



OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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April 2021

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

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 people. 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; see justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow"- Isaiah 1"17.**

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



Sincerely
Teresa Silva

TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2019 - 2020

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ENROLLMENT
HOURS OF OPERATION
11:45am-12:45am
LUNCH HOUR

NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: soar.tcdsb.org
Call **416-393-Phone#** or the **TCDSB Admissions Department** at 416-222-8282, ext. 2383.

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

Stay in touch with the latest news throughout the school year. Follow **@TCDSB** on Twitter.

Forgiveness Virtue Winners

Congratulations to the following students who demonstrated the February virtue of Love

Ms. Szakola – Jhordin Ordonio (SK)

Ms. DiStefano - Maxine Cotrtes (Grade 1)

Ms. Pignataro - Gerrard Carhuallanqui (Grade 2)

Ms. Monteiro - Archer Powell (Grade 2)

Ms. Pena-Vital - Louise Tiri (Grade 3)

Ms. Rozowski - Klein Lopez (Grade 4)

Mr. Crawford - Jelesha Gale Joe (Grade 5)

Mr. Ciraco - Alrey Lim (Grade 6)

Ms. Le Blanc - Reyner Palomares (Grade 7/8)

Ms. Nicholson - Tyrell Wade (Grade 8)

St. Patrick's/Sharelife Dress Down Day

This St. Patrick's Day the OLA community managed to raise \$300 for our Catholic Charity Share Life. Thank you all for your generosity. It was lovely to see the students in Green to celebrate this beloved Saint.

Angel Foundation Blue and White Day (Leafs/Marlies Day)

We had another dress down day on March 29th, where students wore blue and white. This money was donated to the Angel Foundation which is our board charity used to fund our student nutrition programs and various other programs. This month we will have a dress down/Spirit day on Friday, April 30th, 2021.

Holy Thursday/ Good Friday

There is no school on Good Friday as we commemorate the death of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Please have a safe and holy day with your families.

Please consider tuning into the Our Lady of the Assumption YouTube channel to attend the masses virtually. You may also attend in person if you have registered by calling the parish office.

Easter Monday

There is no school on Monday, April 5th, 2021. Please take this extra day to spend with family and relax.



April Spring Break

Please note that we are awaiting news if Spring Break is going to be postponed this year. Information will be imminently shared.

CSPC

Our next CSPC meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 10th at 7 PM. I will send the link out to parents earlier in the week. All parents are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing new faces.

Covid News

Covid Cases continue to rise unfortunately, and the provincial government is saying that there is a possibility of the April Break being delayed. There will be a news conference on Good Friday, where it will be announced if April Break remains as is or if it will be postponed. We will await the news and I will communicate with you on this in the coming days.

Please continue to sign passports daily and monitor your children for any symptoms. Please also ensure they come with at least 2 masks a day and remind them of the importance of wearing their masks properly at school and school buses. We encourage mask breaks as long as the child is alone and more than 2 metres or 6 feet from another person while outside.

Grade 8/SK Graduation Photos

The Grade 8 Graduation Photos will take place on Tuesday April 27th, 2021 in our gym during the school day. Very strict protocols will be followed to ensure safety. Please note that each student will be receiving a separate gown for the picture. Virtual students in grade 8 will be asked to come in through the gym door during the lunch hour to take their picture as well. At this point I am not yet sure of the format of our graduation in June but I will communicate information to parents soon.

Sign Up for School Messenger for Absence Reporting and More

The student absence reporting system is also used to send critical and urgent messages from your school, and from the school Board. For more information (<https://go.schoolmessenger.com>).

Get Updates on School Bus Service

<https://busplannerweb.torontoschoolbus.org/Cancellations.aspx>



Monthly Update from the Board April 2021

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

2021-2022 Budget Consultation and Virtual Town Halls

Share your feedback about student supports, staffing and facilities! This year's consultation will feature an online survey from April 1 – 30, 2021, in addition to three themed Virtual Town Halls:

- **Theme 1 Students:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- **Theme 2 Staffing:** Wednesday, March 31, 2021 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- **Theme 3 Facilities:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

For more information, including Frequently Asked Questions, visit www.tcdsb.org/budget2021

Easter Holiday and April Break Reminders

- Please be advised that all TCDSB schools and offices will be closed on Friday, April 2 (Good Friday) and Monday April 5 (Easter Monday). Classes will resume Tuesday, April 6, 2021.
- The Ministry of Education has announced that March Break for all publicly funded schools in Ontario will now take place **April 12 to 17, 2021**.

Information and Resources for the 2020-2021 School Year

- [TCDSB Top 10 Health and Safety Reminders](#)
- [Equity Student and Family Community Resources](#)
- [Supporting Students' Mental Health During a Pandemic \(COVID-19\)](#)

Equity Student and Family Resources

Resources for students and families to support 2SLGBTQ+ students, racialized students, and students experiencing poverty, grief/loss, and homelessness. <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/CommunityRelations/Equity-Events-Resources/Pages/Student-and-Family-Community-Resources.aspx>

Anti-Asian Racism Statement from the Director of Education and Chair of the Board

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BoardAdministration/DirectorofEducation/Documents/tcdsb-statement-march-2021.pdf>

TCDSB Race Relations Committee: Applications for Membership

Members of the TCDSB community are invited to consider serving on the Race Relations Committee (RRC).

Deadline to apply: April 2, 2021.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/CommunityRelations/AdvisoryCommittees/Documents/race-relations-committee-application-form.pdf>

FAMILY OPPORTUNITIES & INFORMATION

Early ON Centres ONLINE Programs

TCDSB Early ON Child & Family Centres - located at 19 TCDSB schools - are currently offering ONLINE programs & services to families, including interactive fun, stimulating early learning activities to do at home, provided by qualified ECEs. Contact your nearest EarlyON Centre for details: <https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/EarlyYears/EarlyON/Pages/default.aspx>

JVS Toronto: Path 2 Work

JVS Toronto offers free services to help youth and adults with developmental disabilities find employment.

<https://www.jvstoronto.org/>

Toronto Public Library Brainfuse: Online Homework Help

For students in grades K-12 offered daily from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Also includes practice tests, support for adult learners, writing assistance, skills building and more.

<https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/detail.jsp?Entt=RDMEDB01938&R=EDB0193>

Mental Health Resources

- CMHO: [Your Child's Mental Wellness and Remote Learning](#)
- City of Toronto: [COVID-19: Mental Health Resources: It's OK not to feel OK](#)
- Ontario: [Mental health services for children and youth](#)

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES & INFORMATION

Anti-Racism Video Contest: DEADLINE EXTENDED

What's your message for standing up to injustice? Students in grades 7 to 12 are invited to get creative and submit their video reflections. Individual or team submissions. Cash prizes for winning entries. **Deadline: Friday, April 9, 2021 at 5 p.m.** Questions? Contact jodelyn.huang@tcdsb.org.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/AfricanCanadianHeritage/Pages/Anti-Racism-Video-Competition.aspx>

Reason One Mentorship & Scholarship Program

One \$10,000 scholarship and five (5) \$1000 micro-scholarships awarded to Black students between the ages of 17-35 years old enrolled or recently accepted in a digital-discipline program, pursuing or with plans to pursue a career in tech. Deadline: April 20, 2021. <https://www.reasononeinc.com/romsp>

Need someone to talk to?

- **Kids Help Phone** is there for you with 24/7 confidential support. Counsellors can be reached by phone at 1-800-668-6868 or by texting CONNECT to 686868. <https://kidshelpphone.ca>
- **LGBT YouthLine** offers confidential and non-judgemental LGBTQ+ peer support through telephone, text and chat services. <https://www.youthline.ca>

EVENTS AND OBSERVANCES

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month

Virtue of the Month: Justice

Important Days

April 1: Holy Thursday

April 2: Good Friday (schools and offices are closed)

April 2: Autism Awareness Day

April 3: Holy Saturday

April 4: Easter Sunday

April 5: Easter Monday (schools and offices are closed)

April 5-9: Volunteer Appreciation Week

April 7: World Health Day

April 9: Vimy Ridge Day

April 14: International Day of Pink - LGBTQ antibullying awareness

April 22: Earth Day/School Clean-up Day

April 28: Administrative Assistants Day

April Meetings

April 6: Governance & Policy
April 7: Audit Committee
April 7: Portuguese Speaking Advisory Committee
April 8: Filipino Speaking Advisory Committee
April 8: Student Achievement & Well-Being
April 15: Corporate Services
April 19: Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
April 21: Special Education Advisory Committee
April 22: Regular Board Meeting
April 28: Nurturing Our Catholic Community

All Agendas and Minutes: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TrusteesoftheBoard/boardmeeting/Pages/BoardMeeting.aspx>

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- Visit the Board's website www.tcdsb.org
- Follow @TCDSB on Twitter, @TorontoCatholicDSB on Instagram, and visit Toronto Catholic District School Board on Facebook to get updates throughout the day.