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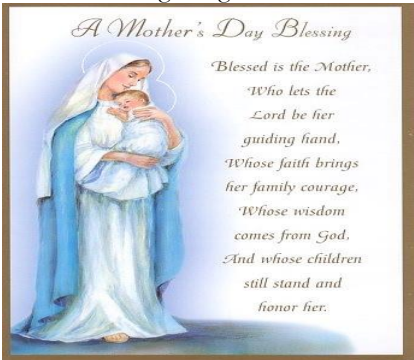


May 2022

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

We start the month of May off with Catholic Education Week. As students engage in various activities this week, we are reminded of how blessed we are as a Catholic Community to have the Gospel Values as the pillar of all we do. This month we celebrate the virtue of Compassion. How fitting that this is the virtue we celebrate in the Month of Mary. Our mother Mary and all mothers are an example of endless compassion for our children. We wish all mother's and people who serve in the role of a mother a wonderful Mother's Day.

As we continue to move through Spring and the Easter Season, the excitement and hope that this season brings is palpable as you walk through the halls. The students and staff are excited with our various activities such as track and field, trip preparation, pizza days, etc. This is a welcome feeling as we had undergone two years of COVID and where many of these activities had been paused. Although we continue to be cautious and continue to implement safety measures, there is a common feeling of lightheartedness and joy.



Sincerely

Ms. Teresa Silva

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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: Follow **@TCDSB** on Twitter.

Ball Safety

To ensure the safety of all students I am reminding parents and students of Board policies to avoid issues such as concussions and other potential injuries.

Soccer Balls- Hard soccer balls are permitted on the field but not on the concrete. Foam soccer balls are permitted in any locations. If you can purchase some for your child, please consider it. I have seen them sold at times at Toys R Us, Walmart or sometimes even a dollar store. I have purchased some foam balls for the school already but there may not be enough for all students to enjoy.

Basketballs are permitted in the basketball courts only. Students have been instructed to not linger under the net as this can cause a potential head injury.

Footballs are NOT permitted as trying to catch a flying football impedes one's ability to see where they are going as they are trying to run and catch the ball.

Volleyballs are permitted for volleying not spiking. Again, if it is used to spike, the ball will be taken away and returned at dismissal time.

Students in grade 3 and up can bring **skipping ropes** as after this age this does not pose a hazard. Skipping ropes must be used appropriately and if they are every used in a dangerous way they will be confiscated and told not to bring them again.

I hope that this offers some clarification and gives suggestions on what students can be playing with outside.

Rosary Apostolate- Coronation of Mary

Our last Zoom Rosary Apostolate will be on Tuesday, May 10th. It will be a special event and we will share the zoom link with all families should they wish to join us from home.

Student Pick Up

Please make every attempt to pick up your children on time at 3:30PM. There is no formal organized supervision after 3:30 PM. If this is an issue, please let the office know. Sometimes staff are engaged in end of day duties. Thankyou for your understanding in this matter.

Kindergarten Yard Pick Up

Also, when picking up your children please kindly leave promptly from the kindergarten area as this area is also reserved as the waiting area for students who are enrolled in bussing. We must maintain good lines of vision to ensure all student safety and to take proper attendance.

Virtue of the Month Students for March: Forgiveness

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

Virtue of the Month: FORGIVENESS

Ms. Szakola/ Ms. Gomez (JK&SK) – Bethany Girma

Ms. Raso/ Ms. Altomari (Jk/SK)- Liam Umbay

Ms. Cardone (SK& Gr 1) – Zaira Menchavez

Ms. Pignataro (Grade 1 & 2)- Alexandra Barcelona

Ms. Pena-Vital (Grade 2/3) – Sebastian Lentejas

Ms. Artiga (Grade 3)- Pietra Pagan Bruschini

Ms. Rizzo (Grade 3/4)- Althea Lim

Ms. Rozowski (Grade 4 & 5) – Catherine Rala

Ms. Furiato (Grade 5&6) – Matt Morris

Mr. Ciraco (Grade 6 &7) - Andres Conopio

Ms. LeBlanc (Grade 7 & 8)) – Anika Garcia

Ms. Sergnese (Grade 8) – Claire Xamanatha Batarriche

Communion/Confirmation

Congratulations to our Grade 2 and Grade 3 Students who celebrated their First Holy Communions on Saturday, April 23, 2022.

Additionally, our Grade 7 students celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, April 30th, 2022. They were both beautiful masses and we bless these children as they continue their journey with Jesus guiding them throughout their lives.

JK Registration For September 2022

Registration for JK is well underway. Please register your child as soon as possible as space is running out. Please complete the online application on SOAR. Once you have submitted the application, please contact the office to verify all your documents and set up a meeting. Please call the school should you have any questions.

Welcome to Kindergarten

Our Welcome to Kindergarten will take place on Thursday, May 26th, 2022 at 6:30PM. On this evening the parents of our future Kindergarten will learn more about the routines of school and about the ELP program. We look forward to meeting with these parents.

Next CSPC Meeting

Our Next CSPC meeting will take place on **Tuesday, May 24th**. All parents are welcome, and we hope that you can join us. The zoom meet ID will be delivered to all parents on the day before the meeting.

Book marks for moms

Our Grade 8 student leaders have created a fundraising idea where they are creating individualized bookmarks for students. They are visiting classrooms and taking orders where they paint and create a beautiful bookmark for students to give to their mothers-on-Mother's Day. The price of these hand made book marks is \$3.00.

Mother Day Shop Grade 1-3

Our Mother's Day Shop will take place on Thursday, May 5th, 2022. Student in grades 1-3 will have an opportunity to purchase a gift for their moms. Items are new and donated from staff. Items are priced between 25 cents and 8 dollars. All proceeds of these events will subsidize the Grade 8 Graduation activities.

Freezie Friday

Every Friday for the months of May and June, we will be selling large Mr. Freezies. The cost of the freezie is \$1.00. These proceeds will be going to the Grade 8 graduation events.

Tutoring Program

Our Ministry/Board After School Tutoring program begins this week and will run for the entire month of May. Students will be enrolled in Literacy or Numeracy lessons. Classes run on Monday and Wednesday from 3:30pm to 5pm. All lists have already been made and finalized. We anticipate that the students and staff will find the program beneficial.

Track and Field

Some of the students in grades 3-8 are excited to be participating in Track and Field Practices this Spring. We have numerous teams such as: relay 100m, 200m 500m 150m and Shot Put. The track and field meet will take place on Friday, May 27th, 2022. Students will be travelling by bus to York University to compete for the tournament. We wish them good luck! Thank you to Ms. Askin- Costa, Ms. Pacheco, Ms. Artiga, Ms. Rizzo and Mr. Ciraco for volunteering to be coaches to support our teams.

May the 4th Be with You

We will have a dress down civies day on Wednesday, May 4th next week. We will be asking a toonie and this money will be donated to the Angel Foundation at the School Board. Please provide your donation on line on School Cashonline.

Safety and Online Activity Presentations

Our intermediate students have another presentation from Officer Khan and Officer Kerr who will speak to the children about online safety, on line bullying and resolving conflicts in appropriate and non-damaging ways. All students get into conflict at times but resolving issues in a Christian and healthy way is always our goal.

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.

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Construction in Neighborhood

As you may have noticed, there has been a great deal of construction in the neighborhood. Especially on Glenmount just North of our school. Please exercise a great deal of caution when walking your children to school. If your children walk on their own, please speak with them about the importance of paying attention to their surroundings. In addition, if you drive your children to school please be aware of all the pedestrians on the road as some of the sideways are blocked off. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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.