



OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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As we enter the month of March and the Lenten Season, we have a chance to think about and reflect on all that is happening in the world. On the one hand we are so happy as things start to open up and churches are at full capacity again. On the other hand, we think about the events taking place around the world and are filled with sadness. Let us pray each day during this season for the suffering, displacement, and fear taking place in the Ukraine and Russia.

Lent is a time for Prayer, Almsgiving and Fasting. We will continue to live these aspects of Lent at the school. Today we are experiencing great joy at school with events surrounding Pancake Tuesday, this juxtaposes the feelings we will have the next 5 weeks as we pray and do good deeds in preparation for the coming of Jesus with the season of Advent.

Today we also begin the Month of March which highlights the Virtue of Forgiveness. It is important to remember this month that we can ask for forgiveness when we do something wrong and pray for assistance in forgiving others when they have committed a hurt against us.

Psalm 50:4-5

Wash me from my guilt
and cleanse me of my sin.
I acknowledge my offense;
my sin is before always.

Ms. Teresa Silva

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Recess Conditions

We have one month left of Winter and are excited for Spring. There were numerous days that students had to stay indoors in February not only because of the cold but the icy conditions in the yard. The conditions are monitored each day to see if it is too icy for children to play safely. We also have shortened recess if it is -15 to -20. We try not to cancel the recess outright as the fresh air is energizing for students. Hopefully these cold and icy days will be fewer and far between in the month of March.

African Canadian Heritage Month.

We had a wonderful African Canadian Heritage Month.

We had numerous activities that celebrated African Canadian history, culture, art and experience. This year's theme is "Beyond Black History" as we use the month of February to remind everyone of the importance of incorporating African Canadian history and dismantling anti-Black racism all year long.

On February 3rd, Grade 6, 7, and 8 students participated in a presentation called, Resilience Through Spoken Word. During the Art of spoken word and poetry, students explored how to bounce back from setbacks that might arise in life.

On February 8th, the kindergarten to grade 6 students participated in Young Maestro Goes to School. We learned about Maestro's message in his books about 'sticking to your vision', mentorship, teachers, and role models.

Greg Frankson, the acclaimed poet also spoke to our Grade 5-Grade 8 students. He talked about his experience growing up as a young African Canadian boy and student.

Thankyou to all the families who participated in our dress down days highlighting various parts of Africa.

Valentine's Day

Our Valentine's Dance and dress down was a great deal of fun for all the students. It was so fun to see everyone in their Valentine's colors and students enjoyed getting some physical activity at the dance. In total we raised \$683.00 Thank you again for your generosity and support.

Childhood Cancer Survivors and Patients Dress Down Day

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this day. In total we raised \$275.00 This money will be going to Sick Kids Hospital. Thank you for your support.

Virtue of the Month Students for February

Congratulations to the following students who demonstrated the virtue of Gratitude.

Virtue of the Month: LOVE

Ms. Szakola/ Ms. Gomez (JK&SK) - Brent Obuga

Ms. Raso/ Ms. Altomari (Jk/SK)- Mark Jayden Bisenio

Ms. Cardone (SK& Gr 1) – Precious Labaso

Ms. Pignataro (Grade 1 & 2)- Jennie De Los Santos-

Ms. Pena-Vital (Grade 2/3) – Briana Speziale

Ms. Artiga (Grade 3)- Margaux Bangcaya

Ms. Rizzo (Grade 3/4)- Venice Del Rosario -

Ms. Rozowski (Grade 4 & 5) – Bella Austin-

Ms. Furiato (Grade 5 & 6)- Sahbdi Vasti Lopez Diaz

Mr. Ciraco (Grade 6 &7) - Elliot Gonzales

Ms. LeBlanc (Grade 7 & 8)) – James Racelis

Ms. Sergnese (Grade 8) – Yuree Manolo

JK Registration For September 2022

Registration began on Wednesday, January 19, 2022. Please complete the online application on SOAR. Once you have submitted the application, we will contact you at some point in the next couple of weeks to verify we have all your documents and set up a meeting (not sure if this will be in person or virtual). Please note that Priority 1 & 2 applicants will be placed first on Tuesday, February 22, 2022. Priority 3, 4, 5 and 6 applicants will be placed beginning on April 29, 2022 if we still have space. Please contact the school if you have any questions

Ash Wednesday TCDSB Livestream

Join us on **March 2, 2022** at **9:15 a.m.** as we celebrate Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the holy season of Lent. Please open the Hyperlink if you would like to join in. This year Father Lorenzo is out of the country and Father Ben who is in his place is only available for the mass at 7PM. We wish everyone a Holy and Meaningful season of Lent.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G-Lf113FDFk>

Webinar for Parents of African Canadian Students

A webinar for parents/guardians of Black students to discuss experiences within the education system will be available. You must **register** beforehand to attend the session on **March 8, 2022**, from **6:00 to 7:30 p.m.** **Please click on the link to join to register.**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WL1wAkB1OqHMlJ-Ik1QdjHXyEv7lJ6Y3/view>

March Break

Please note that March Break is from Monday, March 14 until Friday March 18th. We wish everyone a week of fun and joy to spend extra time together as a family. Please have a safe and enjoyable holiday. We look forward to welcoming the students back on March 21st, the first day of Spring!

Ontario Early Years

Our Early Years program is up and running again with reduced capacity. Please click on the following link find out more information about this fun and valuable program.

Please email Julie Minakakis at julie.minakakis@tcdsb.org for more information.

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

Reporting Absences

When students are sick or unable to come to school, please call the Safe Arrival Program. It is far too busy in the office to record absences and this program has been in use by the board for 3 years now. You have 3 options to record the absence. Please only call the office for absences related to COVID and illnesses.

1. Call 1(833)251-3286 (toll free)
2. Online – go.schoolmessenger.ca
3. School Messenger App

Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Drop off and Pick Up

Please continue to drop your child off in the morning and refrain from lingering. Parents and teachers have been doing a great job with the staggered dismissal and entry times.

When you are stopping your vehicle to drop off your children, please ensure that busses have ample room to park. Often cars have stopped, and busses have little room to park and drop children off especially with all the snowbanks. Busses require a lot of space as they are obviously quite large so please allow space.