



# OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

June 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians

It is so hard to believe that I am addressing you all in our June Newsletter. It has been a very challenging year for all of us, parents, students, and Educators. What makes matters better is that we are all getting through this difficult time together. Throughout the month of May we certainly demonstrated our Catholic Virtue of Compassion. Our Blessed Scriptures tell us, 'The Lord is gracious and **compassionate**, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all; he has **compassion** on all he has made'. This compassion has certainly guided us as we moved through the year with all the challenges and surprises it presented for us.

This month as we enter the month of June our Virtue is **Faithfulness**. This is a virtue that many of us also practiced even though at times it was challenging and frustrating. We need faith as we struggle through a lesson, have difficulties turning in an assignment and of course the challenge of keeping our children and students motivated. Let us continue to have faith as an Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Community that we will enjoy our last month together and look forward to being together in September in good health of mind, body, and Spirit. As I write this, we are not yet sure if the Ministry and Public Health will send us back for face-to-face learning for the month of June or have us continue with on line learning. I, for one would love to see all the children back and be together but we will successfully face any situation we are met with. I will let you know of any news as soon as it comes down to me. Wishing you the best as we enter the month of June together.

Sincerely

*Teresa Silva*

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## NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: [soar.tcdsb.org](http://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](http://www.tcdsb.org)

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

### **Compassion Virtue Winners**

Congratulations to the following students who demonstrated the May virtue of **Compassion**

**Ms. Szakola – Marcia Beliber**

**Ms. DiStefano - Fanzine Gonzales- Gr. 1**

**Ms. Pignataro – Andrei Cambay- Gr. 1**

**Ms. Pilato- Emmanuel Sangalang- Gr. 2**

**Ms. Pena-Vital - Arianna Pineda Gomez- Gr. 3**

**Ms. Rozowski - Zulay Valderrama-Gr. 4**

**Ms. Furiato- Jomel An- Gr. 5**

**Mr. Ciraco – Chloe Calimosos- Gr. 6**

**Ms. Le Blanc - Ruby Chow- Gr. 8**

**Ms. Nicholson – Kate Calimag- Gr. 8**

### **Rosary Apostle Celebration**

Our Final Rosary Apostolate Celebration took place on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was wonderful to pray as a school community virtually. This time we were able to pray with parents as well. It has been a wonderful opportunity to pray together in this devotional practice and come together as a community of faith. We look forward to welcoming back our Rosary Apostolate Members next year.

### **Greg Frankson- Anti-Racism and Equity Talk**

On May 13, parents and teachers had a presentation by Equity Speaker Greg Frankson. He discussed how important it is to keep the lines of communication open and always be open and honest in our dialogues. We as Catholics and Christians, especially believe in the dignity and sacredness of each person. As the world continues to change for the better we embrace our diversity and continue to build a community of love and acceptance. Thank you to all the parents and staff who attended and contributed to the dialogue.

### **CSPC News**

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, we held our latest CSPC meeting where we addressed some culminating tasks of the year. We also had a virtual visit by our trustee, Ms. Maria Rizzo. It was wonderful to have Ms. Rizzo join us as she shared news with us that Our Lady of the Assumption is number 5 on the list as potential new builds in the coming years.

There will be many more meetings between the Ministry of Education and Capital Develop Team at the TCDSB. Please note that any new builds are not imminent in any way. The building of new schools takes upwards of 10 years at times and presently we are still at the most preliminary stages, however, we are pleased to know we are being considered for such an ambitious project. Thank you to all the parents, staff and Ms. Rizzo for joining us that evening.

## June Events

### **Early Years Online Sessions**

For parents who have young children at home, please consider dropping in virtually to the OLA Early Years program. Please use the links below for information.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/schools/ourladyoftheassumption/News/Pages/default.aspx>

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/EarlyYears/EarlyON/Pages/default.aspx>

### **Welcome to Kindergarten**

On Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at 7PM we will be hosting our virtual Welcome to kindergarten over ZOOM. We will have a virtual presentation, introduction of staff and be available for a question-and-answer period. We look forward to meeting our newest families and youngest students of Our Lady of the Assumption. Please note that zoom links will be sent out on Wednesday.

### **SK Celebration of Learning**

Our SK Graduation will be taking place on June 17 at 1PM virtually. This will be an opportunity to showcase our students who have completed the ELP program and will be entering grade 1 in September. There will be a virtual video, some songs and dances and some celebratory words. Thankyou to all the parents, families and staff who have worked together to assist our youngest students through their growth and development in their most formative years.

### **Gr. 8 Graduation**

Our Grade 8 graduation will be taking place on Thursday, June 18 at 7PM . There will be a prerecorded segment and also a live virtual component. We look forward to celebrating this milestone with our grade 8s as they have had a very challenging year and we hope to give them the best graduation possible considering the TPH restrictions. It will be a wonderful celebration commemorating all the years we have had together and celebrating their transition as growing students entering hightschool. We wish our Grade 8s God's blessing throughout their lives. Depending on the restrictions at the end of June we will also be considering having a "Drive Through/Walk Through" Celebration. Please note the new banner that will be up in June congratulating our most recent graduates.

### **Filipino Heritage Month**



Filipino Heritage Day will be celebrated on Friday June 12, 2021. Please note students will be engaging in various activities throughout the month in their classrooms to celebrate this month. Many of our students at Our Lady of the Assumption share in this beautiful culture and we look forward to celebrating this month together.



## June is Pride Month

TCDSB is proud to proclaim the month of June as Pride Month in solidarity with 2SLGBTQ+ students, staff and allies. As proclaimed across our province, country and around the world, the recognition of Pride Month and the ascent of the Pride flag across the TCDSB affirms a shared commitment to building and maintaining supportive environments founded on Catholic principles of inclusion, dignity and respect for all. Please feel free to come by the school to take a picture but please be mindful of social distancing.

## Sacred Heart of Jesus

At TCDSB, June is proclaimed to be a month of dedication to the Sacred Heart of Jesus with an annual celebration of the Solemnity of the Feast on the 2nd Friday of June each year. For resources to support learning, prayer and reflection on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, visit: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Sacred-Heart-of-Jesus.aspx>

## Retirements

This June we will be saying Goodbye to two loved and respected teachers. Ms. Rebecca Cunningham had decided to retire this year. She has been a valued and adored member of our community for the past 19 years. We are so sad to lose our beloved 5<sup>th</sup> Block teacher, however, we look forward to her enjoying this next stage of her life in excellent health and wellness with her family and friends.

We also are saying good bye to Ms. Norina Nicholson, who will be retiring. Ms. Nicholson has been a part of the fabric of OLA. She has been a teacher here for 31 years and is a true embodiment of what it means to be a teacher.

We wish her the best as she embarks on this exciting next stage of her life surrounded by her loving family and friends.

We will always hold these 2 teachers dear to our hearts.

## Changes in Staffing

We also wish Ms. Natanek the best. She has been our vocal music teacher and been on maternity leave this year. Upon her return she will be transferring to another school. We wish her the best in her new school and in her future educational endeavors.

Ms. Artiga who many of you know as our wonderful French teacher is now going to be teaching Gr. 3. We have hired a wonderful teacher who will assume this role in September. We are excited for Ms. Artiga as she enters the classroom as a regular classroom teacher.

In our Summer newsletter I will share the tentative classroom teacher model for the 21/22 school year.

# Monthly Update from the Board

## June 2021

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### Vaccine Resources and Information

- [Ontario COVID-19 youth vaccine information](#)
- [Toronto Public Health Booking Information](#)
- [Child and Youth COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet](#)

## FAMILY OPPORTUNITIES & INFORMATION

### **Update on September Learning Models**

Families will receive a communication on July 16, 2021 with a link to select a learning model for their child(ren). The deadline is midnight on August 6. <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/back-to-school/Documents/2021-05-28-Learning%20Models%20Update.pdf>

### **TCDSB Update Regarding TECT Work to Rule**

Please see update to families from the Director and Chair:

[https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/back-to-school/Documents/05-20-2021-Letter%20to%20families%20re%20WTR\\_FINAL%5b1%5d.pdf](https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/back-to-school/Documents/05-20-2021-Letter%20to%20families%20re%20WTR_FINAL%5b1%5d.pdf)

### **Focus on Youth: FREE Virtual Camp Registration**

Children ages 6-13 from July 5 to August 13, 2021, Monday to Friday from 10 AM to 3 PM:

<https://focusonyouthtcdsb.com/2021/05/18/summer-program-registration/>

### **The Girls Code Virtual Summer Program**

FREE 5-week Virtual Summer Camp for girls aged 13+ provides a hands-on learning experience in digital and technical skills, including: Social Media, Online Safety, Coding, and personal branding:

<https://www.powertogirls.com/programs-for-girls/>

**July 5 - August 6 | 12:00 - 3:30 PM** every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Registration required:

<https://app.powertogirls.com>

Please note: Access to computers is required. Computers will be provided for students that need them on rental through the Power to Girls Foundation.

### **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](#)

### **Sign Up for School Cash Online**

Schol Cash Online is an easy to use, safe and convenient way for parents and guardians to pay for their children's school fees, including agendas and yearbooks. Register for School Cash Online by visiting the [TCDSB's School Cash Online website](#), selecting "Get Started Today" and completing the three registration steps.

## STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES & INFORMATION

### **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

### **June is**

- [Pride Month](#)
- [Indigenous Heritage Month](#)
- [Sacred Heart of Jesus](#)
- **Month** [Filipino Heritage](#)
- [Italian Heritage Month](#)
- [Portuguese Heritage Month](#)
- [National Deaf Blind Month](#)

### **Virtue of the Month: Faithfulness**

### **Important Dates in June**

- May 30 - June 5: [National AccessAbility Week](#)
- June 2: [Red Shirt Day](#)
- June 3: [Clean Air Day](#)
- June 5: [World Environment Day](#)
- June 8: [World Oceans Day](#)
- June 12: [Filipino Heritage Day](#)
- June 20: [World Refugee Day](#)
- June 20: **Father's Day**
- June 21: [National Indigenous Peoples' Day](#)
- June 29: **Canada Day/Red & White Day**

### **June and August Board Meetings**

**June 1: Governance**

**June 8: Corporate Services**

**June 9: Student Achievement & Well-Being**

**June 10: Regular Board**

**June 14: Catholic Parent Involvement Committee**

**June 16: Portuguese Speaking Advisory**

**August 19: Regular Board**

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

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