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Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians:

February, the month of Valentine – love, cupids, chocolates and red hearts. How romantic! But Christ challenges us to love “Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friend” (John 15:13) and perfected his love for us on the cross. Are we going to take up this challenge to love? How are we going to demonstrate our love for one another? St. Mother Teresa said **“It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving.”** At OLA, we will strive to show love for others through our words and tiny actions as we reach out to embrace all those in need of love.

“...Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that” said Martin Luther King, another great example of giving his life for the sake of freedom. February is African Canadian Heritage Month. During this month, we will honour the legacy of black Canadians, past and present, as our students take time to celebrate their many achievements and contributions who, throughout history, have contributed much to our cultural diversity. Once again, we are happy to have **Djembe**, a workshop to teach our students the beautiful sound of African Drums. More information will follow.

Report Cards will be sent home on February 12th. Please take a moment to celebrate your child's successes and discuss subjects and learning skills that need improvement. Our **Parent -Teacher Interviews take place on Wednesday, February 13th from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, February 14th from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.** Interview appointment forms are attached.

Letters about **Safe School Arrival** were sent home in December regarding reporting the absence of your child from school. Please use the School Messenger <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/#/home> or call the **toll-free number 1 (833) 251-3286** to report an absence using the automated phone system.



Happy Valentine and Family Day.

Sharon Garlow

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

February 2019

Sharon Garlow

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CSPC CHAIR ↗

www.tcdsb.org/cpic

CPC (PARENT ENGAGEMENT - TCDSB) ↗

www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto

OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS) ↗

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ENROLLMENT	HOURS OF OPERATION	LUNCH HOUR
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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.

GOSPEL VIRTUE AWARDS

Congratulations to our students for demonstrating the virtue of **Courage** in January.

Cael Adelan (SK) – Mrs. Raso

Liam Culaway (JK) – Mrs. Szakola

Venice Del Rosario (SK) – Mrs. Cardone

Bella Austin (Gr. 1) – Mrs. Pena-Vital

Noel Natino (Gr. 2) – Ms. Pilato

Hunter Villa-Real (Gr. 2) – Ms. Pignataro

Levon Mozagba Webster (Gr. 3) – Ms. Askin-Costa

Ewena Holmes (Gr. 4) – Mr. D'Silva

Cristian Bent (Gr. 4) – Ms. Rozowski

Fran Federico (Gr. 5) – Mrs. Furiato

Kate Calimag (Gr. 6) – Ms. Rizzo

Curtasie Plunkett-Robin (Gr. 6) – Mr. Ciraco

Maria Sy (Gr. 7) – Mrs. LeBlanc-Carr

Noah Romero (Gr. 7/8) – Ms. Sergnese

Nathan Oppong-Gyabaah (Gr. 8) – Mrs. Nicholson

CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATE EXPECTATION AWARDS



A RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN who gives witness to Catholic social teaching by promoting peace, justice and the sacredness of human life.

Federico Navarra (SK) – Mrs. Raso

Sky Songahid (JK) – Mrs. Szakola

Quinn Myers (SK) – Mrs. Cardone

Hilmarc Beliber (Gr. 1) – Mrs. Pena-Vital

Renee Bobier (Gr. 2) – Mrs. Pilato

Nahom Mulat (Gr. 2) – Ms. Pignataro

Jeremy Yaranon (Gr. 3) – Ms. Askin-Costa

Andres Conopio (Gr. 3) – Mr. D'Silva

Nahita Zadoorian (Gr. 4) – Mrs. Rozowski

Matt Gastilo (Gr. 5) – Mrs. Furiato

Aia Faith Cerbolles (Gr. 5/6) – Ms. Rizzo

Andrew Earl Menchavez (Gr. 6) – Mr. Ciraco

Raphael Bacani (Gr. 7) – Ms. LeBlanc

Karen Schilling (Gr. 7/8) – Ms. Sergnese

Karl Magsino (Gr. 8) – Mrs. Nicholson

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SACRAMENTS

- **First Holy Communion:** Sunday, May 26th @ OLA Church (2:00 p.m.)
- **Sacrament of Confirmation:** Thursday, June 6th @ OLA Church (7:00 p.m.)

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Family Day February; 18, 2019**
- **Mid-Winter Break: March 11–15, 2019**
- **Good Friday: April 19, 2019**
- **Easter Monday: April 22, 2019**
- **Victoria Day: May 20, 2019**
- **Grade 8 Graduation: June 24, 2019**

Professional Activity Elementary School (PA) Days:

- **February 15, 2019 Parent-Teacher Conferences**
- **June 7, 2019 Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting**
- **June 28, 2019 Provincial Education Priorities**

Last Day of School:

- **June 27, 2019**

STUDENT VOICE

TCDSB I-Lite Conference

On January 31st my class and I went to a Leadership Conference. It was amazing! What I liked most

about the program was the Break dancers. They were flipping in the air and combining all different dance styles. All the presenters showed me how to be a leader. I also hope we get to there again.

Sidora Phillip (Gr. 6 Ms. Rizzo)

I thought that I-Lite was amazing. I loved everything including the food, dancing, games, music and even the people! My favourite was Juan Bendana, student motivational speaker. He has amazing lifetime stories including that he has seen three coral snakes. He taught us to stay brave and never give up when you're down or scared.

Nika Arzumanyan (Gr. 5 Ms Rizzo)

When I heard about the Student Leadership Conference I was really excited. We were going to learn about leadership. There was a motivational speaker who told us a story of himself and his cousin going into the jungle and meeting dangerous animals. These stories helped me understand to be brave and never give up. I went to a workshop on how to deal with stress and bullies. It gave me a lot of different strategies. One of my classmates, Maeven participated in the talent show. She sang and played the ukulele in front of 600 students!

Aida Shahnazaryan (Gr. 6 Ms. Rizzo)



**Guidance
Corner
February
2019**

High school acceptance/redirection letters will be couriered to the elementary schools by the end of January/beginning of February and will be sent to the Grade 8 teacher for distribution. Some Specialty Program offers may have already been sent out. Please pay attention to specific dates for registration or re-directions in the packages that you receive. The 2019-2020 Program and Course Calendar for Secondary school will be available online this month. It includes a wide variety of important information related to high school, as well as highlighting the courses that each of our high schools will be offering for the coming school year. You may find this a useful tool in anticipation of course selection and registration that will take place in early March. The link is posted here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Programs/Services/SchoolProgramsK12/GuidanceCoopEd/ebook/mobile/index.html>

As the Term 1 Report Card is sent home and Parent/Teacher Conferences take place, it is a good reminder of the importance of strengthening the development of the 6 Learning Skills & Work Habits and the vital role that parents play in helping their child master them. Look for opportunities at home for your child to take responsibility, collaborate with others, work independently, self-regulate, show initiative and be organized.

http://www.fslhomeworktoolbox.ca/homework_tips/learning_skills_and_work_habits.php

**Ms. C. Greco
Guidance Counsellor Area 3/4**



**FEBRUARY 2018
Update from the
Board**

TCDSB Is Hiring!

Join the dynamic team at the Toronto Catholic District School Board where academic success and well-being go hand in hand with nurturing Catholic faith and values.

TCDSB is currently seeking:

- Supply Secretary
- Supply Educational Assistant
- Occasional Designated Early Childhood Educator
- Occasional Library Technician (certified and uncertified)
- Supply Caretaker
- Occasional Teacher
- Occasional French Teacher (certified and uncertified)
- Occasional Music Teacher (certified and uncertified)

Interested in exploring a career with TCDSB? Visit www.tcdsb.org/careers or contact hr.recruitment@tcdsb.org. Applications are being received at www.applytoeducation.com

Director's Annual Report 2017-2018

Check out some of the highlights of the past school year in the newly published edition of the Director's Annual Report.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BoardAdministration/DirectorofEducation/Pages/annual-report-2017-2018.aspx>

Audited Financial Statements 2017-2018

The audited financial statements for the past school year are available online:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BudgetandFinance/Documents/Audited-Financial-Statements-2017-18-TCDSB.pdf>

New Location: English Courses for Adults

Coming in February to 270 Cherokee Boulevard, North York (former Our Lady of Mount Carmel school site)

- ESL (full and part-time classes available)
- Essential skills training
- ESL for Health Care Professions (March-May)

www.tcdsb.org/adulted for information or 416-397-

6600 contact.adulted@tcdsb.org

Winter Weather Has Arrived

Don't miss out on information relating to cancellations or delays in school bus service. Sign up to receive alerts through the TSTG parent portal <https://www.torontoschoolbus.org> or follow @TCDSB on Twitter for the latest updates.

Opportunities/Information for Students:

FaithTalk - Radio Maria Contest

Grade 7 – 12 TCDSB students are invited to submit a two-page (500 word) proposal (in any format) about how they are 'living their faith' today! If selected, a student will be on air, at Radio Maria Canada for a 30 minute segment speaking about their faith during Catholic Education Week May 5-10, 2019!

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/rooted-in-christ/pages/radio-maria.aspx>

We Belong Submissions

In celebration of our pastoral plan, all schools are invited to share the ways in which they celebrate belonging in their communities. We invite you to submit student artwork, written work, videos/slideshows, songs or any other creative expressions of belonging to ncc.team@tcdsb.org by no later than **Friday, March 22, 2019**.

[Click here for more information and to check out other submissions.](#)

COSTI's Refugees & Human Rights Child & Youth Poetry Contest

Student in Grades 4 to 12 are invited to write a poem on the theme of "Refugees and Human Rights." The deadline for entries is **March 29, 2019**.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENT/S/AwardsScholarshipsBursariesContests/Pages/COSTI-Poetry-Contest.aspx>

Friars' Writing Contest 2019

Contestants must be 14-18 years of age, and currently enrolled in an Ontario secondary school or equivalent program. Essays must be no longer than 500 words in length and submitted on or before the contest closing date. **Deadline to enter: Monday, February 18, 2019.**

[Click here for more contest details.](#)

Investing in Our Diversity Scholarship Program

Applications are now open for the IIOD scholarship. Toronto Community Housing tenants or persons living in the Scadding Court Community Centre (SCCC) catchment area who are 29 years old or younger and entering any year of post-secondary study are eligible to apply.

Applications are due Thursday, March 28, 2018 at 5pm. [Click here for more information and the IIOD application.](#)

Government of Canada Job Bank

www.jobbank.gc.ca

Apprenticeship Incentives and Completion Grants

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/apprentices/grants.html>

For other opportunities for students including community service hours, employment, training and contests, see

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENT/S/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/default.aspx>

OLA SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORS NEEDED

Requirements:

- love children
- be a caring adult
- willing to work from 11:45 to 12:45 Monday to Friday
police clearance needed

Please call the school (416-393-5265) for an appointment with the principal.



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TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2018 - 2019

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