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Immaculate Conception Catholic School

November 2015

Principal's Message



Dear Families:

Our school community has been very busy during the past month. The students have been involved in developing their academic skills and participating in a variety of classroom activities. It is a busy time for all.

As we enter November we are mindful that this is a month of remembrance. We began the first day of the month with All Saints Day, acknowledging our communion with the saints. We pray to these holy men and women who lived extraordinary lives in responding to God's invitation to use their unique gifts to serve Him here on earth. We also are mindful that God calls each of us to be a saint.

On November 11, we commemorate Remembrance Day. It is a day when we recognize those who made selfless sacrifices so that we could live in peace and freedom in our great country, Canada. We also remember and show appreciation to the men and women who continue to maintain this peace and freedom in our lives as they serve and represent our country in Canada and throughout the world. This day also reminds us that we must continue to pray for world peace. This is the peace that our soldiers have died for and continue to die for.

We look forward to the next few weeks as we continue our work and begin to prepare ourselves for the season of Advent.

Serving You In Catholic Education,
R. Macchia
Principal

P. DiNizio
Vice Principal

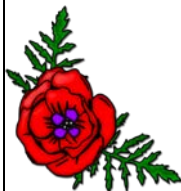


In Flanders Fields
By: Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae

*In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark out place, and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders Fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow in Flanders Fields.*



STANDARDIZED SCHOOL HOURS 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

Start of School Day: 8:30 a.m.
Morning Recess: 10:12 a.m. to 10:27 a.m. *
Lunch Hour: 11:15 p.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Afternoon Recess: 1:40 p.m. to 1:55 p.m.
Dismissal: 3:30 p.m.



SAFE SCHOOL ARRIVAL PROGRAM

Please leave a message by calling the school at **416-393-5281** your child will be absent or late. Please make sure that all students who arrive late check in at the front office.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Please ensure that all information regarding your child is up-to-date. We need to have the correct home telephone numbers, work numbers, home address and emergency contact. If these numbers change please let the school know promptly, IN WRITING.

LUNCH ROUTINES



Students who remain at school for lunch (11:15-12:15) may NOT LEAVE THE SCHOOL GROUNDS anytime during the lunch hour without written parent permission. For safety reasons, we highly discourage parents/guardians from allowing their children to leave the school property unsupervised for lunch.

SCHOOL'S PARKING LOT



Dear Parents/Visitors:

Please take note that during school hours the school's parking lot is reserved for our staff. Please feel free to park along the adjacent streets. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

COMAY ROAD—NO PARKING

A reminder to parents to not stop or park your vehicle on Comay Road in front of the school. This is a no parking area. Our local traffic officer will be around to ensure that this is being enforced. We need to have the area clear for busses and emergency vehicles if needed. Thank you for your understanding.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

A reminder that all visitors **must enter the school building through the front doors and report to the front office**. In the interest of safety for all students and to ensure that classes are uninterrupted, we need everyone's total co-operation and understanding on this matter.

If you need to speak with your child's teacher, kindly call and make an appointment. Your child's teacher will be happy to meet with you at a mutually convenient time.

APPROPRIATE DRESS CODE POLICY



All students are expected to come to school daily appropriately dressed and in a manner that reflects the goals and atmosphere of a Catholic school. We are fully implementing the Dress Code at Immaculate Conception School. A reminder to parents that students are required to wear white or navy blue tops and navy blue bottoms (pants, skirts, walking shorts). Striped or items with LOGOS on them are UNACCEPTABLE. If not appropriately attired, students will be reminded verbally but if they are repeatedly breaking this policy we will be calling home.

DROPPING OFF & PICKING UP STUDENTS

For the sake of safety, we ask that in the mornings you drop off your children in the appropriate sections of the school yard and leave them with our staff. **Please make sure that your child is dropped off no earlier than 8:05 a.m** This will help the students develop routines and it will also help our staff ensure a safe school yard. If you are picking up your child(ren) early from school please come to the office and sign out the student. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

REPORT CARDS AND PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES



The progress report were sent home on Tuesday, November 10, 2015. Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, November 12th in the evening and Friday November 13th in the morning.

Friday November 13, 2015 is a Professional Activity Day for Parent Teacher Conferences. There will be no school for students on this day.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL
(CSPC) for 2015-2016**

On Friday October 30, the students participated in our annual Halloween Dance-a-thon. The students and staff had a wonderful day as they dressed in costumes and danced to the music provided by our own Mrs. Grossi and her assistants. The children worked very hard in raising funds. As a school we met our goal and raised \$10,546.95.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported our fundraiser. These funds will go directly to our students in a variety of different school activities, events and materials. Thank you to our CSPC members who helped to organize this event.

We would like to congratulate the following students who won prizes for their efforts:

Top Prize: Bianca- From Ms. Taddeo—Ipad
Bianca has decided to donate her prize to our next fundraiser. Thank you Bianca ☺

Second Prize- Ava- Ms. Carullo- TV
Third Prize- Tristan- Ms. DiSerio- Wonderland Pass
Fourth Prize- Isabella- Ms. Cesta- Wonderland Pass

Class Prizes—Pizza Lunch
Ms. DiSerio, Ms. Carullo, Ms. Taddeo, Mr. Meli

BUSSING



If your child uses the school bus to get to and from school, then the expectation is that he/she will come to school on the bus and go home on the bus. If for some reason, you do not want your child to go on the bus on a particular day, **please advise the office before 2:30 pm** and please also advise who will be picking up the child. You may also send in a note to the teacher. Thank you for your cooperation on in this matter.

TCDSB School Year Calendar 2015-2016

Number of school days	194
Number of Professional Activity Days	6
Labour Day	September 7, 2015
First Instructional Day	September 8, 2015
Thanksgiving Day	October 12, 2015
Christmas Break	December 21, 2015– January 1, 2016
Start of 2nd semester for secondary schools	February 1, 2016
Family Day	February 15, 2016
Mid-Winter Break	March 14–18, 2016
Good Friday	March 25, 2016
Easter Monday	March 28, 2016
Victoria Day	May 23, 2016
Last day of classes for elementary students	June 29, 2016

ANAPHYLAXIS ALERT



We would like to inform you that we are an **allergen aware school**. There are students in attendance who suffer from severe and life threatening allergies to certain foods such as **peanuts, nut products, eggs, and seafood and shell fish**. **Anaphylaxis is a severe and life threatening allergic reaction.**

We are asking that you do not send any lunches or snacks that may contain peanuts, nuts, eggs, seafood, and shell fish. As well, please check prepared foods for traces of peanut oil or nut products. These items could potentially harm a child. **We would also ask that you please do not send food for birthdays or special occasions.** There are many alternatives such as stickers and pencils. Please remind your children not to share food in the classroom. We thank all of you for being diligent in following this request. We must maintain as safe an environment as we possibly can for our students.

TRUSTEES 2014 – 2015

Wards

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



CROSS COUNTRY

Our school spirit was present at the Divisional Cross Country Meet on Wednesday October 14th. We had over 60 students who participated in the event. Congratulations to our Cross Country Team which included :

Grade 8- Celio G, Simon T, Brandon R, Daniel N, Grace K, Aaliya E, Isabella M and Erika J

Grade 7- Sean R, Gustavo H, Azeez A, Lucas A, Kevin M, Lucas N, Jacob M, Joefrey T, Joseph C, Michaela N, Alissa M

Grade 6- Victor P, David A, Williams K, Jaydon C, Anthony S, Jeydon G, Jason S, Katherine R, Amanda G, Alexia F, Sophia M, Sharon D

Grade 5- Denzel I, Bryan C, Jaiden B, Matthew D, Jannys G, Pita L, Jayda W, Angel Z, Flor F, Carolina F, Jeccifer K, Reggie R

Grade 4- Marques M, Logan A, Lorena C, Melissa S, Uharna M, Esther K

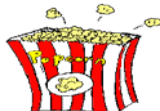
Grade 3- Nana N, Tsegai A, Sherwin D, Adrian O, Ronald B, Leo G, Sophia R, Yishmel D, Martina H, Mercy K, Ava G, Elizabeth F

A special thank you to our coaches: Mr. Micco, Mr. Meli, Mr. Roddy, Mr. Figliano, Ms. Marrocco, Ms. Mesiano, Madame Tolomeo, Ms. Farrace and Ms. Prendi for all your time and efforts.



Movie Night At Immaculate Conception

A reminder to students in Grades JK- Grade 3, our CSPC parent council team will be hosting a Movie Night on Wednesday November 25, 2015. We look forward to seeing you and your family. Please refer to the communication send home for more details.



Healthy Tip

Hand Washing

Hand washing is an important way to reduce the spread of germs that can cause illnesses. Teach your children when and how to wash their hands properly.

Always wash your hands

After you:

- Sneeze, cough or blow your nose
- Use the washroom or change diapers
- Handle garbage

Before and after you:

- Prepare or eat food
- Touch a cut or open sore

Steps in proper hand washing:

- Wet hands
- Apply soap
- Lather for 15 seconds. Rub between fingers, back of hands, fingertips, under nails
- Rinse well under running water
- Dry hands well with paper towel or hot air blower
- Turn taps off with paper towel, if available

For further information, contact Toronto Health Connection at 416-338-7600

or visit www.toronto.ca/health.

Cold Weather

The weather is beginning to change and the colder temperatures have arrived. Parents are reminded to ensure that their children have hats, gloves, boots, scarves and warm winter coats.

We also ask that each student bring a pair of indoor shoes to school.

All students are required to be outdoors during morning, lunch and afternoon recess. The school's policy maintains that students who are not well enough to go outdoors should be kept at home. Children will be kept indoors only during inclement weather or when the wind chill factor is high. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and support in this matter.

Lost And Found

Our "Lost and Found" box is brimming with precious belongings such as jackets, sweaters, etc.. Please drop by the school to see if you can locate any missing items.



MEDICATION AT SCHOOL



From time to time, schools are asked to dispense oral and/or inject medications to students when parents/guardians AND physicians have completed and signed the appropriate TCDSB forms. The aim of these forms is to ensure that any and all medications that is being administered to students at school is done as a prescription from an attending doctor. The forms to dispense any medication must be updated on a regular basis and are available from the school principal .

****Please be advised that staff in TCDSB schools will NOT dispense non-prescription medication to students.**



CELL PHONES, ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND GAMES

If your child needs to carry a cell phone, it must be turned off during school hours and not used on school property. If a student needs to call home for an urgent reason, they can obtain permission at the office to use the school telephone.

Electronics such as Ipods, MP3 players, video games and toys are not permitted in school. It is in everyone's best interest to ensure that these valuable items remain at home to be used during leisure time. The school accepts no financial obligation for the loss of these items.



CHURCH LINK IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

First Communion Information



- Saturday March 5, 2016 @ 11:00 am First Reconciliation
- Wednesday May 4, 2016 @ 7:00 pm First Communion Rehearsal
- **Saturday May 7, 2016 @ 5:00 pm First Communion Mass

Grade 7 Confirmation Information

- Tuesday January 12, 2016 @ 7:00 pm Registration and Information Meeting at Immaculate Conception Church
- Monday May 9, 2016 @ 7:00 pm Rehearsal for Students and Sponsors
- Wednesday May 11, 2016 @ 7:00 pm Rite of Confirmation



Grade 8 Confirmation Information

- Monday December 7, 2015 @ 7:00 pm Rehearsal for Students and Sponsors
- Thursday December 10, 2015 @ 7:00 pm. Rite of Confirmation

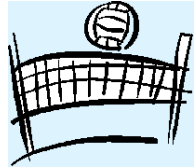
Confirmation



INTERMEDIATE BOYS VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Congratulations to our Intermediate Boys Volleyball team for their dedication and teamwork. The team included:

Daniel N. - Grade 8
Lucas A. - Grade 7
Sean R. - Grade 7
Joseph C. - Grade 7
Nathaniel R. - Grade 8
David A. - Grade 6
Joffrey T. - Grade 6
Dario P. - Grade 7
Simon T. - Grade 8
Bennett A. - Grade 8

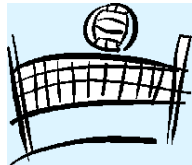


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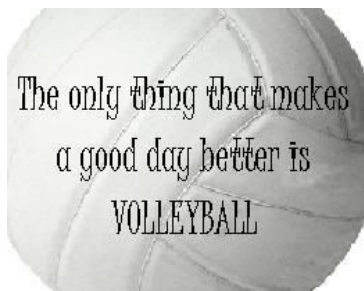
INTERMEDIATE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Congratulations to our Intermediate Girls Volleyball team for their dedication and teamwork. The team included:

Alissa M. - Grade 7
Savannah D. - Grade 8
Michaela N. - Grade 7
Grade K. - Grade 8
Raissa S. - Grade 7
Lyoung L. - Grade 8
Avegayle S. - Grade 7
Isabella M. - Grade 8
Taejah A. - Grade 8
Emma S. - Grade 8
Racheal D. - Grade 8
Raffel S. - Grade 8



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STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The Student of the Month Award is to recognize students' positive characteristics and actions towards other students, staff and parents in our school community. We would like to congratulate the following students:

For the Month of September the virtue was HOSPITALITY

Natalie D., Lorenzo R. - Ms. DiSerio
Giuliano A., Emily M. - Ms. Tomasi
Kaylyn N. - Grade SK - Ms. Takac
Emmy P., Matteo E. - Ms. Tucker
Rebecca V. - Grade 1 - Ms. Albanese
Sophia M. - Grade 1 - Ms. Mesiano
Rhanisa D., Jasmyn H. - Ms. Prendi
Jeremiah B. - Grade 2 - Ms. Cesta
Sophia R., Maria A. - Ms. D'Avella
Matteo A., Yishmel D. - Ms. Carullo
Nicole A., Johnny F. - Ms. Pinho
Martin G. - Grade 4 - Mr. Galego/Mr. Sosnowski
Reggie R. - Grade 5 - Ms. Marrocco
Goncalo D., Ravin S. - Mr. Sigil
Sharon D. - Grade 6 - Ms. Taddeo
Lucas A. - Grade 7 - Ms. Farrace
Maria A. - Grade 8 - Ms. Bermitt
Yvette A., Shannen A. - Grade 8 - Mr. Meli
Angela A. - Ms. Colosimo/Ms. Bermitt

For the Month of October the virtue was GRATITUDE

Sophia B., Christopher P. - Ms. DiSerio
Alan C., Daniel V. - Ms. Tomasi
Jaylon B. - Grade SK - Ms. Takac
Marcella C., Thurshen M. - Ms. Tucker
Liliana M. - Grade 1 - Ms. Albanese
Massimo T. - Grade 1 - Ms. Mesiano
Sidona G., Nicholas P. - Ms. Prendi
Javier L., Angela D. - Ms. Cesta
Julia A. - Grade 2 - Ms. D'Avella
Ava G., Rylee G. - Ms. Carullo
Patricia R., Giselle M. - Ms. Pinho
Logan A. - Grade 4 - Mr. Galego/Ms. Sosnowski
Angel Z. - Grade 5 - Ms. Marrocco
Denzel I., Alicia R. - Mr. Sigil
Amanda G., David A. - Ms. Taddeo
Emilee A. - Grade 7 - Ms. Farrace
Serena M. - Grade 8 - Ms. Bermitt
Alexander O., Isabella Monteleone - Mr. Meli
Cristian R. - Grade 8 - Ms. Colosimo/Mr. Meli
Elias McGuinness - Grade 8 - Ms. Colosimo/Mr. Meli

