



Catholic School News

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Parents)
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Enrollment: 178

Hours of Operation:
9 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

Lunch Hour:
11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Message from the Principal

How timely that the virtue for the month is Forgiveness, not only because we are in the season of Lent, but also because it is an important cornerstone of our faith and one that Jesus modeled for us in His life and death. We are reminded that forgiveness is a gift to ourselves as we let go of the burden or resentment when we forgive another person and it is a gift to our children when we teach and model it to them. This month, we welcome back Ms. Bond to her grade 5 classroom at the conclusion of her maternity leave. This means that we must say goodbye to Ms. Mortillaro and thank her for all her efforts since September. We wish her well in her future teaching assignments and hope to see her back again soon. We also welcome back Mr. Panozzo as well. Nice to have you back.

Maureen Murphy
Principal

Virtue of the Month

The Virtue for the Month of March is **Forgiveness**.

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:32

March Break

A reminder that the March Break is from **March 16 – 20** inclusive. The school will be closed during this time. We are looking forward to the students returning on March 23.

Sacramental Preparation

Our grades 2s and 7s and 8s have begun to prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation at the Church on Sundays. On March 3 and 4, our students will be participating in Sacramental Retreats at the school facilitated by our Religion Resource Teacher Michelle Peres.

Newsletter – **Repeat**

In an effort to reduce our paper usage at the school, we would prefer to send our monthly newsletters by email. If you are interested in this, **please send in your email information in your child's agenda** or call it into the office at 416 393 5272. Thanks in advance for this! We look forward to having communication sent out online as soon as possible.

Important Dates in March

March – Celtic Canadian Heritage Month

March 6 – World Day of Prayer

March 11 – Autism Awareness Day

March 16 – 20 – March Break – NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

March 21 – World Down Syndrome Day

March 27 – Mass at 9.30 at the Church. Please join us! Earth Hour 10.00 a.m.

March 30 – Beginning of Holy Week

Next CSAC Meeting – Monday, March 30 at 7.00 p.m. in the staff room

Remember to follow @TCDSB on Twitter for all the latest news and important information throughout the year.

Looking forward

Immaculate Heart of Mary Hockey

Mr. Tamburro started taking our students for hockey practices before he left our school for a teaching position at another school. Since then, Mr. Bianchi has been running the practices for our students on Mondays and everyone is eagerly looking forward to the hockey tournament set for March 11 at York University. Good luck to our students as they participate in our national sport!

Pizza Lunch

Our next pizza lunch will be March 27. Forms will go home after the March Break. A big thank you goes out to Mrs. Caruso who singlehandedly conducted our last Pizza lunch in January. If you have some time to help out on the morning of the 27th, please contact the office. The help would be very much appreciated. As my parents taught me, many hands make light work.

Hot Dog

The Angel Foundation for Learning

Immaculate Heart of Mary is pleased to announce that **The Angel Foundation for Learning**, the charitable organization devoted to assisting students within TCDSB schools, has approved our school's funding request in support of our excursion to Wildfire Outdoor Education Centre.

Serving TCDSB students and making a positive difference, we congratulate The Angel Foundation for Learning for helping students since its inception in 1987.

Donations to the Foundation are welcome and can be sent to: The Angel Foundation for Learning, 80 Sheppard Avenue East, Toronto, ON M2N 6E8. Tax receipts for donations of \$10.00 or more will be issued. For more information about the Foundation visit www.angelfoundationforlearning.org



Looking back

Winter Fun day

On Wednesday, February 4 in the afternoon, Ms. Williams and Ms. Abate organized the Winter Fun Day for the school. The date was changed from February 5 due to the projected weather conditions. And what a good decision THAT was!!! The weather could not have been more perfect to go out and play in the snow for the better part of the afternoon. The children then came in and played BINGO while Ms. Caruso, Mrs. Kiritsis and some other parents helped out with the making of and serving hot chocolate to our students.

Book Fair – it was mentioned in the February newsletter, that due to your support of our book fair, the school was able to surpass its goal of \$1500 of materials sold and actually selling \$2329.05. The school received almost \$800 worth of books as a result of this, so we would like to thank you for your support. Also, Mrs. Van is to be thanked for her efforts on this also as the whole venture takes a great deal of effort and energy. But I believe that we would all agree.... It was well worth it!

February 12 – Civvies Day

On February 12, there was a Board-wide Civvies day in order to raise funds for this Angel Foundation. Students were asked to bring in a toonie. Immaculate Heart of Mary was proud to send \$231.25 to the Angel Foundation from the funds raised on this day.

Bake Sale

On February 19, our grade 6, 7 and 8 students held a bake sale in order to raise funds for their upcoming overnight trip to Wildfire. It was an exciting day and it was a delicious day! Our students are proud to say that they raised \$632.50 as a result of the sales for all of the delicious offerings. This money will help to defray costs for the trip.

Hot Dog Day

On February 27, we had our 2nd Hot Dog Day of the year. Thanks to Ms. Dowdall and her team of workers who donated their time to make this possible! We raised \$427.00 for the school from the event. Special thanks goes to Freshco at Gerrard and Victoria Park for donating the buns for the day!

Swim to Survive

On February 27, the grade 4s completed their 3rd of 3 sessions of the Swim to Survive program that is sponsored by a partnership between the City of Toronto and the Royal Lifesaving Society. The students enjoyed the time in the pool and developing their survival skills.

St. Richard's 50th Anniversary

When: 1.00 p.m. Saturday, May 2, 2015

Where: 1.00 p.m. Mass at St Rose of Lima

3.00 – 6.00 Open House at St. Richard Catholic School

If you have any pictures or memories, please send them to Kelly Nicholson at Kelly.nicholson@tcdsb.org

TCDSB Safe School Inquiry

Public Meetings

Wednesday March 25, 2015

6:00 PM- 9:00 PM

Senator O'Connor Secondary School, 60 Rowena Drive

North York

All Public Meetings are open to any person or group from the TCDSB community wishing to present their views.

No prior registration is required. Those wishing to testify may contact Christina DeLuca from TCDSB Corporate Services at 416-222-8282 ext. 2473 or by email:

christina.deluca@tcdsb.org

CSAC

On a cold night in February (mind you, what night wasn't cold in February?), we met to discuss our current status with regards to budget, activities that we would like to see happen and discuss significant events that were/are going on in the school. As a result of this, we are looking at having a Family Movie Night on April 24. We will need some parents to help out with this specific event (no experience required), so please let us know if you are able to share a few hours of your time to help out.

Additionally, we are planning on having a Family Math Night on May 12. We are looking for parents to help with the organization and the supervision on that night.

Finally, a request has been made in order to have a parent join us at our CSAC meetings in order to take notes. If you have availability one Monday night a month, your support would be very much appreciated! Our community is a better place with your contributions!

Professional Focus for the Year

As you may know, our focus for the school year is on Math instruction. I like to include suggestions in our newsletter that you can do with your child in order to allow us to work together on strengthening our student's abilities and confidence with their Math skills.

For students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 (taken from abc123)

9. Talk about time. The concept of time can be hard for children to grasp. Talk to your kids about minutes and hours and get them to try counting days and weeks – for example how many “sleeps” until the weekend or a visit to a friend or relative.

For students in 4-6 (taken from abc123)

9. Computers + math = fun. There are great computer games available for math. There are super websites that have fun math games. Encourage your child to spend time online playing games such as Prodigy.

For students in Grades 7&8

Self Regulation

Help your teen to identify an area of strength and an area that needs improvement. Encourage your teen to set goals and to seek extra help when needed.

Your teen may need help to monitor:

- Progress with difficult math questions
- Areas of learning needing attention
- Progress of goals that have been set.

TRUSTEES 2014 – 2015

Wards

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| 1. Joe Martino | 5. Maria Rizzo | 9. Jo-Ann Davis |
| 2. Ann Andrachuk | 6. Frank D'Amico | 10. Barbara Poplawski |
| 3. Sal Piccininni | 7. John Del Grande, Chair | 11. Angela Kennedy |
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