



# OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Dear Parents/ Guardians

The virtue of the month of **December** is **Charity**. This is a wonderful opportunity to discuss with your children the importance of helping those who require assistance. People can require assistance for various reasons, some need financial help, some people feel lonely, and some people are touched by illness. This has been a difficult year for so many people, so let us all remember those in need and support each other whenever possible.

In this first week of advent, we celebrate **HOPE**. There is so much to **HOPE** for currently. Collectively we hope for the end of COVID and pray that life will continue to go back to normal. We **HOPE** for courage to live through these unpredictable times and we are filled with **HOPE** as we anticipate the celebration of the birth of our saviour Jesus Christ.

**Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. – *Hebrews 13:16***



Let us have a blessed Advent season as we await Christmas Day!!

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### **Drop off and Pick Up**

Please continue to drop your child off in the morning and refrain from lingering. Parents and teachers have been doing a great job with the staggered dismissal and entry times.

When you are stopping your vehicle to drop off your children, please ensure that busses have ample room to park. Often cars have stopped, and busses have little room to park and drop children off. Busses require a lot of space as they are obviously quite large so please allow space.

### **Cold Weather is Here**

Now that we are ready to welcome our cold weather back I would like to remind all parents to please remind children to wear their hats, gloves, scarves and warm jackets and coats. Please note that we only stay inside when the weather is between -15 and -20 with the wind chill. The fresh air is very healthy for the children and staff and gives us more energy for when we return inside to our classes.

### **Passports**

Please continue to complete your children's passports each day. The parents are the foremost individuals in assessing whether their child is healthy to come to school. When the passport is not complete, office staff must call home and wait for a response which delays your child from entering the classroom for sometimes up to half an hour. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

### **Picture/Filming of Students**

Please note that no parents are to take photos or videos of children in our school yard or on school premises. Some students do not have permission to be photographed so this is never acceptable. If you wish to take a photo of your child, please do it in a more appropriate location just to avoid having other children in the photo. The school grounds are not an acceptable place for this.

### **Anti-Bullying Week**

Students participated in numerous classroom activities during anti-bullying week. They listened to announcements each morning. Children learned about the various types of bullying, physical, emotional/social and cyber bullying. Students also learned about the very important role of the Bystander. We all have a responsibility to each other that when we see someone being treated disrespectfully that we speak up and tell an adult about it. Students also learned that it is very important to tell an adult when they are being bullied. As a Catholic community, we always recognize the dignity of all persons and to treat others the way we would want to be treated.

### **Terracotta Cookie Fundraiser CSPC**

Thank you to all who have participated in the Terracotta Fundraiser. We had 300 orders and in total raised \$3000 for our school. We will be using the money for various needs in the school and to book some presenters for the students and parents. Thank you again on behalf of the CSPC to all who ordered and thank you to our CSPC for arranging the fundraiser. We will be announcing the winners of the prizes later this week or early next week.

### **Pizza Days**

Our Pizza Days have had a great start. Beginning in January we will start our 2<sup>nd</sup> segment of pizza days from January to March. During the last week in December before we go on our holidays, you will receive a letter and requesting for **cash payment online** and what you would like to order. Please note that we will be working with a new vendor and will be dropping the price to **\$2.50**.

### **Virtue of the Month Students**

Congratulations to the following students who demonstrated the virtue of Gratitude.

#### **Virtue of the Month: P E A C E**

**Ms. Szakola (JK&SK) - Geeyah Balud**

**Ms. Raso (Jk/SK)- Giovanni Prince-Andrews**

**Ms. Cardone (SK& Gr 1) - Jasmine Jaime**

**Ms. Pignataro (Grade 1 & 2) -Gwen Santos**

**Ms. Pena-Vital (Grade 2/3) – John Jaime**

**Ms. Artiga (Grade 3)- Emmanuel Sangalang**

**Ms. Rizzo (Grade 3/4)- Ryley Corpuz**

**Ms. Rozowski (Grade 4 & 5) - Miguel Santos**

**Ms. Furiato (Grade 5 & 6) – Farah Agan**

**Mr. Ciraco (Grade 6 &7) - Brian Espanto**

**Ms. LeBlanc Carr (Grade 7 & 8)) - Brian Speziale**

**Ms. Sergnese (Grade 8) – Ethan Atienza**

### **Advent Mass on YouTube**

We will be celebrating Our Advent Mass with Father Lorenzo here at the school on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The link will be shared with you previous to the mass.

### **Out of the Cold Sock Drive**

As Catholics, we are called to be Charitable and help those in need. This is our Virtue for the month of December. We will be collecting socks and gloves for the Out of the Cold Program. This is a program that assists people experiencing homelessness and poverty across the city. Students are invited to bring unused socks for either men, women or children. There will be a box at the front of the main office and student leaders will help collect the new items.

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

Scholastic Book Fair Dear Parents and Guardians We are happy to announce that we will be having our first Book Fair in a very long time!!! Next week our Librarian, Mr. Victor Kowalenko will be hosting a book fair from Monday December 6th to Friday December 10th, 2021. Students will be visiting the library twice next week. On the first day of the classroom visit they will be able to peruse the items and books for sale. They will then go home and show you their list and on their second class visit of the week

they will be able to make their purchases. Please send children with the correct amount of change as this will facilitate the sales and exchange of money. Please see the attached flyer for items and books that are available for purchase

### **December Spirit Days**

During the month of December, students will be celebrating various spirit days to get into the Christmas mood. Our Grade 7 and Grade 8 students leaders will be selling cookies and popcorn. All items will just be priced at \$1.00. The money will be going to the various needs of the school.

**Please see the schedule as follows:**

**Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>- Christmas Accessory Day-**

**Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>- Christmas Sweater Day-Cookie Sales- Jk-Grade 3**

**Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>- Cookie Sales- Grade 4-8**

**Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>- Christmas PJ/Lounge Wear- Polar Express Day- Complimentary Hot Chocolate.**

### **Reporting Absences**

When students are sick or unable to come to school, please call the Safe Arrival Program. It is far too busy in the office to record absences and this program has been in use by the board for 3 years now. You have 3 options to record the absence. Please only call the office for absences related to COVID and illnesses.

1. Call 1(833)251-3286 (toll free)
2. Online – go.schoolmessenger.ca
3. School Messenger App

Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

### **Screening Passports: January to June 2022**

The Screening Passport signature page for parents/guardians for 2022 school dates is now available. Please click on the link to print a copy for your child. We will also have hard copies available here in the school.

### **OAPCE Toronto Meeting**

OAPCE will be joined by Director of Education - Brendan Browne, TCDSB Trustees and will also be commissioning the next OAPCE Liaison Representatives for the 2021-22 school year during the virtual Toronto meeting on **Monday, November 29th at 7:00 p.m.** **Registration Required** for Zoom Link.