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**NOVEMBER 2016**

**Monsignor John Corrigan Catholic School  
Newsletter**



*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

**Principal's Message**

November is a month where we remember all those who have fought to give us the liberties and values we sometimes take for granted. Our school will celebrate Remembrance Day with an assembly on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest members of staff, Mr. Servello who teaches grade 7 and Mr. Nobili our new English as a Second Language Teacher.

Congratulations to our grade 8 students who attended Me to We Day at the Air Canada Centre with Ms. Aguanno and Sister Paola. We look forward to great things from our student ambassadors.

Our Operation Christmas Child boxes for needy children in other countries is in full operation. The deadline for students to return the boxes is *November 14, 2016*. The boxes will then be shipped to countries where children will not have anything to open Christmas morning. Operation Christmas Child works around the world to deliver boxes to children living in war, poverty and disaster. Each box donated is a powerful expression of hope, joy and love.

Finally, we are excited to have a license for a reading program RazKids. The program will be available for all students grades JK-6. The remedial program is to be utilized at home every day and will be available electronically. Studies show that children who spend just 15 minutes reading daily improve their academic achievement significantly. We will share the application with you during parent teacher interviews.

Ms. Sandra Filicetti  
Principal



### Virtue of the Month

The virtue of the month for September Hospitality and October Gratitude. We congratulate the following students:

#### September

Nenna O. – ELP/1, George S.-ELP/2, Antar A. – Gr.1, Agnes B.-Gr.1/2, Izabella H. –Gr. 2/3, Angeline E.- Gr. 3/4, Tanya L.-Gr. 4/5, Dnaielle S. –Gr.5/6, Shaine P. –Gr.7, Nicholas W. –Gr.8, Andrew A. –ME/1, Sheyi S.-ME/2

#### October

Genessa R. ELP/1, Sabri B.-ELP/2, Moriah B. – Gr. 1, Jessica P.-Gr. 1, Bethel P.-Gr. 2/3, Augustine D.-Gr.3/4, Maya G. –Gr.4/5, Chiara L. –Gr.5/6, Aaron O.-Gr. 7, Jada M. –Gr.8, Angelo S. – ME/1, Bridget M. – ME/2

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## CURRICULUM

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### Progress Reports

On **Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016**, students will be bringing home their Progress Report. Please review this with your child(ren), as these will be discussed at Parent-Teacher interviews on **Thursday, November 17, 2016** and **Friday, November 18, 2016**. Please return the report card envelope to school as it will be reused for future report cards

### Good Learning Environment

In order to maintain the best learning environment, we are attempting to decrease the number of interruptions during instructional time. Several strategies are being put in place to ensure time on task. Parents are asked to assist in this goal by writing notes in the communication book to inform teachers of any changes in regular routines and drop off lunches at the office.

### Student of the Month

Every month teachers will select students who have achieved academic success. Congratulations to all our recipients:

#### September

Dalina O. –ELP/1, Teona V. – ELP/2, Francine P.- Gr.1, Juliana B. –Gr.1/2, Josh J.-Gr. 2/3, Jordan L.-Gr. 3/4, Frank Marvin –Gr.4/5, Richard T.- Gr. 5/6, Alexandra L. –Gr. 7, Nick E. – Gr.8, Isaiah F. – ME/1, Moises R. –ME/2

#### October:

Nnenna O. – ELP/1, Adriano C.-ELP/2, Ashmini A. –Gr.1, Malayha G.-Gr.1/2, Victoria E.- Gr. 2/3, Breanna D. - Gr.3/4, Warlito P.-Gr.4/5, Savannah N. –Gr. 5/6, Krystal Z. – Gr.7, John N. – Gr.8, Kelly A. –ME/1, Owen G.-ME/2

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## HEALTH AND SAFETY

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Safety touches everyone in the school community. We want to assume that schools are safe and welcoming environments for students, staff and families. Over the years, however, it has become necessary to develop policies and practices to reduce concern and enhance feelings of safety. Our school has a safe school policy. The intent is to build awareness of safety issues in all aspects of life in our Catholic schools. It acknowledges the importance of the spiritual, physical and social aspects of daily living in a Christian community.

At Msgr. John Corrigan, the themes of peace and safety are ongoing elements of our day to day activities. We look forward to continuing to provide our students with enriching activities throughout the year. These, together with our Masses and celebrations, should provide a solid foundation for our students.

### Student Drop Off

All parents who drive their child(ren) to school are asked to drop them off on Cabernet Circle. The circular drive at the front of the school is a bus lane. To ensure the safety of all students, **NO** vehicles with children are allowed in this zone. When drop off on Cabernet Circle, you are reminded to come south on Cabernet and have the student(s) leave the vehicle on the west side. The police at 23<sup>rd</sup> division have sent a traffic police officer to the school to see the location of the street and entry to the school yard. The safest suggestion for all students was to have all the parents drop the children on the west side (closest to the school) just north of the playground entrance. Everyone's assistance is necessary to maintain safety for all students.

### Pediculosis

**As we have had many cases of head lice, parents/guardians are asked to read the following:**

Head lice are parasites considered by health officials to be a nuisance when they are difficult to eliminate. They are not a health hazard and are not connected in any way with long hair, dirt, neglect or not being clean. Prevention of head lice is everyone's responsibility. Cooperation and prompt action on the part of the parents, school staff and the public health department will help to reduce the inconvenience to children. We encourage parents to check their children's hair on a regular basis. If you find head lice or nits (eggs), obtain and use a medicated head lice shampoo from your pharmacist, and contact the school to inform us that your child has been treated. This will help us to prevent the spread of head lice to other children. Further information can be obtained by calling the Public Health Department at 416 395-7600.

### 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.

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## **Nutrition**

Good nutrition and a balanced diet will help your child grow up healthy. Whether your kid is a toddler or a teen, you can take steps to improve nutrition and encourage smart eating habits. Five of the best strategies are:

1. Have regular family meals.
2. Serve a variety of healthy foods and snacks.
3. Be a role model by eating healthy yourself.
4. Avoid battles over food.
5. Involve kids in the process.

But it's not easy to take these steps when everyone is juggling busy schedules but every one's best efforts are always appreciated.



## **Monthly Update from the Board November 2016**

### **The Year of the Parish: The Celebration Continues**

We look forward to continuing the celebration of the Year of the Parish throughout the school year.

It is a wonderful opportunity for our schools and parishes to connect, or re-connect, and plan activities and ongoing initiatives together that will support the important partnership between Family, Church and School.

Parents, school administrators, parents, teachers, pastors and parish representatives were invited to sit down for some preliminary discussions earlier this year. To see the many ideas that came forward from those Year of the Parish Conversations, visit our website

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/YearoftheParish/Pages/Ideas-Conversation-Starters.aspx>

More information about our pastoral plan here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/YearoftheParish/Pages/default.aspx>

### **November's Virtue is Peacemaking**

Find all the monthly resources associated with our virtues of the month online

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/VirtueoftheMonth/Pages/Default.aspx>

## **Free English as a Second Language Courses for Adult Immigrants**

The TCDSB Adult Education Program offers free language training courses for eligible adult immigrants at various locations across Toronto. After an assessment of language ability, eligible immigrants can enroll in our courses throughout the year. For more information and to locate courses using our online Course Finder, visit

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/AdultEducationESL/Pages/Default.aspx>.

## **The 2016-2017 TCDSB Awards Season has begun!**

**Nominations are now open for the following awards which will be presented at Awards Night on May 1, 2017: DEADLINE: third Friday in January (January 20)**

1. **TCDSB Alumni Award:** open to TCDSB alumni who are still active in the Catholic community and who have distinguished themselves in their career or accomplishments.
2. **TCDSB Award of Merit:** open to former staff, parents and trustees who have made outstanding contributions to the TCDSB and to Catholic education (can only be considered for award after a three-year period has passed since departure from the TCDSB)
3. **\*\*NEW\*\* Friends of Catholic Education Award:** open to members of the general public (individuals or organizations) who have accomplished extraordinary service to Catholic Education but who may not be Catholic.

For nomination forms and information, click here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/CatholicEducationWeek/Pages/AwardsNight.aspx>

### **Prime Minister's Awards**

Do you know a terrific teacher or early childhood educator? Consider nominating them for a 2016-17 Prime Minister's Award! This prestigious program honours innovative and outstanding elementary and secondary school teachers and early childhood educators who are helping prepare Canadian youth for the challenges of tomorrow.

Looking for inspiration? Check out some of our previous [teaching](#) and [early childhood education](#) award recipients.

2016-17 nomination packages are now available at [www.pma.gc.ca](http://www.pma.gc.ca)

### 2016 OCSTA Short-Video Contest for Students

OCSTA is now accepting submissions for the fall 2016 short-video contest for grade 4-12 students in Ontario's publicly funded English Catholic schools. The contest theme for 2016 is:

**"The Story Behind the Name of our Catholic School"**

This year's theme is designed to encourage students to delve into the history of the person/saint for whom their school was named, and to be creative in telling that story.

**Deadline November 28, 2016**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/forstudents/opportunitiesforstudents/pages/2016-ocsta-short-video-contest-for-students.aspx>

### Humanitarian Aid for Haiti

As you are aware, Hurricane Matthew battered Haiti on October 4, 2016 causing widespread damage, flooding, and landslides. The storm destroyed both crops and food reserves, many homes and schools, even entire villages. Our thoughts and prayers are with all who have been impacted by this recent natural disaster.

To learn more and find out how you can help, visit:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Humanitarian%20Aid%20for%20Haiti.aspx>

### Get Your 40 Hours : Student Community Involvement

Community service for our TCDSB students is more than a diploma requirement. Our TCDSB community members are called to apply Catholic social teachings in all that we do; invited by our board vision to be people who "transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action". The experience gained through community involvement allows students to grow in knowledge and appreciation of themselves and their God-given gifts, and to find meaning, dignity and vocation in work which respects the rights of all and contributes to the common good. It is hoped that this experience early in their high school years will continue to motivate our students to stay involved and to answer the call to support Catholic social teaching by promoting peace, justice and sacredness of human life in their community involvement experiences.

All students who earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma must complete 40 hours of community service.

Find resources, information, and volunteer opportunities here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/GuidanceCoopEd/Communityservice40hours/Pages/Default.aspx>

### November Events/Observances:

- **November** is Aboriginal Education Month
- **November 1**--All Saints Day
- **November 1-7**--Down Syndrome Awareness Week—"See the Ability"
- **November 2** --All Souls Day
- **November 2**--Take Our Kids to Work Day
- **November 6-12**—Treaties Recognition Week
- **November 8**—A Catholic Call To Serve
  
- **November 11**--Remembrance Day
- **November 14-19**--Bullying Prevention and Awareness Week
- **November 18**—PA Day
- **November 22**--Memorial Mass to Celebrate the Lives of Staff and Students in the TCDSB Community at 7 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre
- **November 27**—Advent Begins
- **November 28**—TCDSB Caucus/Inaugural Meeting—including election of Chair, Vice-Chair



### TRUSTEES 2016-2017

#### Wards

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| 1. Joseph Martino   | 5. Maria Rizzo               | 9. Jo-Ann Davis   |
| 2. Ann Andrachuk    | 6. Frank D'Amico, Vice-Chair | 10. Barbara Poplawski   |
| 3. Sal Piccininni   | 7. Michael Del Grande        | 11. Angela Kennedy, Chair   |
| 4. Patricia Bottoni | 8. Garry Tanuan              | 12. Nancy Crawford<br>Karina Dubrovskaya,<br>Rhea Carlisle, Student Trustee |

