



SANTA MARIA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

April 2018

We are entering the season of spring and our activities are marching into high gear! Many of the students from Grade 3 to 8 will be running and training for track and field. We are well into the second term of the school year. The Grades 3 and 6s are preparing for their EQAO assessments by completing and reviewing their perspective curriculum. Later this term, our Grades 2, 5, and 7 will write the CAT4 assessment. This is a Canadian norm referenced test for Language and Mathematics.

The virtue for April is Justice. As we welcome spring and we look forward to spending time outside, we encourage everyone to act justly towards God's creation - our environment, mother Earth.

Voluntarism is very important. April 22nd to 28th is volunteer appreciation week.

Thank you to:

- Our CSPC parents
- Our nutrition snack volunteers
- Our classroom volunteers
- Our Pancake Tuesday volunteers

Volunteers like you are people
 Who reach out to others
 And, in so doing,
 Become extraordinary!
 You bring joy and sunshine
 And set an example
 Wherever you go.
 Thanks for all you do.
 You're truly a treasure!

We will be having a volunteer appreciation tea on **April 24th, 2018.**

All of our volunteers are welcome!



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CPIC (PARENT ENGAGEMENT - TCDSB) ↗
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OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS) ↗
222 8:30-4:30 11:45-12:45
ENROLLMENT HOURS OF OPERATION LUNCH HOUR



NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: soar.tcdsb.org

Call 416-393-5368 or the TCDSB Admissions Department at 416-222-8282, ext. 5320.

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April's Virtue of the Month – Justice

The first step to achieving justice is to do what is right and stand up for what we know God wants. Let your actions be guided by the idea that even in the face of injustice Jesus always acted with dignity. Everyone wants to be treated fairly; we need to remember to treat others fairly. Remember that God rewards good deeds.



Dress Code

Please be reminded that all students must adhere to the dress code - a combination of plain white and navy blue clothing (no denim) and no LOGOS please.

White or Navy Tops:

Includes: long or short sleeved, collared shirts or blouses; long or short sleeved collarless t-shirts; turtleneck, sweaters, cardigans, vests, hoodies and fleeces.

No sleeveless shirts.

Navy Bottoms:

Includes: pants (cotton, fleece, nylon, corduroy); shorts, skirts, skorts, tunics. Length must be to mid-thigh for all shorts and skirts. No denim (jean) of any type, lycra, yoga pants, jeggings, tights/leggings (unless under a skirt).



In April, we thank our secretary, Ms. Spizzirri and all she does for our community. Ms. Spizzirri is “the heart” of Santa Maria. Without Ms. Spizzirri we would not have pizza days and other events. On April 25th, join me in thanking her.



Important Dates

First Communion Dates: **Sunday, May 27, 2018 at 5 pm**
Sacrament of Confirmation: **Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 5 pm**



Congratulations to the following recipients for March's Forgiveness certificate.

TEACHER	FORGIVENESS CERTIFICATE
Ms. O'Neill/Ms. Dang	Mikias A.
Ms. Alfano/Ms. Figueiredo	Miguel R Dos S.
Ms. Festa	Alyssa F.
Ms. Gallo	Cathy N.
Ms. De Bonis	Owen N.
Ms. Pascale	Adma B.
Ms. Azavedo	MacKenzie C.
Ms. Thornton	Kaelan L.
Ms. Pastore	Steven M.
Mr. Kubath	James J.



We are looking for a **lunch time supervisor** for our kindergarten yard, if you know anyone who can apply for this job, please have them call the main office, 416-393-5368.



Parking Lot

Students are encouraged to walk to school. I have taken some information from our Board's transportation site.

Sometimes you just have to drive. Be it a 4 foot by 4 foot smoking volcano for science class that isn't allowed on the bus; or too much ice and snow to get there on the bike; or -35C and just a little too cold to walk to school there are times when families are going to drive their children to school. Some families may have no other options then to drive their children to school but we suggest a number of strategies to help alleviate the traffic congestion already choking traffic zones around schools. First and foremost please respect the traffic laws and signs that are designed to control traffic around the schools. Please see the signage page to familiarize yourself with these signs not only to help keep traffic moving around the schools but avoid those large tickets that police enforcement will provide you when you are not following the letter of the law. Stop a block programs encourage families to park legally a block or two away from the school and then proceed to walk to the school. Carpooling with neighbours will reduce the number of cars around the school minimizing congestions and reducing pollution levels around the schools. At all times we need to be safe and responsible motorists. That means we need to understand the laws governing transportation and be aware of our surroundings; especially in school zones. Students are more likely to be in an accident around school sites while being transported in personal vehicles then when

walking; cycling; or taking the school bus or transit. If driving, slowdown in school zones and if possible park away from the school and let your child walk a block or two. If the Parent Safety Program (kiss n ride) is offered at your school please follow the rules provided by the school and follow signage. No U turns anywhere around the school! Don't loiter around the school; your presence may contribute to the traffic congestion in the area. If parking at the school, turn your car off. Vehicle emissions are harmful for our students and families.



Family Easter Activity

The butterfly is a traditional and wonderful symbol of the resurrection. Children can learn about this symbol by creating a colourful butterfly mini-banner from felt. You can replace felt with construction paper. Provide your child with a 14 by 14 cm piece of blue felt. Have your child make a 3 cm fold at the top of one width edge and glue it in place to make a rod pocket. As a decorative touch, have your child notch or cap the opposite edge of the banner with scissors.

Next, have your child cut two 8 cm wide felt butterflies. The choice of colours should be left to your child. Have him/her position and glue the butterflies onto the banner with craft glue.

After the glue has dried, help your child place a wooden dowel (approximately 18 cm long) through the rod pocket. Provide a 24 cm length of yard to tie to both ends of the dowel to make a hanger.

The banner will help the child proclaim the hope of new life. Without words, the banner speaks of the wonder and glory of Easter so that even younger children can understand.



TRUSTEES 2017 – 2018

Wards

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