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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

April 2019

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians:

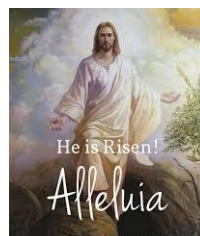
Catholic social teaching is a central element of our faith which is based on Jesus' teaching that every human being is created in the image and likeness of God and no human being should have their dignity compromised. In April, we focus on the Gospel virtue of Justice. This virtue teaches us to relate fairly with others, recognizing the equality and dignity of all especially the poor and the weak. Poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice make it impossible to live a life worthy of dignity. Jesus was always an instrument for justice in his work with people. Scripture teaches us: *"Learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow"* – *Isaiah 1:17*. As a caring community, OLA staff and students will also donate our Civvies Day fundraiser towards ShareLife, an organization that provides food for the hungry, shelter for the homeless, protection for the meek and care for the sick in Toronto.

April is **Volunteer Appreciation Month**. Our Volunteers share their time, skills and expertise helping our students and the school community. We appreciate and applaud the tremendous work they do in our school community. We salute our volunteers and say **THANK YOU** to Mrs. Gann, Mrs. Kaner as well as our parent volunteers: Mr. Auwaerter, Mr. Bellot, Mrs. Rabanal, Mrs. Lim, Mrs. Sabando-Veras, Mr. Veras, Ms. Morris, Mrs. Santos and Mrs. Liwa.

Lego mania has hit OLA! Students from Grades 1 to 4 joined the **OLA Lego Club** this Spring. The Club meets during the lunch hour every Monday and Wednesday to play, challenge themselves and construct various complicated creations.

Please join us for our School Mass on April 11th at 1:30 at OLA Church.

I take this opportunity to wish all our students, staff and parents the joy and hope of Easter.



Sharon Garlow

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www.tcdsb.org/cpic

CPIC (PARENT ENGAGEMENT - TCDSB) ↗

www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto

OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS) ↗

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9:00 – 3:30

11:45 –
12:45

ENROLLMENT

HOURS OF OPERATION

LUNCH HOUR



NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: soar.tcdsb.org

Call 416-393-5265 or the TCDSB Admissions Department at 416-222-8282, ext. 5320.

For general information about the Toronto Catholic District School Board, visit www.tcdsb.org

Stay in touch with the latest news throughout the school year: Follow @TCDSB on Twitter or Toronto Catholic DSB on Instagram.

Sharon Garlow

GOSPEL VIRTUE AWARDS

Congratulations to our students for demonstrating the virtue of **FORGIVENESS** in March.

Danielle Damasco (JK) – Mrs. Raso

Brylle Queyquep (SK) – Mrs. Szakola

Kalvin Castillo (SK) – Mrs. Cardone

Chloe Pasag (Gr. 1) – Mrs. Pena-Vital

Zulay Valderrama (Gr. 2) – Ms.

Pilato

Jayden Cascon (Gr. 2) – Ms. Pignataro

Deniella Victoriano (Gr. 3) – Ms. Askin-Costa

Kelroy Dick-Pierre (Gr. 4) – Mr. D’Silva

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATE EXPECTATION AWARDS



A DISCERNING BELIEVER formed in the Catholic Faith community who celebrates the signs and sacred mystery of God’s presence through word, sacrament, prayer, forgiveness, reflection and moral living.

Sebastian Lentejas (SK) – Mrs. Raso

Jayden Jaime (JK) – Mrs. Szakola

Malcolm Pereira-Harrison (SK) – Mrs. Cardone

Aaron Bustamante (Gr. 1) – Mrs. Pena-Vital

Jireh Marie Perez (Gr. 2) – Mrs. Pilato

Klein Lopez (Gr. 2) – Ms. Pignataro

Nicholas Marbani (Gr. 3) – Ms. Askin-Costa

Matea Amor (Gr. 4) – Mr. D’Silva

Alrey Lim (Gr. 4) – Mrs. Rozowski

Yakesha Gayle Joe (Gr. 5) – Mrs. Furiato

Nika Arzumanyan (Gr. 6) – Ms. Rizzo

Sholly Chepkemboi (Gr. 6) – Mr. Ciraco

Chelsea Ang (Gr. 7) – Ms. Le Blanc

Judy An (Gr. 7/8) – Ms. Sergnese

Aljhan Bermudez (Gr. 8) – Mrs. Nicholson

DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

We believe that no child should be left behind in our school or in education. Students with special needs are God’s unique gift to our OLA community. They inspire us to value their different learning styles and still they have the same interests and human connections that we all aspire to. We also applaud the commitment of their teachers and support staff who work to nurture them each day.

At OLA, by wearing mismatched coloured socks on March 21st we were creating an awareness that students with Down Syndrome are important to us and have the right to be part of our community as everyone else.



Thank you Daniel for bringing sunshine and laughter into our school.



Autism Awareness Day – April 2nd. draws our attention to the challenges autistic people

experience every day. People with autism have unique abilities and talents that is often not recognized. Autism disorders affect all nationalities, all creeds, all religions, all races and both sexes. It doesn't differentiate or affect any one group of people.

OLA will observe Autism Awareness Day by raising the Autism Awareness Flag on Tuesday, April 2nd. Please join us as we gather at 10:00 in the school gym to recognize students with autism and how important they are in our school community.

For more information, please follow the link on **Ten Things Every Child with Autism Wishes You Knew**

<http://www.ellenotbohm.com/article-archive/ten-things-every-child-with-autism-wishes-you-knew/> (ellenotbohm.com)

EDUCATION ASSISTANT APPRECIATION DAY



We thank our Educational Assistants **Ms. Della Rossa, Mrs. Karapetyan, Mrs. Rebelo - Busca and Ms. Crombet** for the daily care, support and hard work they provide our students.

SECRETARY & CLERICAL TYPIST'S DAY



On April 24th we celebrate Secretary and Clerical Typist Day. We take this opportunity to thank **Mrs. Di Pasquale and Mrs. Alonzi** for the warm welcome, prompt attention, and care they give to our students, staff and parent community.



**Guidance
Corner
April 2019**

During this season of Lent, I encourage you to help your children to live out their faith by finding ways to serve others. It is in recognizing the needs of others that we build empathy and strong relationships with those around us.

<https://www.allprodad.com/10-ways-to-serve-others-as-a-family/>
<http://www.mamaplusone.com/being-the-hands-and-feet-seven-ways-kids-can-serve-others/>

Primary and Junior students have access to an electronic portfolio on <http://www.myblueprint.ca> called **All About Me**, and can record and reflect on aspects of self-

awareness, goal-setting, experiential learning and classroom learning. Introducing students early in their school career to the process of developing a personal portfolio helps them reflect on their strengths and interests as learners as they prepare for transitions from grade to grade. Intermediate students also have accounts on My Blueprint and can complete their Individual Pathways Plans.

Creating Pathways to Success: An Education and Career/Life Planning Program for Ontario Schools, Policy and Program Requirements, Kindergarten to Grade 12, 2013 describes a comprehensive education and career/life planning program for Kindergarten to Grade 12 designed to help students achieve their personal goals and become competent, successful, and contributing members of society. The foundation of this policy seeks to have schools and school boards provide opportunities for students to explore 4 foundation questions:

- Who Am I?
- What Are My Opportunities?
- Who Do I Want to Become?
- What Is My Plan for Achieving My Goals?

This policy also seeks to ensure that students develop the knowledge and skills they need to make informed education and career/life choices through the effective application of a four-step

inquiry process; provide opportunities for this learning both in and outside the classroom; and engage parents and the broader community in the development, implementation, and evaluation of the program, to support students in their learning. I have included a link to the MOE policy document for your interest:

Creating Pathways to Success:
<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/document/policy/cps/CreatingPathwaysSuccess.pdf>



April 2019 Update from the Board

Budget Consultation

All parents, staff, students and stakeholders are encouraged to participate in the consultation regarding the 2019-2020 budget. By identifying your priorities for consideration, the Trustees of the Board will be better able to make decisions that reflect the concerns and interests of TCDSB stakeholders. The budget website will be available as of Wednesday, April 3rd. This website will include both video and printed materials outlining the budget, and the budget process, as well as a breakdown of the various ways that everyone can participate in the consultation process. An online survey will also be available through to May 3rd to

ensure that everyone has an opportunity to share their views.
https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TCDSB-Community-Consultations/Pages/budget_2019_2020.aspx

Reminder: OAPCE's 80th Annual Parent Conference

Friday April 5th, 2019
 OECTA Reception at Montecassino Hotel & Venue, Toronto 6:00-9:00pm

Saturday April 6th, 2019
 All Day Conference at Madonna Catholic Secondary School, Toronto 8:00am-4:30pm
 Mass with Cardinal Collins;
 Keynote Speaker: Greg Rogers;
 Parent Learning Workshops;
 Vendor Mall

Gala Dinner
 Montecassino Hotel & Venue 6:30pm; Awards Ceremony
REGISTER AT: www.OAPCE.org

Breakthrough Junior Challenge

Explain a big scientific idea in fundamental physics, life sciences or mathematics with a short video. The challenge opens on May 1st. To take part in the Breakthrough Junior Challenge, create a short video (3 minutes max) to explain a big idea in one of these fields: Physics, Mathematics, Life Sciences. Your film can take any form you like: animation, talking head, documentary, dramatic reconstruction, whatever. It's worth keeping in mind that video is a dynamic visual medium – using diagrams, simulations, physical

demonstrations etc. is a lot more effective than standing in front of a blackboard talking. Get all the details online
<https://breakthroughjuniorchallenge.org/> June 15, 2019 deadline
Nurturing our Catholic Community:

We Belong Celebration Coming May 21st

Check out the submissions received so far here:
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/root-ed-in-christ/Pages/we-Belong-submissions.aspx>

FaithTalk

One student will be live on air during Catholic Education Week on Radio Maria.

To enter, get your submission in by April 5th.

Details here:
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/root-ed-in-christ/Pages/radio-maria.aspx>

Share the Journey

Development and Peace hosts Faith Rally and Walk at Nathan Phillips Square April 11th
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/News/2018-2019/Pages/Share-the-journey.aspx>



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