

**D'Arcy McGee
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TCDSB**



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8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lunch hour:
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.



December 2016 Newsletter

D'Arcy McGee Twitter Account

We have now got an official school Twitter account.

Follow us @DarcyMcGeeTCDSB.

This is a great way to find out what is happening in our school.

Virtue of the month is *Charity*:

“Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est: Where there is charity and love, God is there.”

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As we enter into the season of Advent, we begin preparation for the birth of our Saviour, Jesus, at Christmas.

Advent Prayer

*Our hearts desire the warmth of your love
and our minds are searching for the light of your Word.
Increase our longing for Christ our
Saviour and give us the strength to
grow in love,
that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his
presence and welcoming the light of his truth.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen*

Please take time to make this season holy by spending time with family and friends. Keep in mind as well those who are less fortunate in our community and try to be as generous as possible.

As St. Thomas Aquinas described it best: “Charity is friendship first with God and secondly with all who belong to God.”

The students of D’Arcy McGee will be living the Virtue of Charity this month by sponsoring several needy families in the St. Thomas Aquinas Church Parish. More details will follow shortly.

The D’Arcy McGee staff and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Sincerely,
Mrs. C. Profiti
Principal

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish... UPCOMING EVENTS

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Parish office is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

First Holy Communion

Saturday, December 3rd – 6th Lesson, Parish Hall 3:00 – 4:30 pm
Saturday, November 17th – 7th Lesson, Parish Hall 3:00 – 4:30 pm

Confirmation

Saturday, December 10th – Christmas Pageant, Parish Hall 2:30 – 4:30 pm
Sunday, December 11th – Soup Kitchen for the parish, after all the Sunday masses

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

The Toronto Catholic District School Board invites families with children born in 2013 to register for Kindergarten beginning **Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 10 a.m. EST.**

Registration options:

- **Online:** Parents will be able to complete their application online at: <https://soar.tcdsb.org/Login.aspx>. A follow up with visit to the school to present the required documents will be scheduled by the school following the online application.
- **In Person:** Parents can register at their local school with the required documents.

Information: 416-222-8282 ext. 5320 or 5314,
www.tcdsb.org/kindergartenregistration

THE LITURGICAL SEASON OF ADVENT

The word advent means "coming" or "arrival" and the liturgical season of Advent focuses on the "coming" of Christ. Advent is the four-week period before Christmas when we celebrate the first coming of Christ and anticipate his second Coming. Advent begins this year on November 29th, and marks the beginning of the Church's liturgical year of Mercy. The liturgical color for Advent is purple; except for the Third Week of Advent, often called Gaudete (Rejoice: Christ is Coming) Sunday, in which rose may be used. (The Season is somewhat penitential, similar to Lent.) The use of purple reflects the general themes of Advent: penitence (generally expressed more in terms of expectant hope for Christ's arrival) and royalty (Christ as King of Kings). Let us keep Advent holy by taking our children to mass on Sunday, being charitable and spending time with family and friends.

ANTI-BULLYING PRESENTATION:

Jack and the Giant is a play which will be presented to all students in K-6 on **December 6th**. It is being put on by BIG KID Entertainment. The focus of the play is building Resiliency and Problem Solving.

ADVENT CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Please join us for the K-6 Advent Christmas Concert on **December 15th** from 6:30pm in the Cafetorium. The students have been working hard to prepare a wonderful evening for you.

ADVENT: CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS AND POTLUCK DINNER

On **December 20th** at 7:00pm, please plan to attend the D'Arcy McGee Advent family mass and potluck dinner. This is a great way to celebrate the season of Advent with the staff, students and families in our community. Please bring food or drink to share if you can.

COLD WEATHER CLOTHING

As the days grow colder, please make sure that your child is dressed for the weather: hat, gloves, boots, winter jacket, snow pants and boots. Students should have indoor shoes that they can leave at school. An extra pair of socks would be a good idea as well. Students will not be permitted to remain indoors unless the temperature drops below -17 degrees. Thank you.

FOOD DRIVE TO SCARE HUNGER AWAY

We had a very successful food drive in which our ME 2 WE team partnered with Yorkdale Ford to donate 730 canned goods to the Food Bank at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. Thank you for your generosity.

FRENCH IMMERSION AND EXTENDED FRENCH

The Toronto Catholic District School Board offers French Immersion and Extended French programs at several TCDSB sites. The French Immersion program is offered to students beginning in Junior Kindergarten. The Extended French Program is offered to students beginning in grade 5.

Interested parents are encouraged to attend an information evening to learn more about the program. Please note dates, times and locations for sessions planned for December through to February available on the [French Immersion](#) and [Extended French](#) sites. Information: (416) 222-8282 ext. 2540 or <https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/EarlyYears/KindergartenRegistration/Pages/French-Immersion.aspx>.

TORONTO POLICE SERVICE SEEKS CROSSING GUARDS

Interested individuals should drop in to their local police division to inquire about application.

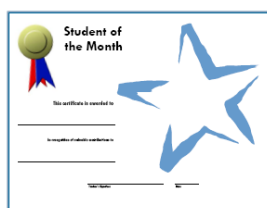
GET READY FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Everything you need to know can be found in the Transition Guides for parents and students:
<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/GuidanceCoopEd/Transition%20to%20High%20School/Pages/default.aspx>
https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/GuidanceCoopEd/Transition%20to%20High%20School/TransitionGuidesOct282016/TCDSB_STUDENT_GUIDE.pdf

CHRISTMAS BREAK

A reminder that schools are open through to December 23, 2016. Christmas holidays begin Saturday, December 24th and continue through to Sunday, January 8th. Classes resume, Monday, January 9th. Our Eastern rite families will celebrate Christmas on January 7th. We wish everyone a safe, happy and blessed Christmas.

Virtue of the Month for November was Peacemaking



Student Name	Teacher
Stella M.	Mrs. Da Silva/Ms. Bonello
A'mare L.	Mrs. De Luca/Mrs. Dautaj
Sebastian M.	Mrs. Butkovic
Alessandra R.	Mrs. Clifford Rashotte
Kiril P.	Mr. Mandarano
Galahad S.	Mr. Tinto
Nicholas D.	Ms. Moloney
Martim S.	Mrs. Donatelli
Felicia H.	Mr. Di Girolamo
Justin D.	Mrs. Caporusso
Samantha C.	Mrs. D'Amico
Nicholas M.	Mme. Ho/Mr. Montanaro
Daniel V.	Mme. Ho/Mr. Da Costa
Katelyn D.	Mme. Galecka/Mr. Ferrari
Jacob M.	Mrs. Bozzo

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D'Arcy McGee Catholic School

December 2016

Virtue of the Month is **CHARITY**

“Together with one voice: Family, Parish and School”

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
28 Advent Week 1 	29 Virtue and Advent Assembly 10:30 (parents welcome)	30 Advent Reconciliation Grade 3-8 9:45am 	1 Pizza Lunch Crazy Hat, Toronto FC Day \$2.00 donation to ShareLife	2 PA DAY **Saturday Breakfast with Santa 9:00-12:00
5 Advent Week 2 	6 Jack and the Giant Anti- bullying play K-6 	7	8 CSPC Family Gingerbread Night 6:30-8:00pm 	9 Pizza Lunch
12 Advent Week 3	13	14	15 Christmas Concert K-6 6:30pm Cafetorium 	16 Pizza Lunch
19 Advent Week 4 	20 Advent Novena Mass And Potluck 7:00pm St. Thomas Aquinas Church Raptors 905 Game Grade 4-6	21 Ski Trip Snow Valley Grades 4-8 	22 	23 Last day of Classes Wear red and green Christmas Singalong 10:30 Pizza Day

Upcoming Events:

January 9th: Classes resume

January 17th: Mass 9:45

January 20th: PA Day

January 25th: Kindergarten Registration 5:00-8:00pm