDSB community can help families who are struggling to access basic needs such as food, shelter and other life necessities.

[Click here to learn how AFL is reaching out to families and donate if you can](#)

May Events and Observances

May is Asian Canadian Heritage Month

This month acknowledges the long and rich history of Asian Canadians and their contributions to Canada. It also provides an opportunity for Canadians across the country to reflect on and celebrate the contributions of Asian Canadians to the growth and prosperity of Canada. <https://www.tcdsb.org/AsianCanadianHeritage>

May is Speech, Language and Hearing Month

<https://www.tcdsb.org/SpeechLanguageHearingMnth>

May is Polish Canadian Heritage Month

On April 2, 2020, the TCDSB Board of Trustees officially proclaimed May 3rd as Polish Heritage Day and May as Polish Heritage Month. The TCDSB is proud to recognize the substantial historic contributions made by the Polish community to the academic, social, cultural, and economic fabric of our Board. For Polish Heritage resources visit <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/polish-canadian-heritage/Pages/Default.aspx>

May 1 World Principals' Day

May 3: World Day of Prayer for Vocations http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/vocations/documents/papa-francesco_20200308_57-messaggio-giornata-mondiale-vocazioni.html

May 4 – 10: CMHA Mental Health Week <https://mentalhealthweek.ca>

May 10: Mother's Day

May 15: UN International Day of Families <https://www.un.org/en/events/familyday/>

May 18 Victoria Day

May 24: TCDSB Brain Cancer Awareness Grey Day

<https://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2019/Pages/GreyDay.aspx>

May Meetings

Due to the closure, board meetings will be held remotely with access to see the meeting through the normal live webcast on the Board website.

- Regular Board Meeting - **May 7**
- CPIC- **May 11**
- SEAC - **May 20**
- Regular Board Meeting - **May 21**

Regular Board Meeting - **May 28**

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