



# OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

February 2020

Dear Parents

The virtue of Love was boundless at OLA as we celebrated various events throughout the month of February. Now we head into March and we begin the new Lenten season. We are beginning a time of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. During Ash Wednesday, staff and students received ashes on their foreheads as a symbol of penance as well as a reminder for us to develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice. Our Gospel Virtue focuses on FORGIVENESS, a very challenging virtue to put into practice for many. As adults, we hope to set the example for our children in teaching them how to forgive and accept one another just as Jesus showed us on the cross. Let us continue to change and grow spiritually in this season.

Thanks to Madame Artiga and Monsieur Plasimond for organizing an engaging day on the last day of February to celebrate Carnival. A special "Merci" to our hard-working grade 7 and 8 students who were team captains and ensured that all played fair and had fun.

Thankyou also to Ms. Chukwu and Monsieur Plasimond for leading our African Canadian Heritage Month. Thankyou to various parents who brought in artifacts for our museums around the school. I am very proud of our students who under the guidance and direction of Ms. Chukwu showed their acting, dancing and modelling skills. Just a reminder that next Thursday, March 5th is a scheduled day of Job Action and the school will be **closed**.

Also a very important reminder that our Parent Council is hosting Our Family Pajama Movie Night again. It is taking place this Thursday at 6:30 PM. Please fill in the forms so we have an idea of who is coming and join us! May our Lenten Journey be a time for self-discovery and prayer as we prepare ourselves for the biggest event in our Christian Faith-the Resurrection of Christ at Easter.

Sincerely  
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380
<b>ENROLLMENT</b>
<b>HOURS OF OPERATION</b>
11:45am-12:45am
<b>LUNCH HOUR</b>

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## **Love Virtue Winners**

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

Ms. Raso/ Ms. Dabu -Jhorin Ordonio- JK

Ms. Szakola/Ms. Gomez- Jennie De Los Santos- SK

Ms. Cardone- Precious Ines - Gr. 1

Ms. Maher- Jayden Domingo- Gr. 1

Ms. Pignataro- Olga Valdez- Martin- Gr. 2

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Mr. Ciraco- Jynessa Thompson Williams-Gr. 7

Ms. Sergnese- Aia Cerbolles-Gr. 7

Ms. LeBlanc- Caled Berko- Gr. 8

Ms. Nicholson- Sean Kyle Lano- Gr. 8

## **Reports/Parent Teacher Interviews**

Thankyou to all who attended Parent Teacher interviews. It is an important step in sharing information on the growth and development of our students. It was lovely to see so many of you and catch up.

## **African Canadian Heritage Month**

We enjoyed a wonderful month in February celebrating African Canadian Heritage. Each morning students listened to a biography of a African descended individual who made contributions to humanity in various capacities. On February 26<sup>th</sup>, students enjoyed a fashion show with pieces highlighting various items that are African inspired. Beautiful fabrics and designs were shown. Students also enjoyed a moving drama performance of an African Folk tale- The Pot of Life. Ms. Chukwu also held a museum in her classroom with artifacts from numerous African rooted countries. Thankyou to Ms.

Chukwu and Monsieur Plasimond for sharing many aspects of the African heritage with students. We had a wonderful afternoon that we will never forget!

### **Valentine's Day Dance**

Thankyou to all who contributed to our Valentine's Day Dance performance. Altogether students raised \$869.30. This money will be going to help the leadership team in the various initiatives they are sharing with the school.

### **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.**

**Kindergarten parents, please bring students through the main entrance if they are late after the bell. It is distracting for students and staff within the ELP classrooms that are already in the process of starting their day. Please bring the late students through the front and they will be walked to their classrooms.**

### **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.

### **School Bus Safety**

When dropping off or picking up children, please ensure that you are legally parked. Please do not park in the school bus loading zones. This is very unsafe for children as they board or get off the bus. It is also very difficult for the buses to actually park which again is dangerous as the buses are loading children or having children already in them..



### **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](http://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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- 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](http://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  
March 2020**

### **Important Information**

Labour Update

Stay up to date with all the latest news here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2020/Pages/LabourUpdate.aspx>

### Coronavirus

News and resources are on our website

here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/forstudents/healthandsafety/pages/coronavirusinformation.aspx>

### TCDSB Budget Process Starts This Spring

Watch for detailed information on how you can provide your feedback on the draft budget, and identify your priorities. Visit [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org) for more information coming soon.

### Never Miss Out on Important Information

All parents/caregivers are reminded to ensure that your school has up to date telephone and email information on file for your child. This will enable the school to communicate with you about critical matters including student absences, and will also enable the Board to share important information with you including updates on the status of labour negotiations via School Messenger.

Looking for something to do during March Break? The library offers more than 100 free activities for kids, teens, and the whole family. Browse the programs or use our search tool to find out what's happening at your local branch.

[Click here for other March Break programs at Toronto Public Libraries](#)

## Events and Information

### **March is Celtic Canadian Heritage**

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

### **March is Nutrition Month**

### **March 2—Education Support Staff Appreciation Day**

### **March 2-8 – National Social Work Week**

### **World Day of Prayer March 6, 2020**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/pages/world-day-of-prayer.aspx>

### **Lift Jesus Higher Rally March 7, 2020**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/news/2019-2020/pages/lift-jesus-higher.aspx>

### **International Women's Day March 8, 2020**

### **Winter Break March 16-20, 2020**

### **International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination March 21, 2020**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2019/pages/international-day-for-elimination-of-racial-discrimination.aspx>

**World Down Syndrome Day March 21, 2020** <https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2019/pages/world-down-syndrome-day.aspx>

### **World Water Day March 22, 2020**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/environment/water/pages/worldwaterday.aspx>

### **Earth Hour March 28, 2020** (Schools recognize earth hour on March 27th)

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/environment/earthhour/pages/default.aspx>

### **ShareLife Week March 30-April 3, 2020**

### **Civics Day for ShareLife April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

## Board and Committee Meetings:

- Governance and Policy March 2, 2020
- Catholic Parent Involvement Committee March 2, 2020
- Student Achievement March 5, 2020
- Corporate Services March 12, 2020
- Filipino Advisory March 23, 2020
- Special Education Advisory March 25, 2020
- Board March 26, 2020

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