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PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

November 2019

Dear Parents/Guardian

Peace is a gift from God. We cannot share peace with others if we do not have peace in our own heart. Jesus challenges us to work for peace in our school, neighborhood and the world at large when he said: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.” Peace may look a little different to everyone. It doesn’t mean the absence of conflict; rather, it’s learning conflict resolution skills to deal with conflict in a way that does not put the rights, wants, or needs of one person and group over the other. Gandhi said, “If we are to achieve lasting peace, we must begin with the children.” Why children? Because children are forgiving and accepting of one another. At OLA, we value peaceful resolutions to conflict in collaboration with the safety and well-being of all students and staff.

November 11th is Remembrance Day. Staff and students will pay tribute to the 1000,000 Canadians who died for Canada so that Canadians can live in peace and freedom. A wonderful way that we can pay homage to these great men and women is to work for peace. Please join us in the memorial service on November 11th at 10:15 in the school gym.

Sincerely

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ENROLLMENT
HOURS OF OPERATION
11:45am-12:45PM
LUNCH HOUR

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Spirit Wear

Our Fall spirit wear campaign was a tremendous success. As a school we put in a large order. We will resume the campaign again in January. Thankyou to all the parents who have purchased sweatshirts for their children.

Halloween Dance

We wish to thank Ms. Leblanc and her students for preparing our wonderful Halloween dance. A great time was had by all. The arranged playlists for dancing and organized our cookie snacks for the day. Thankyou to all parents who have purchased cookies on this day.

CSPC Meeting

Our next CSPC meeting will be held on November 13th, 2019 at 7 PM. We will be discussing our annual fundraiser and new community/family events we will be hosting in the near future. All are welcome!

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews will be taking place on Tuesday, November 12th and Thursday, November 14th. Interviews will run both days from 6:00PM to 8:30PM. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress.

Gratitude Virtue Winners

Congratulations to the following Students who have demonstrated the virtue of Gratitude this year.

Danielle Damasco John Luzano, Gwen Santos, Joseph Tabin, Brylle Quecquep, Andre Andrade, Laird Alfonso, Noel Natino, Audrey Castillo, James Racelis, Anika Garcia, Agigail Ward, Kyla Becina, Princess Terenal, Maeson Villa-Real, Hannizon Cortez

Mass

Our next School mass will be on November 13th 1:30 PM. Please come and join us if you are available. We will be celebrating mass and recognizing the students who have demonstrated the Gratitude Virtue.

Welcome to New Staff

I'd like to welcome on behalf of our parent community our newest staff members. We have a new Grad 5 teacher, Ms. De Gouveia and Ms. Figeroua our new ELL teacher who is here every morning. We welcome these 2 teachers to the Our Lady of Assumption Community. We are still in the process of hiring a .10percent Physical Education Teacher and .5 Instrumental Music Teacher.

Remembrance Day Events

We will be having a remembrance day service on Monday, November 11th at 10:30AM. Please come and join us as we honour this special occasions. Thankyou tremendously to Ms. Chukwu and the Drama club who have been preparing a beautiful presentation for us.

Morning drop off and start

In the morning, students should arrive at school after 8:40 and before 9:00AM. Students should make their way into the school yard to join their respective class lines. School begin promptly at 9:00 AM. Students arriving after that time are considered late and need to sign in at the office. We appreciate that occasionally students arrive at school late but we ask that you try to ensure punctuality as consistently as possible to reduce distractions to the classroom. As well, for those of you dropping students off by car at the school, **we ask that you not enter the teacher parking lot. This parking lot is strictly for teachers and board personnel. Having students exit cars in the parking lot is extremely dangerous when cars are trying to park. We also ask that you refrain from**

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. Please ensure lunches are labeled with your child's name. Parents dropping off lunches should not linger at the office to give children their lunches as this causes a disruption to the flow of the school. 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 and this act 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.

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Monthly Update From the Board

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Special Education and Resource Fair

November 9th, 9 am to 3 pm at the Catholic Education Centre

80 Sheppard Avenue East (Yonge and Sheppard)

Resources and information for families of children with special needs

<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/specialeducation/newsevents/pages/specialservicesfair.aspx>

GIFTED PROGRAM INFORMATION EVENING

November 28, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

St. Edward School, 1 Botham Rd.

A Parent Information evening will be held for parents/guardians interested in exploring a full time elementary Gifted Program for their child with the exceptionality of Giftedness.

Learn about the Full Time/Congregated Elementary Gifted Programs for students in Grades 6 to 8 who have an exceptionality of Giftedness. These programs are integrated into the regular school community.

Opportunities for Students

MY ACCESSIBLE CANADA POSTER CONTEST

Vibrant Healthcare Alliance invites TCDSB classes to collaborate and raise awareness around individuals with disabilities, with a view to eliminating the barriers these individuals are confronted with on a daily basis.

In observance of International Day for Persons with Disabilities on December 3rd, Vibrant Healthcare Alliance is sponsoring a poster competition among the primary grades (Grades 3-5) around the theme 'My Accessible Canada'. **All posters must be submitted no later than November 15, 2019.**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/AwardsScholarshipsBursariesContests/Pages/My-Accessible-.aspx>

Volunteer Toronto Youth Expo

Calling all high-school, college, and university students — the Youth Expo is just one month away!

This is your chance to chat with 100+ non-profits and even sign up for some roles on the spot. Whether you want to meet celebrities at a film festival, care for animals at a local shelter, or fight climate change, you'll be sure to find a role that interests you.

Saturday, November 9th, 1 - 4 p.m.

Roy Thomson Hall | 60 Simcoe Street, Toronto

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/Toronto-Volunteer-Youth-Expo.aspx>

OCSTA Student Video Contest

OCSTA is pleased to announce the call for submissions for the Association's 2019 short-video contest for students in grades 4 through 12 at Ontario's publicly funded Catholic schools. This year's theme is:

In Pope Francis' post-synodal exhortation – *Christus Vivi* – the Holy Father states: ***“Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world, and everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life.”*** Students are invited to prepare a 2-minute video that shows how Catholic schools are places where young people encounter the Holy Spirit and ignite hope through the love of Christ.

The video should be uploaded to YouTube where it can be viewed and evaluated for the contest. The submission deadline is **December 10, 2019**. The submission form can be downloaded from the OCSTA website

(<https://www.ocsta.on.ca/about-ocsta/2019-short-video-contest/>).

Call for Submissions for Pastoral Plan Initiative

Rooted in Christ, we Believe

Students and schools are reminded to share what they are doing locally to celebrate our year of “we Believe” by using the hashtag #TCDSBelieves on Twitter, and by emailing your stories and ideas on how you are bringing our faith to life to ncc.team@tcdsb.org. We will be compiling your ideas and sharing them through the website throughout the school year.

Suggested Activity for the Year: Consider who inspires you, who nurtures your faith, who acts as a mentor and role model of Catholic living. Is it your school chaplain? A parent or other family member? Your pastor or other member of your parish? A teacher or other staff at your school? A colleague or friend? Why not sit down to have a chat with them, and interview them about their experiences of living their faith. Write an article or create a video of your interview. Write a short story, a poem, or create a piece of artwork, music or video that pays tribute to those who guide you on your own journey of faith. Send your submissions to ncc.team@tcdsb.org

Events and Observances

November's Virtue is Peacemaking

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/VirtueoftheMonth/Pages/Default.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 1-7 National Down Syndrome <https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/pages/national-down-syndrome-awareness-week.aspx>

November 3-10 Holocaust Education Week

November 4-8 Treaties Recognition Week

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/FirstNationsMetisAndInuit/Pages/Treaties-Recognition-Week.aspx>

November 6 Take Our Kids to Work Day <https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2020/pages/tokw-day.aspx>

November 11 Remembrance Day

November 15 System wide PA Day

November 15 Angel Foundation for Learning Gala—Snowball <https://t.e2ma.net/click/1h6bwb/pkw0ine/xqqaup>

November 17-23 Bullying Prevention and Awareness Week

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SafeSchools/BullyingAwarenessAndPrevention/Pages/Bullying-Awareness-and-Prevention.aspx>

November 26 Memorial Mass to remember students and staff who have passed away in the past year, 7 pm at the Catholic Education Centre

Meetings

Student Achievement and Well-being Committee November 7
Catholic Parent Involvement Committee November 11
Governance and Policy Committee November 12
Corporate Services Committee November 14
Special Education Advisory Committee November 20
Regular Board November 21
Caucus November 28

For more information about these and other events, including athletics, visit www.tcdsb.org.

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