

Prince of Peace Catholic School



Forgiveness in Action!

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March 2021

Catholic School News



From the Principal.....

We welcome the month of March and begin our focus on the virtue of forgiveness. We would like to thank all parents who joined us for the Parent-Teacher Interviews. It is always a pleasure to reaffirm our partnership in educating your children. Your support is obvious and much appreciated.

Our students will now be encouraged to work towards goals and next steps as outlined in their report cards. Key factors in success for students include regular attendance at school, follow-up, and review of daily concepts taught, regular use of their agendas, and developing effective study habits. Teachers are working on goals with students, implementing specific learning goals, success criteria, and strategies for success.

As we continue through the holy season of Lent, we reflect on the journey towards Easter by thinking about Jesus' sacrifice for us and how we can strive to live by his example through his Gospel teachings each and every day.

Peace and God bless!

F. Connolly

An Old Irish Blessing

*May love and laughter light your days,
and warm your heart and home.
May good and faithful friends be yours,
wherever you may roam.
May peace and plenty bless your world
with joy that long endures.
May all life's passing seasons
bring the best to you and yours!*



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

Parents, in order to ensure every child's privacy as well as a sense of safety, please wait to be buzzed in at the office when dropping off children or items. If you wish to speak to a teacher, please call or send a note to make an appointment. If your child needs to be walked to class, we will buzz the class and the teacher will send a buddy to walk your child to class.

Morning Drop off:

Thank you so very much parents for your support with the safety guidelines listed below.

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.

Students need to be able to safely exit from their bus.

The support staff needs to be safe when assisting students exiting 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 ZOOM meeting.

Tuesday March 16, 2021 at 7:00pm.



Upcoming School Events

Zoom Family Fun & Fitness Night

Further details will be sent out via School letter on March 10, 2021 to go home to all students.



Happy March Break!!!

March Break will be happening in April as set out by the Education Minister.

March Break:

April 12 –16, 2021.





March Virtue: ***FORGIVENESS***



Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectation: A Responsible Citizen ***Principles of Catholic Social Teaching: Role of Government***

Overview of the Virtue of Forgiveness

When someone you care about hurts you, you can hold on to anger, resentment and thoughts of revenge — or embrace forgiveness and move forward.

Forgiveness is letting go of grudges and bitterness

By embracing forgiveness, you can also embrace peace, hope, gratitude and joy.

Catholic Graduate Expectation -- I HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES

A Responsible Citizen Who:

Acts morally and legally as a person formed in Catholic traditions. OCSGE 7(a)

Accepts accountability for one's own actions. OCSGE 7(b)

Seeks and grants forgiveness. OCSGE 7(c)

Promotes the sacredness of life. OCSGE 7(d)

Witnesses Catholic social teaching by promoting equality, democracy, and solidarity for a just, peaceful and compassionate society. OCSGE 7(e)

Respects and affirms the diversity and interdependence of the world's peoples and cultures. OCSGE 7(f)

Respects and understands the history, cultural heritage and pluralism of today's contemporary society. OCSGE 7(g)

Exercises the rights and responsibilities of Canadian citizenship. OCSGE 7(h)

Respects the environment and uses resources wisely. OCSGE 7(i)

Contributes to the common good. OCSGE 7(j)

Principles of Catholic Social Teaching -- ROLE OF GOVERNMENT:

The state has a positive moral function as an instrument to promote human dignity, protect human rights, and build the common good. Its purpose is to assist citizens in fulfilling their responsibility to others in society. In today's complex society these responsibilities cannot adequately be carried out on a one-to-one basis. Citizens need the help of government to fulfill these responsibilities and promote the common good.

Monthly Update from the Board

March 2021

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Return to School Update: April Break

The Ministry of Education has announced that March Break for all publicly funded schools in Ontario will now take place **April 12 to 17, 2021**.

COVID-19 Resources and Information

For updates and information relating to COVID-19, please see

In-Person and Virtual Transfers: <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/back-to-school/Documents/tcdsb-communication-to-families-dec-2020.pdf>

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

OAPCE Parents 4 Parents Press

The first newsletter of 2021 from Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/15a3xRT2iY-B0jTjEjGGgYOTLlIcJQ97i/view>

Nurturing Our Families of Faith Newsletters

These regular newsletters are designed to support the faith journey of students, staff and their families across the TCDSB. <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/DistanceLearningResources/Pages/Nurturing-Our-Families-of-Faith-Newsletters.aspx>

Transition to High School Guidelines

St. Michael's Choir School Auditions

Auditions for September 2021 admission at SMCS have begun, visit www.smcs.on.ca/auditions for information on how to audition. <https://smcs.on.ca/auditions#how-to-audition>

Toronto Public Library Brainfuse: Online Homework Help

For students in grades K-12 offered daily from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Also includes practice tests, support for adult learners, writing assistance, skills building and more. <https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/detail.jsp?Entt=RDMEDB01938&R=EDB0193>

Mental Health Resources

CMHO: [Your Child's Mental Wellness and Remote Learning](#)

City of Toronto: [COVID-19: Mental Health Resources: It's OK not to feel OK](#)

Ontario: [Mental health services for children and youth](#)

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>

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES & INFORMATION

Anti-Racism Video Contest: Voices of Challenge and Change

Students in grades 7 to 12 are invited to get creative and submit their video reflections about race. Group or Individual submissions accepted. Prizes will be awarded for the top three videos.

Deadline: March 5, 2021 at 5 p.m.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/AfricanCanadianHeritage/Pages/Anti-Racism-Video-Competition.aspx>

Julia Riccobene Excellence in Community Service Award

Open to individual or group (12 years old and above) who show voluntary collaboration and engagement with the surrounding community that have a positive social, civic, cultural, or environmental impact, and supports values of equity, diversity and inclusion. **Deadline: March 10, 2021.** <https://ynotservices.org/Julia-Riccobene-Award.php>

Toronto Community Housing: Investing in our Diversity Scholarship

Applications are open to resident students entering any year of study, as long as they have not received an IOD Scholarship in the past. **Deadline: Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 5 p.m.**

<https://www.torontohousing.ca/iiods>

Need someone to talk to?

Kids Help Phone is there for you with 24/7 confidential support. Counsellors can be reached phone at 1-800-668-6868 or by texting CONNECT to 686868. <https://kidshelpphone.ca>

LGBT YouthLine offers confidential and non-judgemental LGBTQ + peer support through tele phone, text and chat services. <https://www.youthline.ca>

EVENTS AND OBSERVANCES

March is [Celtic Canadian Heritage Month](#)

[Virtue of the Month: Forgiveness](#)

Important Days

March 1-7: [National Social Work Week](#)

March 5: [World Day of Prayer](#)

March 8: [International Women's Day](#)

March 17: **St. Patrick's Day**

March 19: [Feast Day of St. Joseph](#)

March 21: [International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#)

March 21: [World Down Syndrome Day](#)

March 22: [World Water Day](#)

March 27: [Earth Hour](#)

March 28: [Palm Sunday](#)

March Meetings

March 2: **Nurturing Our Catholic Community**

March 4: **Student Achievement & Well-Being**

March 11: **Corporate Services**

March 24: **Special Education Advisory Committee**

March 25: **Regular Board Meeting**

March 30: **Ukrainian Speaking Advisory Committee**

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

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