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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

June 2019

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians:

In June, we focus on the Gospel virtue of Faithfulness. God is faithful and Psalm 119:90 tells us: ***"Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth, and it endures."*** God calls us to serve Him and when we work consistently with God, in humble service to Him, we too can be called "faithful." St. Mother Teresa once said, "Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies." During the summer months, let us pray to the Holy Spirit to give us the grace to be faithful to God in little things.

We wish blessings of health, peace and speedy recovery to our pastor Rev. Father Ben Ebcas who will be taking a medical leave from Our Lady of the Assumption Church. Thank you Father Ben for serving OLA students and staff over the years.

It's time to say goodbye and congratulations to our graduating class of 2019. Some of our students have been with us since Kindergarten and as they graduate from OLA, we wish them success and God's blessings in high school.

In June, we celebrate Filipino Canadian Heritage month by acknowledging the tremendous work and contributions that the Filipino community renders to all our schools and communities. In a special way, at OLA we would like to say **"Maraming Salamat"** to our parents and students for your culture, talents and generous contributions to our community.

We also recognize the National Indigenous History month and thank our guests for coming into our school to share their stories, culture and art with our students. TCDSB celebrates Italian Canadian Heritage by focusing on the Italian language, music, art and culture. Portuguese Canadian Heritage month also focusses on the many significant contributions made to our society with its history, language and culture.

May God bless all our Fathers!

Sharon Garlow



Sharon Garlow

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www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto

OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS) ↗

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ENROLLMENT HOURS OF OPERATION LUNCH HOUR



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 **COMPASSION** in May.

Maxine Cortes (JK) – Mrs. Raso

Precious Ines (SK) – Mrs. Szakola

Martha Kodua (Gr. 1) – Mrs. Cardone

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

Laird Alfonso (Gr. 2) – Ms. Pilato

Justin Cadangan (Gr. 2) – Ms. Pignataro

Karsten Gutierrez (Gr. 3) – Ms. Askin-Costa

Maya Whittaker (Gr. 4) – Mr. D'Silva

Chloe Calimoso (Gr. 4) – Mrs. Rozowski

Zam Obille (Gr. 5) – Mrs. Furiato

Princess Terrenal (Gr. 6) – Ms. Rizzo

David Diaz (Gr. 6) – Mr. Ciraco

Renee Nguyen (Gr. 7) – Ms.

Katherine Cruz Gr. 7/8) – Ms. Sergnese

Jerrold Collado Gr. 8) – Mrs. Nicholson

CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATE EXPECTATION AWARDS



A COLLABORATIVE CONTRIBUTOR who finds meaning, dignity and vocation in work which respects the rights of all and contributes to the common good.

Isabella Rivera Tengner (JK) – Mrs. Raso

Jacob Cabral (JK) – Mrs. Szakola

Arianna Pineda Gomez (SK) – Mrs. Cardone

Nathan Sojobi (Gr. 1) – Ms. Pena-Vital

Andrea Diaz (Gr. 2) – Mrs. Pilato

Christopher Peralta (Gr. 2) – Ms. Pignataro

Denzel Liwa (Gr. 3) – Ms. Askin-Costa

Jacob Romero (Gr. 4) – Mr. D'Silva

Brian Espanto (Gr. 4) – Mrs. Rozowski

Mira Ramones (Gr. 5) – Mrs. Furiato

Faith Bencairen (Gr. 6) – Ms. Rizzo

Garri Shahnazaryan (Gr. 6) – Mr. Ciraco

Katleya Jamon (Gr. 7) – Ms. Le Blanc

Mikaela Santos (Gr. 7/8) – Ms. Sergnese

Kean Pulido (Gr. 8) – Mrs. Nicholson

FATHER'S DAY PRAYER



God and Father, thank you for the gift of our father.

Today we honor and thank him for the gift he is in our lives. Bless him with Your strength that he may continue to be a sign of Your love.

May we, who have the honor of bearing his family name, assist him with our obedience, respect and love.

Bless him on this special day with happiness, health and peace. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



Grade 7 & a few of our grade 8 students will receive their Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, June 6th at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church.

Kids Cops and Computers: Inspiration Games

On May 30th, students in the KCC program celebrated the completion of their program and official ownership of their free HP Laptops. The 13 successful grade 7 candidates enjoyed a day of food, games, prizes and awards at the Downsview Hanger. Congrats to Marc Morris who was presented with a “Dedicated Student” award. We look forward to working with KCC in September with a new group of grade seven students.

- **Ms. LeBlanc, Gr. 7 Teacher**

COWBOY UP CAMP

We are pleased to announce that our School Resource Officer, Mike Skelhorne, through the co-operation and support of The Toronto Police Service and Pro Action Cops and Kids, has offered 10 of our grade 7 boys the opportunity to go to a one week camp for free this summer.

Cowboy Up is an all-day camp held at Fallbrook Trail Ranch that offers students the opportunity to learn how to care for and ride horses. The camp also includes swimming, campfire cooking and creative activities. To prepare for the camp, Officer Mike has also invited the candidates to visit the Toronto Mounted Police Unit for the day. Congratulations to the selected candidates, enjoy your time at camp and thank you Officer Mike for your continued support to our school community!

- **Ms. LeBlanc, Gr. 7 Teacher**

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



On Sunday May 26, 2019, the students of Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. It was a special day that they had prepared for a long time. They prayerfully received the Body of Christ for the first time and sang their Communion song, His Banner Over Me is Love. It was a special day that they will never forget!

- **Ms. Pilato, Grade 2 Teacher**

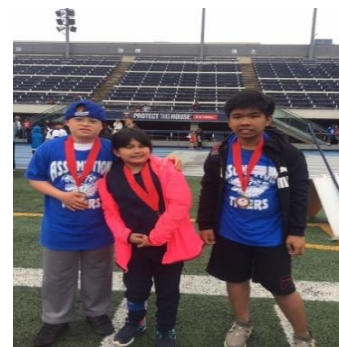
Indigenous Workshop

On Friday May 31, Ms. Pilato's class had the honour of hosting an Indigenous presenter to their class. Ms. Diane Montreuil (her English/French name) or Elawa Diyi Galuloi Lowa (her Eastern Metis name is Red earth Sky Woman) taught students how to make medicine bags. In the Indigenous culture, the medicine bags are believed to keep precious something important to the wearer which holds safe prayers, well wishes, safety and healing given to them. The students made medicine bags out of deer

skin. Deer is an important animal to the Indigenous people because the deer is believed to have healing powers, swiftness and beauty. It was an absolute pleasure and a fantastic cultural learning experience to have the opportunity to learn more about Indigenous culture.

- **Ms. Pilato, Grade 2 Teacher**

SPECIAL OLYMPICS CHAMPS



Daniel Auwaerter, Christelle Cacapit and Gabriel Quinto participated and made OLA proud in the Special Olympics events.

Congratulations to the awesome Three!

O CANADA



On **June 27th** all TCDSB elementary schools dressed in red and white will assemble in honour of Canada Day and sing the National Anthem at **9:30 a.m.** We will gather on the school grounds, wave the red and white flags and sing O Canada.

OLA SUMMER FAMILY BBQ



Our Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC) is organizing the year end BBQ – an evening of fun, hot eats, cold treats and games. Join us with your family and friends on **Tuesday, June 18th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

All orders must be placed by Friday, June 14th. Order forms for food will be sent home this week.



**Guidance
Corner
April 2019**

There are a number of summer learning opportunities available for intermediate students. A Summer Enrichment Camp for Grade 6,7 and 8 students helps to continue the development of necessary skills for success in both Literacy and Numeracy.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Programs/Services/ContinuingEducation/Pages/Default.aspx>

The Summer Reach Ahead program offers students going into Grade 9, the opportunity to earn a high school credit through a variety of learning experiences at the high school they will be attending in September. You would have received registration

information about the Summer Transition course in the acceptance package your child received from their September high school.

Graduating Grade 8 students can now begin their Community Involvement hours beginning July 1st. Guidelines on how to attain this graduation requirement can be found at:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/programs/services/schoolprogramsk12/guidancecooped/communityservice40hours/Pages/default.aspx>

It is important to keep your child active and motivated to continue learning during the summer months. Be creative with how you can involve your child in a variety of inexpensive and entertaining learning opportunities during July and August. I have included a couple of links for some fun ways to keep your children busy during the summer holidays:

<http://www.modernmami.com/summer-activities-for-kids/>
<https://www.todayparent.com/family/activities/unique-summer-camps-in-toronto/>

Students who may need counselling support during July and August can access services from Kids Help Phone:

www.kidshelpphone.ca

(1-800-668-6868), What's Up Walk in Clinics

<http://www.whatsupwalkin.ca> **(416-438-3697)**, or through your local hospital Emergency Room.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer. ☺

**Ms. Greco
Elementary Guidance
Counsellor/Teacher
Areas 3/4**



**Monthly Update
from the Board
June 2019**

Important Information

Summer School Registration Continues

Check here for registration information, as well as important dates to note course options, locations and more.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/programs/services/continuingeducation/pages/default.aspx>

School Year Calendar for 2019-2020

<https://www.tcdsb.org/calendar/pages/schoolyearcalendar.aspx>

Want instant alerts about your child's absence? Sign Up for School Messenger

To enhance our existing absence-checking procedure we introduced a new student absence reporting system called SafeArrival making it easier for you and staff to verify student attendance. With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from

the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at

<https://go.schoolmessenger.com>).

The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.

2. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
3. Call the toll-free number 1 (833) 251-3286 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time up to a maximum of 10 consecutive days. It is important to note that when setting up your account, you must register using the email address and phone number associated with your child's Trillium account. In addition, schools will use the SchoolMessenger Communicate automated notification system to contact parents whose child is absent when the absence was not reported in advance.

Get Updates on School Bus Service

Register for the Toronto Student Transportation Group Parent Portal to receive real time notifications about school bus cancellations or delays. The parent portal will be updated and re-open

in mid-August for sign up.

[https://www.torontoschoolbus.org/transportation-](https://www.torontoschoolbus.org/transportation-portal/Account/Register/)

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International Languages Elementary (ILE) Program - After Hours Registration

- [International Languages Elementary \(ILE\) After Hours Calendar 2019-2020.pdf](#)
- [ILE After Hour Centres - 2019-2020.pdf](#)

Online registration:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/InternationalLanguages/Pages/Saturday-School-Registration.aspx>

Toronto Public Library Offers Tutoring and Support for Students

<https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/detail.jsp?Entt=RDMEVT25984&R=EVT25984>

Youth Homework Help & Mentorship 4-7 pm for Grades 8+.

Drop in. No registration required.

Mon Jun 03, Mon Jun 10, Mon Jun 17, Mon Jun 24 at **High Park Library** Community Room

Receive one-on-one support in important aspects of your academic life and career including homework and course tutoring, high school course selection, college, university and scholarship applications, employment assistance such as résumé building and mock interviewing.

https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/detail.jsp?Entt=RDMEDB0193&R=EDB0193&utm_source=Teen+News&utm_campaign=Teen+News+May+9%2C+2019&utm_medium=email

Free Museum Admission for Children

Royal Ontario Museum: Every 3rd Monday of the month, the Museum will be open to the public for free General Admission from 5:30pm – 8:30pm.

Art Gallery of Ontario: Free General Admission every Wednesday from 6:00pm – 9:00pm.

AGO Free After Three: For youth ages 14 to 25. All Ontario High School students can visit the Gallery for free after 3 pm Tuesday to Friday during the school year. Simply present a valid student ID at the ticket desk.

Gardiner Museum: Children and youth aged 18 and under are always free.

Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

Textile Museum: Children aged 5 and under are free.

Aga Khan Museum: Admission to the Museum and all exhibitions is free each Wednesday from 4pm to 8pm.

The Power Plant: Admission all year round is free!

Museum of Contemporary Art Toronto: Children and youth 18 and under are always free.

Free admission for everyone on the last Sunday of each month from 10am to 2pm.

June is...

- **June 3-7 Indigenous Education Week**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/forcommunity/heritagecelebration/nationalindigenousmonth/page>

[es/indigenouseducationweek.aspx](#)

- **Italian Canadian Heritage Month**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/ItalianCanadianHeritage/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Portuguese Canadian Heritage Month**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/PortugueseCanadianHeritage/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Filipino Heritage Month**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/FilipinoHeritageMonth/Pages/default.aspx>
- **June 12th—Filipino Heritage Day**
- **Deafblind Awareness Month**
<http://www.cdbanational.com/deafblind-awareness-month/>

Other Important Dates:

- June 7th—PA Day for Elementary Schools
- June 9th—Pentecost
<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/pages/pentecost.aspx>

- June 12th—Filipino Heritage Day
<https://www.tcdsb.org/forcommunity/heritagecelebration/filipinoheritagemonth/events/pages/filipinoheritageday.aspx>
- June 19th—Sickle Cell Awareness Day
- World Refugee Day—June 20
<http://www.un.org/en/events/refugeeday/>
- June 28th is a PA day for all elementary schools. **Last day of classes is June 27th.**
- June 26th to 28th are PA days for most secondary schools. (When in doubt, check with your local school for details.)
- July 1st—Canada Day—Happy 150th Canada!
- July 2nd—Summer School Begins
- July 3rd—Angel Foundation for Learning Golf Tournament
https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/?page_id=6197
- July 12-14th—Steubenville Toronto
<http://steubenvilletoronto.com/>

Visit www.tcdsb.org for more information about any of these events.

June Meetings

- June 3: OAPCE
- June 4: Governance and Policy Committee
- June 6: Corporate Services Committee
- June 11: Catholic Education and Living our Catholic Values Sub-Committee
- June 12: SEAC
- June 13: Regular Board
- June 17: CPIC

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- Visit the Board's website www.tcdsb.org
- Subscribe to ENews to receive updates via email every week
<https://web1.tcdsb.org/InterestSubscription/subscription.aspx>
- Or Follow @TCDSB on twitter to get updates throughout the day

Athletics News:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/programs-services/schoolprogramsk12/healthoutdoorphised/tdcaa/pages/tcdsb-athletics.aspx>



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2018-19 O.L.A. DONATIONS Helping those in need...

<p>September</p> <p>Terry Fox Foundation</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>\$2218</p>	<p>October</p> <p>Good Shepherd</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>\$388 plus 300 food items</p>
<p>October</p> <p>Halloween Dance-A-Thon</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>\$724</p>	<p>November</p> <p>Veteran Poppy Fund</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>\$300</p>
<p>November</p> <p>O.L.A. Church</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>\$515</p>	<p>December</p> <p>School BAZAAR</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>\$1240</p>
<p>December</p> <p>The Hospital for Sick Children</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>\$470</p>	<p>January</p> <p>Mental Health Awareness Stop the Stigma</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>\$624</p>
<p>February</p> <p>Merry Go Round Children's Foundation</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>\$800</p>	<p>March</p> <p>Angel Foundation for Learning</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>\$604</p>
<p>April</p> <p>ShareLife</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>\$548</p>	<p>June</p> <p>Support the Catholic Churches in Sri Lanka</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>\$ To be Finalized</p>

Wards

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| 1. Joseph Martino | 5. Maria Rizzo, Vice-Chair | 9. Jo-Ann Davis |
| 2. Ann Andrachuk | 6. Frank D'Amico | 10. Barbara Poplawski, Chair |
| 3. Sal Piccininni | 7. Michael Del Grande | 11. Angela Kennedy |
| 4. Patrizia Bottoni | 8. Garry Tanuan | 12. Nancy Crawford |
| | | Rhea Carlisle, Student Trustee |
| | | Joel Ndongmi, Student Trustee |





