



# Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School

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**Hours of Operation:**  
8:30 am to 3:00 pm

**Lunch Hour:**  
11:15 am to 12:15 pm



*TCDSB: The Year of CHARITY*

*March 2015*

## Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School News



### VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: FORGIVENESS

How timely that the virtue for this month is FORGIVENESS, not only because we are in the season of Lent but also because it is an important cornerstone of our faith and one that Jesus modeled for us in his life and death. We are reminded that forgiveness is a gift to ourselves as we let go of the burden of resentment when we forgive another person and it's a gift to our children when we teach and model it to them.

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

To Err is Human, to Forgive is Divine. Alexander Pope

### SCRIPTURE READING

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. - Matthew 18:21

### AT A GLANCE: SOME IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**Welcome to Kindergarten Evening:** April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**CSAC Meeting:** No meeting in March.

**March Break:** March 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>. School closed.

**Please see the monthly calendar  
for additional information and events**

## NO CHANGE TO SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSION POLICY AT THIS TIME

No changes to the policy will be implemented in the short term. Status quo remains until further consultations are conducted regarding any proposed recommendations arising from the first phase of parent input and the findings of first cycle of School Accommodation Reviews. For more information, see the letter from the Director on our website:

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## TECHNOLOGY NOTICE – BYOD

In our effort to be in accurate alignment with our Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) practice at OLS this serves as a notice to both parents and students. Students are permitted to bring their own devices to school however these devices can only be employed under the direction of the classroom teachers. Electronic devices are not to be utilized during unstructured (recess, lunch or school bus) times. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

## SAFETY NEWS

Continuing our practice of including safety items or reminders in our newsletter each month, the following points are raised for parent awareness:

### A. LATES

All students, parents and guardians are reminded that if a student is tardy, they are to report to the office for a late slip. Once the slip is in hand, students are to make their way to

their classrooms. We are kindly asking that adults remain on the office level of the school. Walking students to class is not permitted. Many thanks for your cooperation.

### B. DOGS @ OLS

Parents are reminded that dogs should not be brought to the school either during or before/after school. As wonderful as dogs are and as well trained as they may be, with the number of students in the area and the often unexpected movement of students, dogs can become overly excited and may react unexpectedly. We have many students that are highly allergic to dogs. Parental cooperation regarding this expectation is greatly appreciated for the well-being of everyone, including the dog!

### C. PARENTS IN THE SCHOOL YARD

This is simply a gentle reminder that there should be no parents, including parent volunteers, in the school yard during the recesses and lunch hours each day.

Parents are reminded that at no time should a parent of another child intervene with a child for disciplinary purposes. Such intervention should only be administered by school staff.

## INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL BUS DELAYS

Traffic congestion and varying road conditions can impact on the flow of traffic in Toronto, and this is particularly true during the winter months when snow and ice can be a major factor.

The Toronto Student Transportation Group is pleased to provide information about school bus delays digitally through their website at

<http://www.torontoschoolbus.org>

Click on the pink bar at the top of the homepage to get a listing of any bus routes that are being impacted.

## 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. <b>John Del Grande, Chair</b> | 11. Angela Kennedy                    |
| 4. Patrizia Bottoni | 8. Gary Tanuan                   | 12. <b>Nancy Crawford, Vice Chair</b> |



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

# Nurturing Our Catholic Community

As we continue to celebrate our Year of Charity, and our Virtues of the Month, the Religion and Family Life Department would like to call your attention to a number of resources for the month of *March—the month of Forgiveness*.

Check out this stop start motion video from Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School focusing on March's theme: <http://youtu.be/vxINrQva7m8>

## Let's Keep the Wave Going—the Wave of Charity

Schools are reminded to share their stories of charity with [Robert.gallo@tcdsb.org](mailto:Robert.gallo@tcdsb.org), and to tweet out their good works @TCDSB #waveofcharity

Visit the Wave of Charity section of the website to see the photos and stories of charity from across the TCDSB. <http://tcdsbreligion.wix.com/waveofcharity> Videos for Areas 4 through 8 have already been added. Area 3 video coming soon. Remember to visit regularly as more material added each month.

More information is also posted here:

<http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/YearOfCharity/Pages/Heart-of-Charity.aspx>

## Remember to Visit the Website Each Month for Resources linked to the Monthly Virtue:

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

## As well as additional resources for the Year of Charity

- <http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/YearOfCharity/ElementaryResources/Pages/default.aspx>
- <http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/YearOfCharity/SecondaryResources/Pages/default.aspx>

## Project Reach

The completed installation is on display at the Catholic Education Centre in the Boardroom and the atrium on the second floor.

These artistic representations of the good hands of charity are captured in video, with a new video added each month.

Check them out here: <http://tcdsbreligion.wix.com/waveofcharity#!video-reel/cpnk>

## Other Information/Events to Note

- Lent continues through March. For resources for Lent and for the Easter season, visit our website here: <http://www.tcdsb.org/pages/lent-and-easter-resources.aspx>
- Learn more about TCDSB's Pilot Project for Christian Meditation: <http://www.tcdsb.org/pages/pilot-project-for-christian-meditation.aspx>
- World Day of Prayer—March 6<sup>th</sup>: <http://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/news/2014-2015/pages/world-day-of-prayer.aspx>
- Lift Jesus Higher Rally—March 7<sup>th</sup>: <http://www.tcdsb.org/pages/lift-jesus-higher-rally.aspx>
- International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination—March 21<sup>st</sup>: <http://www.tcdsb.org/pages/international-day-for-elimination-of-racial-discrimination.aspx>
- World Down Syndrome Day—March 21<sup>st</sup>: <http://www.tcdsb.org/pages/world-down-syndrome-day.aspx>
- World Water Day—March 22<sup>nd</sup>: <http://www.tcdsb.org/pages/world-water-day.aspx>

- Earth Hour—March 27<sup>th</sup>:  
<http://www.tcdsb.org/board/environment/earthhour/pages/default.aspx>

**Don't Forget to Check out the Wellness & Leadership Day Planner  
On the Employee Portal (Intranet)**

**For Ideas on *Everyday Living for Catholic Leaders***

<http://intranet.tcdsb.org/Resources/wellnessandleadership2014/index.html>



## Monthly Update from the Board March 2015

### TCDSB Safe School Inquiry Public Meetings

- **Wednesday, March 4, 2015**  
6:30- 9:00 PM  
St. Andrew Catholic School, 2533 Kipling Avenue  
Etobicoke
- **Wednesday March 25, 2015**  
6:00 PM- 9:00 PM  
Senator O'Connor Secondary School, 60 Rowena Drive  
North York

\*All Public Meetings are open to any person or group from the TCDSB community wishing to present their views. No prior registration is required. Those wishing to testify may contact Christina DeLuca from TCDSB Corporate Services at 416-222-8282 ext. 2473 or by email: [christina.deluca@tcdsb.org](mailto:christina.deluca@tcdsb.org)

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### Voices of Charity

The Director of Education, Angela Gauthier, presents her latest webcast which focuses on the pursuit of innovation and excellence in TCDSB schools: <http://youtu.be/fD19Ff5ZaC4>

### Upcoming Information Sessions for Parents

- **CSAC Training Session**—Understanding school funding and the Board budget; more about fundraising--March 4<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. at Catholic Education Centre, 80 Sheppard Avenue East
- **OAPCE Toronto hosts PRO (Parents Reaching Out) Grants Workshop #1**  
Partnerships, connecting to curriculum--April 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

### Information for Students:

- **Summer Employment—Focus on Youth** Accepting Applications Until March 27<sup>th</sup>  
Check online for detailed information  
<http://www.tcdsb.org/forstudents/focusonyouth/pages/foy-2015.aspx>
- **Scholarships, Bursaries, Awards, Contests**—Get the latest information here:  
<http://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/AwardsScholarshipsBursariesContests/Pages/default.aspx>

### Special Events for March

- **March 2—School Support Staff Appreciation Day:**  
<http://www.tcdsb.org/pages/support-staff-appreciation-day-2015.aspx>
- **March 7—Lift Jesus Higher Rally:** <http://www.tcdsb.org/pages/lift-jesus-higher-rally.aspx>
- **March 8—International Women's Day**
- **March 16-20—March Break**

- **March 21—International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination:** <http://www.tcdsb.org/pages/international-day-for-elimination-of-racial-discrimination.aspx>
- **March 21—World Down Syndrome Day:** <http://www.tcdsb.org/pages/world-down-syndrome-day.aspx>
- **March 22—World Water Day:** <http://www.tcdsb.org/pages/world-water-day.aspx>
- **Earth Hour—March 27<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.** (for school); **March 28<sup>th</sup> 8:30 p.m.** (at home)  
<http://www.tcdsb.org/board/environment/earthhour/pages/default.aspx>

### **Board and Committee Meetings**

- **March 3—Budget Committee**
- **March 5--Student Achievement Committee**
- **March 9--Special Board**
- **March 10--Governance & Policy Committee**
- **March 12--Corporate Affairs Committee**
- **March 25—Special Education Advisory Committee**
- **March 26--Board**
- **March 30--OAPCE Toronto**

*(Meeting dates subject to change; check the website for the latest information:*








<http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TrusteesoftheBoard/boardmeeting/information/Pages/Meeting-Schedule.aspx>)

*Remember to follow us on Twitter @TCDSB for all the latest news and information, or visit our website at [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org).*

# March 2015

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH - FORGIVENESS



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <i>March weather will it be "In like a lion, Or ... out like a lamb"</i> <b>2:00 p.m. - 1st Reconciliation Communion Refection</b> Session- Church	<b>2</b> Bricks for Kids <i>Ms. Badali</i> <b>Math Club</b> Atrium 11:35 - 12:15 <b>Every Monday</b> <b>EAs Day</b>	<b>3</b> Swim Team Photos - Gr. 3-5 8:30 a.m. - Gym Gr. 8 Graduation Photos - 9:00 a.m. <b>Fit Club - Gym</b> 11:35 - 12:15 p.m. <b>Every Tuesday until May</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Mass Gr's. 2 &amp; 8</b> <b>9:00 a.m. - Church</b> Gr. 8's Immunization 10:00 a.m lower gym	<b>5</b> Swim Team Photos Gr. 6-8 8:30 a.m. - Gym <b>Math Club</b> Atrium 11:35 - 12:15 <b>Every Thursday</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Prayer &amp; Rosary Club</b> Rm 214 - 8:00 a.m. <b>Chess &amp; Math Club</b> 11:35 - 12:15 p.m. <b>Both Clubs Every Friday</b>	<b>7</b> 1st Reconciliation
<b>8</b> International Women's Day <b>Swim Team Pizza Party</b> <b>5:00 p.m.</b> DAY LIGHT Savings 1hr forward 	<b>9</b> Scientist in School <i>Mrs. Tecimer a.m.</i> <i>Mrs. DeCaria p.m.</i>	<b>10</b> <b>Lunch Lady</b> Scientist in School <i>Ms. Cosentino a.m.</i> <i>Mrs. Alves p.m.</i>	<b>11</b> <b>Mass Gr's. 3 &amp; 6</b> <b>9:00 a.m. - Church</b> <b>Pizza Lunch</b> 	<b>12</b> <b>Spring Dance Gym</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Saint Patrick's Day	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <i>First Day of</i>	<b>21</b>
<b>MARCH BREAK - NO SCHOOL - MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> - 20<sup>TH</sup></b>  						
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> After School Literacy & Numeracy Program Gr. 7 & 8 3:10 - 4:40 p.m. <b>Every Monday &amp; Tuesday Until May</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Lunch Lady</b> After School Literacy & Numeracy Program Gr. 7 & 8 3:10 - 4:40 p.m. <b>Every Monday &amp; Tuesday Until May</b>	<b>25</b> Junior Boys Volleyball <b>Mass Gr's. 4 &amp; 5</b> <b>9:00 a.m. - Church</b> Gr. 7's Royal Alexander Theatre 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. <b>Pizza Lunch</b> 	<b>26</b> Junior Girls Volleyball Oral Health Presentation Gr's. 1 and 3 Scientist in School Mr. Rivers Mrs. Prus	<b>27</b> <b>Civvies Day</b> <b>EARTH HOUR Board Wide</b> <b>10:00 - 11:00 a.m.</b> Scientist in School Mrs. Sutej	<b>28</b> Confirmation Retreat Church <b>EARTH HOUR</b> 
<b>29</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Lunch Lady</b>	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b>                      First Communion Saturday 10:30 am Masses                      April 18<sup>th</sup>, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015                      Confirmation Masses - Tues. May 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm                      Confirmation Masses - Wed. May 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm                 </div>			





*Office of the Director of Education*

February 27, 2015

Dear TCDSB Trustees, Parents/Guardians, Staff and Community Members:

I wish to express our sincere gratitude to all of you for your ongoing support and collaboration as we work together to find solutions to our current financial challenges.

A report dealing with the current deficit, and an overall financial forecast, was presented to Trustees at the Special Board Meeting held on Monday, February 23, 2015. This was the first opportunity for us to publicly share our general budget calculations regarding our fiscal position with the broader TCDSB community.

As the next step in this process, a staff report outlining detailed expenditures by category and specific recommendations will be posted to our website ([www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org)) this evening (Friday, February 27, 2015).

This is part of our commitment to restore public confidence by helping to kick-start initial consultations in advance of the Board's Budget Committee Meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Catholic Education Centre (80 Sheppard Avenue East). Further opportunities for the Board to receive delegations will be available through the month of March. We will provide greater details regarding our consultation process in the very near future.

Interested parents or delegations who wish to address the meeting may do so by contacting Lalita Fernandes ([lalita.fernandes@tcdsb.org](mailto:lalita.fernandes@tcdsb.org)) or by registering online at: <http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TrusteesoftheBoard/boardmeeting/information/Pages/Delegation-Information.aspx>

I want to reassure everyone that the Board remains committed to student achievement and well-being. Our number one priority is to deliver the best Catholic education possible in a fiscally responsible manner.

The Ministry of Education has assigned a Financial Consulting team to assist the Board with formulating a multi-year deficit reduction strategy and action plan to return the TCDSB to a positive fiscal position within the next 3-4 years.

Thank you for your continued confidence and faith in Catholic education in Toronto.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela Gauthier". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Angela Gauthier  
Director of Education