

**Prince of Peace
Catholic School**



Peace in Action!

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116

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9:00 to 3:30

November 2020

Catholic School News

From the Principal...

As we enter into the month of November, our thoughts are drawn to the theme of remembrance and the importance of peace in our lives and in our world.

The virtue focus for the month of November is 'Peacekeeping.' Students will learn about the hazards of war, the importance of bravery, and our call to be peace-makers in our families, our schools, our communities, and our world.

On Monday November 11th at 10:45am, staff, students, and teachers will observe Remembrance Day.

Peace and God Bless,

F. Connolly



"Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing."

Mother Teresa

School News

School Merchandise Available:

Parents/Guardians can now check out our school merchandise available through School Cash Online. There are face masks, fanny packs, and water bottles available until supplies last.



Parent Council News

Congratulations to Executive Parent Council for 2020/2021

Chair	Felix Leung
Co-Chair	Cheryl Martin
Treasurer	Fenny Ou
Secretary	Carmen Au

This year's executive invites all parents to join them in working together to support the new school year! Next meeting TBA.

Parent /Teacher Interviews

On November 16th our students will be receiving a progress report. The purpose of this report is to help parents and caregivers gain an understanding of their child's work habits that might affect student achievement.

Since it is early in the school year, the checklist provided is intended to provide an 'indication' of progress rather than a summative result of student effort and ability.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held via Phone on:

**Tuesday November 17th, 2020
AND
Thursday November 19th, 2020
6:00 PM—8:30 PM**



Allergy Alert

We would like to thank you for continuing to support staff and students with severe nut and other allergies by not sending food products with these ingredients in them to school.

Please make sure that hands are properly washed before school if your child consumes any type of nut product, due to the fact that oils may remain on your child's hands.

These oils may be left on door handles, etc. which may cause an anaphylactic reaction at school



Parents of Anaphylactic Students

•Please inform school /staff immediately if your child (ren) is allergic to nuts/nut products or any other allergen

•EpiPen: please make sure that your child (ren) has two EpiPens at school/one for the office and one that will be kept with your child (ren) **at all times.**



Nut Free Environment

Prince of Peace continues to be a nut free school. Parents please make sure to check the labels for traces of nuts in food sent to school. This will ensure the safety of our staff and students.

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.



Monthly Update from the Board

November 2020

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

COVID-19 Resources and Information

This is a reminder that the attestation form needs to be completed and returned to our child's school if they are returning after being ill. <https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/9095-Attestation-for-Return-to-School.pdf>.

As you are aware from the last communication you received, families will have the opportunity to switch learning models at each quadmester for secondary and at the end of term 1 for elementary. The next opportunity to switch learning models will take place during the January to February timeline.

For other 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>

TCDSB Reopening Plan: <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/back-to-school/Pages/reopening-plan.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>

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>

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Remember to set your clocks back one hour Sunday, November 1st and enjoy the extra hour of your weekend.

PARENT OPPORTUNITIES & INFORMATION

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

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, December 4, 2020 at 3:00 PM** (please only submit one response). All responses will remain confidential.

Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) Annual Report

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/ParentInvolvement/Publications/Documents/cpic-annual-report-2019-2020.pdf>

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

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

Virtue of the Month for November—Peacemaking

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

Take Our Kids to Work Day (Virtual)

On **Wednesday, November 4, 2020**, Canada's longest-running, highest-profile career exploration event is going virtual offering more options than ever before! <https://www.tcdsb.org/Pages/Take-Our-Kids-to-Work-Day.aspx>

Ontario University Fair

Due to continued health concerns, this year's in person event has been cancelled. **Application** deadline is **January 15, 2020**. <https://www.ontariouniversitiesfair.ca/>

Ontario College Information Fair

This year's information fair is happening virtually on **November 4 from 4 PM to 8 PM and November 5 from 9 AM to 1 PM**. <https://ontariocollegefair.ca/>

City of Toronto Parks and Recreation is Hiring

Details: <https://jobs.toronto.ca/recreation/>

House of Commons Page Program

Each year, 40 students graduating from high schools and CEGEPs are selected from across Canada to participate in the page program. Pages are first-year undergraduate students registered at one of the four universities in the national capital region. They work on a part-time basis for one year. The deadline to apply is **November 8, 2020**. For more information, visit <https://www.ourcommons.ca/About/PageProgram/Index-e.html>.

Accelerated OYAP Applications are Now Available

Students should reach out to their co-op or guidance teacher, or the school office for application. Accelerated programs will run in Quad 3 & Quad 4. There continues to be modifications to location and training delivery models because of Covid-19 shifting restrictions, in comparison to previous year's programs. **Applications due Wednesday November 11th, 2020.**

EVENTS AND OBSERVANCES

November Observances

November 1-7 Down Syndrome Awareness Week <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/down-syndrome-awareness-week.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 2-6 Treaties Recognition Week <https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/schoolprogramsk12/firstnationsmetisandinuit/pages/treaties-recognition-week.aspx>

November 11 Remembrance Day <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/remembrance-day.aspx>

November 16 Louis Riel Day <https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/schoolprogramsk12/firstnationsmetisandinuit/pages/louisrielday.aspx>

November 16-20 Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week <https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/safeschools/bullyingawarenessandprevention/pages/bullying-awareness-and-prevention.aspx>

November 20 PA Day

December 1 Giving Tuesday—Consider supporting TCDSB's official charity, the Angel Foundation for Learning and help students and families who are struggling during these unprecedented times. Find out how you can help: https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/?page_id=10265

November Meetings

November 4 Student Achievement Committee

November 9 Catholic Parent Involvement Committee

November 10 Governance and Policy Committee

November 12 Corporate Services Committee

November 17 Nurturing our Catholic Community

November 17 Audit

November 18 Special Education Advisory Committee

November 19 Board

November 26 Caucus/Inaugural

November 30 Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education

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

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Visit the Board's website www.tcdsb.org

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