

SPARTAN'S NEWS

"Treat others the way you want to be treated"



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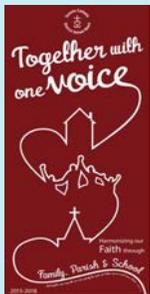
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Principal's Message

It's hard to believe that we are already into the season of Advent. The next few weeks will be very busy here at Blessed Trinity. There are a number of activities planned including our Christmas concerts. We hope to see many of you at the school as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

As we prepare our hearts and minds to welcome our newborn King, let us always remember to give thanks for the many gifts with which we have been blessed. December is a month of celebration and prayers. Jesus reminds us that it is in giving and sharing that we truly receive. It is a time to reflect on the real meaning of Christmas, the birth of Christ and all that He has so graciously given to us.

Please mark your calendar. We will have our Christmas Concert on **Monday, December 18, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.** We will celebrate a Family of Schools Advent Mass on **December 12th at 9:30 am.** Please join us at Blessed Trinity Church we look forward to seeing you.

Kindergarten Registration start Wednesday, January 17th @ 10:00 a.m. Children born in 2014, are eligible to attend Junior Kindergarten in September 2018!

As we move into this special time of the year, on behalf of the staff at Blessed Trinity, I would like to wish all our families a peaceful and joyous holiday season.

God Bless,

N. Chahine

Principal

UBI CARITAS ET AMOR,
DEUS IBI EST
- WHERE THERE IS
CHARITY AND LOVE,
GOD IS THERE.

~ LATIN HYMN ~

- REMEMBER THROUGHOUT ADVENT THAT CHARITY STARTS FROM THE HOME AND MOVES FORWARD IN ALL YOU DO.
- LET THE CHRISTMAS SEASON CREATE CHARITY IN YOUR ACTIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.
- IF WE EXPECT OTHER PEOPLE TO DO CHARITABLE ACTS TOWARDS US, WE MUST FIRST REMEMBER TO SHOW GENEROSITY TOWARDS OTHERS.
- WE SHOULD ALWAYS REMEMBER THOSE LESS FORTUNATE THAN US, ESPECIALLY IN A SEASON FILLED WITH GIVING.



CHARITY

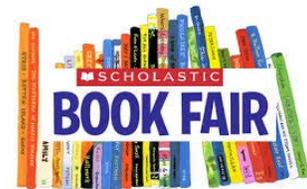
REMEMBRANCE DAY

On November 11, we had our Remembrance Day service. Each student in our school received a poppy and was wearing it during the service. We would like to thank the Student Council who helped with the Prayer Service. We reflected on the importance of our military so that we can remember the sacrifice these men and women have made for our country and our way of life. We thank Petty Officer Harding for reminding us that we all have the responsibility to be peacekeepers – at school, at home and in our community. We also thank Mr. Masellis for sharing his great-grandfather and grandfather's stories and memorabilia with our community. Through our efforts, we raised \$235.00 for the Royal Canadian Legion's poppy fund.



PARKING

A reminder to all that the school parking lot is for staff only. Please do not use it for parking, as we do not have enough spots for staff. Kindly use the South parking area. There is absolutely NO PARKING in the handicap space at the front of the school. The fine is substantial and we need to have the space clear for the appropriate users that need it over the course of the day.



Please mark your calendar. On December 4th Book Fair is coming to Blessed Trinity. It is a good time to stock up on Christmas gifts.

REMIN

Please sign up for *Remind* to get information from the school on your device.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/nchahi

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.

If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications. Text the message @nchahi to the number (587) 333-2931.

HARVEST CELEBRATION

Many thanks for all the staff and students who participated in such a great event. Classes celebrated the harvest season by singing, reading poems, & performing skits. What a great day we had. Thank you Mrs. Udo and Ms. Smith for proposing this celebration and a big thank you for Mrs. Mastroianni for spearheading this event. We are so lucky to be surrounded by a school community who acknowledges that learning also happens outside of the classroom. Real world experience is at its best.



Liturgical Calendar for December

We are approaching the end of Ordinary Time in the church calendar and will begin the Season of Advent on Sunday, December 3rd, 2017. Advent is the Season of Joyful Expectation as we await the birth of Jesus Christ.

For additional information on the Liturgical Year please see the following link:

http://nlo.cccb.ca/images/stories/pdfs/2017-2018_liturgical_calendar_year_b.pdf



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED & PROCESS

We are always looking for volunteers. As you are aware, any individual who works as an employee of the Board or volunteers to assist with our programs **MUST** have a **Criminal Reference Check (CRC) completed by the Toronto Police.** Further information and forms are available through the main office.



NUTRITION PROGRAM

Kindly note, snacks will be provided until Dec. 8th then will break for the rest of December. School resumes on Jan. 8, 2018 and The Nutrition Program will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 16th. Kindly ensure during this period, you provide your child/ren snacks. morning snack for your child/dren.



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VIRTUES OF THE MONTH RECIPIENTS

MONTH:

NOVEMBER- PEACE

Name	Teacher	Grade
Gabriel	T. Wong	ELP-Gr. SK
Mackenzie	T. Wong	ELP-Gr. SK
Helena	D. Burke	SK
Luke	D. Burke	SK
Brent	L. Babu	Gr. 2
Liam	L. Babu	Gr. 1
Fabrice	A. Masellis	Gr. 3
Stefanie	M. Trabucco	Gr. 3
Nathanael	M. Trabucco	Gr. 4
Kathleen	C. Cutone	Gr. 4
Moses	C. Cutone	Gr. 4
Matthew	G. Sinajon	Gr. 6
Angelo	G. Sinajon	Gr. 6
Alex Samuel	V. Alonzi	Gr. 7
Lauren	V. Alonzi	Gr. 7
Juan	A. Nip/E. Damaso	Gr. 8
Mariana	A. Nip/E. Damaso	Gr. 8
Andres	T. Volpe	Behavioural-Gr. 5
Jared	C. Morra	ME-Gr. 1
Adrian	D. Morra	LI-Gr. 2
Peter	M. Colonna	LD-Gr. 5



The Grade 8s along with Mrs. Mastroianni delivered cans raised for *MEtoWe we scare hunger*. Thank you for your kind donations.



BOYS & GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Blessed Trinity had another outstanding intermediate volleyball season this year. Both the boys and girls won their divisional tournaments and qualified to compete in the regional tournaments. The girls did their very best and placed fourth out of eight schools. The boys fought hard to qualify themselves in the championship match that secured their advancement as one of the top two teams to represent the North division at the City Championships. This is the third year in a row for Blessed Trinity to qualify our senior boys volleyball team to the City level. An absolutely outstanding accomplishment. The competition was very tough this year and the boys place the third in there round robin. We are very proud of both the boys and the girls for their accomplishments.



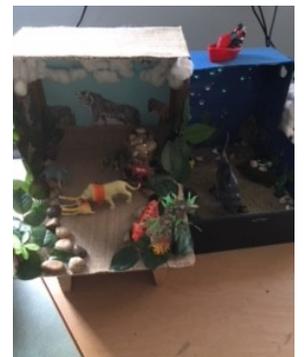
EAST MEET WEST

Harvesting and Creating pho-garlic pasta using the BT Garden's Bok Choy with Mrs. Mastroianni class and Ms. Sinajon's grade 5/6 class.



GR. 3/4 MRS. TRABUCCO HABITAT DIORAMAS

The Grade 4 students worked on their research skills and oral communication skills for this project.



All families and friends of Blessed Trinity Parish are invited to

Pancakes and Carols with St. Nicholas!

Sunday, December 17th, 2017

9:00am-1:30pm- Breakfast and Activities

2:00pm-3:00pm- Advent Concert and Reflections by the Youth
Ministry
in the Blessed Trinity Parish Hall

Drop-in for:

- Pancakes/Sausages with Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate!
- Professional photos with St. Nicholas!
- Ornament Making!
- Face Painting!
- Kid's Christmas Bingo!
- Christmas Boutique and Bake Sale!

Tickets on sale after all Masses on
Nov. 25 and 26, Dec. 2 and 3, Dec. 9 and 10!

For more information, contact Youth Minister Paola
at: blessedtrinityyouth@gmail.com



NEDIC PRESENTATION

The grade 3/4 to grade 8 enjoyed a great presentation offered by NEDIC. They learned how to build positive self-esteem and the influence of social media in our society.



Thank you Mrs. Pacitti for the beautiful Christmas Artwork. Our staff wishes you and your family a Blessed and Joyful Christmas.



Monthly Update from the Board December 2017

Parents Urged to Check Their Liability Insurance Coverage

At the October 19, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Board resolved that all parents of the Board should be advised to consider contacting their home insurance providers to determine the adequacy of their home insurance coverage to cover claims arising out of injuries caused by their child at school.

The reason for the Board of Trustee direction is that there have been a few instances recently where legal action has been initiated for personal injury or other harm to a student allegedly caused by another child.

A brief consultation by parents with their insurance provider is advised so parents can assess the adequacy of their insurance coverage if they are sued for personal injury or other harm allegedly caused by their child at school.

Inclement Weather Protocol

With the approach of winter and the associated ice and snow, there is always a possibility of school bus cancellations or delays, as well as cancellation of programs and services such as evening classes or permits. Your best source of information is via Twitter @TCDSB. For those who are not on Twitter, please tune in to local television and radio networks for updates.

Other good sources of information are:

- TCDSB's website www.tcdsb.org
- Toronto Student Transportation Group website <https://www.torontoschoolbus.org>
- TCDSB 24-hour Telephone Information Line: 416-222-8282 ext. 2873
- Or if you wish to receive updates right to your email, subscribe to enews: <https://web1.tcdsb.org/InterestSubscription/subscription.aspx>

Angel Foundation for Learning

Through the Loretto Fund and the Social Work Emergency Fund the Angel Foundation supports TCDSB students who are new comers to Canada by helping to offset the costs for items such as school supplies, uniforms, field trips, groceries or other necessities to help them settle into school and life in Canada. You can help support families who have come to Canada in search of peace donations to The Angel Foundation for Learning. To learn more about the work of the Foundation, visit <http://www.angelfoundationforlearning.org/>

Christmas Holidays

The last day of classes before the Christmas break will be Friday, December 22, 2017. Schools will reopen on Monday, January 8th, 2018.

Administrative offices will be closed from Saturday December 23rd through to Monday, January 1, 2018.

SAVE THE DATE!

Kindergarten Registration Begins January 17th at 10 a.m.

Visit www.tcdsb.org for details.

New French Immersion Programs Coming September 2018

We are pleased to share that following the successful community consultation, the Toronto Catholic District School Board is moving forward with the implementation of French Immersion Programming for September 2018 at the following schools:

- [St. Mary Catholic School](#)
- [St. Alphonsus Catholic School](#)

Registration will begin in January 2018.

The introduction of enhanced programming at TCDSB schools is one aspect of our Long Term Program Plan (LTPP). Increasing the number of French Immersion programs available in our schools is a part of the LTPP and the Board's ongoing responsibility to offer dynamic educational opportunities to its students across the City of Toronto.

Visit www.tcdsb.org for information about further expansions of the French Immersion program.

TCDSB 2017-2018 Awards Season has begun!

Nominations are welcome for the annual 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

December's Virtue is Charity

Find all the resources related to the monthly virtue, as well as other resources to support faith development and Religion and Family Life on our website here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Default.aspx>

TCDSB Celebrates Advent and Christmas

Visit the board's website for the latest news and information from TCDSB schools including food and clothing drives, Christmas baskets for needy families, Christmas concerts and other special events.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2018/pages/Advent-and-Christmas.aspx>

REMINDER: Spotlight On Your School

Submissions of short videos and original songs to celebrate your local school are due **February 23rd**. Details for this *Year of the School* activity can be found online <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Year-of-the-School/Spotlight-on-your-school/Pages/default.aspx>