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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

MARCH 2018

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. During Lent, we focus on the Gospel virtue of **FORGIVENESS** and we strive to teach our students the importance of forgiving and accepting one another just as Jesus taught us on the cross: "**Father, forgive them, they know not what to do.**" - **Luke 23:34**. Learning to say "I am sorry" and "I forgive you" takes courage but it is the foundation of our Catholic faith.

Celtic Canadian Heritage Month is celebrated during March. The TCDSB recognizes the valuable contributions made by Irish Canadians towards Catholic education.

As part of their preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation our grade 7 students attended the Lift Jesus Higher Rally for the youth. They spent a retreat day in prayer, song, Eucharistic Adoration and Mass on Saturday, March 3rd at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

Thanks to Mme. Corigliano, Msgr. Mirija, Mme. Marzewska (Student Teacher), Mr. Sgambelluri, Mrs. Pena-Vital and our hard working Student Leadership Team for organizing an engaging day to celebrate Carnavale.

Let us be proactive and participate in Earth Hour by turning off our lights for one hour on March 24th. At OLA, except for the emergency lights, we will turn off all lights and computer monitors between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. for an hour.

Our well-deserved mid-winter break begins the week of March 12th to 16th. Take time to relax as a family and read to your children.

May your Lenten journey be a very special opportunity to grow in your relationship with Jesus and deepen your love for Him.

Sharon Garlow



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OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS) ↗

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ENROLLMENT	HOURS OF OPERATION	LUNCH HOUR
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Call 416-393-5265 or the TCDSB Admissions Department at 416-222-8282, ext. 5320.

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GOSPEL VIRTUE AWARD

Congratulations to our students for demonstrating the virtue of **LOVE**.

Archer Powell (JK) – Mrs. Raso

Johnred Trinidad (JK) – Mrs. Szakola

Joshua Miranda (Gr. 1) – Mrs. Nini

Jayden Palete (Gr. 1) – Ms. Maguire-Sleath

Autumn Frank (Gr. 2) – Ms. Pena-Vital

Jelesha Gayle (Gr. 2) – Ms. Pilato

Theone Fausto (Gr. 3) – Ms. Askin-Costa

Ericka Paragas (Gr. 3) – Mrs. Sylvester

Yakesha Gayle (Gr. 4) – Ms. Pignataro

Grace Abajian (Gr. 5) – Mrs. Rozowski

Christelle Cacapit (Gr. 5) – Mrs. Furiato

Nayshaun Davis (Gr. 6) – Mr. Ciraco

Karl Magsino (Gr. 7) – Ms. Le Blanc

Christian Gaillard Phillip (Gr. 8) – Ms. Sergnese

Vince Arroyo (Gr. 8) – Mrs. Nicholson

CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATE EXPECTATIONS AWARD

A student who is a **Peacemaker and Caring** friend to others in the class "**A Caring Family Member**" who attends to family, school, parish and the wider community.



Khue Do (JK) – Mrs. Raso

Chloe Sutherland (JK) – Mrs. Szakola

Justin Veras (Gr. 1) – Mrs. Nini

Gina Maccarone (Gr. 1) – Ms. Maguire-Sleath

Karsten Gutierrez (Gr. 2) – Ms. Pena-Vital

Kwabena Adusei (Gr. 2) – Ms. Pilato

Mikayla Rivera (Gr. 3) – Ms. Askin-Costa

Kaylah Rivera White (Gr. 3) – Mrs. Sylvester

Jacob Speziale (Gr. 4) – Ms. Pignataro

Allysa Pablorina (Gr. 5) – Mrs. Rozowski

Joel Konadu (Gr. 5) – Mrs. Furiato

Maeson Villa-Real (Gr. 6) – Mr. Ciraco

Leila Ceron (Gr. 7) – Ms. Le Blanc

Brandy Okeke (Gr. 8) – Ms. Sergnese

Kurt Cainglet (Gr. 8) – Mrs. Nicholson



Saint Patrick's Day, or the Feast of **Saint Patrick** is a cultural and religious celebration held on March 17th. It particularly remembers **St. Patrick**, one of Ireland's patron saints, who ministered Christianity in Ireland during the fifth century.

St. Patrick's Day celebrations were brought to **Canada** by Irish immigrants. It is a bank holiday in Northern Ireland and a public holiday in the Republic of Ireland. In Canada, it is **celebrated**, but is not an official holiday.

STUDENT VOICE

On Saturday, March 3, the grade 7/8 students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation were given the opportunity to attend the "Lift Jesus Higher" rally at the Metro Convention Centre. It was an amazing experience for us all. There were over four thousand youth and adult attendees who experienced many incredible moments. One part I loved was the skit. It was beautiful and touching. It was awesome to see how Jesus will always be there for us. The play showed how he will always try to make his way to us

despite our own failings like vanity. Another part that really spoke to me was the Laying of hands. We were able to pray for anything that we wanted in front of a member of the prayer team. This part of the event made me overcome with emotions. It was so cool to be able to experience this part of our faith journey with our friends. I learned so many valuable things during this retreat. The main message conveyed was to stay positive and spread Jesus' love to everyone. None of this would have been possible without the kindness and generosity of Mrs. Garlow, Mr. Sgambelluri, and Mrs. Montcalto. These amazing people took time out of their personal weekend to accompany us to this great event. I would like to give a big thank you to them, as well as the people who were a part of, and organized this celebration of God's love.

Katrina Belleza - Gr. 7

On Saturday the 3rd of March, the grade 7 confirmation group went to the event Lift Jesus Higher. It was a day of gospel music, skits, prayer, and laughter! Even though the whole event was a lot of fun, there were two parts that I really enjoyed. I enjoyed the mass because, I like when priests talk about the gospel then add in personal life stories. I also really enjoyed the many breaks they offered. During the breaks my friends and I were able to shop in the mini market and even go to the food court. Overall Saturday was a lot of fun and I wish to go again! (Even though you only get confirmed once, lol.)

Nana Adjeiwaah – Gr. 7

On Saturday March 3, 2018 I went to the Metro Convention Centre for the Lift Jesus Higher retreat. The retreat was amazing, we did a lot of singing and praying. They performed a play about the “seven deadly sins” and people shared personal stories of how God had changed their life. There was a singing artist that came up on stage, his name was Conner Flanagan. He brought people up to do a rap battle about dog, books, and fries, it was so much fun! My favorite part of the day was when they did the play of the “seven deadly sins” because it was so emotional and touching. The retreat was amazing and I want thank Mrs. Garlow, Mr. Sgambelluri, and Mrs. Montcalto for this spiritual opportunity.

Annie Nguyen – Gr. 7

On Saturday, March 3, the grade 7/8 students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation were given the opportunity to attend the “Lift Jesus Higher” rally at the Metro Convention Center. It was an awesome time. We ate pizza, walked around, and I received a cool bracelet that glows in the dark. I had a really fun day relaxing and listening to the gospel of the Lord. We attended a mass with the Bishop and I was happy to listen to all the stories, songs, and plays about our faith.

Jaden Della – Gr. 7

Last Saturday March 3 at the Lift Jesus Higher Rally I had a great time. I really enjoyed the Gospel music and the entertaining play about the seven deadly sins. I also enjoyed the mass at the end of the day presided over by a bishop. It was inspiring when six people went up to the stage and talked about how God changed their lives. Thank you to Ms. Garlow, Mrs. Montcalto, and Mr. Sgambelluri, if it weren't for you we wouldn't have had this wonderful experience and so much fun.

Renz Andrew David – Gr. 7



**BOYS
BASKETBALL
TOURNAMENT**

The OLA Boys Intermediate Basketball team finished second overall at the Divisional Tournament that was held at St. Margaret Catholic School on Feb.20th. The team played well losing in the finals in a close game to the home team 21 - 17. Thank you for all your dedication and hard work over the past few weeks. Team members are: **Amari, Ralph, Lloyd, Shacore, Keane, Dominic, Jayden, Christian and Braxton.** A thank you goes out to parent volunteer Mr. Bent and Mr. Ciraco who volunteered to help coach the team.

**GIRLS
BASKETBALL
TOURNAMENT**



Congratulations to the Girls Intermediate Basketball Team who placed 3rd at the tournament at St. Margaret School. Coaches Mrs. Sylvester and Ms. Sergnese are very proud of their determination and effort! The team members are: **Thera, Brandy, Reiven, Pearly Anne, Irie, Britney, Annie, Alexandra, Jusmine, Soriah and Keisha.** Thank you Mrs. Sylvester and Ms. Sergnese.

Guidance Corner March



At the end of February, students had received their acceptance packages for high school. This month, grade 8 students are required to attend registration night, with their parent/guardian at their assigned high school. Please read over all documents and mark down the registration date. It is important that all forms are filled out correctly with the appropriate level chosen (i.e. locally developed, applied, academic).

This month our virtue is Forgiveness. Sometimes it can be hard to forgive others when they hurt you. Feelings of anger and negative thoughts come to mind however it is important to let those feelings go, forgive and move forward. When we don't forgive others, or even ourselves, we can become bitter and angry. God forgives us every day for our mistakes so it is important for us to do the same.

Please check the link below. It provides information and activities about forgiveness for kids.

<http://www.kidsofintegrity.com/lessons/forgiveness>

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TCDSB SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2018-2019 APPROVED

Number of school days	194
Number of Professional Activity Days	7
Labour Day	- Sept. 3, 2018
First Instructional Day	- Sept. 4, 2018
Thanksgiving Day	- Oct. 8, 2018
Christmas Break	- Dec.24-Jan. 4,20 19
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
Last day of classes for elementary students	- June 27, 2019

Seven (7) Professional Activity (PA) Days for ELEMENTARY schools:

- October 5, 2018 Provincial Education Priorities/Faith Development
- November 16, 2018 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- December 7, 2018 Provincial Education Priorities
- January 18, 2019 Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting
- February 15, 2019 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- June 7, 2019 Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting

- June 28, 2019 Provincial Education Priorities
- Three PA days devoted to Provincial Education Priorities and supporting Article 19 of the Collective Agreement.
- One PA day devoted to Faith Development.
- One PA day devoted to numeracy across the curriculum.
- The remaining two PA days will be devoted to system priorities, annual learning plans and local goals articulated in the School Learning Improvement Plans.
- * Secondary schools, in consultation with their Local School Staffing Advisory Committee, may schedule a Professional Activity Day to align with the day following one of the Parent-Teacher Interview nights.

Upcoming Board-wide Consultations

The Board is interested in your opinion and views. All TCDSB employees, Catholic Stakeholders, including parents, students and the general public are encouraged to participate in upcoming consultations the following issues. Further details and online surveys will be posted on the Board website at www.tcdsb.org

WHISTLEBLOWER POLICY (A.39)

The Board of Trustees has approved this new policy for consultation. This "Whistleblower" policy supports the TCDSB's commitment to provide a framework for the disclosure and investigation of alleged wrongdoing. Any individual or employee in the TCDSB who has knowledge of an occurrence of a wrongdoing, or has reason to suspect that a wrongdoing has occurred, has the right and obligation to report the

occurrence using the channels of reporting provided under the various policies, procedures, and collective agreements. Under the new policy, an individual or employee may choose to report the incident to a third party whistleblower hotline.

The new policy is committed to safeguarding the public interest and trust in public education and sets out conditions to ensure those who make disclosures of such information are free to do so without reprisal or threat of reprisal.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR 2018-2019 TCDSB BUDGET

The Board's annual budget consultation process will begin at the end of March 2018. The public consultation is an important planning tool to ensure the development of an effective and balanced budget that supports the academic achievement of our students.

Under the Education Act (Section 232), the Board is required to prepare and submit a budget to the Ministry of Education outlining estimates of its revenues and expenses for the upcoming 2018-2019 academic year by end of June 2018. Stay tuned for more details and information on our school and Board website.

Let's Help Catholic Charities by Supporting ShareLife

This year, ShareLife Week will be celebrated the week of March 18-23. As we did last year, we invite everyone to participate in a **Board-wide Civvies Day on Friday, March 23, 2018** 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.

Important Information for Parents:

- **Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant Applications Now Open**
Opportunity for Catholic School Parent Councils to receive funds to support parent engagement projects. Details online: <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPA/RENTS/CSPC/Pages/pro-grant.aspx>
- **CPIC/OAPCE Parent Summit—Mark Your Calendars**
Helping Parents Get to Know Saturday, May 5th, 2018 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
At the Catholic Education Centre, 80 Sheppard Avenue East
More details to come: <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPA/RENTS/ParentInvolvement/News-and-Events/Pages/cpic-parent-conference.aspx>
- **Ministry of Education Consultation: A New Vision for Student Transportation**
Consultation for families relying on school bus transportation is open until March 29, 2018
<https://www.tcdsb.org/programs/services/boardservices/studenttransportation/pages/bus-transportation-consultation.aspx>

Mental Health Newsletter for March

Featuring "Mental Health Benefits of Prayer" and "Making Room for Our Negative Feelings Can Actually Make Us Happier" and more. Produced by the TCDSB Mental Health Department.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Programs/Services/SpecialEducation/mhs/newsletters/March%20Mental%20Health%20newsletter%202018.pdf>

Mr. Steve Camacho Appointed Chief Information Officer

TCDSB is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Steve Camacho to the position of Chief Information Officer for the Toronto Catholic District School Board, effective March 19, 2018.

Important Dates to Note:

- March is Celtic Canadian Heritage Month
- March 3—Lift Jesus Higher Rally
- March 5—Education Support Staff Appreciation Day
- March 8—International Women's Day
- March 12-16—March Break
- March 21—International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- March 21—World Down Syndrome Day
- March 22—World Water Day
- March 23—Earth Hour (schools)
- March 24—Earth Hour 8:30-9:30 PM
- March 30—Good Friday
- April 1—Easter Sunday
- April 2—Easter Monday
- April 2—World Autism Awareness Day

Coming Soon:

Angel Brigade Week Introduces New Event!

The Angel Foundation is busily preparing for **Angel Brigade Week from April 16-20**. This is a week set aside to educate, celebrate and instate the important work this foundation does. This year we are introducing a new event, [The Angel Foundation for Learning](#)

[Bowl-A-Thon](#) on **April 21st**. The entire TCDSB community - students, staff, families and friends are invited to come out to celebrate and support our students. Lots of surprises to be announced but space is limited so get your teams together and [register](#)! More information can be found at: www.angelfoundationforlearning.org/bowlathon/.

Autism Awareness Evening
April 8, 2018 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre
 Featuring Aspie Comedian Michael McCreary
<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SpecialEducation/Autism/autismawareness/Pages/2018-events.aspx>

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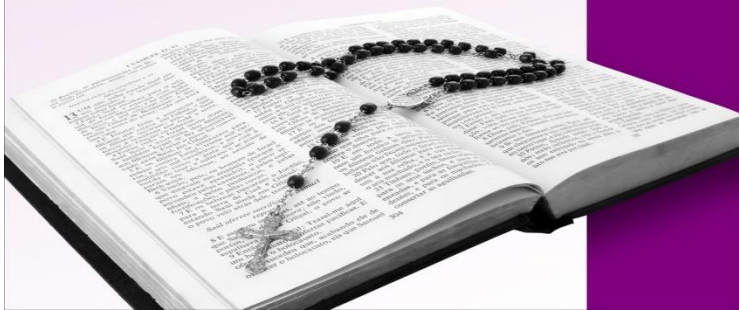
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**TO ERR IS HUMAN,
TO FORGIVE IS DIVINE.**

~ ALEXANDER POPE ~

- LET YOUR ACTIONS BE GUIDED BY THE IDEA THAT JESUS SAID, "LET HE WHO IS WITHOUT SIN, CAST THE FIRST STONE."
- THE FIRST STEP TO FORGIVENESS IS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR ACTIONS.
- IF YOU WANT TO BE FORGIVEN, YOU NEED TO MAKE SURE YOU FORGIVE OTHER PEOPLE.
- LIVE YOUR LIFE IN A WAY THAT MAKES OTHERS KNOW YOU ARE A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST.



TRUSTEES 2016 – 2017

Wards

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| 1. Joseph Martino | 5. Maria Rizzo | 9. Jo-Ann Davis |
| 2. Ann Andrachuk | 6. Frank D'Amico, Vice-Chair | 10. Barbara Poplawski |
| 3. Sal Piccininni | 7. Michael Del Grande | 11. Angela Kennedy, Chair |
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