

**D'Arcy McGee  
Catholic School  
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8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Lunch hour:  
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

D'ARCY MCGEE  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



# February 2017 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 *Courage*

Virtue of the month is *LOVE*

Love is patient, love is kind.

It is not jealous, it is not pompous,

It is not inflated, it is not rude,

it does not seek its own interests,

It is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury,

it does not rejoice over wrongdoing

but rejoices with the truth.

It bears all things, believes all things,

hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Dear Parents and Guardians:

February promises to be another busy month at D'Arcy McGee. In January on the 24<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Ruggiero visited all of our classrooms to bless the students, staff and the classrooms First term report cards will be sent home on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Parent Interviews as well as our annual Book Fair will take place on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> in the evening and the morning of Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to set aside this time to meet with your child's teacher.

Our Valentine Dance will take place on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Students are encouraged to wear red, pink, or white.

Family Day is Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy the time with your wonderful children!



Sincerely,

*Mrs. C. Profiti*

Principal

**St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.... UPCOMING EVENTS**

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t. 416-782-8943  
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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, February 11, 2017 – 9<sup>th</sup> Lesson, Parish Hall 3:00 – 4:30 pm

**Confirmation**

Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 6<sup>th</sup> Lesson, Parish Hall 2:30 – 4:30 pm

Saturday, February 25, 2017 – Review/Test, Parish Hall 2:30 – 4:00 pm

## BOOK FAIR

Book Fair is coming to our school library on February 15-17<sup>th</sup>. Parents, students and guests are welcome to browse and purchase books. We have lots of selection on different genres of literature; science non-fiction, biography, graphic novels, action adventure, fantasy, mystery, picture books, sports and much more. Reading books make one a lifelong learner. Book Fair brings reading awareness among our students and allows us to fundraise for more books for our library. Thank you, for your sincere and endless support. Looking forward to see you all at the Book Fair. Ms. Ang, Library Technician.

## FRENCH IMMERSION

There will be an information meeting on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the school library for all parents/guardians of students in grade 4 who are interested in enrolling in the extended French Immersion Program in the fall of 2017. If you know of any students in other schools who may be interested in this program, please invite them to come along as well.

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If you have or know any children who will be 4 years old by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017, they are eligible for JK beginning September 2017. We encourage you to visit the following site and complete the application for registration online: <http://soar.tcdsb.org> Parents will be able to complete an application for registration from the comfort of home, the office, a public library, or anywhere there is internet access! The online application offers access to translations in many different languages with built-in help functions and features.

## AFTER SCHOOL NUMERACY PROGRAM

This month, students in grades 3 and 6 will begin participating in an afterschool numeracy program, which begins on February 21<sup>st</sup> and runs to April 28<sup>st</sup>. The program runs Tuesday and Thursday afterschool from 3:30-5:00pm. The aim is to help students improve their numeracy skills in preparation for EQAO. They will be taught by teachers from D'Arcy McGee.

## AFRICAN CANADIAN HERITAGE MONTH

The Toronto Catholic District School Board continues to recognize February as the month to celebrate African-Canadian Heritage. This designation reminds us to continue to address the causes and effects of racism and discrimination against people of African descent and take steps to continue to build and strengthen inclusive communities within our schools. The students who attend the D'Arcy McGee Gifted Program will be involved in a variety of activities to commemorate African-Canadian Heritage month. Students will take part in discussions that critically analyze the social, cultural and political influence of individuals whose efforts have helped to generate important social change

## MATH FOCUS

JUMP Math is the program which we continue to use this year. It is a numeracy program dedicated to enhancing the potential in children by encouraging an understanding and a love of math in students and educators. JUMP Math replaces the self-fulfilling myth that some people are born with mathematical ability while others do not have the ability to succeed with assumptions that all children can be led to think mathematically. Please look for opportunities to share math with your children in their daily lives.

<http://jumpmath.org>

## FEBRUARY IS PSYCHOLOGY MONTH

The Psychology Department of TCDSB invites the community to explore and discover the many different ways psychology can help improve our everyday life and overall well-being, and balance the many roles and responsibilities we have. Psychology is for everyone!

### **HELP YOUR CHILD FLOURISH: HOW TO ACHIEVE MENTAL HEALTH**

A presentation for parents and educators on **February 22, 2017, 4:30-6:30 p.m.**

Catholic Education Centre, 3rd Floor, 80 Sheppard Avenue East

Learn more about the programs and services provided by the Psychology Department, TCDSB  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SpecialEducation/psychology/Pages/default.aspx>



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Toronto Catholic District School Board has declared **Friday, May 5, 2017 as Parish Family Day.**

A special *Parish Family Day Celebration* will be held at the Catholic Education Centre on **Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017** to showcase student work focusing on the many ways that our parishes and our parish priests contribute to our schools and communities.

Students are invited to create a short video, original song or piece of original artwork, write a short story, poem or letter, or express themselves in any way artistically to highlight the relationship that the students have with the local parish and/or the priest/pastor at their church.

**Completed projects should be submitted via email to [parish.project@tcdsb.org](mailto:parish.project@tcdsb.org).**

**Deadline for submissions Friday, April 7, 2017.**

Let's continue to celebrate our parishes!

**We Want to Hear Your Views**

**Watch for community consultations coming soon for:**

- **Parent and Student Bill of Rights**
- **2017-2018 Budget Consultation**

Details coming soon. Visit [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org) in February for details.

**DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016**

Check out the latest edition of the Director's Annual Report and review some of the many highlights from the past school year:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BoardAdministration/DirectorofEducation/Pages/Director%E2%80%99s-Annual-Report-2015-2016.aspx>

**COLD ALERTS AND WEATHER-RELATED CANCELLATIONS/CLOSURES**

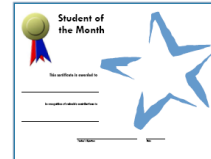
Throughout the winter months, Twitter and the board website are the best sources of information relating to cold weather alerts, cancellations and closures. Get all the information here:

<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/>

**Virtue of the Month for January was Courage**



Student	Teacher(s)
Sally P.	Mrs. Da Silva and Ms. Bonello
Guilherme P.	Mrs. De Luca and Mrs. Dautaj
Julia C.	Mrs. Butkovic
Alice Sofia G.	Mrs. Clifford Rashotte
Cristiano R.	Mr. Mandarano
Ethan D.	Mr. Tinto
Alexandre N.	Ms. Moloney
Lucas D.	Ms. Donatelli
Meghan M.	Mr. DiGirolamo
Mandelina F.	Mrs. Caporusso
Caleb U.	Mrs. D'Amico
Alyssa B.	Mme. Ho and Mr. Montanaro
Mikaella A.	Mme. Ho and Mr. Da Costa
Nolan B.	Mme. Galecka and Mr. Ferrari
Rodrigo A.	Mrs. Bozzo
Sally P.	Mrs. Da Silva and Ms. Bonello

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# D'Arcy McGee Catholic School

## February 2017

Virtue of the Month is **LOVE**

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



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2 Teaching Masses for grades 1,2,3 	3 Pizza Day
6 OLSAT8 Testing for Grade 4 students	7 Vision and Hearing Screening K-8 	8 School Mass 1:00 in the gym 	9	10 Pizza Day
13 CSPC Hot Dog Day  Hot Dog	14 Valentine's Day Dance 	15 Book Fair 	16 Parent Interviews, Book Fair  Pizza Day	17 <b>PA DAY (NO School)</b> Parent Interviews Book fair 
20 <b>Family Day (NO School)</b> 	21 After school Numeracy gr3 &6	22 Grades 4,5,6 trip to Young Peoples Theatre 	23 Northern Spirit Games grade 5/6 Immersion After school Numeracy gr3 &6	24 Pizza Day
27 Virtue Assembly 1:10	28 <b>FRENCH Immersion</b> Information Night Grade 4's, 7:00 pm  After school Numeracy gr3 &6	1 March ASH Wednesday 10:30, GYM All Welcome  		

### Upcoming Events:

March 1: Ash Wednesday @ 10:30 a.m. – School Gymnasium

March 6: CSPC Hot Dog Day

March 13-17 – March Break

March 31: Virtue Assembly