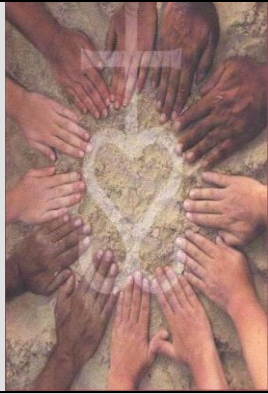




JANUARY NEWSLETTER



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Catch the spirit!

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Happy New Year! January 6th marks the Epiphany of our Lord. The visitation of the magi remind us that the birth of Jesus brings us hope and joy as a faith people. Our Christmas concert and our Advent mass reminded us of the joy that originates from our school family. It is with this renewed hope that we welcome 2016. We pray for God's blessings as we as we continue our faith journey together.

The virtue for the month of January is courage. It is with courage that we continue to explore ways that our positive words and interactions "Fill Our Buckets." We will share ways that students interact positively on the morning announcements and on our bulletin board at the main office. We invite all parents and grandparents to join us for our New Year's mass on January 20.

We are looking forward to the Mother Cabrini swim team beginning their training on January 6. Practices will be held on Wednesdays after school at the Etobicoke Olympium. We are excited to have a swim team once again this year!

Kindergarten registration begins January 13. Registration begins at 10:00am at the school or on SOAR (see included information). As well, an evening registration will be available the same night from 4:00-7:00pm. Please pass on registration information to any families beginning junior kindergarten in September. Any families interested in registering their child are encourage to call the school for more information.

Outdoor play will be monitored throughout the winter months (see guidelines included). Please ensure your child has appropriate winter attire for them to enjoy outdoor play properly. As well, please ensure students have indoor shoes at school to change into. With indoor shoes students don't walk bare foot and this helps to keep the school clean.

We are continuing to encourage parents of older children (grade 4-8) to pick up their children from 3:10-3:20pm. We have had some parents trying the 3:10pm pick up and have enjoyed the quicker pick up. With more families doing this we will have enough space in the kiss and ride for all parents to pick up their child/children safely. It is together that we can enhance our after school pick up. Thanking families in advance for your support.

On behalf of the staff of Mother Cabrini, I would like to extend our best wishes to you and your families for a happy new year!
Cheers,

J. Di Vittorio

January-Virtue of courage

Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God."(Isaiah 41:10)

January Virtue-Courage



This month we celebrate one of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, courage. We think of the courage it takes for students to reach beyond their comfort zones to learn in ways they have never done before. We think of the courage students and adults need to do the right thing even though they might risk unpopularity. We think of the courage it takes from teachers, administrators, parents and all workers in education to carry the responsibility of passing on our faith and hope to the young entrusted to our care.

Full-Day Kindergarten Registration for September 2016 Begins

January 13th, 2016 at 10a.m. registration for JK (children born in 2012) begins

Applications for registration to schools in the Toronto Catholic District School Board can be made on-line or in person beginning Thursday, January 13, 2016 at 10a.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Admission criteria for Full Day Kindergarten (FDK)

Children born in 2012-eligible for JK

Children born in 2011-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/SchoolProgramsK12/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 13-4:00-7:00pm



September 2016 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 13th 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.



City of Toronto's Two Tier Weather Alert System

Cold weather Alert

- When temperatures are expected to be -15C or colder, or wind chill is expected to be -20C or below.
- Heavy precipitation may be taken into consideration.
- City is targeting vulnerable groups, particularly the homeless. The alert triggers responses by Shelter Support and Housing and community partners to protect vulnerable people within the city, such as opening drop-in centres.
- Moderate risk of frostbite.
- A cold weather alert **MAY NOT** necessarily translate into the need for an **INDOOR RECESS**.
- Students should be reminded to dress appropriately for the weather conditions.** Schools will monitor local weather conditions and refer to the Board's protocol for guidance.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/HealthandSafety/Documents/GuidelinesforWeatherConditions-R-13-11-2015.pdf>

Extreme Cold weather Alert

- When temperatures or wind chill are expected to reach -30C or colder for at least two consecutive hours (corresponds with the Extreme Cold Warning issued by Environment Canada).
- The alert is for the entire population that extreme low temperatures are expected.
- The risk of frostbite is greater and **principals should consider indoor recesses, or shortened recesses** to ensure the safety of students and staff.
- Schools will monitor local weather conditions and refer to the Board's protocol for guidance.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/HealthandSafety/Documents/GuidelinesforWeatherConditions-R-13-11-2015.pdf>



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 Celsius)	-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 Temperature In 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 2016



Cold Alerts and

Weather-Related Cancellations/Closures

With the approach of winter weather, Twitter and the board website are the best sources of the latest information relating to cold weather alerts, cancellations and closures. Get all the information here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/HealthandSafety/Pages/Weather-Related-Safety-Concerns.aspx>

And remember to check the Toronto Student Transportation Group website for any school bus delays throughout the year. <http://www.torontoschoolbus.org/>

Kindergarten Registration Starts January 13, 2016

Registration options:

- **Online:** Parents will be able to complete their application online beginning at 10 a.m. EST on January 13, 2016, 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 beginning January 13, 2016 at 10 a.m. EST. To accommodate the busy schedules of parents, all elementary schools will host an evening registration session during the month of January. Parents are asked to contact their local Catholic school for specific dates and times.

Details:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/EarlyYears/KindergartenRegistration/Pages/default.aspx>

French Immersion and Extended French

New for September 2016, French Immersion begins in Junior Kindergarten

Information evenings are being held in January and February. Visit our website for specific dates, times and locations.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2015/pages/French-Immersion-and-Extended-French.aspx>

Revised MYSP Consultation Coming January/February 2016

The Board is committed to revising its Multi-Year Strategic Plan in order to be responsive to the changing needs of our system. The TCDSB is committed to authentic broad-based consultation in order to reflect the input from all stakeholders. The consultation will take place during January/February 2016. Details can be found online here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/MYSP/Pages/2016-MYSP-Consultation.aspx>

Reminder About Application Deadlines for Post-Secondary Studies

January 16, 2016--Deadline to submit your completed University application to the OUAC.

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

February 1, 2016—Application deadline for community colleges <http://www.ontariocolleges.ca/apply>

Audited Financial Statements

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BudgetandFinance/Documents/2015-08-31Toronto%20Catholic%20District%20Sch%20Brd%2018413%20AUD%20Cons.pdf>

Tentative Schedule of Board and Committee Meetings

The draft calendar of meetings for 2016 has been approved by the board. Please note that meetings are subject to change. Visit the website periodically to check on meeting dates and times.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TrusteesoftheBoard/boardmeeting/information/Pages/Meeting-Schedule.aspx>

New App Helps to Link Adults with the English and French Language Programs They Need

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is pleased to announce the launch of a new app which allows adults to easily access the courses they need to succeed. The app can be accessed through the board's website at

<https://adultedcoursefinder.tcdsb.org/>. *(Please note the app is optimized for current versions of Firefox, Chrome, Safari, Android and iPhones, and Internet Explorer 10 and above with compatibility turned off.*

The new app allows the user to quickly pinpoint programs based on their preferred location, day and time of day they are available to study, and the type of program they are seeking.

Upcoming Events

- **Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy (December 8- November 20, 2016)**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/ExtraordinaryJubileeYearOfMercy/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Eastern Rite Christmas January 7th**
- **Family Literacy Day January 27th**
- **PA Day for Elementary Schools January 22nd**
- **February is Black/African Canadian Heritage Month**
- **Toronto Catholic Family Film Festival April 21st--**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Year-of-Family/TCFF/Pages/Default.aspx>

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<https://web1.tcdsb.org/InterestSubscription/subscription.aspx>