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**Monsignor John Corrigan Catholic School
Newsletter**



Principal's Message

The month of February is a short one but a very busy one. The month brings with it many experiences. First and foremost it provides an opportunity for parents and teachers to dialogue about student learning and to highlight areas of strength and weakness for each student during a parent teacher interviews. Secondly, in the liturgical calendar we begin the period of Lent. During Lent Catholics prepare to celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord. Finally, we celebrate two calendar holidays, Valentine's Day and Family Day. These two holidays provide us with an opportunity to spend time with those nearest and dearest to our hearts.



My wish for you is that we beat the February blah's by celebrating all that this month has to offer.

Best wishes.

Ms. Filicetti
Principal



RELIGION

Virtue of the Month

The virtue this month is Love. The students will be asked to recite prayers, have discussions and read quotes about this theme.

Congratulations to the students who displayed “Charity” our virtue for December:

ELP/1 – DANILA, ELP/2 -ANTON, GR. 1-ANTAR, GR. 1/2 -ROBERT, GR 2/3- WENDEL, GR 3/4- ISABELLE, GR. 4/5-ANGEL, GR. 5/6 -REYNALDO, GR. 7-TATIANA, GR. 8 -SOLANGY, ME/1- ISAAH, ME/2- SHEYI

“Courage” our virtue for January

ELP1 – ALISSA, ELP/2-TREASURE, GR. 1 -XYRELLE, GR. 1/2-AARON, GR. 2/3 ANEISHA, GR 3/4- ANTONUES, GR. 4/5-JUNIOR, GR. 5/6-DANIEL, GR. 7- BREANNA, GR. 8- JOHN, ME/1-KELLY, ME/2 – ASHORINA

CURRICULUM

First Term

First term will be ending the first week of February. Students will bring home their report cards on Tuesday, February 14, with interviews on the evening of Thursday, February 16th and on Friday February 17th. Remember, Friday February 17th is a PA Day. There is **no** school that day.

Academic Student of the Month

Every month students will have an opportunity to be chosen as “Student of the Month.” The selection by teachers will be based on individual student success. Every student chosen will receive a certificate as a keepsake. Our goal is to promote excellent academic achievement.

For December the following students are recognized:

ELP/1 – AMBROSE, ELP/2-GILLIAN, GR. 1-LIANA, GR. 1/2-JESSICA, GR. 2/3 –JONATHAN, GR 3/4 – JENNA, GR.4/5-JHENYVEE, GR. 5/6-BETHANY, GR 7 – LOURDS, GR. 8 – TYNESHA, ME/1 – ANGELO, ME/2 – PATRICK

For January, the following students are recognized:

ELP1 – MARIO, ELP/2 -KATALINA, GR. 1- GIANCARLO, GR. 1/2-CADE, GR. 2/3 –ALESSANDRO, GR. 3/4- PENIEL, GR. 4/5-AIDEN, GR. 5/6-ELIZABETH, GR. 7-BRITTA, GR. 8 – JADA, ME/1 -IFEANY, ME/2 – BRIDGET

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Safe School Policy

The safety of all students is important. Parents/guardians are reminded to report to the office upon entering the school.

Winter Clothing



We ask for your cooperation in having your child bring a pair of shoes to be worn indoors only.

It is unhealthy and unsafe for children to walk indoors without shoes. In the event of an emergency evacuation, student

will not have time to put on their boots/outdoor shoes. Recently, with the accumulation of extra precipitation, some of the younger students are stepping into water once they have removed their boots. It is recommended that if you are concerned that your child might have damp socks, please send an extra pair of socks with them. Please label gloves, hats and scarves with your child’s name. We have many items in the Lost and Found that no one has identified.

Immunization

Students must be up-to-date with their immunization or have a valid exemption form to attend school in Ontario. Important boosters are given to children in kindergarten and again during the high school years. **Please note that your doctor does not send the information to Toronto Public Health.**

Every time your child has an immunization, report the information to Toronto Public Health by one of the following ways:

- Online at www.toronto.ca/health and click on "Report your school-aged child's vaccine"
 - Fax: 416-338-2487
- Mail a copy to:
Toronto Public Health, Immunization
235 Danforth Avenue, 2nd Floor
Toronto, ON
M4K 1N2

For more information visit our website at Toronto.ca/immunization or call us at 416-392-1250. Interpreters are available Monday to Friday 8:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

COMMUNITY

Kindergarten Registration

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. 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 to make an appointment.

Updating Information

Please notify the school if there is a change in address, home phone number and cell phone number.

HOME READING PROGRAM

We are excited to continue using the online Reading Program called Raz Kids that is part of <http://www.learninga-z.com>. **Raz-Kids** is an award-winning teaching product that provides comprehensive leveled reading resources for students. Every eBook is available in online and mobile formats, and allows students to listen to, read at their own pace, and record themselves reading. All of the students from Kindergarten to grade six have access to this program. They have been provided a Username and Password from their classroom teacher. We encourage our students to use this reading program at home daily. Reading is a critical tool to help your child achieve success.



Monthly Update from the Board February 2017



Toronto Catholic District School Board has declared **Friday, May 5, 2017 as Parish Family Day.**

A special *Parish Family Day Celebration* will be held at the Catholic Education Centre on **Friday, May 5th, 2017** to showcase student work focusing on the many ways that our parishes and our parish priests contribute to our schools and communities.

Students are invited to create a short video, original song 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.

Completed projects should be submitted via email to parish.project@tcdsb.org.

Deadline for submissions Friday, April 7, 2017.

Let's continue to celebrate our parishes!

We Want to Hear Your Views

Watch for community consultations coming soon for:

- **Parent and Student Bill of Rights**
- **2017-2018 Budget Consultation**

Details coming soon. Visit www.tcdsb.org in February for details.

February is Psychology Month

The Psychology Department of TCDSB invites the community to explore and discover the many different ways psychology can help improve our everyday life and overall well-being, and balance the many roles and responsibilities we have. Psychology is for everyone!

HELP YOUR CHILD FLOURISH: HOW TO ACHIEVE MENTAL HEALTH

A presentation for parents and educators on **February 22, 2017, 4:30-6:30 p.m.**

Catholic Education Centre, 3rd Floor, 80 Sheppard Avenue East
Learn more about the programs and services provided by the Psychology Department, TCDSB

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SpecialEducation/psychology/Pages/default.aspx>

February is National Inclusive Education Month

Learn more about the TCDSB's Catholic Equity and Inclusive Education Policy:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/Policies/Pages/hm24.aspx>

February is African Canadian Heritage Month

Celebrating the rich history, tradition and contribution to Canadian culture, literature, science, medicine, technology and the arts.

February 10—Mass and Cultural Expose at St. Mother Teresa Catholic Academy, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/AfricanCanadianHeritage/Pages/default.aspx>

Director's Annual Report 2015-2016

Check out the latest edition of the Director's Annual Report and review some of the many highlights from the past school year:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BoardAdministration/DirectorofEducation/Pages/Director%E2%80%99s-Annual-Report-2015-2016.aspx>

Student Voice—Minister's Student Advisory Council Seeks Applicants

Students in grades 7 to 12 are eligible for consideration. Deadline is February 9th.

<http://edu.gov.on.ca/eng/students/speakup/msac.html>

- **Other Opportunities for Students**
Kayak Kids Illustrated History Challenge—deadline June 1

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/Kayak-Kids-Illustrated-History-Challenge-.aspx>

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- **Weston Youth Innovation Award** encourages & recognizes young Canadian innovators
<http://www.ontariosciencecentre.ca/innovationaward>
- **Autism Ontario** offers three exciting scholarships
<http://www.autismontario.com/client/aso/ao.nsf/web/Education+Scholarships>
- **Overseas Credit Courses:**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/continuingeducation/secondarycreditcourses/overseas/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Summer Job Opportunity with Toronto Police Service**
TPS is accepting applications for the 2017 Summer YIPI (Youth in Policing) Program! Successful applicants can earn \$11.40/hr, 35hrs/week! Apply now:
<http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/yipi/>
- **Summer Jobs with City of Toronto**—Deadline for applications February 14th.
<http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=7ac14aced070a410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD>

TCDSB Awards Night May 1, 2017

Nominate a member of the TCDSB family for our annual awards

- **[Sister Mary Hamilton Award for Exceptional Students](#)** Deadline last Friday in February.
- **[Ashif Jaffer Award for Excellence in Special Education Support](#)** Deadline third Friday in February.

Calling All Alumni: Save the Date!

Father John Redmond CSS and RAC 30th Anniversary Reunion

Saturday, May 6, 2017 and Sunday, May 7, 2017. For more information & registration please visit:

<http://fjr30th.wixsite.com/fjr30>

Kindergarten Registration Continues

Apply online at soar.tcdsb.org

Imagine the Possibilities

Ready to Pick Your High School Courses?

The 2017-2018 Course Calendar is available online:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/GuidanceCoopEd/Documents/TCDSB-ProgramAndCourseCalendar-2017-2018.pdf>

Other Important Reminders:

- **Community College Application Deadline** is February 1, 2017 <http://www.ontariocolleges.ca/apply/important-dates>
- **Winter Walk Day**--February 1, 2017
- **Night School Registration Continues Until mid-February**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/continuingeducation/secondarycreditcourses/nightsschool/pages/default.aspx>
- **EClass drop in support** is available daily between 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. on February 15th, 21st, 22nd, 27th and 28th at the Catholic Education Centre, 80 Sheppard Avenue East.
www.tcdsb.org/eClass
- **Family Day**—Monday, February 20, 2017
- **System-Wide PA Day** Friday, February 17, 2017
- **Lent Begins** on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017

Cold Alerts and Weather-Related Cancellations/Closures

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

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/HealthandSafety/Pages/Cold-Weather-Alerts.aspx> and 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/>

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<https://web1.tcdsb.org/InterestSubscription/subscription.aspx>
- **Follow @tcdsb on Twitter**

TRUSTEES 2016-2017

Wards

1. Joseph Martino
2. Ann Andrachuk
3. Sal Piccininni
4. Patricia Bottoni

5. Maria Rizzo
6. Frank D'Amico, Vice-Chair
7. Michael Del Grande
8. Garry Tanuan

9. Jo-Ann Davis
10. Barbara Poplawski
11. Angela Kennedy, Chair
12. Nancy Crawford
Karina Dubrovskaya,
Rhea Carlisle, Student Trustee

