



OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

November 2017

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians:

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God" is the Gospel virtue for November. Peace is a gift that Jesus gives us. Whenever Jesus appeared to his disciples he always greeted them by saying "Peace be with you." This is a greeting that puts everyone at ease. We are called to live in peace with our neighbours. Too often in our world today, people try to solve their problems with fighting. We must remember that we are all members of the family of God, and that God wants us, his children, to live in peace and harmony. Catholic teaching 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 peoples and nations. It involves collaboration and binding agreements."**

"Dreams are made possible, if you try" said Terry Fox. Thank you students, parents and staff for a successful Terry Fox Run/Walk in September. OLA's final contribution totaled \$2,403.35 which will be submitted to the Terry Fox Foundation. Your donation helps to make a difference in finding a cure for cancer research.

Parent-teacher conferences will take place on the evenings of Wednesday, November 15th and Thursday, November 16th from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Mme. Corigliano and our youth leaders (see page 3) represent OLA's E-C.S.L.I.T. (Elementary Catholic Student Leadership Impact Team). They meet monthly at the Catholic Education Centre with 200 Catholic students to network, share ideas and learn about topics that impact elementary students. In October, they collected food, clothing and household items for the people affected by the hurricane in Puerto Rico. OLA community – **THANK YOU!**

OLA Kids, Cops & Computer team, under the direction of Ms. LeBlanc organized a fun Halloween Dance and raised over \$1400.00 that benefits our students. Again, much appreciation to students, parents and Ms. LeBlanc.

May the peace of Christ fill our hearts and families.

Sharon Garlow



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www.tcdsb.org/cpic: **Nilo Ang**

CPIC (PARENT ENGAGEMENT - TCDSB)

www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto

OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS)

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ENROLLMENT	HOURS OF OPERATION	LUNCH
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NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: soar.tcdsb.org

Call 416-393-5265 or the TCDSB Admissions Department at 416-222-8282, ext. 5320.

For general information about the Toronto Catholic District School Board, visit www.tcdsb.org

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GOSPEL VIRTUE AWARDS

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

Arianna Pineda Gomez (SK) – Mrs. Raso

Valerie Rose Raymundo (SK) – Mrs. Szakola

Nathan Sojobi (SK) – Mrs. Nini

Rodiyah Aro-Fadaka (Gr. 1) – Mrs. Maguire-Sleath

Erika Bautista (Gr. 2) – Mrs. Pena-Vital

Marco Rivera (Gr. 2) – Ms. Pilato

Ina Bayle (Gr. 3) – Ms. Askin-Costa

Whinslet Samia (Gr. 3) – Mrs. Sylvester

Jared Tacadino (Gr. 4) – Ms. Pignataro

Khloe Santos (Gr. 5) – Mrs. Rozowski

Catherine Jane Cutamora (Gr. 6) – Mrs. Furiato

John Bernard Gelar (Gr. 6) – Mr. Ciraco

Nash Belardo (Gr. 7) – Mrs. LeBlanc-Carr

Gypsy Sariah (Gr. 8) – Ms. Sergnese

Jessica Rudio (Gr. 8) – Mrs. Nicholson

CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATE EXPECTATIONS AWARD



AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR who speaks, writes, and listens honestly and sensitively, responding critically in the light of gospel values.

David Adriel Tarenta (SK) – Mrs. Raso

Hilmarc Arwen Beliber (SK) – Mrs. Szakola

Jireh Perez (Gr. 1) – Mrs. Nini

Miguel Santos (Gr. 1) – Mrs. Maguire-Sleath

Catherine Rala (Gr. 1) – Mrs. Pena-Vital

Nahom Mulat (Gr. 2) – Ms. Pilato

Cristian Bent (Gr. 3) – Ms. Askin-Costa

Carl Balolong (Gr. 3) – Mrs. Sylvester

Janeen Morales (Gr. 4) – Ms. Pignataro

Katty Ortiz-Vargas (Gr. 5) – Mrs. Rozowski

Matthew Montes (Grade 5) – Mrs. Furiato

Raphael J. Bacani (Gr. 7) – Mr. Ciraco

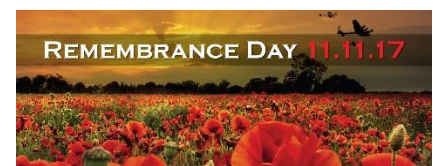
Tais Vargas (Gr. 7) – Ms. LeBlanc

Krystelle Danglio (Gr. 8) – Ms. Sergnese

Jerome Ang (Gr. 8) – Mrs. Nicholson

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

The Remembrance Day Ceremony has played a major role in Remembrance since 1931. Every year, at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, we gather in memorial parks, community halls, workplaces, schools and homes to stand in honour of all who have fallen. Together, we observe a moment of silence to mark the sacrifice of the many who have fallen in the service of their country, and to acknowledge the courage of those who still serve.



Please join us on Friday, November 10th at 10:30 in the gym to pay tribute to our brave men and women.

MEET OLA YOUTH LEADERS 2017-2018

Our youth leaders who represent OLA at the E.S.C.L.I.T. Meetings at the Catholic Education Centre are: **Marianne Westlake, Jerome Ang, Pearly Ann Ellarde, Jeff Reyes, Keith Baybayon, Franchesca Bragado** from grade 8 and **Nathan Oppong-Gyabaah, Katrina Belleza, Nane Zadoorian and Renz Andrew David** from grade 7. These leaders work under the guidance of Madame Corigliano.



Our Lady of the Assumption was victorious at the volleyball invitational hosted by Marshall McLuhan on Nov.1st 2017. OLA went undefeated throughout the tournament and was able to capture its first invitational title this year. A special thank you goes out to the team members: **Amari W., Ralph S., Lloyd D., Christian P., Kurt C., Keith B., Kean P. and Raj J.** who showed heart, determination and belief in oneself.

THANK YOU, COACH CIRACO!

SCHOOL MASS



Location: OLA Church
Date: Monday, Nov. 13th
Time: 1:45 p.m.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL (CSPC) MEETING



Date: Monday, November 6th
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: School Library

OLA 2017-2018 CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Grade 3 Girls

Katrina, Brooke, Mikayla Anika, Angel, Vienna Maya, Dylan

Grade 3 Boys

Legend, Cristian, Brian

Grade 4 Girls

Kyan, Abigail, Isabel

OLA 2017-2017 CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Yakesha
Grade 4 Boys

Jacob, Ashby, Francis, Mateus Kix, Elias, Xavier, Santiago Adriel

Grade 5 Girls

Ruby, Sidora

Grade 5 Boys

Joel, Thomas Adrian, Carl Denzel, Braxton

Grade 6 Boys

Carlo, Earl, Sean, Kyle

Grade 8 Girls

Keira, Andrea

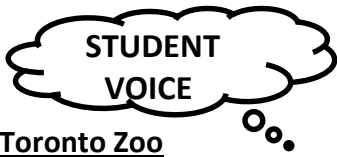
Grade 8 Boys

Jericho, Jassam, Clark, Donmarc, Kyle

Students who made it to the Regionals: **Kyle, Donmark, Adrian, Braxton, Sidora, Ashby, Abigail, Kyan, Christian, Vienna**

Students who qualified for the cities: **Ashby and Cristian**

Students who competed in the **Special Olympics** from grade 6: **Daniel, Gabriel and Sam**



Toronto Zoo

On Friday, October 13, the grade 4, 5 and 6 classes went on a trip to the Toronto Zoo. We had such a great time looking at all the interesting animals such as the wolf, rhinoceros, giraffe, tigers, snakes and many more. There was also a polar bear presentation where we had the opportunity to ask the presenter some questions. We really enjoyed visiting the panda bears, especially because they were celebrating their birthday. We even took pictures. Before leaving, we spent time at the gift shop and bought souvenirs. We all enjoyed the trip and learned a lot about the habitats of the different animals.

- Mrs. Pignataro's Grade 4 Class



**Another Flu Season has begun
Toronto Public Health Tips for
Avoiding the Spread of Flu and
Other Viruses:**

- Get your flu shot
- Wash your hands often
- Cover your cough/sneeze
- Do the knuckle bump instead of shaking hands
- Stay home if you are sick

**DRESS FOR THE
COLD WEATHER**

The cold weather is quickly approaching. Parents please ensure that your child is dressed warmly with proper clothing: jacket, hat, gloves/mitts, scarf and boots.



To prevent slips and falls in the classroom we ask that you send a pair of indoor shoes.



Boots will not be worn inside the classroom.
Thank you for your co-operation.



Students must follow the Code of Conduct to ensure that cell phones and other electronic devices are powered off between 9:00 and 3:30 (unless it is approved by the teacher for program use).



Misuse of the cell phone would result in confiscation by the Principal and returned directly to the student at the end of the day.

Subsequent violations would result in a parent- student meeting with the Principal.



**BUS SAFETY &
BUS LOADING ZONES**

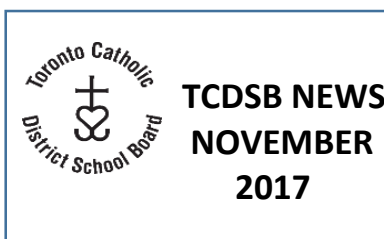
We have many students who take the school bus. It is important that all students who are walking home leave the school grounds as quickly as possible. Parents who pick up students in vehicles are reminded that the bus loading zone must remain free of cars.

Students who take the bus must wait in their bus lines until the teacher/supervisor on duty asks them to board the bus. Students are to board the bus quickly, orderly and safely. The bus may not move until all students are seated. Students are reminded that riding the bus is a privilege. To maintain the privilege, it is imperative that the bus rules are obeyed.

- Students are required to remain in their seats while the vehicle is in motion
- Respect other students and their personal belongings
- Food and drinks are **not** allowed on the bus
- Inappropriate behaviour (pushing, shoving, fighting, etc.) is unacceptable on the bus

- The windows should be left closed unless someone is instructed by the bus driver to do otherwise
- **Never put your hands, arms, head, legs or objects out of the window**
- Objects should never be thrown in the bus or out of the windows
- Talking should be done quietly. Noise can be a hazardous distraction to the driver. Shouting, yelling, screaming and singing are unnecessary
- The aisles must be kept clear except when students are embarking or disembarking

Please discuss these important procedures with your child. Parents are responsible for ensuring that their children are at the bus stop on time for pick-up and are met at the time of drop-off.



School Cash Online

We are now in Phase 2 of implementing the School Cash Online Payment system to all TCDSB schools. This new cashless system option offers parents the convenience of paying online for school activities and purchases from the convenience of their own

home. School Cash Online will be an efficient payment alternative for families, however participation in the application is voluntary. Schools will continue to accept traditional methods of payment. For more information, please visit the School Cash Online website at <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/schoolcashionline/Pages/default.aspx>

Spotlight on Your School

During the Year of the School, let's celebrate our school communities. Through video or song, shine the light on the best that your school has to offer. Who are the people who make it special? (Parent volunteers, Priests and others from the parish community, dedicated teachers, Talented and enthusiastic students) Consider creating a school song or a 30-second video clip that celebrates your school.

Celebrate Diversity * Celebrate Excellence * Celebrate Faith * Celebrate Your School. Use the hashtag: #ShineOnTCDSB! **Deadline for submissions is Friday, February 23, 2018.**

Prime Minister's Awards: Recognizing Excellence in Education

Do you know an amazing teacher or early childhood educator? Consider nominating them for a Prime Minister's Award.

Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence and Teaching Excellence in STEM

The Teaching Excellence in STEM Awards honour outstanding Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics teachers that help develop the culture of innovation Canada needs today, and in the future.

[Nominate a teacher today!](#)

Nominations accepted until **January 12, 2018.**

Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Early Childhood Education

The Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Early Childhood Education honour ECEs for their leadership, exemplary early childhood education practices, and their commitment to help build the foundation children need to make the best possible start in life. [Nominate an educator today!](#) Nominations accepted until **January 12, 2018.**

TCDSB Young Disciples Ignite Day

As we continue to celebrate the *Year of the School*, the Nurturing our Catholic Community Team invites **grade 6 students and teachers, parish priests/youth ministers and parent councils to TCDSB's Young Disciples' Ignite Day.** This free rally for Grade 6 students is designed to ignite their faith and inspire acts of service in

their respective school communities.

Through a teaching Mass, community building activities, music, and guest speakers, students will be invited to embrace the mission of discipleship and continue to promote acts of faith in collaboration with school communities, families and parishes.

- **Thursday November 30th, 2017 @ Bishop Marrocco/Thomas Merton (auditorium) - 9:30-2:15 pm**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/schools/bishopmarroccothomasmerton/news/20172018/pages/youngdisciples.aspx>

Angel Foundation for Learning Evening to Feed the Soul Gala November 10th. For details and ticket information:

<https://www.aflgala.org/>

Help feed hungry children, and support a variety of opportunities for students who need assistance.

Other Dates to Note:

- November 1—Take Your Kid To Work Day
- November 1—All Saints Day
- November 2—All Souls Day
- November 6-10—Treaties Recognition Week
- November 6-10—Holocaust Education Week

- November 11—Remembrance Day (Schools to commemorate on Friday, November 10th)
- November 19—World Day of Poor
- November 25—Christ the King Rally and Youth Conference
- November 27—TCDSB Caucus Meeting
- December 3—Advent Begins

Visit www.tcdsb.org to get more information about any of these events and remember to subscribe to ENews to receive regular updates via email <https://www.tcdsb.org/News/eNews/Pages/default.aspx>

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Guidance Corner – November

As the time for Progress Reports gets closer, help your child focus on their Learning Skills and Work Habits. **Responsibility, Collaboration, Initiative, Self-Regulation, Organization and Independent Work** are key skills that help students take ownership for their learning, and allow them to be more successful in all areas of the curriculum. More information on the Learning Skills and Work Habits and how to help

your child develop them, can be found at the following links:
<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/policyfunding/growSuccess.pdf> (pgs. 10-14)
http://www.fslhomeworktoolbox.ca/homework_tips/learning_skills_and_work_habits.php

November is also **Bullying Prevention** month across Canada. You can help your child recognize the signs of bullying and what to do if they or someone they know is being targeted. In our age of technology, bullying can happen electronically, as well as face-to-face. Be aware of your child's activities online. Building empathy and compassion for other people's feelings, is key to stopping bullying before it starts. Here are some helpful websites you may wish to visit:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/safeschools/prevention.html>
<http://edu.gov.on.ca/eng/safeschools/bullying.html>
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Programs/Services/SafeSchools/BullyingAwarenessAndPrevention/Pages/default.aspx>

It's a busy month for our Grade 8 students and the transition to High School! Open house nights have been taking place, and parents of Grade 7 & 8 parents are encouraged to visit the local high schools to see all the amazing programs and opportunities that are available. Application forms for Grade 9 were available as of October 23rd and are due back to

your child's teacher by at the beginning of November. Please complete **Section "C"** carefully and make sure signatures have been included before returning the form to school. Please note, the closer the high school is to your child's elementary school, the higher the chance of acceptance. If your child is redirected, there are **no guarantees of placement** at the alternate choice school. The redirection will be to the closest high school that has space. Also, the TCDSB does not have access to information for high schools outside of our board. You will be receiving a **Transition Guide for Parents**, which contains important information regarding the transition to high school. There are translated guides in a number of languages, available upon request. Who do I want to become? And what are my plans for achieving my goals?

Throughout the year, Intermediate students will be required to work on their **Individual Pathways Plans (IPP)** while students from grades 1 to 6 will develop their **All About Me** online Portfolios. Encourage your children to share their accounts

with you. The site is fully accessible from home.

Ms. Greco
Guidance Teacher - OLA

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PRAYER FOR PEACE

Peace Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

WARDS

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