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February 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians;

Today we begin the month of February. As we know, this month looks very different from other years due to the restrictions and guidelines we have to follow. February is a busy month, with the virtue of the month being LOVE connected to Valentine's Day. February is also Canadian African Heritage Month. In the past, we have had assemblies, dances etc. This year is different, but we will celebrate and learn as much as we can virtually.

At this point we still are not fully certain of the return date to face to face learning. Staff will continue to integrate these important topics into the curriculum during the month of February and look for creative ways of engaging students. In terms of the return to school for in person learning, we are waiting for confirmation from the province and I will share any details once we have them, including any further recommendations from Toronto Public Health.

We welcome 2 new staff members this term. We welcome Ms. Monteiro who is teaching Grade 2 and Mr. Crawford who is presently teaching grade 5/6. These 2 teachers are currently fulfilling to LTO positions and we are happy to have them on staff.

Sincerely

Teresa Silva

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

NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: soar.tcdsb.org
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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.

Courage Virtue Winners

Congratulations to the following students who demonstrated the January virtue of Courage. We have decided to continue celebrating our virtue students while we are in distant learning. Many teachers have noted the different ways that Courage can be demonstrated even in this on line format. Many students turned on their cameras even though it can be uncomfortable sometimes, many students persevered even when it is easy to become unmotivated in online learning. Please join me in congratulating the following students.

Matthew Alfaro

Myles Lagasca

Santiago Ramirez-Leon

Nhel Turalba

Joel Konado

Denzel Liwa

In February we acknowledge and celebrate the virtue of **LOVE**.

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish

One of the things we miss the most during COVID has been attending mass. I hope that all of you have been tuning into the weekly live Masses on the Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Youtube channel. We welcome Father Lorenzo into our community. We look forward to celebrating our first mass with him when we return to school. We have already spoken on the phone and we look forward to working together. Please note that for parents of students who are scheduled to receive sacraments of Communion and Confirmation this spring, more information will be coming out shortly. We wish Father Sherwin all the best in his future. Thankyou for your spiritual nurturing and guidance in the past year.

Reports/Parent Teacher Interviews

Currently teachers are completing report cards. It is important that students attend online classes and submit work during the virtual learning period. If they are not this will impact their report card (eg. a lower mark or an "I" for insufficient information). This year Report cards will be emailed home on Monday, February 8th, 2021. Parent-Teacher interviews will take place on Tuesday, February 9th, 2021 and Thursday, February 11th, 2021. They will occur from 6:00 PM-8:30PM. Please note that Friday, February 12th will be a non- instructional day. Teachers will reach out to you to set up a phone interview. This is a wonderful opportunity to discuss how your child is doing and come up with strategies to improve for the remainder of the year.



African Canadian Heritage Month

Every February, we as a school join Canadians nation-wide in activities that honor the legacy of African Canadians, past and present. It is a time to learn more about these uniquely Canadian stories and the many important contributions African-Canadians have made to the settlement, growth and development of Ontario and Canada. Teachers are planning and preparing numerous activities, lesson and presentations. I hope to join as many of these presentations as possible.

Energy Efficiency Month

As Catholics we are called to take care of God's creation and our home.

We will be celebrating each of these Fridays as a school community both online and if we return to in person learning later in the month.

- February 5, 2021 | Sweater Day
- February 12, 2021 | Flip the Switch
- February 19, 2021 | Phantom Friday
- February 26, 2021 | Block Walk

Bell LetsTalk

Thankyou to all the students who participated in Bell Letstalk Day and wore blue. Thank you to all the teachers and students who participated in activities that celebrated self-care and wellness. These are skills that will serve all the students well throughout their lives.

CSPC

Our next CSPC meeting date is yet to be determined. I will communicate this to you as soon as we know the date. I will send out the zoom link on the morning of the meeting. Please keep in mind that our meetins are always ope to any parents who wish to attend.

Monthly Update from the Board February 2021

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

African Canadian Heritage Month Events and Workshops

TCDSB launches ACHM with a Prayer Service February 1st - followed by a month of workshops, events, and activities for students, staff and families. Visit the ACHM Events page for detailed information:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/AfricanCanadianHeritage/events/2020-2021/Pages/default.aspx>

Energy Awareness Month Kits & Activities: 4 Days - 4 Themes - One Month

Improve your Energy Awareness this month with TCDSB Energy Awareness Kits (tailored to age groups), and join us each Friday for our awareness activities in support of energy conservation:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/environment/energymonth/Pages/default.aspx>

Kindergarten Registration 2021

Registration is now open online at soar.tcdsb.org. Children born in 2017 are eligible to attend Kindergarten. For detailed information on eligibility and required documentation:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/EarlyYears/Kindergarten/KindergartenRegistration/Pages/KindergartenRegistration.aspx>

Return to School Update

The Government of Ontario has announced that all publicly funded schools in Toronto will **return to in-person instruction Feb. 11**, following the end of the current emergency order at midnight on Feb. 10.

Update for Families: In-Person and Virtual Transfers

We remain committed to offering families an opportunity to choose their child's preferred learning model and also recognize that classroom stability is important to student learning and development.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/back-to-school/Documents/tcdsb-communication-to-families-dec-2020.pdf>

COVID-19 Resources and Information

For updates and information relating to COVID-19, please see

- **Frequently Asked Questions:** <https://www.tcdsb.org/forstudents/back-to-school/pages/faq.aspx>
- **Resources:** <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/back-to-school/Pages/resources.aspx>
- **Latest Updates:** <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/back-to-school/Pages/latest-updates.aspx>

For information specifically about the virtual school (St. Anne Catholic Academy) please refer to

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/back-to-school/Pages/virtual-school.aspx>

PARENT OPPORTUNITIES & INFORMATION

Transition to High School Guidelines

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](#)

Reminder: School Year Calendar for 2020-21 including PA Days

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Calendar/PAandExamDays/Documents/tcdsb-school-year-calendar-2020-2021.pdf>

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>

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES & INFORMATION

Anti-Racism Video Contest: Voices of Challenge and Change

Students in grades 7 to 12 are invited to get creative and submit their video reflections about race. Group or Individual submissions accepted. Prizes will be awarded for the top three videos.

Deadline: March 5, 2021 at 5 p.m.

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

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

February is:

[African Canadian Heritage Month](#)

[Energy Conservation Month](#)

[Psychology Month](#)

Virtue of the Month: [Love](#)

- February 1-5: [Canadian School Counselling Week](#)
- February 1-7: [World Interfaith Harmony Week](#)
- February 2: [Virtual Vocations Fair and Mass](#)
- February 3: [Winter Walk Day](#)
- February 9: [Safer Internet Day](#)
- February 11: [World Day of the Sick](#)
- February 11: [International Day of Women and Girls in Science](#)
- February 14: St. Valentine's Day
- February 15: Family Day
- February 16: [Shrove Tuesday](#)
- February 17: [Ash Wednesday](#)
- February 20: [World Day of Social Justice](#)
- February 21: International Language Instructors' Appreciation Day

February Meetings

February 2: Governance and Policy

February 4: Filipino Advisory Committee

February 4: Student Achievement

February 11: Corporate Services

February 17: Special Education Advisory Committee

February 18: Regular Board

February 22: Catholic Parent Involvement Committee

February 24: Safe School Advisory Committee

February 25: Nurturing Our Catholic Community

All Agendas and Minutes:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TrusteesoftheBoard/boardmeeting/Pages/BoardMeeting.aspx>

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