

February 2018

## School News



### Annunciation Catholic School

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Enrollment: 341

Hours of Operation  
Mon. – Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Lunch Hour  
11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.



### The Virtue for February is Love

The virtue for the month of February is love.

#### **1 Corinthians 13:1-3**

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

### Shrove Tuesday February 13

Shrove Tuesday takes place on Tuesday, February 13.

### Lent Begins Ash Wednesday February 14

Please remember that the season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14.

### All School Visitors to Report to the School Office

Please be reminded that for maintaining security of our building and the safety of our children, all visitors are to report to the school office upon arrival. Mrs. Andrade, our school secretary, can assist visitors with their inquiries.

### Before and After School Surveys

In recent years families at Annunciation have expressed interest in a **Before and After School** child care program.

The Child Care Survey provided by the TCDSB is the first step in determining whether we have enough interest in our school community to host our own child care program. This program would be facilitated by the TCDSB. In order for consideration, TCDSB require 25 positive survey results for Before and After School care for school aged children (grades 1 to 6), and 20 positive survey results for JK/SK students.

We kindly request that you complete the survey and select **Option #1 – BOTH Before and After School care**. By selecting this option we are more likely to achieve the required results, encouraging the Board to move forward with the next step in their process. Please note that you will not be obligated to register for this service.

If you complete the survey, please send an email to

[annunciationchildcare@gmail.com](mailto:annunciationchildcare@gmail.com),

including your name, and the number of child care spaces that you would require. This information will help us to confirm the collective need for child care within our community. Thank you,  
Annunciation School Child Care Committee

### CSPC Parent Council

Our Parent Council (CSPC) invites all parents to join us at our next **CSPC meeting**. Our meetings start at **7:00 pm** and take place in the school library.

**The next meeting is Tuesday,  
February 27.**

## Snack Program For February

Thank you to our volunteers for the time, effort, and dedication to the snack program. **The snack program is planned to take place every morning in February** with the exception of February 6, 14, and 15.

Thank you to our snack program volunteers! You are modeling and teaching our students the great teaching of service to others.

**“Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”** Mark 9:35

## Happy Valentine’s Day Sunday, February 14

### Family Day, Monday February 19th

Remember that school is closed on Family Day. Enjoy your day!

### Appropriate Dress Uniform

Remember that students are to wear navy and white, or navy and navy clothing. Jeans and other none uniform clothing and colours are only to be worn on dress down days.

**Extra clothing layers should be uniform colours.**

### Pizza Lunch & Dress Down Day in February

*Friday, February 23* will be Pizza Lunch and Dress Down day for students.

## Kindergarten Registration

Full day kindergarten registration for kindergarten age students (Junior Kindergarten born in 2014; Senior Kindergarten born in 2013) continues at Annunciation Catholic School. We have two full day Kindergarten classes for September 2018. Please note that kindergarten age students who live within the Annunciation Catholic School boundaries will receive first consideration for registration to the full day kindergarten program.

**Please use the SOAR online application to register your child,**

**<http://soar.tcdsb.org>**

## Extended Hours Kindergarten Registration

There will be **extended hours for Kindergarten registration on Wednesday, February 7.** The office will be open from **4 to 7 p.m. for kindergarten registration assistance.**

Alternatively, please call Mrs. Andrade, our school secretary, at 416-393-5299 with questions you may have about registering your child at Annunciation Catholic School.

## Student Drop Off/Pick Up

### Safety Reminder

**Students should always exit/enter a vehicle on the vehicle side where there is no traffic movement.**

### TRUSTEES 2017 – 2018

#### Wards

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|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Joseph Martino   | 5. Maria Rizzo, Vice Chair | 9. Jo-Ann Davis              |
| 2. Ann Andrachuk    | 6. Frank D’Amico           | 10. Barbara Poplawski, Chair |
| 3. Sal Piccininni   | 7. Michael Del Grande      | 11. Angela Kennedy           |
| 4. Patrizia Bottoni | 8. Garry Tanuan            | 12. Nancy Crawford           |

Rhea Carlisle, Student Trustee      Joel Ndongmi, Student Trustee



## Report Cards

Report cards will be sent home on  
**Monday, February 12.**

## Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent-teacher interviews are scheduled to take place on two evenings (not Ash Wednesday):

**Tuesday, February 13, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, February 15, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

Each interview is scheduled for ten minutes. If more time is necessary another appointment time can be arranged with the teacher at a mutually agreed upon time.

## PA Day Friday, February 16

Parent-Teacher interviews

## Homework Help for Students

The new school term begins in February. For students needing help with math homework, online support is available after school. Certified teachers are available to respond to specific questions or broad concepts in mathematics. Visit the Homework Help website for more information: <https://homeworkhelp.ilc.org/>

**Live tutoring hours:**

**Sunday to Thursday 5:30pm to 9:30pm**

## English Second Language (ESL) On Line Document

For the tech savvy family that wishes to investigate learning suggestions for their children, there is an on line ESL document that can be viewed at the following website address.

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/abc123/eng/tips/>

This website link provides parents with on line guides to helping their child with reading, writing, homework, math, communication with teachers, etc.

Additionally, the on line documents are available to read in various languages.

## Outside Agency Materials

*From time to time, the school will send home information from non-profit and for-profit organizations. We remind parents and guardians to exercise caution any time they participate in or enrol their child in an outside organization's event after school hours. The school and the TCDSB are not liable for the quality of service these organizations provide or for the safety of the participants. We forward this information to keep our parent community informed of the wide variety of opportunities available within our local community.*

## Cold Alerts and Weather-Related Cancellations/Closures

Throughout the winter months, Twitter and the board website are the best sources of information relating to cold weather alerts, cancellations and closures. Get all the information here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/HealthandSafety/Pages/Cold-Weather-Alerts.aspx>


and here

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/HealthandSafety/Pages/Weather-Related-Safety-Concerns.aspx>

And remember to check the Toronto Student Transportation Group website for any school bus delays throughout the year. <http://www.torontoschoolbus.org/>

## Don't Miss Out On Any News and Information

Follow the Board on Twitter @tcdsb

- Twitter Updates—Look for the Twitter icon  on the board's website to sign up.
- Updates will be posted on the Board's 24-hour telephone information line, 416-222-8282, extension 2873.

## Never Miss Out on Important Information

- Visit [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org) for regular updates.
- Subscribe to E-news, and receive news and information sent right to your email.

<https://web1.tcdsb.org/InterestSubscription/subscription.aspx>

## Winter Walk Day 2018

Winter Walk Day will be taking place this year on Wednesday, February 7, 2018. Winter Walk Day is an opportunity for all of us—students, staff, families—to focus on improved health and well-being, active lifestyles and building safer communities for everyone.

Visit the site below to register or for more information:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/environment/transport/Pages/Winter-Walk-Day.aspx>



# Monthly Update from the Board

## February 2018

**Registration for Kindergarten, French Immersion, Extended French and Night School** as well as eClass continues during February. Visit the Board's website for information [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org)

### Director's Annual Report 2016-2017

Check out some of the highlights of the past school year in the newly published edition of the Director's Annual Report. <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BoardAdministration/DirectorofEducation/Pages/directors-annual-report-2016-2017.aspx>

### Audited Financial Statements 2016-2017

The audited financial statements for the past school year are available online:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BudgetandFinance/Documents/Toronto%20Catholic%20DSB%20-%20Audited%20Stmnt%2016-17.pdf>

### February is...

- **African Canadian Heritage Month**  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/AfricanCanadianHeritage/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Psychology Month**  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/specialeducation/psychology/psychologymonth/Pages/Psychology-Month.aspx>
- **National Inclusive Education Month**  
Learn more about the TCDSB's Catholic Equity and Inclusive Education Policy:  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/Policies/Pages/hm24.aspx>
- **TCDSB Energy Conservation Month: 4 Days - 4 Themes - One Month:**  
Join the TCDSB each Friday in February to save on energy:  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/environment/energymonth/Pages/default.aspx>
  - National Sweater Day - February 2, 2018
  - Flip the Switch Friday – February 9, 2018
  - Phantom Friday - February 16, 2018
  - Energy Education Day - Friday, February 23, 2018

### Province Announces Funding for New Childcare Spaces

In December 2017, the Province of Ontario announced funding for the expansion of childcare programs with the addition of more than 400 childcare rooms in approximately 200 schools across the province. TCDSB will see an additional 14 childcare centres in its schools across the city including: Father Serra, Blessed Pope Paul VI, Pope Francis, Santa Maria, St. Andre, St. Barnabas, St. Bernard, St. Dominic Savio, St. Edmund Campion, St. Gerald, St. Jean de Brebeuf, St. Jude, St. Kevin and St. Nicholas of Bari.

### Angel Foundation For Learning

Some of our dearest friendships are rooted in our childhood years from discovering the world and new experiences together. Through our [School Allocations Program](#) the [The Angel Foundation for Learning](#) attempts to make sure that ALL students are able to participate in school trips to build friendships, spark their imaginations, and create memories. Support us in this work by participating in our [Cents Off](#), coming out to play at our events or [donating directly](#).

### Opportunities/Information for Students

- **Toronto Star and Toronto Public Library Annual Short Story Contest**  
The 2018 Short Story Contest is open to anyone 16 years of age or older who lives in Ontario. The annual contest is co-sponsored by the Toronto Public Library and the Humber School for Writers. Entrants can write on any topic they want. Stories must be original, previously unpublished and no longer than 2,500 words. Entries are limited to one per person. There is no fee to enter the contest. All submissions must be received by 5 p.m., Wednesday, February 28, 2018. Details:  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/ShortStoryContest.aspx>

- **18th Chinese Arts and Literary Contest for Youth (CALCY)**  
*Open to all Ontario students from junior Kindergarten to Grade 12*  
Recital, Choral Speaking, Parent-Child recital, Solo Singing, Story Telling, Calligraphy, General Knowledge Quiz  
Download a registration form from the [18th Chinese Arts and Literary Contest for Youth website](#) and mail to: CALCY, Box 107, A14-4261 Hwy 7 East, Unionville, Ontario L3R 9W6  
Inquiry and Downloads [www.calcy.ca](http://www.calcy.ca)  
Registration Deadline February 23, 2018  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/Chinese-Arts-and-Literary-Contest.aspx>
- **Information about Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries**  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/AwardsScholarshipsBursariesContests/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Ontario Making OSAP Application Process Easier for Students**  
Ontario is making it easier for students receiving OSAP to plan, budget and pay for their college or university education. For the first time, students applying to college or university who have applied for OSAP can now go online to see the estimated tuition costs for each of the programs they have applied to and the estimated amount that will be covered by OSAP.

For other opportunities for students including community service hours, employment, training and contests, see <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/default.aspx>

## TCDSB Awards Night is May 7, 2018

Nominate a student or staff member for our annual awards.

Deadline for each award: Third Friday in February.

- [Sister Mary Hamilton Award for Exceptional Students](#)
- [Ashif Jaffer Award for Excellence in Special Education Support](#)
- [The Father Andrew Cuschieri Award](#)

## February's Virtue is Love

Please visit our website for the monthly resources connected to the virtue of the month.

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

## Other Event Notices:

- **ShareLife Week March 18-24, 2018**  
**Board Wide ShareLife Civvies Day is Friday, March 23, 2018**  
The money raised through the annual ShareLife campaign supports Catholic charities in Toronto, across Canada and overseas. Many of these charities are very familiar to TCDSB students, staff and families, including Covenant House, Rosalie Hall, Providence Healthcare, the Office of Refugees and the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. More information about ShareLife and the agencies it support can be found here: <http://www.sharelife.org/Public/ShareLife-List-of-Agencies>
- **Lift Jesus Higher Rally March 3, 2018**  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/News/2017-2018/Pages/lift-jesus-higher.aspx>
- **February 2: World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life**
- **February 13: Shrove Tuesday**
- **February 14: St. Valentine's Day** <https://www.archtoronto.org/Blog/Lists/Posts/Post.aspx?ID=95>
- **February 14: Ash Wednesday; Lent Begins**  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Lent-and-Easter-Resources.aspx>
- **February 16: Lunar New Year**
- **February 16: Board-wide PA Day**
- **February 19: Family Day**



FEBRUARY IS PSYCHOLOGY MONTH

13<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Mary Anne McCarty-Mayor Memorial Psychology Symposium



## Presentation for Parents and Educators



# HELP YOUR CHILD (AND YOURSELF) FLOURISH: HOW TO REDUCE STRESS AND ANXIETY AND ACHIEVE MENTAL HEALTH

February 22, 2018, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Catholic Education Centre, 3rd Floor,  
80 Sheppard Avenue East

This practical workshop addresses strategies supporting the physical, social, cognitive, emotional, and spiritual components of well-being. It will include positive psychology and cognitive behaviour techniques, as well as mindfulness and relaxation techniques that help manage stress, build resiliency and support good mental health. Participants will walk away with strategies that can be used both at home and in the classroom.

Presenters: Rita Alekian, Dr. Marie-Josée Gendron, Grace Labao-Martins (TCDSB Psychology Department)

Registration is free –Spaces are limited -Please register at <https://web1.tcdsb.org/Conference/Logon.aspx>

More information will be available on the TCDSB Psychology Department website  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SpecialEducation/psychology/psychologyMonth/Pages/Psychology-Month.aspx?l=1453124935728>

