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Catch the spirit!



APRIL NEWSLETTER 2016

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Although March was a shorter month with the break, it was packed with learning and fun! We are very proud of our school's Lenten project where we collected gently used clothing and household items for Syrian newcomers moving into their new homes. We thank all families for their contributions. Before March break we had fun with our family skate. We thank all parents, grandparents and family members that joined us for this special day. As well, the day before our March break we dressed down wearing pyjamas and snuggled up with popcorn and a movie. Leading up to Easter, we had the opportunity to watch our Me to We Leadership group act out the passion of Christ. We reflected on ways that we are challenged to examine how we interact with and forgive others.

For April, we are looking forward to enjoying the outdoors with the milder spring weather. The beginning of April we have 21 student competing in the TCDSB swim meet on April 2 and 3. We are looking forward to students participating in this board wide event. We thank parents that have coached the team this year! On April 13 the students will have an opportunity to hear a presentation on healthy eating from the Rainbow Plate Healthy Eating program. We thank Madame Al-Dahr for ensuring this program through a Ministry Grant. On April 21 the top ten films from the Toronto Catholic Film Festival will be showcased at the Dundas/Yonge Theatre in Toronto. Of 8000 votes across the board, one of our entries- "Jimmy's Family" was voted in the top ten films for this year's festival! Congratulations are extended to Mrs. De Braga and her grade seven students Melanie Zamrij and Richard Kosztowniak for their excellent creativity and use of technology for this project!

Our CSPC is running The Big Box Card Fundraising from April 6-25. This is a great opportunity to stock up on all season stationary. As well, everyone is invited to attend our April CSPC on April 4. We thank parent volunteers that continue to support CSPC and our school.

The virtue for the month of April is Justice. We continue to explore and find ways to promote justice in our daily and global lives. We look forward to celebrating our Easter mass on April 8. Father Michael will continue to bless our grade two children for their upcoming First reconciliation on April 12 and the Sacrament of First Communion (group A) on April 30th.

Mark on your calendars the week of Mary 1 to 6 for Education week.

Yours in Catholic Education,

J. Di Vittorio
Principal

tournaments. At their tournaments on March 29th and March 30th at St. Maurice, all the players displayed excellent sportsmanship and skill. They were committed to team play and put their best effort forward. A special congratulations to our girls' team for bringing home the championship. Thanks to all the team members for their hard-work and dedication. Also, a special thank you to those parents who assisted in driving in support of our teams.

Junior Boys' Volleyball Team Members: *Adrian S, Anthony G, Domenic D, Simon L, Max C, Andrew V, Thomas K, Nicholas D, Adam S, and Ioane B.*

Junior Girls' Volleyball Team Members: *Avery C, Shannon N, Angel G, Lauren K, Francesca M, Hannah A, Maegan M, Michaela D, Isabella B, and Samantha E.*

Family Skate



A subtle "nick" of a pair of skates subtly preventing a tumble. A trying stride working dutifully with a parental grasp. A young athlete steering those near him away with a powerful stop, that intimidates the others. The flash of a camera allowing memories to look back on. All and more were visible at Mother Cabrini's family skate on March 9th. Family friendship and activity emerged into an enjoyable day of skating at Centennial Arena. It was a pleasant experience for all and all walked away with memories to stay a while.

-Sophia and Hayley

Pyjama/Movie, popcorn day

On Friday, March 11th, we celebrated Pajama Day with a movie, popcorn and juice! Our class wore awesome pajamas. Here are some examples: Georgia wore her Christmas pajama, Sebastian S. wore his Minion pajama, Noah and Phillip wore their cool pirate pajamas and Annabelle wore her favourite red and pink pajama! In the afternoon, we watched the "Lion King" movie. Mrs. Di Vittorio made a lot of popcorn. She made enough for the whole school! The popcorn was delicious!! We can't wait for our next Pajama Day!

-Mrs. Swastek & Mrs. Prattinger's Class



Down's Syndrome Awareness Day

On March 21st, Mother Cabrini celebrated World Down Syndrome Day. Students were given two different socks to wear that day. This was to show that we are all different and unique, but no matter what we must always celebrate those differences and include everyone. It was a lot of fun to see all the kids wearing different socks. We thank Mrs. Ferrante and Gianpaul for building our awareness of this important and special day. It was a blast!

*-Sofia Ferrante and Maegan Pires
(Mrs. Da Silva's grade 2/3 class)*

Thank you to McGregor for their generous donation of socks for all students in the school. McGregor rocks!

 McGregor



Scientist in The School

The grade 2 class had a visiting scientist for their unit on Simple Machines. The students learned about the 6 simple machines and participated in work stations that explained the workings of each. Not only did the students learn that simple machines make work easier for us but they learned that many everyday objects in our lives are made up of one or more than one simple machine. Did you know that the shovel you use to shovel snow or the pizza cutter that cuts your pizza is a simple machine? We thank our parents who came out to support us in our learning and our visiting scientist Sabina who brought amazing hands on tools for us to explore with.

-Grade 2 students

TCFF-Toronto Catholic Film Festival

Participating in the Toronto Catholic Family Film Festival has been a very exciting and valuable experience. Our whole class in groups of two or three participated in the event. We created our movies using applications such as Imovie. After our movies were created, we voted and chose three movies to be entered in the festival. All movies were very creative and amazing. Every student dedicated many hours of hard work in the completion process. All three of our movies made the top 20, and our movie, "Jimmy's Family" made the top 10. This means that on April 21st, we will be attending a showing of all the top 10 movies at the Cineplex Movie Theatre at Yonge and Dundas. Having this opportunity was amazing and a lot of fun!

-Melanie Z. and Richard K.

School Year Calendar

2016-2017

As Approved by the Board

Number of school days	194
Number of Professional Activity Days	7
Labour Day	September 5, 2016
First Instructional Day	September 6, 2016
Thanksgiving Day	October 10, 2016
Christmas Break	December 26, 2016–January 6, 2017
Family Day	February 20, 2017
Mid-Winter Break	March 13–17, 2017
Good Friday	April 14, 2017
Easter Monday	April 17, 2017
Victoria Day	May 22, 2017
Last day of classes for elementary students	June 29, 2017

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

October 7, 2016 Provincial Education Priorities
November 18, 2016 Parent-Teacher Conferences
December 2, 2016 Provincial Education Priorities/Faith Development
January 20, 2017 Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting
February 17, 2017 Parent-Teacher Conferences
June 9, 2017 Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting
June 30, 2017 Provincial Education Priorities

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

October 7, 2016
November 18, 2016
December 2, 2016
February 17, 2017
June 28, 29, 30, 2017
Three PA days devoted to Provincial Education Priorities and supporting Article 19 of the Collective Agreement.
One PA day devoted to Faith Development.

The remaining three PA days will be devoted to system priorities, annual learning plans and local goals articulated in the School Learning Improvement Plans.

*** After consultation with their LSSAC, secondary schools may choose to change one of the above PA days, provided there is no cost to the Board.**

Mark Your Calendars and Prepare to Celebrate Catholic Education Week May 1-6, 2016

Opening Doors of Mercy

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/catholiceducationweek/pages/default.aspx>

LET JUSTICE FLOW
LIKE A STREAM,
AND RIGHTEOUSNESS
LIKE A RIVER THAT
NEVER GOES DRY.

~ AMOS 5:24 ~

- THE FIRST STEP TO ACHIEVING JUSTICE IS TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT AND STAND UP FOR WHAT WE KNOW GOD WANTS.
- LET YOUR ACTIONS BE GUIDED BY THE IDEA THAT EVEN IN THE FACE OF INJUSTICE (DEATH ON THE CROSS) JESUS ALWAYS ACTED WITH DIGNITY.
- EVERYONE WANTS TO BE TREATED FAIRLY; WE NEED TO REMEMBER TO TREAT OTHERS FAIRLY.
- REMEMBER THAT JESUS WAS ALWAYS AN INSTRUMENT OF JUSTICE IN HIS WORK WITH PEOPLE.

Justice

April, with its celebration of Easter, has been assigned the virtue of JUSTICE. At this time we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus who is the Just One who died for the sake of the unjust, that He might lead people back to God. But justice is also an important part of Catholic teaching beyond Christ's Death and Resurrection.

As in this month's quote, "Let justice flow like a stream, and righteousness like a river that never goes dry." Amos 5:24

CSPC COMMUNITY UPDATE



Our next CSPC meeting will be held on Monday April 4th at 7:00 pm. As always all are welcome to attend. Keep in mind that we do not have babysitting available at this time. Just a reminder that our next subway lunch will be on Tuesday April 12th and Pizza lunch on Thursday April 28th. As always we welcome all volunteers. If you would like to volunteer please contact Cori Stadler at mayvillec@hotmail.com

Thank you to all those who participated in our Easter Lily Sale. Once again they were well received and beautiful. A big Thanks to Mr. Hourihan and Islington Nurseries who facilitated the delivery.

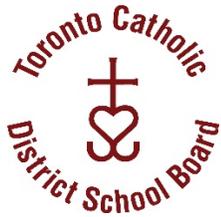
Our next BIG Fundraiser will be our BIG BOX fundraising initiative which launches on April 6th. We will be selling a Box of Birthday Cards valuing at 100 dollars for 33. That's \$1 per card and they are beautiful.

Also our annual Fun Day will be on Thursday, June 2nd. Anyone who wishes to help out, please contact Cori Stadler. Any help is greatly appreciated.

As always if you have any questions or would like to volunteer help is always welcomed. Please feel free to contact Nicole Arsenault at nbeckett@sympatico.ca or Cori Stadler at mayvillec@hotmail.com.

Thank you in advance CSPC





TCDSB Monthly Update

April 2016

Budget Consultation

TCDSB thanks the many parents, students, staff and community members who participated in consultation regarding the Multi Year Recovery Plan. Please visit the board's website at www.tcdsb.org or follow us on Twitter @TCDSB to get the latest information about the consultation regarding the 2016-2017 budget.

School Year Calendar

The school year calendar for 2016-2017 has been approved. This includes the system-wide professional activity days. Check here for information <https://www.tcdsb.org/school/schoolyearcalendar/pages/default.aspx>
Please note that there is a system-wide PA day scheduled for April 15th.

Mark Your Calendars and Prepare to Celebrate

Catholic Education Week May 1-6, 2016

"Opening Doors of Mercy"

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/catholiceducationweek/pages/default.aspx>

Parent Engagement Resource Event: Supporting All Our Students...Imagine the Possibilities

April 30th, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Catholic Education Centre, 80 Sheppard Avenue East

Hosted by TCDSB's Special Services Department and the Special Education Advisory Committee

Features workshops, special education resources, community resources, raffles, door prizes.

The Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education

77th Annual Conference, AGM & Gala Dinner

A full day conference for parents, caregivers and our partners in publicly funded Catholic Education in Ontario

"Many Gifts, One Voice: Living Our Virtues in a Virtual World"

Co-hosted by OAPCE Toronto and the Toronto Catholic District School Board

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

Change the World: Ontario Youth Volunteer Challenge

ChangeTheWorld: Ontario Youth Volunteer Challenge is a six week challenge to encourage Ontario high school students to volunteer locally and reward them for doing so. Last year in Toronto, over 3,500 students took part and across the province over 40,000 youth participated. Those who volunteer during the six weeks can contact the Ministry to request a certificate from Volunteer Toronto and the Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade. **The 2016 campaign starts on April 10th and ends on May 23rd.** www.volunteertoronto.ca/changetheworld

The City of Toronto's - Clean Toronto Together Campaign

School Cleanup Day--Friday April 22, 2016

Community Clean-up Days--Saturday April, 23 & Sunday, April 24

The City Park Clean-up--April 18th to April 22th, 2016 (grades 1 to 8)

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/environment/EarthMonth/Pages/default.aspx>

Other Upcoming Events

- **April is Volunteer Month.** Celebrate the volunteers in your school community and tweet out your stories and photos using the hashtag **#familyofvolunteers**
- **April 2nd: Pope John Paul II Day**—declared by the Government of Ontario
<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/pope-john-paul-ii-day.aspx>
- **April 2nd—Autism Awareness Day** (TCDSB celebrates on April 1st)
- **April 4-21—Elementary Music Festival** <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/elementary-music-festival-2016.aspx>
- **April 19-28—Secondary Music Festival** <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/secondary-music-festival-2016.aspx>
- **April 21st: Student Trustee Election**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/Student-Trustee-Elections-2015.aspx>
- **April 22nd—Earth Day**
- **April 22nd—Exemplary Practice Awards**
- **April 26th: Election of Student Trustee**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/Election-of-Student-Trustees-for-2016-2017.aspx>
- **April 27th: Administrative Assistants' Day** (Secretaries' Day)

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