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DECEMBER 2016

**Monsignor John Corrigan Catholic School
Newsletter**



Principal's Message

Advent is a time of preparation. We prepare to celebrate the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Our anticipation for his glorious arrival can teach us much about patience as well as sharing the flame of our faith. We are fortunate to live in a world with many blessings.

Let us take some time from our busy lives this Advent season to be truly grateful for all the gifts we have. And let us take some time this season to be with family and friends to honour what is really important to us.

On behalf of the Monsignor John Corrigan School Community I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy Holiday Season.

Sandra Filicetti
Principal



RELIGION

Works of Charity

The spirit of generosity is very evident at Msgr. John Corrigan Catholic School. We had tremendous success with our Christmas boxes for the Good Samaritan Drive for children in third world countries. We delivered over 230 boxes to the charity headquarters in mid-November. Thanks to Sr. Paola for organizing this event and Ms. Aguanno and Mr. Servello for delivering the boxes.

As we enter the season of Advent to prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus, it is rather suitable that the virtue this month is CHARITY. Many of us are already engaging in the mad rush to purchase gifts to put under the tree on the 25th, but let us be mindful of the fact that charity is not always about giving material things. Our quote for the month is "Where charity and love are, God is there". As St. Thomas Aquinas described it "Charity is friendship first with God and secondly with all who belong to God." How can we practice charity and generosity in our community without necessarily giving material things?



VIRTUE OF THE MONTH



The virtue of the month for November was Peacemaking. We congratulate the following students:
Ambrose A. - ELP/1, Justin J. - ELP/2, Alexis A. -Gr. 1, Cristian M. - Gr. 1/2, Merella S. - Gr. 2/3, Michela P. -Gr. 3/4, Raul C. - Gr. 4/5, Athina T. -Gr. 5/6 - , David E. - Gr. 7, Julia L. - Gr. 8, Augustine F. -SE/1, Moises R. -SE/2

CURRICULUM

STUDENT OF THE MONTH:

Every month teachers will select students who have achieved academic success. Congratulations to all our recipients for the month of November.
Mario T.-ELP/1., Katalina R.-ELP/2, Anton G.-Gr. 1, Aaron S. -Gr. 1/2, Daniela O.- Gr. 2/3, Adryelle P.- Gr. 3/4, Czjyrus R. -Gr. 4/5, Stephanie B.- Gr. 5/6, Jazelle E.- Gr.7, Angelo T.-Gr. 8, Andrew A. -SE/1, Niah P. -SE/2

SCHOOL NEWS

Kindergarten Registration for 2017

We are looking forward to meeting and registering the siblings of our present students for next year's Junior Kindergarten class. Children born in 2013 qualify to start. The school will be open late on Thursday, January, 19th from 5 – 6 p.m. If parents are aware of friends, family or neighbours that have children in this age group, please assist the school by asking them to call Mrs. Maravalle at 416-393-5399

Registration options:

Online: Parents will be able to complete their application online beginning at 10 a.m. EST on January 18, 2017, at SOAR.tcdsb.org, and follow up with a visit to the school to present the required documents. The online application is available at:

<https://soar.tcdsb.org/Login.aspx>

In Person: Parents can register at their local school with the required documents beginning January 18, 2017 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.

Registration documents:

- Child's Birth Certificate or Passport/Immigration documents if child was not born in Canada
- Child's Catholic baptismal certificate (or proof of Catholicity of parent)
- Proof of residency in Toronto (some examples: a lease agreement, utility bill)

Information is available by telephone at 416-222-8282 ext. 5314, or by visiting

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

As part of the registration process, school staff will meet with parents. These meetings may be scheduled on the electronic application or in person at the school. During the meeting, school staff will verify the original documentation required for registration. This consists of a Baptismal Certificate, Birth Certificate and/or Passport, Immunization record, proof of residence and Application for Direction of School support. As in previous years, an extensive promotional campaign will be launched throughout the City of Toronto, with paid advertisements in the local media, posters in public centers, through the board website and on vinyl banners for display on school property.

For further information, please contact our school office at 416 393-5399. For general inquires or further information you may contact 416-222-8282 extension 5314 or visit our website at www.tcdsb.org

PIZZA LUNCHES



Thank you to all parents who are supporting our pizza lunches. Mrs. Maravalle has established the perfect collection and counting routine and it runs very smoothly. We remind everyone to send Loonies and Toonies only.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Flu and Colds

As we approach our annual flu and cold season, we ask your consideration by keeping a sick child at home. When children are sick they cannot learn effectively and will only pass the illness to those around them. The Toronto Community Services is continuing with the Influenza Immunization Campaign. A poster advertising free clinics is posted on our Community News bulletin board. As well, we ask that parents exercise proper screening and judgment when sending their child to school with easily transmittable viruses.



The flu virus spreads quickly and easily among children at school and at play. The flu is spread by coughing and sneezing and from touching contaminated surfaces like toys, doorknobs and computer keyboards after someone with the flu has touched them. Children should be reminded to wash their hands frequently during the day and to cover their nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing.

To reduce your children's risk of getting the flu, have them vaccinated this season. It will protect them and you from getting the flu.

Children six months of age or older can be vaccinated for free. Children under nine and getting vaccinated for the first time, need two shots - the second shot at least one month after the first.

You can get your flu shot at your family doctor or at a Toronto Public Health vaccination clinic. To find the nearest location go to www.toronto.ca/health or call the Ministry of Health's Flu Information Line at 1-866-FLU 'N YOU (1-866-358-6968).

Let's Beat the Flu.

If your child must stay in for recess they will not be permitted to come to school. **Please do not send a note asking that we keep your son/daughter in for recess. If they are not well enough to go outside they should not be in school.**

INDOOR SHOES

As the inclement weather approaches we are asking that all students bring in old running shoes or slippers to wear indoors. This will reduce the risk of possible falls from slippery shoes. Students will be asked to remove wet or muddy shoes/boots. As the inclement weather approaches we are asking that all students bring in old running shoes or slippers to wear indoors. This will reduce the risk of possible falls from slippery shoes. Students will be asked to remove wet or muddy shoes/boots.



School Board Closures

Reporting of cancellations or closures due to inclement weather

With the approach of winter, please note that should it become necessary to cancel school bus transportation or close schools due to inclement weather, the Communications Department and Toronto Student Transportation Group will endeavour to provide updates through the following vehicles:

- News releases to radio and television outlets in Toronto (*Note: although the news release is provided to the media outlets, there is no guarantee that all television and radio stations will broadcast the information in a timely fashion.*)
- An email to all staff, trustees and CSAC chairs to advise them of any cancellations or closures
- Notification to E-News subscribers (*Note: If you do not already subscribe to E-News, but wish to do so, please visit our website at www.tcdsb.org and click on the E-News icon on the top right hand side of the homepage*)
- Updates will also be posted on the Board's 24-hour information line, 416-222-8282, extension 2873.
- The information will also be posted on the homepage of the Board's website at www.tcdsb.org.
- The Toronto Student Transportation Group will post this information on its website at http://www.schoolbus.to/c_home.asp

Information about inclement weather protocol and related health and safety issues can be found on the board's website at <http://www.tcdsb.org/Weather.htm>.

Parents are encouraged to call the bus company should they experience a problem with the bus.

SPORTS

Girls and Boys Volleyball

Both our girls and boys teams did very well this year. Our gratitude is extended to Mr. Luchman, and Ms. Di Tommaso for coaching. Thank you for all your efforts.

On November 9th, the Girl's Intermediate volleyball team represented our school at the divisional tournament. It was an exciting tournament with high energy and great sportsmanship. The girls played with heart and with great pride! The team moved on to the Regional tournament on November 16th at Don Bosco Catholic Highschool. It was a hard fought battle and the team looks forward in helping the Junior Girl's team practice and to representing Monsignor John Corrigan again next year with great pride.

Up-Coming Events

December 6 – Confessions
December 13- Advent Mass
December 23 - Last day before Christmas Holidays
Dress Down Day and Movie Day
January 9 – First day back at school

Monthly Update from the Board December 2016



Kindergarten Registration for September 2017

The Toronto Catholic District School Board invites families with children born in 2013 to register for Kindergarten beginning **Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 10 a.m. EST.**

Registration options:

- **Online:** Parents will be able to complete their application online at: <https://soar.tcdsb.org/Login.aspx>. A follow up with visit to the school to present the required documents will be scheduled by the school following the online application.
- **In Person:** Parents can register at their local school with the required documents.

Information: 416-222-8282 ext. 5320 or 5314,

www.tcdsb.org/kindergartenregistration

French Immersion and Extended French

The Toronto Catholic District School Board offers French Immersion and Extended French programs at several TCDSB sites. The French Immersion program is offered to students beginning in Junior Kindergarten. The Extended French Program is offered to students beginning in grade 5.

Interested parents are encouraged to attend an information evening to learn more about the program. Please note dates, times and locations for sessions planned for December through to February available on the [French Immersion](#) and [Extended French](#) sites.

Information: (416) 222-8282 ext. 2540 or

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/EarlyYears/Kindergarten/Registration/Pages/French-Immersion.aspx>.

LTAP and LTPP

The Toronto Catholic District School Board has launched a consultation on its proposed Long Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP) and Long Term Program Plan (LTPP).

All parents, staff, students and Catholic school stakeholders are invited to participate and provide input into the proposed actions outlined in the draft [Long Term Accommodation Plan \(LTAP\) and Long Term Program Plan \(LTPP\)](#).

Two separate consultation surveys (one for each plan) have been prepared to facilitate this consultation process. The links to the online surveys can be accessed by clicking on the links above.

The deadline for responding to the surveys is Monday, January 9, 2017 at Noon.

Feedback gathered through the consultation process will help inform the decisions of Trustees regarding final recommendations for the LTAP and LTPP at the Board meeting in February 2017. For more information regarding the LTPP and the LTAP, please visit

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/PlanningandFacilities/ConsultationsLTAPLTPP/Pages/Default.aspx>

We thank you for your involvement in these important discussions.

Year of Parish—Promote Your Parish Project

As we continue to celebrate our Year of the Parish we want to know what makes your pastor and/or your parish unique. Students are invited to create a short video, or piece of original artwork, write a short story, poem or letter, or express themselves in any way artistically to highlight the relationship that the students have with the local parish and/or the priest/pastor at their church.

“Promote Your Parish” and let’s celebrate the many ways that our parishes and our parish priests contribute to our schools and communities. **Submit the completed projects via email to parish.project@tcdsb.org.** We will be sharing the submissions via the board’s website as well as Twitter. In addition, plans are underway for a showcase of student submissions—videos, art and written pieces—during Catholic Education Week. Watch for more details about that event soon.

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Deadline for submissions: April 7, 2017

Visit the website for criteria and other details.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/YearoftheParish/Pages/Parish-Family-Day-Celebration.aspx>

Toronto Police Service Seeks Crossing Guards

Interested individuals should drop in to their local police division to inquire about application.

Advent Has Begun

For prayers, liturgies & other resources:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Pages/Season-of-Advent.aspx>

Get Ready for High School

Everything you need to know can be found in the Transition Guides for parents and students:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/GuidanceCoopEd/Transition%20to%20High%20School/Pages/default.aspx>

https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/GuidanceCoopEd/Transition%20to%20High%20School/TransitionGuidesOct282016/TCDSB_STUDENT_GUIDE.pdf

Preparing for Post-Secondary Education?

University application deadline: January 11, 2017

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

College application deadline: February 1, 2017

<http://www.ontariocolleges.ca/apply/important-dates>

OSAP information for students--Find more information about the Ontario Student Assistance Program:

- [New! Free tuition for eligible students](#)
- [OSAP Presentation](#)

Dates/Events to Note:

- **Staff Arts Christmas Concert, December 2nd**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/staff-arts-christmas-concert-and-wine-and-cheese-social.aspx>
- **System-wide PA Day December 2nd**
- **International Day of Persons with Disabilities, December 3rd**
- **International Human Rights Day, December 10th**

Christmas Break

A reminder that schools are open through to December 23, 2016. Christmas holidays begin Saturday, December 24th and continue through to Sunday, January 8th. Classes resume, Monday, January 9th.

Our Eastern rite families will celebrate Christmas on January 7th. We wish everyone a safe, happy and blessed Christmas.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

TRUSTEES 2016-2017

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