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TCDSB: The Year of CHARITY

April 2015

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APRIL VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: JUSTICE

**Quote of the Month – “Let justice flow like waters,
and righteousness like an ever flowing stream.”
Amos 5:24**

April, with its celebration of Easter, has been assigned the virtue of JUSTICE. At this time we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus who is the Just One who died for the sake of the unjust, that He might lead people back to God. But justice is also an important part of Catholic teaching beyond Christ's Death and Resurrection. The need to do justice comes from the obligation to respect the dignity of every human person. This dignity comes from being created in God's image. Failing to respect human dignity, including failing to do justice, is a failure to respect the image of God in others. As in this month's quote, *“Let justice flow like a stream, and righteousness like a river that never goes dry.”* Amos 5:24

The Golden Rule (Luke 6:29-31, 34-35)

A reading from the Gospel of St. Luke:
“If someone takes your coat, let her have your shirt as well. Give everyone who asks for something, and when someone takes what is yours, do not ask for it back. Do for others just what you want them to do for you. Lend your things to others and expect nothing back. Love your enemies and be good to them. Then you will be truly blessed as children of God.”

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Welcome to Kindergarten: April 16th, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
CSAC Meeting: April 29th, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Please see the monthly calendar
for additional information and events

PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR

In order to begin preparations for staffing and class compositions for the upcoming academic year, we are asking that you kindly inform the school office if your child or children will **not** be returning to OLS in September of 2015. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

EQAO/CAT4

Please note that the Grade 3 and Grade 6 EQAO Assessment will take place the week of **May 25th to June 4th, 2015**. All students in Grades 3 and 6 will write the test on these days; attendance is mandatory. Please make every effort to avoid booking appointments during this time period. CAT4 testing will take place during the week of **June 8th to June 12th, 2015**.

READING, WRITING & MATHEMATICS

Parents of children in grades 3 and 6 are encouraged to peruse the EQAO website at www.eqao.com. Even if your child is not writing the provincial assessment in reading, writing and mathematics this year, it is still beneficial. It is during this assessment that students must *independently* demonstrate their best knowledge and thinking of the Ministry of Education expectations.

As part of the literacy instruction in each classroom, we continue to focus on teaching higher level thinking and reading comprehension skills including summarizing, identifying main idea, recognizing stated or explicit information, using text clues and previous knowledge to determine implicit or unstated information, and using context to determine unfamiliar vocabulary.

Rest assured that your children are well prepared for these assessments in that the necessary expectations are taught throughout the primary and junior divisions and beyond.

OLS AND MEAGAN'S WALK

The grade 6 teachers and students are currently in the process of creating 1000 paper cranes in preparation for the Meagan's Walk Crane Ceremony at Sick Kids Hospital. The ceremony is to take place on April 13th. The paper crane ceremony is just one of several activities organized in memory of Meagan Bebenek and is part of the *Meagan's Walk, Creating a Circle of Hope* campaign. Meagan was a junior kindergarten student at OLS who passed away in 2001. OLS will participate in a "school hug" on May 8th. On the day of the 'hug', students are encouraged to wear purple or pink.

TEACH KIDS WHEN TO CALL 9-1-1

We have been asked by Toronto Police Service to bring the following video link to your attention. Please consider sharing this with your families.

It is part of an awareness campaign that they are running with respect to the safe and proper use of 9-1-1 for emergencies.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xP8zM-EW7qY&feature=share>

CSAC CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your families had a chance to spend some time together over the March Break - with any luck it will start feeling like springtime soon! Many of you have been very busy with CSAC activities in the last month and we have lots of updates to provide. Thanks to all of you who generously share your time, thoughtfulness and ideas in many different ways to help make our children's school a better place.

Board Updates Relating to CSAC - At the TCDSB meeting last month, the proposed CSAC policy was passed, but with significant changes to reflect parent feedback. Many of you will be happy to hear that the school and CSAC bank accounts will no longer be merged, which was of concern to parents.

Other changes include changing the name of CSAC to Catholic School Parent Council ("CSPC"). I will circulate the policy when the final form is released. Thanks to all of you who provided your feedback to the Board via the links that were circulated.

The Board also provides monthly training for parent councils - if any parent is interested in attending please email me at jenniferacsac@gmail.com. More information this training can be found at: <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPAR/ENTS/OAPCE-Toronto/Pages/PRO-Grant-Workshop-1.aspx>

Parent Social - Thanks very much to Eva Marie Moffat, Rose Silva and the Social Committee who are organizing the parent social at the Crooked Cue on April 10th. In the past, the parent social has been a pasta dinner at the church - the church is unavailable this year and this looks like a great alternative. We hope that many of you will attend as it is a fantastic way to meet other parents and to have fun with those you already know.

Bingo Night - Many thanks to Lori Arciero and family who spent countless hours organizing the sold-out bingo night at the school, and for all of you who donated prizes - although my family was stuck home with the flu I hear that kids and adults had a great time.

Boundary/School Accommodation Review - A reminder that the first public meeting for the Board's boundary and school accommodation review will be held on April 21st. Keep an eye out for details regarding the time and location as the date approaches.

Parent Survey - Many thanks to all of you who have completed the anonymous online OLS parent survey, which will be open until April 15. We received 135 responses in the first 24 hours and there have been some terrific

constructive suggestions made so far.

New Parent Council Bylaws - The CSAC Bylaw Committee has finalized its draft of the new school bylaws, which will be presented for ratification at the April 29th CSAC meeting. The draft will be circulated well in advance of that date. Thanks to all of you who provided feedback in relation to the bylaws.

Your involvement on Parent Council next year - Please think about whether you would like to run for Parent Council next year - it is a great way to share your talents and ideas to improve our school community. Responsibilities will include attending CSAC meetings, being involved in a committee and representing the needs of all children at the school in decision-making. More information will be shared in the coming months. If you don't want to be on Parent Council, please consider joining a committee and/or attending CSAC meetings to volunteer your time on projects that match your specific interests and talents.

Election Committee Volunteers - We are looking for parent volunteers this year to organize and oversee next year's parent council election in September. Duties will include providing notice of the election, collecting bios of those parents wishing to be members, circulating the information to the school community well in advance of the election, and organizing the vote the night of the election. Members of the election committee must not be running to be a parent council member. Please give some thought as to whether this is a way you would like to contribute to our school community - it will be time-limited and not during working hours.

Swim Team – Huge thanks to all of the parents who have worked to organize our school swim team, train the swimmers and lead them to such success at the swim meet – we are so lucky to have you! More information on the swim meet is below.

Just a friendly reminder that if you would

like to know more about Parent Council activities, you can refer to the minutes which this year are circulated by your parent representative after each meeting, and Mr. Genova also now posts them on the school website. Please also feel free to contact me at jenniferacsac@gmail.com with any questions, or if you would like to have something added to our next meeting's agenda.

Best wishes and Happy Easter,

Jennifer

ARTS AND ENRICHMENT NEWS

The Circus is Coming! The Circus is Coming!

Step right up, step right up, for the greatest show on earth! Suitcase Theatre's performance of *The Thumbs Up Circus* will entertain the JK and SK classes on April 10th. Packed with imagination and original song, the performance invites the children to play the role of the circus animals. Together with Domingo the Ringmaster, two very entertaining clowns and a cuddly puppet named Euca, the performance is a favourite for audiences of all ages.

The Thumbs Up Circus celebrates bravery, teamwork and dreaming BIG! Children learn the value in trusting others when faced with great challenges and overcoming obstacles. The singing, toe-tapping and valuable lessons last long after the show ends and moves on to another school.

Suitcase Theatre is a local not-for-profit art and theatre group that believe in imagination, creativity and creating a lifelong love of the arts. Thank you to the Arts and Enrichment Committee for arranging the upcoming visit. For more information about their programs, please visit www.suitcasetheatre.com or call 647-654-PLAY.

Reminder: The OLS Parent Social booked for Friday, April 10th is fast

approaching. It will be held in the private party room at the **Crooked Cue** and will include a buffet dinner, D.J. and Dancing and Pool tables for the price of **\$45 a ticket**. There are a few tickets left and if you haven't yet ordered yours you can do so by completing the Order Form that was sent to you via email or the paper copy sent home with your child. If you need an Order Form please email resilva@rogers.com. Please **drop off the Order Form in the CSAC box in the office to the attention of Eva-Marie Moffat**.

NEWS FROM THE CHOIR LOFT

The OLS School Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Manion, has been meeting since January. We have been practising every Wednesday over the lunch hour in preparation for two very exciting upcoming events. The choir is made up of 60 kids from grades 2 – 6.

On Friday April 24, the choir will participate in the TCDSB Music Festival. Their performance will take place at the Catholic Education Centre at 80 Sheppard Avenue East in the CEC Board Room. Parents and community members are welcome to attend.

On Friday May 1, the choir has been invited to attend the meeting of the Ontario Catholic Schools Trustees Association which will take place at the Sheraton Airport Hotel. The choir will perform a concert of 5 songs while the trustees gather for their morning sessions, and then will lead a special prayer service by singing, doing readings, and leading petitions. We look forward to our participation in these community events.

CONGRATULATIONS OLS SWIM TEAM

Your dedication and commitment throughout the season was amazing. We are very proud of your efforts and outstanding achievements. The TCDSSI was held March 7 & 8 with about 1,200 swimmers from schools across GTA. This year, the team brought home all 6 eligible

trophies for Top Points, Top Girls Points, Top Boys Points, Top Relay, Top Girls Relay and Top Boys Relay. The Dolphin award is an award to recognize a swimmer that has shown exceptional focus, dedication, effort, and improvement throughout the season. The following students are this year's winners: Gr.3 = Emily Leitoguinho, Gr.4 = Andrew Cimerman, Gr.5 = Katherine Switt, Gr.6 = Jessica Smitiuch, Gr.7 =

Antonia Bonaldi, and Gr.8 = Chloe Moffat. In addition, our High Points Award was given to Lydia Pillar-Tahy this year for highest points achieved by a single swimmer. The Simandl Award for high point's non-club was awarded to Devlin O'Brien for the second year in a row. And lastly, The Scheibelhut Award for leadership and outstanding commitment to the team by a graduating student was awarded to Teague Wingfelder.

TRUSTEES 2014 – 2015 Wards

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| 1. Peter Jakovic | 5. Maria Rizzo | 9. Jo-Ann Davis |
| 2. Ann Andrachuk | 6. Frank D'Amico | 10. Barbara Poplawski |
| 3. Sal Piccininni | 7. John Del Grande, Chair | 11. Angela Kennedy |
| 4. Patrizia Bottoni | 8. Gary Tanuan | 12. Nancy Crawford, Vice Chair |



Angela Gauthier, Director of Education | Christopher MacDonald, Student Trustee | Hannah McGroarty, Student Trustee



APRIL 2015 MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE BOARD

Second Phase of Budget Consultation

TCDSB thanks the many parents, students, staff and community members who participated in the first phase of the budget consultation and provided feedback through the virtual Townhall, the online survey and in person through delegations at board and committee meetings. The second phase of consultation will include further opportunities for feedback. Visit our website for all the details.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/budgetandfinance/budgetconsultation/pages/default.aspx>

New Legislation Aims to Prevent On-Line Cyberbullying and Exploitation

On March 9, 2015, new legislation has come into effect to protect all ages of Canadians from on-line cyberbullying and exploitation on the internet. Named the "Protecting Canadians from Online Crime Act", the new law stands up for victims and helps law enforcement officials better protect our students.

A website has been created by the Canadian Centre for Child Protection to help youth who are being exploited by providing guidance in how to deal with online blackmail. We encourage you to share this site with your students: www.needhelpnow.ca

School Year Calendar

The school year calendar for 2015-2016 has been approved. This includes the professional activity days for elementary. The PA days for secondary school should be approved soon.

Check here for information

<https://www.tcdsb.org/school/SchoolYearCalendar/Pages/FutureSchoolYearCalendar.aspx>.

Interactive Family Literacy Event

All are welcome to participate in the PRO Partnership Interactive Family Literacy Event. This will be hosted by 15 elementary schools.

Location: Senator O'Connor College School, 60 Rowena Drive, North York

Date: April 8, 2015

Time: Registration begins at 5:45pm and the program starts at 6:15pm.

This event is a "jump start" to Literacy for grades JK - 3 and will feature workshops by Young People's Theatre as well as interactive activities that will assist parents to work with their children at home to improve academic achievement in school.

To register online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PROLiteracy>

Launch of New Three-Year Pastoral Plan

April 22nd

"Together With One Voice--Harmonizing Faith in our Families, Parishes and Schools"

The event with Cardinal Thomas Collins will be webcast live through the board's website.

Further information will be posted here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/news/2014-2015/pages/launch-of-new-pastoral-plan-2015-2018.aspx>

Mark Your Calendars and Prepare to Celebrate Catholic Education Week May 3-8, 2015

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/catholiceducationweek/pages/default.aspx>

Other Upcoming Events

- **April is Hispanic Canadian Heritage Month**
- **April 1st: 5th Annual Autism Awareness Evening** at the Catholic Education Centre starting at 5:30 p.m. <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/autism-awareness-evening.aspx>

- **April 2nd: Autism Awareness Day.** Raise the flag and wear blue to show your support.
- **April 2nd: St. John Paul II Day**—declared by the Government of Ontario
<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/pope-john-paul-ii-day.aspx>
- **April 9th: Student Job Fair**, Metro Toronto Convention Centre
<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/Job-Fair.aspx>
- **April 12-15th: National Volunteer Week** <http://volunteer.ca/nvw2015>
- **April 13th--St. John Paul II Day** (as declared by the Board)
- **April 17th-19th: Earth Month** School and Community Clean Up Days
<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/environment/earthmonth/pages/default.aspx>
- **April 21st: Student Trustee Election**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/Student-Trustee-Elections-2015.aspx>
- **April 22nd: Administrative Assistants' Day** (Secretaries' Day)

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- Subscribe to ENews to receive updates via email every week
<https://web1.tcdsb.org/InterestSubscription/subscription.aspx>
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A DAY AT THE VARLEY

Thursday, April 9th, 2015

Inspired by the Varley Art Gallery's permanent collection and temporary exhibitions, educational programs are designed to complement the Ontario Curriculum, and encourage creativity and critical thinking.

Our day will engage educators to develop stronger skills within the visual arts in order to integrate more art-based forms of learning. Teachers will explore visual literacy - the ability to interpret, negotiate, and make meaning from information presented in the form of an image. Teachers will spend the day in interactive gallery tours and studio sessions while learning how to "read" and understand the way in which meaning can be communicated through a process of reading art.

*This is geared for regular classroom teachers teaching **grades four to eight** only. Please bring your own lunch.*

Time: 9:00 to 2:45

**Location: The Varley Art Gallery
216 Main Street Unionville,
Markham, ON L3R 2H1**

Please register on PAL under Curriculum and Accountability.

*Any questions direct them to Leda Miles, K-12 Arts Resource
leda.dimariamiles@tcdsb.org or Carmelo Cucchi, K-12 Arts Resource
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VIRTUE OF THE MONTH - JUSTICE



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
UPCOMING EVENTS First Communion Saturday 10:30 am Masses April 18 th , May 2 nd , May 9 th , 2015 Confirmation Masses - Tues. May 26 th @ 7:00 pm Confirmation Masses - Wed. May 27 th @ 7:00 pm			1 Mass Gr.'s 1 & 7 9:00 a.m.-Church	2 HOLY THURSDAY Gr. 8 Grad Photo Retake World Autism Day Stations of the Cross	3 NO SCHOOL Good Friday 	4
5 Happy Easter  Alleluia!	6 NO SCHOOL Easter Monday 	7 Suitcase Theatre Presentation - JK/SK LUNCH LADY Fit Club - Gym 11:35 - 12:15 p.m. After School Literacy Program Both Clubs Every Tuesday until May	8 HOLY WEEK School Mass 1:00 p.m. Church After School Literacy Program PIZZA DAY 	9 Gr. 2's First Communion Retreat Mrs. Alves' Mrs. Tecimer's	10 Prayer & Rosary Club Rm 214 8:00 a.m. Every Friday CFCC Gr 8 Visit Gr. 2's First Communion Retreat Ms. Cosentino's Mrs. De Caria's	11 Gr. 8's Only Candidates Confirmation Retreat OLS Church 1:00pm-3:00pm (A-L)
12	13 High Park Curling Club Gr. 7's Meagan's Walk Crane Ceremony HSC - Gr. 6's After School Numeracy Program Gr. 7 & 8 3:10 - 4:40 p.m. Every Monday INT. W5H Tournament TIFF Film Festival	14 Young People's Theatre Gr. 5's Lunch Lady 	15 Mass Gr.'s 2 & 8 9:00 a.m.-Church	16 Ceramic Tiling Mrs. Cosentino's Mrs. Alves' Welcome To Kindergarten Night 6:30 pm	17 Ceramic Tiling Mrs. Tecimer Mrs. De Caria Heart Heroes Workshop Grade 8's	18 Gr. 2's First Communion 10:30 a.m. Mass  1st Group
19	20 High Park Mrs. Mochocki's / Mrs. Arena's Intermediate W5H Divisional Storytelling: Decaria	21 Lunch Lady Storytelling: Alves SARC Meeting @ Holy Angels	22 Mass Gr.'s 3 & 6 9:00 a.m.-Church Scientist Workshop Gr. 5's High Park Mrs. Husarewych / Mrs. Gill / Mrs. Perehinets / Mrs. Maxwell / Mrs. Casanova Storytelling: Tecimer PIZZA DAY	23 High Park Mrs. Purpura's / Mrs. Esteban Mrs. Reagan / Mrs. luele Dance Workshop Gr. 5's	24 Civvies Day Scientist Workshop Gr. 5's Dance Workshop Gr.5's CFCC Visit: Gr 8's TCDSB MUSICAL FESTIVAL OLS CHOIR - CEC 9:00 - 12:00 p.m.	25
26	27 Intermediate W5H Regional	28 Lunch Lady	29 Dance Workshop Gr. 6's Mass Gr.'s 4 & 5 9:00 a.m.-Church CSAC Meeting 6:30 p.m.	30 Dance Workshop Gr. 6's		

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March 26, 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians of Children in Toronto Schools:

As of March 23, 2015, Toronto Public Health has declared the measles outbreak over in Toronto. There were a total of 10 confirmed cases of measles ranging in age from one to 55 years. Most of these individuals were unvaccinated.

Vaccination is the best protection against infectious diseases. All children attending school in Ontario must be vaccinated against (or have an exemption to) the following diseases:

- Measles, Mumps, and Rubella;
- Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio, Pertussis (Whooping Cough);
- Varicella (Chickenpox) - required for children born on, or after, January 2010; and,
- Meningococcal. The Meningococcal-C vaccine is needed for all elementary students, and the Meningococcal ACYW-135 vaccine is needed for students in Grade 7 and higher.

If you are unsure of your child's vaccination status, please check your child's yellow immunization card, or speak with your child's health care provider. Please inform Toronto Public Health every time your child receives a vaccination; your health care provider does not report this information. You can report in several ways: online at www.toronto.ca/immunization; by phone at 416-392-1250; by fax at 416-338-2487, or by mail to Toronto Public Health, 235 Danforth Avenue, 2nd Floor, Toronto, ON M4K 1N2.

Vaccinating children according to the recommended vaccination schedule helps protect them and the individuals around them. Before you travel, make sure you and your children are protected. Measles is still circulating in other Canadian provinces and other countries, including the United States.

For more information, please visit www.toronto.ca/health or call Toronto Health Connection at 416-338-7600.

Sincerely,



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Director, Communicable Disease Control
and Associate Medical Officer of Health