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The greatest of these is love!



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2018

Dear Parents/Guardian:

We are now in the Holy season of Advent. Advent is a season of Peace and is the beginning of the Liturgical year in the Catholic Church. Advent is the time of preparation for coming of Christ at Christmas. We are called to prepare our hearts for the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. During the month of December, we celebrate the Virtue of CHARITY. The Virtue of Charity means being generous with our presence, time and gifts. Charity allows us to give freely without expecting anything in return. The Bible quote for this month is, "it is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts chapter 20; verse 35. For this month, our focus on the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectation calls for each student to be a 'collaborative contributor who finds meaning, dignity and vocation in work and respects the rights of all and contributes to the common good. Likewise, Catholic Social Teaching proclaim that we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, and that we are also keepers of the poor and vulnerable, wherever they live and that we must put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.

As we continue to celebrate the first to the Three Year Pastoral Plan, we Belong, throughout the month of December, students will demonstrate the virtue of Charity by participating the annual St. Vincent de Paul annual Food Hamper under the leadership of Mrs. DeBraga and the Me to We. We will continue to build community by having our annual Christmas PJ Day on December 21st. Thank you to Madam Al-Dahr and Mrs. Aucoin-Goslin who will be hosting Grade 10 students from Michael Power Saint Joseph for a conversation in French on Tuesday December 4. In addition, CSPC will be hosting the first ever Mother Cabrini Christmas Market on Thursday December 6th starting at 5:00 p.m.. Please see all communication that was sent home for further information.

On Thursday December 20th Father Michael will be leading the Mother Cabrini school community in celebrating Advent Mass at Nativity of Our Lord Church! All classes will be participating in the Advent Mass. **CSPC has organized to have a light Advent dinner before Mass.** Dinner will start from 5:30 p.m. sharp and ends at 6:45 p.m. Following dinner, everyone is asked to be seated at the Church by 6:50 p.m. so that Mass can begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. All members of the school community are invited to join us in this Advent Mass and Family dinner celebration in our Catholic Faith!

CSPC meeting will be held tomorrow, Tuesday December 4th at 5:30 p.m. in the staff room. All Parents and Guardian are invited to attend and contribute to the ongoing conversation on Parents engagement. Please note that 5:30 p.m. is the new time for all CSPC meetings. With the exception of December, the regular date for all CSPC meetings remain the first Wednesday in each month.

Please note that Friday December 7th will be a PA Day. There will be no school. Please be advised that Christmas holiday will be from Monday December 24th – Friday January 4th. The first day of school for 2019 will be Monday January 7th.

Sincere GRATITUDE to all of the wonderful Parents and Guardian who make up the Mother Cabrini school community for all of your thoughtfulness and support that you gave to staff through 2018! We look forward with much anticipation for your continued support throughout 2019!

May the Peace and Hope of Christ birth be with you and your family throughout this Holy season. On behalf of all of Mother Cabrini staff, I take this opportunity to wish all Mother Cabrini families a Blessed and Joyous Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year!



S. Ambrose
Principal

Prayer For Charity

Thank You Lord for the many graces and blessings you have placed in my life. I offer You my heart-felt gratitude for Your countless gifts to me each day.

In turn, dear Lord, help me to be aware of the needs of my least sisters and brothers, and to respond to those who are poor and less fortunate with generous expressions of charity, kindness and caring.

On that day Lord, when I finally stand before You to give an account of my life, I pray I will hear you say, "Come O good and faithful servant to share your Father's joy, for when you saw me hungry, thirsty, naked, homeless, ill and imprisoned, you offered your gifts in charity and you lovingly did it for me".

Amen.

Concerns for Students, Parents and Staff Safety in the Kiss and Ride

Dear Parents/Guardians of Mother Cabrini Catholic School:

Just a gentle reminder about student drop off.

The first lane only is to be used in the **morning**.

In the **afternoon**, lanes **two and three** are available for pick-up.

This is very important to ensure safety for all students.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Upcoming Mother Cabrini 50th Anniversary

Happy Anniversary Celebrating 50 Years
Saint Mother Cabrini!

Saturday May 4th at 2:30 p.m. at the school
followed by 5:00 p.m. Mass
at Nativity of Our Lord Church.

~Please mark your calendar. More information to follow.





TCDSB Monthly Update December 2018

Latest Updates on Weather Related Cancellations or Closures

To get the latest information about school bus transportation, see <https://busplannerweb.torontoschoolbus.org/Cancellations.aspx>
Parents are encouraged to subscribe to the transportation portal to get real time information about any transportation issues:
<https://busplannerweb.torontoschoolbus.org/Subscriptions/Login.aspx>
Information is also shared via Twitter. Follow @TCDSB.
For more information: <https://www.tcdsb.org/forstudents/healthandsafety/pages/weather-related-safety-concerns.aspx>

French Immersion and Extended French Info Nights: Dec. 5, 2018 – Feb. 20, 2019

Elementary Schools with French Immersion and Extended French programs invite their communities to attend Information Nights as we approach Kindergarten Registration, which begins Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. The following schools will host French Immersion Information Nights in December:

- St. Cecilia – December 5, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
- St. Benedict – December 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
- St. Cyril – December 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Click here for all French Immersion Info Night dates:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/FrenchImmersion/Pages/default.aspx>

Click here for all Extended French Info Night dates:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/Extended%20French/Pages/default.aspx>

Angel Foundation for Learning

Through the Loretto Fund and the Social Work Emergency Fund the Angel Foundation supports TCDSB students who are new comers to Canada by helping to offset the costs for items such as school supplies, uniforms, field trips, groceries or other necessities to help them settle into school and life in Canada. You can help support families who have come to Canada in search of peace donations to The Angel Foundation for Learning. To learn more about the work of the Foundation, visit <http://www.angelfoundationforlearning.org/>

PA Day

Friday, December 7th is a system-wide PA Day (Check with your local school to confirm)

Christmas Holidays

The last day of classes before the Christmas break will be Friday, December 21, 2018. Schools will reopen on Monday, January 7th, 2019.

Administrative offices will also be closed starting Saturday December 22nd and reopening on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

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SAVE THE DATE!

Kindergarten Registration Begins January 16th at 10 a.m.

Visit www.tcdsb.org for details.

Apply online starting January 16th at <https://soar.tcdsb.org>

The Catholic Register's popular children's drawing contest is back!

The Catholic Register is conducting its eight annual children's Christmas drawing contest. The top entry in each of 3 categories will receive a \$75 gift certificate for a day at the movies. The winning drawings will appear in *The Register's* Christmas edition, Dec. 24.

The contest is open to children in Grades 1 to 8. Entries must be original, in colour, drawn or painted on a page 8.5" x 11" or larger and illustrate some aspect of the birth of Jesus as recorded in the Gospels. We want paintings or drawings that depict the true meaning of Christmas so, please, no Santas or reindeer.

<https://www.catholicregister.org/ChristmasContest>

December's Virtue is Charity

Find all the resources related to the monthly virtue, as well as other resources to support faith development and Religion and Family Life on our website here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Default.aspx>

TCDSB Celebrates Advent and Christmas—Advent Begins December 1st

Visit the board's website for the latest news and information from TCDSB schools including food and clothing drives, Christmas baskets for needy families, Christmas concerts and other special events.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2018/pages/Advent-and-Christmas.aspx>

PRESTO Cards for TCDSB Students

Over the past few weeks the Toronto Catholic District School Board and the Toronto Student Transportation Group have been working closely with the TTC on the logistics for providing complimentary PRESTO cards to all students ages 6 to 12 (child cards) and 13 to 19 (youth cards). The purpose of this initiative is to help students smoothly make the transition away from TTC passes, and tickets, to the PRESTO electronic fare card.

Please note that the TTC will stop selling tickets and tokens on August 3, 2019.

The TTC is providing the PRESTO cards to school boards free of charge.

Watch for more information to come from your school soon.

We Belong

As we journey through the first year of our pastoral plan, "Rooted in Christ, we Belong, we Believe, we Become", the Nurturing our Catholic Community Team invites you to share your ideas of belonging. We want to hear from our students and staff about how they are nurturing the concept of belonging and inclusion in their schools, in their families, in their parishes and their community.

We invite you to submit student artwork, written work, videos/slideshows, songs or any other creative expressions of belonging to ncc.team@tcdsb.org by no later than **Friday, March 22, 2019.**

When sharing your initiatives on social media, tweet or post @TCDSB with the hashtag #TCDSBelongs so we can follow your progress. For ideas and resources linked to our pastoral plan, [click here](#).

All submissions will be featured on the TCDSB website, as well as at our year-end celebration to be held May 21st. All schools will be invited to send two representatives (*any combination of student, parent, teaching or non-teaching staff, school administrator*).

A poster is attached as a reminder. Please feel free to share with your staff and your CPSC members, and parishes!



FOOD HAMPERS FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Friday, November 30, 2018

Dear parents, students and staff:

The Me 2 We team has kicked off the Mother Cabrini's annual Food Hamper Drive in each class today. This collection of non-perishable food items is an important event at our school, as it allows each one of us a precious opportunity to really embrace the virtue of Charity at Christmas, and make it a special time for the families in our community. You may bring your items on Monday, December 3rd, 2018.

Our school is joined by all local Catholic schools, both elementary and secondary, as we "adopt" needy families in our community for the Christmas season. These families are registered with St. Vincent de Paul Society of Nativity of Our Lord Church.

Each classroom at Mother Cabrini will be given a list of much needed food items and gifts. We ask students to commit to contributing one or more of the listed items (e.g. your child could sign up for bringing in two tins of tuna, or 1 box of cereal) by Wednesday, December 12th, 2018. All classes will be assigned a family. Some families will be composed of children. In that case, we will provide the age and gender of the children, and small gifts could be included in that family's hamper.

Once all food/gift items have been received, they are placed in brightly wrapped boxes, and delivered to Nativity of Our Lord Church on Friday, December 14th. Volunteers with the St. Vincent de Paul Society will then arrange to have the hampers delivered to the families. It is difficult to believe that, within our own community, many families are struggling to put food on the table. Some are victims of "downsizing", others are coping with illness and many are new to the country.

With your generosity, we can ease the burden of these families, while giving the Christmas hope and joy! In this year of We Belong, let us reach out to those in need in our own community of Nativity of Our Lord Parish and teach our children the joy of belonging to a supporting community.

Thank you for your charity.
The Me 2 We Team

Your child, _____, is collecting items for a family of _____ adults and _____ children (boy _____ and girl _____). Please send the items selected below by Wednesday, December 11th to the school.

Instant potatoes/gravy Canned pastas Dried pasta Rice
 Canned meat (ham, etc) Canned fruit Pasta sauce Desserts (jello, pudding)
 Canned fish (tuna, salmon) Dried fruit Crackers Cereal (hot/cold)
 Soups Fruit juices Cookies Granola bars
 Pancake mix Syrup Hot chocolate Coffee Tea
 Canned vegetables fruit cups Juice boxes sugar oil/vinegar salad
dressing ketchup jam mayo honey Christmas Dinner items-stuffing, fruit cake,
candy, etc Family gift Gift for boy Gift for girl

Important School Links

To Access our School Calendar:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/schools/mothercabrini/SchoolCalendar/Pages/default.aspx>

School Cash Online:

School Cash Online is an online parent portal that offers a safe, fast and convenient way to pay for school activity fees. The portal is customized to meet your school's needs and allows you as a parent, to add your students, make payments, check current balance/account history, print or view receipts, and receive notifications about upcoming events.

<https://tcdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

To follow our School Twitter Account:

@Sambrose340

To Access our School Newsletter:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/schools/mothercabrini>



SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2018-2019

TCDSB SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2018-2019

Number of school days	194
Number of Professional Activity Days	7
Labour Day	September 3, 2018
First Instructional Day	September 4, 2018
Thanksgiving Day	October 8, 2018
Christmas Break schools February 4, 2019	December 24, 2018–January 4, 2019 Start of second semester secondary
Family Day	February 18, 2019
Mid-Winter Break	March 11–15, 2019
Good Friday	April 19, 2019
Easter Monday	April 22, 2019
Victoria Day	May 20, 2019
Last day of classes for elementary students	June 27, 2019

Seven (7) Professional Activity (PA) Days for ELEMENTARY schools:

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| • October 5, 2018 | Provincial Education Priorities/Faith Development |
| • November 16, 2018 | Parent-Teacher Conferences |
| • December 7, 2018 | Provincial Education Priorities |
| • January 18, 2019 | Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting |
| • February 15, 2019 | Parent-Teacher Conferences |
| • June 7, 2019 | Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting |
| • June 28, 2019 | Provincial Education Priorities |

*Seven (7) Professional Activity (PA) Days for SECONDARY schools:

- October 5, 2018
- November 16, 2018
- December 7, 2018
- February 15, 2019
- June 26, 27, 28, 2019
- Three PA days devoted to Provincial Education Priorities and supporting Article 19 of the Collective Agreement.
- One PA day devoted to Faith Development.
- One PA day devoted to numeracy across the curriculum.
- The remaining two PA days will be devoted to system priorities, annual learning plans and local goals articulated in the School Learning Improvement Plans

Grade 1 Class

* Secondary schools, in consultation with their Local School Staffing Advisory Committee, may schedule a Professional Activity Day to align with the day following one of the Parent-Teacher Interview nights.