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November 2020^S

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Dear Parents and Guardians

As we enter the month of November. I want to express how proud I am of the students and staff at OLA for adhering to all the Toronto Public Health Protocols and working together to keep everyone safe and healthy.

In November we celebrate the virtue of Peace. Our Catholic Teachings promotes peace as a positive, action-oriented concept. "Peace is not just the absence of war," said St. John Paul II, "it involves mutual respect and confidence between people and nations." It involves collaboration and binding agreements."

This month we will be honoring numerous occasions that promote PEACE. We will be promoting "Treaties and Recognition Week, Remembrance Day and Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week. All these events promote the respect and dignity of our fellow human beings.

This month we hope to be closely engaged with you as we will be holding our Parent Teacher Interviews, and monthly CSPC meeting. Please know that you can always contact us at the school for any questions or concerns you have.

This month we are also starting our Model of Instruction switch. Please note that there may be some altering of classroom cohorts and teachers. As soon as this information become available I will promptly share it with you. We wish the students going into virtual the best and we will miss their physical presence in the school. We also welcome the students commencing face to face. This switch will begin on November 23rd.

I wish you all a wonderful month filled with PEACE!
Sincerely

Ms. Teresa Silva

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Enrollment 376
Virtual 128/ Face to Face 226

NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

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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:
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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. Busses require a lot of space as they are obviously quite large so please allow space.

Passports

Please continue to complete your children's passports each day. The parents are the foremost individuals in assessing whether their child is healthy to come to school. When the passport is not complete, office staff must call home and wait for a response which delays your child from entering the classroom for sometimes up to half an hour. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Back to School Attestation Forms

Public health now requires that parents sign a form indicating their child is well enough to come back to school. Please check off the situation that applies to you and send it signed to school with your child. The link to the form is in the Monthly Report from the Board section. It is the first link under important information. Please print this form out for your purposes. If you don't have a printer, we will send one home with your child. I have also attached it below and it is being sent home with students today.

<https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/9095-Attestation-for-Return-to-School.pdf>.

Virtue of the Month Students

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

Szakola (JK&SK) –**Geeyah Balud (JK)**

DiStefano (SK& Gr 1) -**Jennie De Los Santos (gr. 1)**

Pignataro (Grade 1 & 2) -**Olivia Moralde Vasquez (gr. 2)**

Maher (Grade 2) -**Venice Del Rosario (gr. 2)**

Pena-Vital (Grade 2 & 3) -**Joseph Tabing (gr. 2)**

Furiato (Grade 3 & 4) -**Olga Valdez-Martin (gr. 3)**

Rozowski (Grade 4 & 5) -**Erika Bayaua (gr. 4)**

Ciraco (Grade 6 & 7) -**Carl Balolong (gr. 6)**

LeBlanc Carr (Grade 7 & 8) -**David Diaz (gr. 8)**

Nicholson (Grade 8) –**Sidora Phillip (gr. 8)**

We are very proud of all of you!!!

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.

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.

Report Cards and Interviews

Report cards will be sent home on Monday, November 16th, 2020. Interview dates are Tuesday, November 17th, Thursday, November 19th, 2020. The times for interviews will be 6:00PM to 8:30PM. Please note that all interviews will take place on zoom or over the phone. Your child's teacher will contact you with an appointment time. We hope you enjoy this opportunity to connect with your child's teacher and learn more about how they are progressing.

Change in Learning Model

We will be starting our next Learning model on Monday, November 16th, 2020. Many of us will continue in the format we have started the year with. A small number of students have switched to a model. We welcome the students who have come back to face to face learning and will miss the students who are now entering virtual and wish you all the best. One day we will all be learning together again.

Please note that the next time to switch is in late January or early February. The exact date will be communicated once it becomes available to me.

CSPC Budget Meeting

Please note that your next CSPC meeting will be held at 7PM on Tuesday, November 10th, 2020. Please email me to let me know you wish to attend, and I will send you the zoom link.

Sacramental Celebrations

We extend our blessings and congratulations to the students in grade 3 who are having their First Holy Communion on November 7th and November 14th. These students were supposed to receive their sacrament in the spring but due to COVID, were unable to. God bless these students as they grow in faith as a Catholic Community.



Monthly Update from the Board November 2020

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

COVID-19 Resources and Information

This is a reminder that the attestation form needs to be completed and returned to our child's school if they are returning after being ill. <https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/9095-Attestation-for-Return-to-School.pdf>.

As you are aware from the last communication you received, families will have the opportunity to switch learning models at each quadmester for secondary and at the end of term 1 for elementary. The next opportunity to switch learning models will take place during the January to February timeline.

For other updates and information relating to COVID-19, please see

- **Frequently Asked Questions:** <https://www.tcdsb.org/forstudents/back-to-school/pages/faq.aspx>
- **Resources:** <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/back-to-school/Pages/resources.aspx>
- **TCDSB Reopening Plan:** <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/back-to-school/Pages/reopening-plan.aspx>
- **Latest Updates:** <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/back-to-school/Pages/latest-updates.aspx>

For information specifically about the virtual school (St. Anne Catholic Academy) please refer to <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/back-to-school/Pages/virtual-school.aspx>

Sign Up for School Messenger for Absence Reporting and More

The student absence reporting system is also used to send critical and urgent messages from your school, and from the school Board. For more information <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>).

Get Updates on School Bus Service

<https://busplannerweb.torontoschoolbus.org/Cancellations.aspx>

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Remember to set your clocks back one hour Sunday, November 1st and enjoy the extra hour of your weekend.

PARENT OPPORTUNITIES & INFORMATION

Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) Annual Report

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/ParentInvolvement/Publications/Documents/cpic-annual-report-2019-2020.pdf>

Reminder: School Year Calendar for 2020-21 including PA Days

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Calendar/PAandExamDays/Documents/tcdsb-school-year-calendar-2020-2021.pdf>

Virtue of the Month for November—Peacemaking

Resources and information:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/VirtueoftheMonth/Pages/Default.aspx>

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

Take Our Kids to Work Day (Virtual)

On **Wednesday, November 4, 2020**, Canada's longest-running, highest-profile career exploration event is going virtual offering more options than ever before! <https://www.tcdsb.org/Pages/Take-Our-Kids-to-Work-Day.aspx>

House of Commons Page Program

Each year, 40 students graduating from high schools and CEGEPs are selected from across Canada to participate in the page program. Pages are first-year undergraduate students registered at one of the four universities in the national capital region. They work on a part-time basis for one year. The deadline to apply is **November 8, 2020**. For more information, visit <https://www.ourcommons.ca/About/PageProgram/Index-e.html>.

EVENTS AND OBSERVANCES

November Observances

- November 1-7 Down Syndrome Awareness Week <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/down-syndrome-awareness-week.aspx>
- November 1 All Saints Day <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/all-saints-day.aspx>
- November 2 All Souls Day <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/all-souls-day.aspx>
- November 2-6 Treaties Recognition Week
<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/schoolprogramsk12/firstnationsmetisandinuit/pages/treaties-recognition-week.aspx>
- November 11 Remembrance Day <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/remembrance-day.aspx>
- November 16 Louis Riel Day
<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/schoolprogramsk12/firstnationsmetisandinuit/pages/louisrielday.aspx>
- November 16-20 Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week
<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/safeschools/bullyingawarenessandprevention/pages/bullying-awareness-and-prevention.aspx>
- November 20 PA Day
- **December 1 Giving Tuesday**—Consider supporting TCDSB’s official charity, the Angel Foundation for Learning and help students and families who are struggling during these unprecedented times. Find out how you can help:
https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/?page_id=10265