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May 2021

The Virtue for the month of May is Compassion. Here is a prayer that helps us focus on this virtue.

Dear God

Help us to remember that others don't always see the way we do, hear what we hear, feel what we feel, or understand things the way we've come to understand them. You give each of us gifts that are uniquely ours but so often we fail to value the gift in another, judging other gifts as wrong as or somehow less important than our own. Give us the compassion you want us to have, O Father, and teach us to embrace each other with compassionate arms, no matter what our age, color, creed, history, or belief. Help us to remember that you are Life Itself, and that you are using every one of our unique gifts to bring us together with you once again.

Amen

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ENROLLMENT
HOURS OF OPERATION
11:45am-12:45am
LUNCH HOUR

NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: 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

Stay in touch with the latest news throughout the school year:
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Justice Virtue Winners

Congratulations to the following students who demonstrated the April virtue of Justice:

Ms. Szakola/Ms.Gomez- Denea Victoriano
Ms. Di Stefano- Nathan Kyle Remorin
Ms. Pignataro- Criston Kimeli
Ms. Pilato- Venice Del Rosario
Ms. Pena-Vital- Andrei Andrada
Ms. Rozowski- Catherine Rala
Mr. Crawford- Vienna Phillips
Mr. Ciraco- Felipe Fonseca
Ms. LeBlanc- Abigail Ward
Ms. Nicholson- Aia Faith Cerbolles

For the month of May, we will be celebrating the virtue of compassion.

CSPC

Our next CSPC meeting will take place on Wednesday May 19th,2021. We look forward to meeting again and all are welcome. I will email the link out the day before the meeting. Hoping to see many of you there.

Covid News

I know that noone wanted to be back online as it can be very challenging to manage, so thank you for supporting your children as best as you can. There are signs of hope as the vaccination rate begins to pick up speed over the next few weeks. At this point, we still do not have definite information from the Province in terms of a possible return. We all want the kids back in school, but this has to occur when it is safe to do so. Many people have questions and concerns about vaccinations. There will be a Q & A offered virtually by Dr. Vinita Dubey, the Associate Medical Officer of Health on May 4, 2021 or May 5, 2021. Please see the attached flyer the specific details.

Online Learning Update

Please remember that attendance is taken by teachers daily. If your child will be away, please still report the absence using Safe Arrival. Students that do not attend online classes and do not complete the assigned work will have to be marked absent as they are not participating. If a teacher is absent, it is unlikely that there will be a supply teacher taking their place. The teacher will post a message indicating they are not available and will post asynchronous work. If the homeroom teacher is absent, the students will still have their regularly scheduled itinerant teachers (i.e. French, Gym, Music, Health). Please encourage your children to turn on their cameras when a teacher asks, as it creates a more personal learning experience. Also remind your children of their code of conduct online. They must always be respectful. I do monitor the classrooms and visit them virtually as well. In terms of submission of completed work, if you can't print something, simply have your child write responses on paper and take a picture of the completed assignment.

Grade 8 Graduation/Sk Graduation

As we still await further direction from TPH and the Province, Graduation details have not been finalized as I want to be sure of all of our options. I do apologize for this delay, I will communicate dates and details once I have it. Grad photos unfortunately had to be cancelled and will be rescheduled in June if schools open.

Rosary Apostalate: Yearly Celebration of Mother Mary in the Month of May

On Tuesday, May 4th at 1PM, we will be having our yearly celebration of the Rosary Apostalate. The students will pray virtually. The link will be sent to all parents so that they may join as well.

Parent Engagement Presentation on Equity and Anti-Racism

Having a safe, caring and inclusive school has always been a priority. We have had various initiatives and groups over the past couple of years work on some initiatives.

In light of some of the world events recently, we want to approach this with a renewed approach.

Part of this involves education of staff, parents, and students.

On Thursday, May 13th, 2021 at 7 p.m., we will be having a ZOOM presentation. The topic is "Building Inclusivity: Stereotyping and Language"

Mr. Greg Frankson, a renowned and poet and Equity Speaker will be presenting. The meeting is geared toward parents and will take place via ZOOM.

I will be sending an invitation next week and I am asking that parents email me back to let me know that they plan to attend so that I can email the link to you.

Catholic Education Week: May 2 – 7, 2021

Catholic Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate the significant contribution that Catholic education has made to the community, the province and to Canada. The theme for Catholic Education Week 2021 is Nurturing Hope. For information on events and resources, visit the [CEW website](#).

Children's Mental Health Week: May 2 – 7, 2021

This important week is about:

- Increasing awareness of the signs of child and youth mental health problems
- Decreasing stigma
- Understanding that help is available and it works!

Visit TCDSB's Mental Health webpage for resources and activities for the week:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/specialeducation/mhs/news/mhw/pages/childrens-mental-health-awareness-week.aspx>

More 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](#)
- **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>

Live Province-Wide Catholic Education Mass: May 5, 2021

Students, families, staff and the broader Catholic community are invited to view the province-wide virtual Mass with His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins to celebrate Catholic Education Week. Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. EST. Visit <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live> to view the Mass.

Asian Heritage Month

The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) is proud to celebrate Asian Canadian Heritage month in May. This month acknowledges the long and rich history of Asian Canadians and their contributions to Canada. It also

provides an opportunity for Canadians across the country to reflect on and celebrate the contributions of Asian Canadians to the growth and prosperity of Canada.

"Way to Go! Pinoy" Video Competition

The Filipino Heritage Council of Canada (FHCC) is calling for entries for its video competition. Only the first 1000 entries qualify or until **May 30, 2021** (whichever comes first).

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/FilipinoHeritageMonth/Pages/essay-video-competition.aspx>

Important Dates in May

May 1: **World Principals' Day**

May 3 - 7: [Catholic Education Week](#)

May 3 - 7: [Children's Mental Health Week/CMHA Mental Health Week](#)

May 3: [TCDSB Polish Canadian Heritage Day](#)

May 3: [World Day of Prayer for Vocations](#)

May 3: [TCDSB Awards Announced](#)

May 5: Province Wide Mass

May 9: **Mother's Day**

May 9 - 15: [Respect for Life Week](#)

May 9 - 15: [ShareLife Week](#)

May 13: **Ascension Day**

May 13: **World Catholic Education Day**

May 12: [Day of Action on Litter](#)

May 14: **ShareLife Wear Green Day**

May 15: [UN International Day of Families](#)

May 16: **Toronto Newcomer Day**

May 23: [Pentecost](#)

May 24: **Victoria Day**

May 24 - 28: [Digital Literacy Week](#)

May 27: [Brain Cancer Awareness Grey Day](#)

May 30: Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

May Meetings

May 4: **Governance & Policy**

May 6: **Student Achievement & Well-Being**

May 13: **Corporate Services**

May 17: **Catholic Parent Involvement Committee**

May 19: **Special Education Advisory Committee**

May 20: **Regular Board Meeting**

May 26: **Audit Committee**

May 27: **Student Achievement & Well-Being**

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

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