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Catch the spirit!



MARCH NEWSLETTER 2016

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Looking back to the month of February highlights included,

- Parent/Teacher conferences connecting home and school for setting goals for second term
- a very successful Scholastic Book Fair
- CSPC sponsored pancakes and milk for Shrove Tuesday
- divisional boys' basketball and junior W5H tournaments
- grade 6,7,8 Valentine's Dance
- submissions to the TCFE-Toronto Catholic Film Festival-showcasing the year of the family through technology

Thanks are extended to all parent volunteers and staff that provide these fun and educational opportunities for our students.

The virtue for the month of March is forgiveness. Readings on the morning announcements help us to reflect daily on the ways that we can incorporate forgiveness in our lives at school and at home. As a school we will be participating in a Lenten project running from March 7-24. We are looking to find an organization that collects recycled goods that would benefit Syrian newcomers (details to follow). Please let us know of any organizations that has this outreach. The month will culminate with a dress down day to support Share Life.

For the month of March we are looking forward to many learning opportunities (see calendar). We are participating in a Math learning project with our family of schools Nativity of Our Lord School and St. Gregory's. We are looking at enhancing our understanding of the mindsets of learning Math. See newsletter insert for details of this project. Monthly, we will have a Math corner article with links, articles and ideas that can help to parents and educators support our students as Math learners.

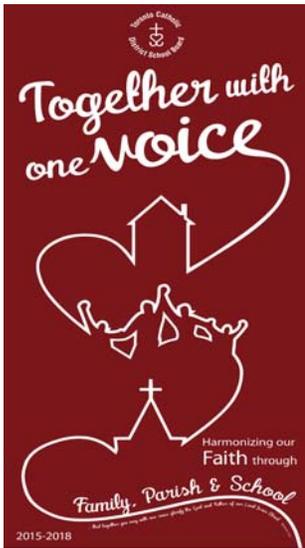
We are looking forward to 2 fun days leading up to March break. On March 9th we have a family skate at Centennial arena in the morning. Everyone is welcome to join us. On March 11th we have a pyjama day and movie afternoon scheduled. Students will have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for; 2 Toronto Maple Leaf tickets, principal for the day, 10 All Star Basketball t-shirts and to purchase popcorn and juice for their class movie. Proceeds to benefit the school.

March break runs March 14-18 this year. As always, we look forward to seeing you at our school events in the upcoming month. We wish you a restful March break and blessings for a joyous Easter.

Sincerely,

J. Di Vittorio
Principal

Easter Sunday Prayer



O Lord,
How amazing is your love,
A love that overcomes, endures
and redeems.
How astounding is your life,
A life that sustains, heals and
creates.
How awesome is your hope,
A hope that promises, restores
and inspires.
How absorbing is your truth,
A truth that releases, changes and
rebuilds.

How we worship you, as we
remember the moment when
your love conquered.
When out of the cave of sorrow
Jesus arose to release forgiveness
to the world.

And each time we encounter this resurrection day we are again lifted to an eternal place.
Our sin, brokenness and darkness fall away and your light and peace flood our lives.
How we thank you for this incredible celebration we call Easter.
Amen.

Math Corner

In an ongoing effort to promote Math learning we are always looking at ways to support our children. We are starting a Math Corner section of the newsletter to help parents connect to ways to support their children in Math.

We are very excited about a learning partnership with our family of schools this year. Along with Nativity of Our Lord CS and St. Gregory's CS we are part of a Math project exploring attitudes about Math. We know that with the right mindset children can enhance their learning of Mathematics. The work of Jo Boaler is the foundation for our learning. She has developed seven norms/messages that students can use as a tool to encourage their learning in Mathematics. The seven norms are:

Everyone can learn math to the highest levels-focus for our project this year

Mistakes are valuable-focus for our project this year

Questions are really important

Math is about creativity and making sense

Math is about connections and communicating

Math class is about learning and not performing

Depth is more important than speed

We have started our project by administering a survey to all students from JK-grade 8 to help them self- assess and to provide teachers with more information about students' attitudes in Mathematics. Included in the newsletter is the survey to provide you with the opportunity to discuss the survey with your child(ren). With this information teachers can focus on ways to setting up positive norms in Mathematics. Welcome to our journey!

Great Resource for Parents:

<https://www.youcubed.org/parents/>



Pyjama/Movie Day

On March 11 we are planning a fun day before March break. Students will have the opportunity to wear their pyjamas to school. In the afternoon students will snuggle up to watch a movie with their class. In the morning students can choose to purchase popcorn and a juice pack for \$1. As a culmination to our spirit day, students will have the opportunity to purchase the following raffle tickets the week of March 7-10; 2 Toronto Maple Leaf tickets (April 4th) Toronto Maple Leaf tickets -1 for \$2.00, 3 for \$5.00, 12 for \$10.00, 10 t-shirts from All Star Basketball game (3 All Star, 7 NBA Fit – med, large youth sizes), principal for the day \$1 each. Proceeds to support the school.

Celebrating Learning at Cabrini!

Grade 4s Learn to Ski!

On February 5 and 19, 2016 the grades 4-8 went to Horseshoe Valley Ski Resort. Some people were beginners and others weren't but we all had fun. We all had a really fun time falling and crashing into one another. It was a great time! *Isabella and Kyle*

Pancake Tuesday

We had our annual Pancake Tuesday on February 9. Each class had the opportunity to eat yummy pancakes in the school gym. Parent council prepared and served us pancakes with lots of syrup and chocolate milk or juice. We thank them for giving their time to give us this special treat. Our tummies can't wait until next year's Pancake Tuesday!

Mrs. Da Silva's Grade 2/3 class

Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday February 10, 2016, the school gathered in the gymnasium with Father Michael and celebrated our religious preparation for Lent, Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is a time for giving up something to show our gratitude to God. But, Father Michael also taught us that Lent isn't only about giving up something, but doing something to help one and other. And at the end of our wonderful mass, we congratulated our Free Throw champions for trying out for the competition and having the courage to do so. After the mass had ended, Father Michael made us think to ourselves, what can we do this Lent to show our love for God? What can we do to make ourselves better followers of the Lord?

Hannah Arsenault

Intermediate Boys' Basketball Tournament

The Boys' Basketball Team played its Divisional Tournament on February 16th at Holy Child C.S. The boys gave it their all and exhibited fine sportsmanship in winning three of four highly competitive games. These three wins placed the team in second for the tournament. All team members should be commended for their dedication to practices and full effort on the court. The team members included: *Juliano O, Jason C, Andrew K, Jack F, Connor S, Joshua O, Aidan S., Ilija P, Zakary P, Brandon H, and Matias F.*

Valentine's Dance

Our Grade 6, 7, and 8 students had the opportunity to dance the afternoon away on Thursday, February 11th in honour of Valentine's Day. Thanks to the assistance of some Grade 7 DJ's, all were able to enjoy great music and fun with one another. The dance was an excellent way to showcase the sense of community we have here at Mother Cabrini.

Junior W5H

W5H was lots of fun and an exciting experience that was held at St. Maurice. We had practiced during many lunches and recess breaks to prepare for this day. We played against St. Maurice, Transfiguration and St. John Vianney. In our first game we played a tough game against St. John Vianney and won. Our second tournament game was against Transfiguration. At one point we were winning but then we lost 43-35. Our third game was against St. Maurice. We won 47-11. There were snacks for us to enjoy during the break. At the end of the day we came in 2nd place. It was a great time for all! This year's team members were: *Paul, Francesca, Thomas, Timothy, Simon and Sarah.*

Grade 7 and 8 Skills Canada Presentation

On Monday, February 22, the grade 7 and 8s had a presentation by Skills Canada in the gym. The presentation was about jobs we could have in the future and what courses to take in high school to apply for these jobs. In the power point we learned how much money you make in certain jobs. WE got to pick a job from a long list and learn more about the profession. Overall, the presentation was very educational and fun to watch.

By: Kayla and Melanie

Music (Vocal & Instrumental) Program

For those who have not met me or heard from your child about me, I am Mr. Laur. I am filling in for Mr. Amadei, as the Music teacher (and some Physical Education classes). In the past few months, I have been presenting, and getting the students to practice songs for the New Year's Mass (Mrs. Da Silva's class) and the Ash Wednesday Mass (Mrs. Prattinger's class). I have also been helping Mrs. Prattenger with this school's junior choir. Some of the student's favourite songs we have learned our: These Hands, Together As One, and I Went Walking (produced by Andrew Chinn).

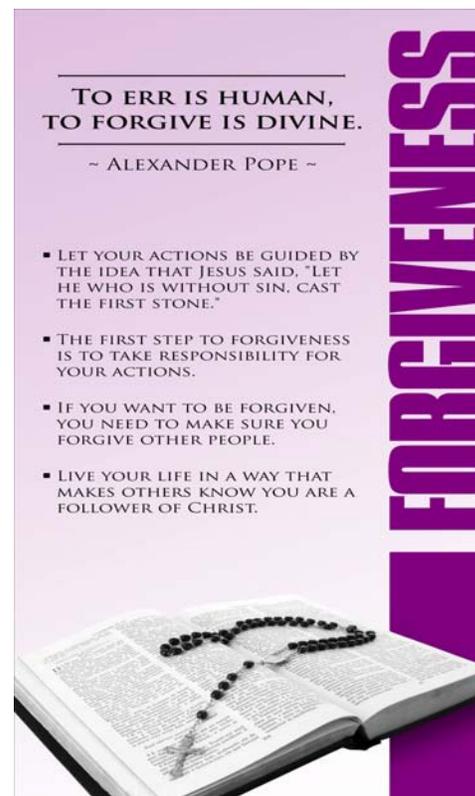
With the Junior-Intermediate classes, we have begun some creativity, or research based assignments.

The Grade 3 and 4's (Mrs. Pacheco class) have been learning about Pitch, and the sound of a scale with the uses of the song Do Re Mi Song from the movie The Sound of Music. Using the Do Re Mi scale for notes in combination with Tonic Sol-fah hand signs they are composing their own musical piece. They will be presenting these pieces to small groups in their class and handing in a copy of their sheet music they created.

The Grade 5 and 6's (Mrs. Goslin's class) and 6 and 7's (Mrs. De Braga's class) are researching an instrument of their choice. The Grade 5 and 6's are planning, designing and creating a mid-size poster with their research. The Grade 6 and 7's are taking the poster creation one step further, by adding a presentation of their instrument.

The Grade 7 and 8's (Mr. O'Neill's class) are researching an artist in a particular era, of their choice. They will design and create a poster, and will be doing a presentation on their artist to the class. In doing this they should be explaining the influences their artist has or had on the music of the era they choose.

With these Grade levels I have begun to review and/or teach Musical Theory with them. The Instrumental classes have begun to be assessed on their music reading, and we have reviewed basic instrument playing, and care for all students (i.e - embouchure/holding the instrument, cleaning and care). We hope in the future we showcase their talents in a performance for you all.



CSPC March 2016 Update

Dear parents/guardians,

We hope everyone has enjoyed our relatively mild winter and are excited for Spring to arrive!

We had a great winter of fund raising with our poinsettias and we will be having our annual Easter lilies sale again this year, just in time for your Easter Celebration. The order forms will be sent home **March 1**, and due back on Mar 10th. They will be ready for pick up at the school on **March 21st**.

We are also having a new Spring fund raising event with our “BIG Box of Cards” campaign beginning **April 6th**. A box of 33 hand crafted birthday cards for all ages, a great gift idea or just or have on hand when you need a card for that last minute birthday party! More details to follow.

And of course, please save the date for our very popular 3rd annual Mother Cabrini Fun Fair, **Thursday June 2, 2016**. It has been a growing success and we welcome all our Mother Cabrini families to join us that night for food, fun and games. We will be needing volunteers for that evening, about 45 minutes to 1 hour of your time to help all the activities to run smoothly. High school students looking for volunteer hours are always welcome too. Please contact Cori Stadler mayvillec@hotmail.com /416-622-1472, if you are available to help out.

As always, our deepest thanks and appreciation everyone who supports our fund raising efforts through the year. Our ongoing Subway and Little Caesars Pizza lunches are always well participated and of course a huge thank you to all the volunteers who help at our underfunding events, we would not have the success we do without you!

Happy Spring!

Your Mother Cabrini CSPC



TCDSB Monthly Update

March 2016

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>

2016 Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Saturday March 5th, 2016 9:00-5:30 p.m.

Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Building, Lower Level,

255 Front Street West,

Please visit: www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org for directions, hotels and other information.

More information online: <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/2016-lift-jesus-higher-rally.aspx>

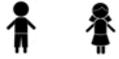
Reminders:

- 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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DATE: _____

MOTHER CABRINI-STUDENT MATH SURVEY

Check the column that BEST answers how YOU FEEL about the Math statement.

MATH STATEMENT	This is VERY TRUE	This is SOMETIMES TRUE	This is NOT TRUE
1. I like learning Math.			
2. I find Math interesting.			
3. My ideas in Math are valued.			
4. I am good in Math.			
5. Math is useful in my life.			
6. I succeed in Math.			
7. I am confident in my Math skills.			
8. I will seek assistance in Math, as needed.			
9. I ask questions to clarify my understanding of concepts during Math.			
10. I go back and check my solutions in Math.			
11. I can defend/justify my Math answers.			
12. I correct my solutions in Math.			
13. I use pictures or diagrams in my solutions.			
14. I use manipulatives in Math.			
15. I can learn Math to the highest level.			
16. My mistakes are helpful to my Math learning.			
17. I can solve problems creatively using different strategies.			
18. I am able to explain my mathematical thinking.			
19. I am able to connect Math thinking to other subject areas.			

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CIRCLE

NAME: _____

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DATE: _____



MOTHER CABRINI – STUDENT MATH SURVEY

Colour the face that BEST answers how YOU FEEL about the MATH statement.

STATEMENT	YES	SOMETIMES	NOT AT ALL
1. I LIKE learning MATH			
2. I think everyone can learn MATH			
3. I am GOOD at MATH.			
4. I learn from my MATH mistakes.			
5. I will ask for HELP with MATH.			
6. I ask QUESTIONS in MATH class.			
7. I can EXPLAIN how I SOLVE problems.			
8. I like using MATH MANIPULATIVES in class.			
9. Math MANIPULATIVES help me to answer questions.			
10. It is IMPORTANT to learn MATH.			
11. I share my MATH ANSWERS with my classmates.			
12. MATH helps me solve problems outside of school.			