



# OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

March 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians

February has been a very eventful month as we have worked both online at home and returned to school. We are so very pleased to welcome the students back. The first two weeks have been busy and we have enjoyed different events and spirit days here at the school.

While African Canadian Heritage Month is drawing to a close we continue to raise awareness and celebrate the many contributions and talents of both present day and historical African Canadians always .

This March we celebrate the virtue of Forgiveness. During the season of Lent it is especially important to practice this virtue and look to Jesus as a model of someone who forgave endlessly.

March also marks the beginning of Spring. It is wonderful time for renewal and healing, especially during this one year anniversary that we have been afflicted from COVID as a community.

Let us look forward with optimism as more and more people are receiving the vaccine and numbers continue to remain low. Hopefully all of our efforts will be paying off very soon.

We will continue to grow and change during the season of Lent, with patience, hard work, love and prayer.

Sincerely

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<b>ENROLLMENT</b>
<b>HOURS OF OPERATION</b>
11:45am-12:45am
<b>LUNCH HOUR</b>

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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.

### **Love Virtue Winners**

Congratulations to the following students who demonstrated the February virtue of Love

Royhid Aro-Fadaka - (SK)

John Paul Calimoso (SK)

Kamila Vigil - Grade 2

Chloe Sutherland - Grade 2

Bella Austin - Grade 3

MJ Calingasin - Grade 5

Jacob Speziale - Grade 7

Jamiyah Campbell - Grade 7

Denzel Tanglib - grade 8

In March we acknowledge and celebrate the virtue of **Forgiveness**.

### **Ash Wednesday Liturgy**

On February 17<sup>th</sup>, the students participated in an Ash Wednesday Liturgy via zoom. We prayed together as a school and learned about all the different ways to celebrate Lent through Fasting, Almsgiving and Prayer. We all came up with a Lenten promise that Ms. Cunningham burned and turned to ashes at home. She used it to plant our annual Lenten Amaryllis. It is positioned in our lobby for students to watch grow. It is a symbol of all of us who grow and change throughout the season of Lent. Thankyou Ms. Cunningham, Ms. Askin-Costa, Ms. Chukwu, and Ms. Artiga for preparing this meaningful liturgy.

### **Reports/Parent Teacher Interviews**

Thankyou to all the parents who attended parent teacher interviews via phone call or zoom. It was a wonderful evening to discuss the progress of our students and celebrate achievements and also discuss ways to improve in the second term. Please note that the school parent relationship is always accessible and constant and not only reserved for the two interview nights in the year.

### **African Canadian Heritage Month**

We had an excellent African Canadian Heritage Month. Students from Grades 1 to Grade 6 participated in the presentation via zoom, "Young Maestro Goes to School". It was an engaging and entertaining presentation that taught students the importance of overcoming obstacles, believing in yourself and always staying focused on your goals. It was inspirational for students to listen to Wesley Williams discuss his journey as a student, rapper/singer and actor.

The grade 7/8 students tuned into a presentation titled “What’s in a word?” This was a two part workshop that discussed the power of words and language. It taught students to be mindful of what they say and how words can lift people up and also tear people down. Both teachers and staff were powerfully impacted by these presentations.

### Wear a Pink Shirt Day

On Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, students wore pink shirts to celebrate kindness and love for all. It is a day that we raise awareness on bullying based on gender roles and sexuality. We are reminded and celebrate that all humans are deserving of kindness and love.

### CSPC

Our next CSPC meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7 PM. I will send the link out to parents earlier in the week. All parents are welcome to attend.

### Carnival

Thankyou to Madame Artiga and Monsieu Plasimond for organizing an enjoyable Carnival. Each day students wore a designated item and the week ended off with our annual French Bingo Game. Congratulation to Ms. Pignataro’s class who won this year.

### New Covid Regulation

Unfortunately, we have experienced a case of Covid here at the school. Please note that the new rules indicate that if a student is in quarantine for being a close contact then their sibling must also quarantine, even if they are in a different class. Please see question 4 of the daily questionnaire. This is a new rule that Toronto Public Health has put in place. If a student does need to quarantine, they will be learning asynchronously at home.

### Grade 8 Graduation Photos

The Grade 8 Graduation Photos will take place on Tuesday March 9th, 2021 in our gym during the school day. Very strict protocols will be followed to ensure safety. Please see the letter that I will be sending home with your child on Monday. At this point I am not sure yet of the format of our graduation in June but I will communicate information to parents soon in terms of the Graduation date.



## **Monthly Update from the Board March 2021**

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### **Return to School Update: April Break**

The Ministry of Education has announced that March Break for all publicly funded schools in Ontario will now take place **April 12 to 17, 2021**.

## **COVID-19 Resources and Information**

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

- **In-Person and Virtual Transfers:** <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/back-to-school/Documents/tcdsb-communication-to-families-dec-2020.pdf>
- **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**

### **OAPCE Parents 4 Parents Press**

The first newsletter of 2021 from Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/15a3xRT2iY-B0jTjFjGGgYOTLtIcJQ97i/view>

### **Nurturing Our Families of Faith Newsletters**

These regular newsletters are designed to support the faith journey of students, staff and their families across the TCDSB.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/DistanceLearningResources/Pages/Nurturing-Our-Families-of-Faith-Newsletters.aspx>

### **Transition to High School Guidelines**

### **St. Michael's Choir School Auditions**

Auditions for September 2021 admission at SMCS have begun, visit [www.smcs.on.ca/auditions](http://www.smcs.on.ca/auditions) for information on how to audition. <https://smcs.on.ca/auditions#how-to-audition>

### **Toronto Public Library Brainfuse: Online Homework Help**

For students in grades K-12 offered daily from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Also includes practice tests, support for adult learners, writing assistance, skills building and more.

<https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/detail.jsp?Entt=RDMEDB01938&R=EDB0193>

### **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 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**

### 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

March is **Celtic Canadian Heritage Month**

**Virtue of the Month: Forgiveness**

### Important Days

March 1-7: [National Social Work Week](#)

March 5: [World Day of Prayer](#)

March 8: [International Women's Day](#)

March 17: **St. Patrick's Day**

March 19: [Feast Day of St. Joseph](#)

March 21: [International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#)

March 21: [World Down Syndrome Day](#)

March 22: [World Water Day](#)

March 27: [Earth Hour](#)

March 28: [Palm Sunday](#)

### March Meetings

March 2: Nurturing Our Catholic Community

March 4: Student Achievement & Well-Being

March 11: Corporate Services

March 24: Special Education Advisory Committee

March 25: Regular Board Meeting

March 30: Ukrainian Speaking Advisory Committee



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

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