



OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

March 2019

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Ash Wednesday is upon us and we begin the new Lenten season - a time for fasting, prayer and almsgiving. During the Ash Wednesday Mass on March 6th staff and students will receive ashes on their forehead as a symbol of penance as well as a reminder for us to develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice. Our Gospel virtue focuses on FORGIVENESS, a very challenging virtue to put into practice. As adults, we hope to set the example for our children in teaching them how to forgive and accept one another just as Jesus showed us on the cross: **"Father, forgive them, they know not what to do" - Luke 23:34.**

As part of their preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation our grade 7 students attended the Lift Jesus Higher Rally for Youth. They spent a retreat day in prayer, song, Eucharistic adoration and Mass on Saturday, March 4th at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

Thanks to Mme. Artiga, Mme. Laturski and Mr. Sgambelluri for organizing an engaging day in February to celebrate Carnavale. A special 'thank you' to our hard working grade 7 and 8 students who were the team captains and ensured that all played fair and had fun.

Our school District Review will take place on March 7th. Observers from TCDSB will visit all the classrooms, talk with our students about their learning, collect and analyze data. A report on our school's successful practices and next steps will guide us in the development of our school's learning improvement plan.

Our Parent Council is organizing a Family Pajama Movie Night again this Thursday at 6:30. Please don't forget to RSVP your attendance and bring your blankets.

May our Lenten journey be a time for self-discovery and prayer as we prepare ourselves for the biggest event in our Christian faith - the Resurrection of Christ at Easter!



Sharon Garlow

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www.tcdsb.org/cpic

CPIC (PARENT ENGAGEMENT - TCDSB) ↗

www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto

OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS) ↗

370	9:00 – 3:30	11:45 – 12:45
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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 **Love** in February.

Sebastian Nicolas (SK) – Mrs. Raso

Emmanuel Sangalang (JK) – Mrs. Szakola

Lexie Veras (SK) – Mrs. Cardone

Olga Valdes-Martin (Gr. 1) – Mrs. Pena-Vital

Kareem Khan (Gr. 2) – Ms. Pilato

Aeonne Lopez (Gr. 2) – Ms. Pignataro

Audrie Castillo (Gr. 3) – Ms. Askin-Costa

Marco Rivera (Gr. 4) – Mr. D'Silva

Angel Afrifa (Gr. 4) – Ms. Rozowski

Jacob Speziale (Gr. 5) – Mrs. Furiato

Emmanuela Duah (Gr. 6) – Ms. Rizzo

Khloe Nyle Santos (Gr. 6) – Mr. Ciraco

Daniel Auwaerter (Gr. 7) – Mrs. LeBlanc-Carr

Tais Vargas (Gr. 7/8) – Ms. Sergnese

Jerrold Collado (Gr. 8) – Mrs. Nicholson

CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATE EXPECTATION AWARDS



Archer Powell (SK) – Mrs. Raso

Asher Berko (SK) – Mrs. Szakola

Francis Penarrieta (SK) – Mrs. Cardone

Ava Austin (Gr. 1) – Mrs. Pena-Vital

Daniel Bent (Gr. 2) – Mrs. Pilato

Matt Morris (Gr. 2) – Ms. Pignataro

Alfonzo Cameron Hernandez (Gr. 3) – Ms. Askin-Costa

Dylan Trinidad (Gr. 4) – Mr. D'Silva

Brooke Villa-Real (Gr. 4) – Mrs. Rozowski

Mira Ysabella Ramones (Gr. 5) – Mrs. Furiato

Princess Terrenal (Gr. 6) – Ms. Rizzo

Katty Ortiz-Vargas (Gr. 6) – Mr. Ciraco

Gabriel Quinto (Gr. 7) – Ms. LeBlanc

Maeson Villa-Real (Gr. 7/8) – Ms. Sergnese

Matthew Derilo (Gr. 8) – Mrs. Nicholson

PLANNING FOR 2019 - 2020 ACADEMIC YEAR

Please contact the school if you expect your child will be transferring to another school before the next school year commences in September 2017.

Also, if you are planning an extended summer vacation, whereby your children will not be returning until after the first week of September 2017, please let us know as soon as possible.

Staffing and classroom organization are directly related to student enrolment and therefore it is crucial that we have the most accurate information possible as we begin to plan for next year.



Most **Canadian** public school students' grades JK through 12 enjoy a week off for **March break** each year. It is important for students to experience the city they live in to gain an awareness of local culture and to have an opportunity to visit different neighbourhoods and communities.

<https://www.todocanada.ca/march-break-activities-toronto/>

**ATTENTION
PARENTS & CAREGIVERS**



IF YOU NEED TO DROP OFF OR PICK UP YOUR CHILD, PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE SCHOOL PARKING LOT WHERE SPACE IS VERY LIMITED.

PLEASE DRIVE TO THE BACK OF THE SCHOOL AND WALK YOUR CHILD TO DROP OFF AND PICK UP.

ANOTHER FREE ALTERNATE PARKING AREA WOULD BE TO PARK ON MADOC STREET OPPOSITE THE SCHOOL FRONT ENTRANCE.

STUDENT & STAFF SAFETY IS OUR TOP PRIORITY AT OLA.



**Guidance
Corner
March 2019**

In March, you can help your children to continue to develop a forgiving nature and positive relationship skills. Using good manners, being respectful to peers, showing empathy, apologizing when necessary and resolving conflicts peacefully, go a long way in building healthy relationships with others. Listed below are some helpful websites:

<https://www.everydayfamily.com/blog/how-to-teach-your-children-to-forgive/>
<https://www.verywellfamily.com/how-to-encourage-good-sibling-relationships-620105>
<https://www.parentingscience.com/kids-make-friends.html>
http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/connecting_with_your_school-age_child_introductio.html/content/288

High School registration nights are currently taking place for Grade 8 students. Please check the admission package that your child received to confirm dates and times. Signing your child up for the Summer Transition credit course is highly recommended. There are also a number of other forms that are required to be handed in on registration night, along with school fees.

Ms. C. Greco



**Guidance
Counsellor Area
3/4**

March 2019

Update from the Board

Let's Help Catholic Charities by Supporting ShareLife

ShareLife's mission is to "Live the Gospel by providing for those in need" This is done through their support of many diverse [Catholic social service agencies](#) here in the GTA and beyond.

This year, ShareLife Week for Schools will be celebrated the week of April 8-12. All students and staff are invited **Board-wide Civvies Day on Friday, April 12, 2019** to raise funds for the ShareLife campaign. Your

donation of a loonie or a toonie will go a long way to supporting youth, the elderly, the marginalized and the vulnerable. We thank everyone in the TCDSB community for all that they do throughout the year to help others—giving of their time and their resources to make a difference. We applaud those efforts, and take great pride in the commitment to living our Catholic values and putting faith into action.

Events and Information for Parents/Families:

- **"Celebrate the PAST, Appreciate the PRESENT, ADVOCATING for the Future"**
OAPCE Toronto Annual Parent Conference
Friday, April 5th and Saturday, April 6, 2019
<https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/oapce-toronto/events/pages/oapce-conference-2019.aspx>
- **Lift Jesus Higher Rally**
March 2, 2019
<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/news/2017-2018/pages/lift-jesus-higher.aspx>
- **Consultation Meeting—Possible Introduction of Extended French at Notre Dame**
March 6, 2019
<https://www.tcdsb.org/schools/notredame/pages/extended-french-@-notre-dame.aspx>

Important Information and Opportunities for Students:

- **Student Trustee Election**
Tuesday, April 30, 2019
Visit board website for

information www.tcdsb.org
(see Students)

• **FaithTalk—Radio Maria Contest**

We are excited to introduce a contest for your students this spring. Please share this information with your students who would be interested! 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!

USE THE HASHTAG

#TCDSBFAITHTALK

Topics can include: *Faith and Social Media, Religion in our Classroom, Inclusion and Equity, Virtues of the Month, Catholic Graduate Expectations in Today’s World, Catholic Social Teachings, Parish Connection, Christian Meditation, Rooted in Christ: we Belong, we Believe, we Become, Acts of Kindness etc.*

Email your submission to ncc.team@tcdsb.org by no later than **Friday April 5, 2019**. Download the [Radio Maria App](#), or visit <https://www.radiomaria.ca/> to listen to programs.



For latest news & information: Follow @TCDSB on Twitter, Toronto Catholic District School Board

Important Dates to Note:

- March is [Celtic Canadian Heritage Month](#)
- March 4—[Education Support Staff Appreciation Day](#)
- March 5—[Ordinandi Youth Event](#)
- March 6- Ash Wednesday; [Lent begins](#)
- March 8—[International Women’s Day](#)
- March 11-15—March Break
- March 21—[International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#)
- March 21—[World Down Syndrome Day](#)
- March 22—[World Water Day](#)
- March 29—[Earth Hour](#) (schools)
- March 30—Earth Hour 8:30-9:30 PM
- April 2—[World Autism Awareness Day](#)

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2018 - 2019**

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