

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Where we Learn, Grow and
Belong in Faith



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Enrollment: 175

Lunch Hour:
11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.



A Community of FAITH,
anchored in HOPE with HEART
and CHARITY



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School March Newsletter 2016



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

How timely it is that the virtue for this month is FORGIVENESS, not only because we are in the season of Lent, but also because it is an important cornerstone of our faith. Forgiveness is ultimately a gift that we give to ourselves as we let go of the burden of resentment that we may feel toward others. Lent is also a time of preparation and self-sacrifice through fasting, giving up worldly desires and activities. It is an excellent time for us to reflect on our lives on how to become closer to God and a time of renewal. An emphasis is placed on performing spiritual works, like attending the Stations of the Cross and Mass, taking the time for personal prayer and spiritual reading, going to confession, and offering gifts of time and love to others.

March 17th also marks the time of year that the Irish and Irish-at-heart, celebrate St. Patrick's Day. What began as a religious feast day for the Patron Saint of Ireland, has become a day of celebration around the world. During the month of March, the TCDSB acknowledges St. Patrick by designating March as Celtic Canadian Heritage month.



Have a wonderful March!

Maureen Murphy

Principal

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

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

*"Jesus said, 'Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.'
And they divided up his clothes by casting lots." Luke 23:34*

UPCOMING

Mar 14 - 18 inclusive - March Break – No Classes

Mar 22 - Kidsnow 3:30 - 5:00

Mar 23 - Skating Gr.7-8 9:30 – 10:30 a.m., Gr. 1-6 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
JK/SK Scientist in the School a.m.

Mar 24 - School Easter Egg Hunt

Mar 25 - Good Friday - No Classes

Mar 28 - Easter Monday - No Classes

Mar 29 - Kidsnow 3:30 - 5:00

Mar 30 - Skating Gr.7-8 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., Gr. 1-6 1:00 - 2:00

April 1 – Autism Awareness Day, Hat Day, Mass – 9.30 a.m., Hot Dog Day

Pancake Tuesday – A Success

On Tuesday, February 9, the students at Immaculate Heart of Mary enjoyed pancakes that we were cooked by a dedicated group of volunteers. Thank you to all the parents who came out early in the morning to make this event happen! Our pancake mix and syrup was generously donated to the school by Mr. George (a parent in the SK/1 class) and donations were accepted on behalf of the Angel Foundation (our TCDSB charity). I am proud to say that we donated \$350 to the Angel Foundation in support of TCDSB students across the city.



Winter Fun Day

On Thursday, February 11, we had our annual Winter Fun Day. Our Grade 8 students led the activities and the Grade 7 students led groups of students around the school in a fun-filled day! Many thanks go out to Ms. Abate and Ms. Bond for organizing this event. Also, we would like to thank Ms. Caruso and Mr. Javier for helping out with the serving of the hot chocolate. The weather may have kept us inside that day, but it certainly didn't dampen any of the excitement and fun had by all!



Lieutenant Governor's Games

Friday, February 26 was a quiet day at Immaculate Heart of Mary. That is because so many classes went up to Variety Village to participate in the Lieutenant Governor's Games. Mr. Samler, Ms. Larkey, Ms. Duenas, Ms. Gisonni and Ms. So's classes all took part in this event. Over 800 students from around the city came together to play and learn together at this wonderful (neighbourhood) facility!

As well, our Grade 7 and 8 students headed into the city that day in order to take a Photography tour of our world class city. All reports indicate that a wonderful time was had by all.

Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC)

Next CSPC meeting is in the Staff Room on **Tues., April 18 at 7.00**
All are welcome



It has been a busy time for our Parent Council. On January 27 our Fundraising Committee met and started plans for 2 Family Events here at Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The first is our **Family Movie night** scheduled for **Thursday, April 14 at 7.00 p.m.** in the gym. A meeting to plan this event is scheduled on **Tuesday, April 5 at 7.00 p.m. in the Staff room.** Please feel welcome to join us as we coordinate this event (decide on the movie and make arrangements for what snacks/refreshments to sell and how we will do this, etc.).



Our second planned event is our **April Showers bring May Flowers** event set for **Saturday, May 7 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** at the school. We are hoping that this will be an opportunity to come to the school as a family and promote some Environmental initiatives (purchasing Rain Barrels, plants for the garden, a chance to buy a burger or hot dog, etc.). Our planning meeting for this event is **Tuesday, April 19 at 7.00 p.m.** in the staff room. If you have a couple of hours to spare to assist us with our planning of this function, that would be greatly appreciated. Many hands will make light work to make this happen!



March Mayhem!

Boys & Girls Primary Soccer

Our Primary girls and boys had a chance to practise and play indoor soccer over the last number of weeks. The tournaments were held here at Immaculate Heart of Mary on Tuesday, March 8th for the boys and Thursday, March 10th for the girls. Everyone had a great time! Thank you to Ms. Gisonni and Ms. Duenas for working (and hosting the tournaments) with our primary students. Thanks also to Jordan, William and Kathleen – our experienced in-house referees for the days.

Monthly Mass

On Friday, March 4, we celebrated our monthly Mass as a community. Ms. Williams class led the mass and this opportunity allowed us to come together and celebrate our faith in community. Thank you Father Peter for making these masses an important part of your time to share with us!

Hockey

On Monday, March 7 at 7.15 a.m. at York University, our school hockey team officially hit the ice for the first of 5 games that day. (How they got up and got there at that time of day, I don't know!) They had a great time and will be playing again on Wednesday, March 23 at the much later time of 7.30 a.m. at Canlan Ice Sports – York University. Thanks to the parents for taking your children to this event. And thanks to Mr. Silverson for coaching this well-loved sport here at Immaculate!

Reconciliation

On March 7 and 8, our Grades 3 – 8 students had the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Father Peter at the church. We appreciate Father making arrangements in order to receive this sacrament which allows us to focus on our humanity and ask forgiveness for our sins – especially during the month of March where our focus of the month is Forgiveness.

Dance Workshop

On March 2 and 9, Ms. Williams and Ms. Bond's classes were involved in Dance workshops that took them into the city. I heard from both students and staff that lots was learned and I am eagerly waiting to see this new learning in action!

Contact Information

Just a reminder to make sure that you have provided the school with your **most recent contact information**. If your cell/home phone number changes, it is important that we at the school have this information so that we are able to get in touch with you in case of any illness or emergency or parental request.

Dress Code

As we move into a new season and you may need to purchase some clothes for your children in larger sizes, you are asked to remember our school dress code when you are purchasing items to wear to school. Our dress code is outlined in the front of the student's agendas (navy blue and white shirt, bottoms and sweaters or hoodies). Two items to remember to avoid is denim and leggings.

Kindergarten Registration

We are still accepting registrations for next year...

Registration options:

- Online: Parents are able to complete their application online at soar.tcdsb.org, and follow up with a visit to the school to present the required documents. The online application is available 24 hours.
- In Person: Parents can register at their local school with the required documents but please note that the appointment will take longer.

Board Approves Multi-Year Recovery Plan

At the February 18, 2016 meeting of the Board, the Board of Trustees approved option 3 which proposes budget reductions totaling \$28.4 million spread out over the next three years with the objective of not increasing the accumulated deficit in each year, and eliminating the accumulated deficit in the 3rd and final year of the Multi-Year Recovery Plan. The Board also approved a recommendation for the Director of Education to quantify additional cost pressures identified in the report, and address the \$3.7 million additional bussing transportation costs for a total required expenditure reduction of \$32.1 million in the annual budget planning and consultation process. Option 3 was selected by 47% of those who responded to the online survey.

The MYRP is being submitted to the Ministry of Education at the end of February. A detailed budget consultation plan is in development and will be presented to the board for approval in March. Please stay tuned for details on how you can be involved in providing input into the budget setting process. www.tcdsb.org



Registration Now Open! OAPCE Toronto Hosts 77th Annual Conference Different Gifts, One Voice: Living our Virtues in a Virtual World May 6-7th in Toronto

All are welcome.

Check out the website for all the information

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/OAPCE-Toronto/Events/Pages/OAPCE-Conference-2016.aspx>

Register online here:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ec6a0r4n5fb01bdc&llr=57qgf7bab>

Reminders:

- March is Celtic Canadian Heritage Month
 - March 4, 2016 World Day of Prayer
 - March 7, 2016 Education Support Staff Appreciation Day
 - March 8, 2016 International Women's Day
 - March Break March 14-18, 2016
 - March 21, 2016 International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination
 - March 21, 2016 World Down Syndrome Day
 - March 22, 2016 World Water Day
 - Good Friday March 25, 2016
 - Easter Monday March 28, 2016
 - New PA Day added April 15, 2016
- For these and other events, visit the TCDSB website at www.tcdsb.org

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