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PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

February 2020

Dear Parents

The month of February, although the shortest one, is very busy at Our Lady of The Assumption Catholic School! Throughout the month our classes are celebrating the contributions of members of our African-Canadian communities. Students will be immersed in a selection of class and school activities focused on the culture, work, food, fashion and media created by members of the African Heritage communities in Canada and throughout North America. In the Month of March we will be having the presentation by Hoza to celebrate African Canadian History.

February is the month of LOVE! Although Valentine's Day falls on a PA day this year, lucky February 13th will take its place for a day. Please check the school calendar for Valentine's and all events happening in February.

Finally, February marks the beginning of LENT in the Catholic Church. On Wednesday, February 26th, our school will participate in Ash Wednesday services. Please check the calendar for times as well as Strove Tuesday celebration in our school. Look for updates coming throughout the month on SCHOOL MESSENGER.

The TCDSB and Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic school will continue to keep you updated on any work stoppages related to the current round of bargaining between the Teacher's Unions and the Government of Ontario as they occur. I know our teachers and ECE's are anxious for the current disruptions to end and appreciate your patience and support in these difficult times.

Sincerely

Teresa Silva

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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: Follow **@TCDSB** on Twitter.

Charity Virtue Winners

Congratulations to the following students who demonstrated the December Virtue of **Charity**

Raso Jk/SK- Isabella Rivera Tenger
Szakola JK/SK- Sky Songahid
Cardone- SK/1- Alexandra Bercelona
Pilato- Milani Chloe Sutherland
Pignataro-Micah Santos
Pena-Vital- Bella Austin
Askin-Costa- Dario Phillip
Alvarado- Diaz- Gina Maccarone
Rozowski- Vailee Raymundo
De Gouveia- Alyssa Casayuran
Furiato- Mary Grace Valencia
Rizzo-Jacob Speziale
Ciraco- Alyssa Pablorina
Sergnese- Aida Shanzaryan
Leblanc- Rey Petilos
Nicholson- Aliyat Adeyemi

Courage Virtue Winners

Congratulations to the following students who demonstrated the January virtue of **Courage**.

Raso JK/SK – Mathieu Vencer Kutosa
Szakola JK/SK – Precious Laboso
Cardone– SK/1 Arielle Dadson
Maher – Kamila Vigil
Pignataro – Grade 1/2 – Akhaishaia Jane Sandoval
Pena Vital – Grade2 – Althea Lim
Askin Costa – Grade 3 – Matt Morris
Alvarado-Diaz - Grade 3/4 – Luciana Ortega
Rozowski – Grade 4 – Elliot Gonzales
De Gouvia – Grade 5 – Christian Bent
Furiato – Grade 5/6 – Daniel Capablanca
Rizzo – Grade 6 – Levhi Lucas
Ciraco — Grade 7 – Christelle Cacapit

Sergnese Grade 7 – Lana Refol

LeBlanc Carr – Grade 8 – Angela Rala

Nicholson – Grade 8 – John Bernard Gelar

In February we acknowledge and celebrate the virtue of **LOVE**.

Reports/Parent Teacher Interviews

Report cards will be sent home on Monday, February 10. Your appointment time will go home you're your child's report card. Please ensure that you book an appointment with your child's teacher to ensure you have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress. We look forward to welcoming you on the evening of February 11 and February 13 between 6:00-8:30PM.

Australian Relief Fund

Thankyou to everyone who participated in our dress down day on January 31st. As a school we raised \$532. This money will go to the Red Cross to assist in efforts to rebuild the devastated region in Australia affected by the forest fires.

Pizza Days

Please note that Pizza days have been switched from Fridays to Thursday. Please ensure you note this change so that students have lunches packed on correct days.

African Canadian Heritage Month

Please ensure you read the communication sent from Ms. Chekwu and Mr. Plasimond. They have wonderful experiences planned for the students and will require assistance from our community. We will be having an African Canadian Fashion Show Expose on the 21st of February and on the 26th, we will be sharing Dramatic Folk Tales with the students. Please contact the office if you are able to assist us in carrying out this important initiative.

Valentine's Day Dance

We will be having a Valentine's Dance for all students on February 13th. Students are invited to wear red or pink on this day. Each division will have a time slot where they will be participating in the dance. Please wait for more details in the coming days.

Energy Conservation Month

Our ECO-Team is planning a special event every Friday to raise awareness on Energy conservation. The month will include a National Sweater Day, Slip the Switch day, Phantom Friday and Energy Education Day. Please wait for more direction and information as the weeks progress.

Safe Arrival Reminders

The safety of our students is of paramount importance to us. Staff supervision of students begins at 8:40AM in the school yard. In the interest of our child's safe arrival at school please do not drop off your child before 8:40 AM as there will be no one to supervise them.

In an effort to increase safety for students, parents and staff, there will be no parking in the bus zone.

There is presently parking between the 2 bus loading signs. We have numerous buses that deliver students and students must get off buses and go into the school yard in a safe and calm setting.

We also ask that adults refrain from entering the school yard. Many teachers and students do not recognize the parents in the yard. As such this poses a safety issue. Please say goodbye your children at the gates and they will be safely supervised by staff.

In addition we ask that parents and guardians not block the gate to the kindergarten yard. As there is a stair level on this landing, it is essential that students be able to travel safely and enter the yard with ease.

Lunches

If your child stays at school for lunch, we strongly encourage you to pack a healthy lunch for them to help reinforce the healthy living curriculum that is taught at the school. We appreciate that there are exceptional circumstances that may require you to drop off a lunch at school. Lunches should be dropped off on the lunch table just outside the office before 11:45am. **Please ensure you sign your child's name to the sheet on the table so that we can call your child down at lunch time.** Students eat their lunch from 11:45-12:05. Students will not be called out of class early to minimize disruptions. If lunches are dropped off late, students will pick them up on their reentry to the school at 12:45pm. In circumstances where lunches are dropped off, we strongly encourage home packed lunches rather than fast food items.

***PLEASE NOTE: Under no circumstances will students who normally stay at school for lunch be allowed to sign out to go pick up lunch *unless* they are signed out and accompanied by an adult that is authorized to pick them up. Notes *will not* be accepted under any circumstances. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this regard so as to ensure the safety of your children while they are in our care.

I also wish to stress that **NO UBER EATS** orders are permitted at the school. We do not allow unidentified strangers into the building as this poses a threat to student safety.

Birthdays and Celebrations

Birthdays and other special occasions are announced over the PA system on a regular basis. **Under no circumstances should food be brought to the school to distribute to a class (cake, candy, pizza, etc...).**

As we are an allergen sensitive school, we cannot verify the contents of food that parents may send to school for distribution. If food is sent to the school, parents will be called and asked to come pick up the food as it **will not be distributed.** Although we appreciate that the thought is well intentioned, we must work together to ensure the safety of each student. Instead of food, feel free to send grab bag items such as pencils, erasers, stickers, etc...

*** Please note: We do not allow parents to purchase items sold through the school for the entire class for birthdays.



Improving Access to School Bus Information for Toronto Parents

Toronto District School Board and Toronto Catholic District School Board parents are now able to access their children's transportation information online and receive email notifications if there are any school bus cancellations or delays, thanks to the launch of a new online transportation portal. www.torontoschoolbus.org. There continues to be a delay with two of our Bus Routes. A driver shortage is the cause of these delays which will hopefully be remedied in the near future. **In addition our School is presently in the habit of sending afternoon voice and mail alerts to notify parents in the event of significant bus delays.**

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<https://web1.tcdsb.org/InterestSubscription/subscription.aspx>

- School Messenger (please ensure that your school has current and up to date telephone numbers and email addresses on file for your family)
- Twitter (follow @TCDSB)
- TCDSB website www.tcdsb.org
- 24-hour telephone information line 416-222-8282 ext. 2873

The Board wishes to assure parents and students that every effort will be made to ensure that all elementary and secondary schools, day care centres, before- and after-school programs and nutrition programs will continue to remain open as long as it is safe to do so.

School bus transportation for eligible students will continue.

Parents are encouraged to contact their local school principal with any questions or issues of local concern.

Monthly Update from the Board February 2020

February's Virtue is Love

Please visit our website for the monthly resources connected to the virtue of the month.

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

TCDSB Is Hiring!

Join the dynamic team at the Toronto Catholic District School Board where academic success and well-being go hand in hand with nurturing Catholic faith and values.

Interested in exploring a career with TCDSB? Visit www.tcdsb.org/careers or contact

hr.recruitment@tcdsb.org. Applications are being received at www.applytoeducation.com.

Special Education Advisory Committee Seeks Community Representatives

SEAC is statutory Committee that makes recommendations to the Board on matters affecting the establishment and development of special education programs and services for exceptional pupils of the Board. SEAC membership includes three Elected Officials of the Board, up to 12 Members of Local Associations and one or more additional members from the community. Learn more:



<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Pages/SEACSeeksCommunityRepresentatives.aspx>

February is...

- **African Canadian Heritage Month**

For a list of events and resources, visit:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/AfricanCanadianHeritage/Pages/default.aspx>

- **Psychology Month**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/specialeducation/psychology/psychologymonth/Pages/Psychology-Month.aspx>

- **National Inclusive Education Month**

Learn more about the TCDSB's Catholic Equity and Inclusive Education Policy:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/Policies/Pages/hm24.aspx>

- **TCDSB Energy Conservation Month**

[Click here for more information about Energy Conservation Month.](#)

Other Dates to Note for February:

Winter Walk Day 2020

Winter Walk Day will be taking place this year on **February 5, 2020**. Winter Walk Day is an opportunity for all of us—students, staff, families—to focus on improved health and well-being, active lifestyles and building safer communities for everyone. [Click here for more information.](#)

St. Valentine's Day - February 14

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/News/2014-2015/Pages/St.-Valentine's-Day.aspx>

System-wide PA Day - February 14

Family Day - February 17

February 21 – International Language Instructors' Appreciation Day

Shrove Tuesday - February 25

Ash Wednesday - February 26

Lent Begins: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Lent-and-Easter-Resources.aspx>

February Meetings

- Thursday, February 6, 2020 - Student Achievement Committee
- Tuesday, February 11, 2020 – Governance and Policy Committee
- Thursday, February 13, 2020 – Corporate Services Committee
- Wednesday, February 19, 2020 – Special Education Advisory Committee
- Thursday, February 20, 2020 – Regular Board
- Monday, February 24, 2020 – Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education

Important Information for Parents

Labour Update

Find the latest news and information about negotiations on the Board's website at

<https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2020/pages/labourupdate.aspx>

Coronavirus

Stay up to date on the information shared by the Province of Ontario and Toronto Public Health
<https://www.tcdsb.org/forstudents/healthandsafety/pages/coronavirusinformation.aspx>

Reminder: Registration for Kindergarten, French Immersion and Extended French for September 2020 is OPEN

Visit the Board's website for information at

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/AdmissionsandRegistration/Pages/Default.aspx>

City of Toronto Parks Forestry and Recreation Summer Recruitment

Winter Weather Has Arrived

Don't miss out on information relating to cancellations or delays in school bus service. Sign up to receive alerts through the TSTG parent portal <https://www.torontoschoolbus.org> or follow @TCDSB on Twitter for the latest updates.

TCDSB Mental Health Newsletter-Winter 2020 Issue

https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SpecialEducation/mhs/newsletters/2020_Winter_Newsletter.pdf

Opportunities/Information for Students

Toronto Zoo Career Fair

February 8, 2020

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/TorontoZoo.aspx>

Transition Fair for Students with Diverse Abilities

February 22, 2020

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/TransitionFair.aspx>

Toronto Crime Stoppers School Action Program Poster Contest

Deadline: April 2, 2020

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/CrimeStoppersContest.aspx>

Summer Jobs for Students with the Government of Ontario

Jobs will be posted February 10th

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/Ontario-Summer-Employment-Opportunities.aspx>

Application deadline: February 16, 2020

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/CityOfTorontoSummerJobs.aspx>

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