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JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2015

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Happy New Year! With the rest and relaxation from the Christmas break, we are excited about our continued learning journey together for the 2015 school year!

One of the highlights for the month of December was our Christmas Concert. The concert entitled "The Twelve Days of Charity" highlighted how important our work of outreach is to our community. This outreach also included our annual visit by the grade 6/7 and 7/8 classes to The Revera Retirement Home. On December 12, students enjoyed yummy treats from our CSAC bake sale. We would like to thank our CSAC and all the families that donated baked goods for our bake sale. Funds raised will be contributed to benefit our students.

We have much learning planned for the month of January. Opportunities for fitness include two skating days for students from Junior Kindergarten to grade 3, two skiing days for students from grades 4-8, as well as one family skate day planned for all students and their families. Our grade 4 students will once again have an opportunity to learn how to swim through the Swim to Survive program. Students will also participate in our junior boys' and girls' soccer tournament.

January is Kindergarten registration month for the upcoming school year. There will be a registration evening on January 14 from 4:00-7:00pm. Please pass on registration information to any families that have children beginning junior kindergarten in September. Any families interested in registering their child are encouraged to call the school for more information.

Outdoor play will be monitored with the colder weather conditions of winter (guidelines included in newsletter). Please ensure your child has the appropriate winter attire for them to enjoy outdoor play properly.

On behalf of the staff of Mother Cabrini, I would like to extend our blessings for a happy and prosperous new year.

Sincerely,

J. Di Vittorio



Full-Day Kindergarten Registration for September 2015 Begins



January 8th, 2015 at 10a.m. registration for JK (children born in 2011) begins

Applications for registration to schools in the Toronto Catholic District School Board can be made on-line or in person beginning Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 10a.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Admission criteria for Full Day Kindergarten (FDK)

Children born in 2011-eligible for JK

Children born in 2010-eligible for SK

Must have permanent residence within the City of Toronto

Must reside in the school's catchment area

Link for Catchment Area

<http://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolPrograms/K12/Kindergarten/EarlyLearning/Pages/Full-Day-Kindergarten-School-Sites.aspx>

The following documents are required for registration:

1. Child's Birth Certificate (Certificate of Citizenship or Landed Immigrant Status)
2. Child's Catholic Baptismal Certificate (or Parent's proof of Catholicity)
3. Child's Immunization Record
4. Proof of residency in Toronto

Extended Registration Hours by Appointment-January 14-4:00-7:00pm



September 2015 Kindergarten Application Process

We are pleased to welcome you and your child to the Toronto Catholic District School Board.

Applications may be made electronically on the Student Online Application for Registration (S.O.A.R.) at <http://soar.tcdsb.org>

Parents will be able to complete an application for registration from the comfort of home, the office, a public library, or anywhere there is internet access!

The online application offers access to translations in many different languages with built-in help functions and features.

Parents may also choose to apply in person at their local school, where they will complete either an electronic application or a paper application.

Upon entering the electronic application, S.O.A.R. will issue a file number and a date/time for reference. Please keep this information for future reference if required to access your application information.

If applying in person at the school on January 8th at 10a.m., parents will also receive a date/time label which will be affixed to the application. Both processes will enable the creation of a processing list for each school.

Registration is complete when:

1. A complete application has been submitted to the school (online or in person)
2. A meeting with school personnel has taken place
3. All documentation has been submitted and validated by the school
4. The family has been informed by the school that the registration is complete and the child is pre-registered for September 2015.

Rainbow Lunches

Dear Parents:

Please note that if your child has opted to participate in the hot lunch scheduled on Friday January 30th but because it's our Skating Day, this lunch is being rescheduled and will be served on Wednesday January 28th. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Regards,
Your Rainbow Lunches Team

Cold Weather Guidelines

When the temperature with the wind chill factor is between -25 and -30 degrees Celsius the children have reduced outdoor recess according to the attached chart. Temperatures warmer than -25 degrees Celsius are normal winter temperatures for outdoor play. The weather is monitored on a regular basis through the Environment Canada website.

Minutes to Frostbite

The following are approximate values

Temperature (degrees Celcius)	-15	-20	-25	-30	-35	-40	-45	-50
Wind (km/h)								
10	*	*	22	15	10	8	7	2
20	*	30	14	10	5	4	3	2
30	*	18	11	8	5	2	2	1
40	42	14	9	5	5	2	2	1
50	27	12	8	5	2	2	2	1
60	22	10	7	5	2	2	2	1
70	18	9	5	4	2	2	2	1
80	16	8	5	4	2	2	2	1

*Frostbite unlikely

The wind speed, in km/h, is at the standard anemometer height of 10 metres (as reported in weather observations).

Wind Chill Hazards

Check the wind chill before you go outdoors in the winter, and make sure you are well prepared for the weather. Even moderate wind chill values can be dangerous if you are outside for long periods.

Note: The guidelines on frostbite in the table below apply to healthy adults.

Wind Chill Hazards and Risks of Frostbite

Wind Chill	Risk of frostbite	Health Concern	What to do
0 to -9	Low	Slight increase in discomfort	Dress warmly, With the outside TemperatureIn mind.
-10 to -27	Low	Uncomfortable with Risk of Hypothermia if Outside for Long periods Without Adequate protection	
-28 to -39	Increasing Risk:exposed skin can freeze in 10 to 30 minutes		

Monthly Update from the Board January 2015



Kindergarten Registration

Registration will begin at **10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 8th**. Visit the TCDSB website for details:

<http://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/earlyyears/kindergartenregistration/pages/default.aspx>

French Immersion and Extended French

Information evenings at schools across the city continue in the new year. For a complete schedule, visit the board's website

<http://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2015/Pages/French-Immersion-and-Extended-French-Information.aspx>

Registration for Night School

Registration starts **January 14th** and continues through to February 13th. Classes will begin February 17th.

Information can be found online:

www.tcdsb.org/continuinged

Applications for Post-Secondary Studies

Application deadline for University is January 14th.

<http://www.ouac.on.ca/>

College application deadline is February 1st—Apply by January 15th for a chance to win \$500 to \$2,000.

<http://www.ontariocolleges.ca/home>

Board Seeking Feedback on Draft Policies

The Board invites parents, students and staff to provide input into two draft policies: the new CSAC policy and the new Admissions and Placement policy for secondary school students. For information and the online feedback form, visit the website here:

<http://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2014/pages/consultation-csac-and-admissions-policies.aspx>

Deadline: January 9th

Parents Invited to Consider Serving on Portuguese Advisory Committee

One parent will be selected from among the applicants. The Committee includes representatives from among Trustees, staff, parents and students, with the mandate to advise the Board on Policies, Programs and Services which foster equitable education and greater student achievement for students of Portuguese heritage. Interested candidates should submit their application form by **Wednesday, January 14, 2015** to the attention of Carla Marchetti: carla.marchetti@tcdsb.org, fax #416-512-4992 or mail:

Carla Marchetti, Coordinator of IL/Parent/Community Engagement, Community Relations,
80 Sheppard Avenue East, Toronto, ON M2N 6E8.
Application form and more information here:

<http://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Pages/Current-Openings--Parent-Membership-on-Committees.aspx>

Winter is Here

And so is the winter weather. Get all the latest information about cancellations and closures throughout the winter months, and find out what's happening across the Board all year long by following @TCDSB on Twitter.

CSAC Training Session--Parent Engagement, Recruiting/Retaining Members and Succession Planning

Speaker: Carolyn Anco, Ministry of Education
January 7, 2015 7-9 p.m.
Catholic Education Centre, 80 Sheppard Avenue East

Interactive Parent Fair—For Parents of Kindergarten Students

Help your child improve his/her: Listening and understanding skills, speaking skills and literacy skills
Hosted by the Toronto Catholic School Board (TCDSB)
Speech and Language Department
Two 2-part sessions at two locations:

- St. Jane Frances, 2745 Jane Street, Downsview on **Tuesday, January 20th** and **Tuesday, February 24th** 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
- St. Maria Goretti, 21 Kenmark Boulevard, Scarborough on **Thursday, January 22nd** and **Thursday, February 26th** 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

<http://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/specialeducation/speech/pages/interactive-parent-fair.aspx>

Family Literacy Day January 27th

Take time to read with your children, or encourage them to put away the electronics and spend some time engaged in a good book.

CPIC Speakers Series: Bullies No More; Empowering Independence

Featuring Alyson Schafer, Internationally Acclaimed Parenting Expert

Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at Don Bosco Catholic Secondary School
2 St. Andrews Blvd., (Islington, north of Dixon Rd.) 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Free Parking. Child-minding Available (for children aged 5–10)

See poster for full details.  [Final Alyson Schafer CPIC flyer.pdf](#)



**DO NOT BE AFRAID,
I AM WITH YOU.**

~ ISAIAH 41:10 ~

- LET YOUR ACTIONS BE GUIDED BY THE IDEA THAT GOD IS INSIDE EVERYONE.
- KNOW THAT SOMETIMES DOING THE RIGHT THING IS VERY TOUGH BUT WITH COURAGE YOU CAN DO THE RIGHT THING.
- STAND UP RESPECTFULLY WHEN YOU SEE SOMETHING WRONG THAT IS BEING DONE.
- LIVE YOUR LIFE IN A WAY THAT MAKES OTHERS KNOW YOU ARE A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST.

COURAGE



Courage

While January sees the beginning of the New Year, many of us also regard it as the true beginning of the long, hard winter. In this sense it is apt that the virtue for January is **COURAGE**. The quote for this month is Isaiah 41:10, “Do not be afraid; I am with You” “Be not afraid!” is also what the angel tells Mary at the annunciation. (Lk 1:30) and at the resurrection, another angel uses the same words to tell the women at the tomb that Christ has risen. (Mt 28:5) Jesus himself uses these words to strengthen his apostles. (Jn 6:20) It takes a lot of courage to practice and be true to our Catholic faith.