

*Prince of Peace
Catholic School*

Catholic School News



Courage in Action!

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115
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9:00 to 3:30

January 2021

Happy New Year

Dear Families,

On behalf of our staff and teachers we bring greetings to Our Prince of Peace Community and a warm welcome back to our students.

The beginning of a new year is a time for promise and new resolutions.

We encourage the students to set goals in order to build on successes and to continue to achieve to their full potential.

We begin our New Year with remote learning until at least January 25th.

We ask students to log onto their Google classroom the start of each day. Teachers will share learning schedules

Irish Family Prayer

May love connect us,

Faith direct us,

And God protect us.



School News and Reminders

Supervision Reminder

This is a gentle reminder that morning supervision does not begin until **8:45am**. Please do not send children before this time.

Visitors

Board Guidelines re: COVID-19

Parents and Guardians will not be permitted into the school building.

Parents to call school when picking up child (ren) for appointment (s)

Morning Drop off: Safety Reminder

Parents please do not use the driveway located at the front of the school as a parking lot.

Please find alternative parking (not staff parking lot) if you need to leave your car to bring your child to their yard.

The driveway located at the front of the school is designated for our “Special Needs Buses” and “Kiss and Ride” only.

The bus drivers need to be able to have immediate access to park their buses safely.

Our bus students need to be able to safely exit from their buses.

The support staff needs to be safe when assisting the students exit the bus.

Gentle reminder...

Please make sure that your child has a pair of indoor shoes which they may use for physical education. These shoes as well as all other items should be clearly labelled with names.

Parent Council News

Please join us at our next meeting via Zoom. Link will be sent closer to meeting

Thursday January 21st @ 7:00pm

Special “**Thank You**” to our CSPC for providing each of our students with a bit of Christmas Cheer. The McDonald gift cards brought a lot of happiness and joy. It was a wonderful way of letting the students know that our CSPC cares about them. Also a **Big Thank You** to Ms. Iskander for taking time out of her busy day and getting the cards.

Weather Watch:

Please note; All students will be going out for recess **unless** it is raining, or the temperature falls below 15 degrees below Celsius.

Students are strongly advised to dress in layers bringing with them hats, neck warmers, gloves, boots, and snow pants for warmth.

Despite the fact that the day may begin with warmer temperatures, our climate tends to be quite unpredictable, therefore; we urge all students to have warm clothing with them at all times.

What to wear:

Multiple layers of light, loose fitting cold weather clothing. Outer wear should be waterproof.

Mittens are warmer than gloves.

A warm hat with ear protection; to prevent loss of heat from the head.

Woolen socks.

Insulated footwear which are water and slip resistant.

A scarf and or facemask to protect from the cold wind.

Keep:

Indoor shoes at school

An extra pair of socks, change of clothes

Kindergarten Registration

Registration begins Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 10 a.m.

Apply online at <https://soar.tcdsb.org>



Monthly Update from the Board

January 2021

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Kindergarten Registration 2021

Registration begins **Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 10 a.m.** online at soar.tcdsb.org. Children born in 2017 are eligible to attend Kindergarten. For detailed information on eligibility and required documentation: <https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/EarlyYears/Kindergarten/KindergartenRegistration/Pages/KindergartenRegistration.aspx>

Transition to Remote Learning

All publicly funded schools in the province are to transition to remote learning following the Christmas break:

Elementary students: From **January 4th to January 8th** remote learning will be provided, and students are anticipated to return to in-person (if that is their selected learning model) on **Monday, January 11th** and if they receive student transportation, services will resume as well.

Secondary students: From **January 4th to January 22nd** remote learning will be provided for the portion you were attending in-person. The anticipated return to in-person learning will be **Monday, January 25th**.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/back-to-school/Documents/communication-letter-to-families-ministry-closure-dec-2020.pdf>

Update for Families: In-Person and Virtual Transfers

We remain committed to offering families an opportunity to choose their child's preferred learning model and also recognize that classroom stability is important to student learning and development. <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/back-to-school/Documents/tcdsb-communication-to-families-dec-2020.pdf>

COVID-19 Resources and Information

For 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>

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>

PARENT OPPORTUNITIES & INFORMATION

Additional Financial Support for Young Learners

Families residing in Ontario can complete a simple online application through the Support for Learners web page. Applications will remain open until **January 15, 2021**. <https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/59415/ontario-providing-additional-financial-support-for-young-learners>

Transition to High School Guidelines

It's OK not to feel OK - COVID-19 Mental Health Resources

The City of Toronto has partnered with ten organizations to help connect residents to free telephone, text and online mental health support during the COVID-19 pandemic. <https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-protect-yourself-others/covid-19-mental-health-resources/>

Digital Online Access to GIFGIC and Fully Alive

In addition to the Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ digital access for Grades 4-6, we have now also purchased digital access for Grades 1-3 and Grade 7; these are NOW LIVE! <https://tcdsbceec.sharepoint.com/sites/ReligionFamilyLife/SitePages/Elementary-Teacher-Resources.aspx>

Public Consultation: Policy S.P. 03, Age-appropriate Placement: Curriculum and Program Supports – New Deadline

The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) is in the process of creating a policy on Age-appropriate Placement: Curriculum and Program Supports, Policy S.P. 03. The TCDSB is committed to the learning of all students and provides a range of differentiated placements, programs, and interventions to support student success. While the TCDSB adopts the Ministry of Education mandate of placing students in age-appropriate settings ([Ontario Schools, Kindergarten to Grade 12](#), p.52), it also commits to providing individualized accommodations to students with abilities/disabilities in order to enable them to have meaningful access to education services.

Details: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TCDSB-Community-Consultations/Pages/PolicySP03Age-appropriatePlacement.aspx>

This survey will be open until **Friday, January 22 at 3:00 PM** (please only submit one response). All responses will remain confidential.

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

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

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>

Virtual Focus Groups for Black Students

The Equity Department is working on the Board's Dismantling Anti-Black Racism (DABR) Strategy and wants your input in its development.

Virtue of the Month for January: Courage

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

EVENTS AND OBSERVANCES

January Observances

Virtue of the Month: [Courage](#)

[January is Tamil Heritage Month](#)

January 1- Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God/World Day of Peace

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January 6 - Epiphany

January 7 - Eastern Rite Christmas

January 10 - The Baptism of the Lord

January 14 - Eastern Rite New Year

January 18 - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 20 – [Kindergarten Registration Begins](#)

January 24 - International Day of Education

January 27 - [Family Literacy Day](#)

January 27 - [International Holocaust Remembrance Day](#)

January 29 - [Bell Let's Talk Day](#)

January Meetings

January 12, 2021 - Governance

January 14, 2021 - Student Achievement

January 18, 2021 - Catholic Parent Involvement Committee

January 21, 2021- Corporate Services

January 21, 2021 - Portuguese Speaking Advisory Committee

January 28, 2021 - Regular Board

All Agendas and Minutes: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TrusteesoftheBoard/boardmeeting/Pages/BoardMeeting.aspx>

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