



# SANTA MARIA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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# CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

February 2018

Parents are encouraged to sign up for an electronic copy of the newsletter. Email Mrs. Carreiro-Neto at [ana.carreiro-neto@tcdsb.org](mailto:ana.carreiro-neto@tcdsb.org) to subscribe or unsubscribe. Newsletters will be sent out at the beginning of each month and posted on the school's website – <http://santamaria.tcdsb.org>

## International Language Classes New students are welcome!

Dear Parents:

Did you know that the TCDSB International Languages Dept. is offering International Language classes for JK to Grade 8 students at your children's school on Saturday mornings from 9:30am to 12:00pm?

We are accepting new students so please call or visit the school on Saturday mornings at 9:30am for more information.

We are also able to offer new International Language classes if parents of at least 23 children are interested.

**Please call us at 416-222-8282 ext. 2495 for more information.**

Being in the midst of winter has several advantages, half is behind us and we hope for an early spring. Please ensure that you send your children to school properly dressed to enjoy these winter days.

Our students are encouraged to walk to and from school. Just because it is winter, it does not mean we should not walk to school. Walking to and from school is an excellent way to be active.

February is African Heritage month. We will have a bulletin board and books high lighting African Heritage month throughout our school. On February 8th everyone is encouraged to dress in a colour or sports jersey that demonstrates their cultural background.

February is also Psychology month. We encourage all our parents to read with their children, especially if they are in the younger grades – Kindergarten to Grade 3. You can read in any language. Spend some quality time curled up with your child and a book. Card games are an excellent way to promote mathematical concepts. During the winter months, play a board game, read a book, go tobogganing and drink some hot chocolate!

We are going to be doing a cookie dough fundraiser. All monies raised go back to the students. A flyer is attached to this newsletter.

The week of February 12th is "Angel Brigade Week". We are having a civvies day on **February 13<sup>th</sup>**, with donations going to the Angel Foundation. Please send in your loonies and toonies.



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OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS)

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ENROLLMENT	HOURS OF OPERATION	LUNCH HOUR
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## NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: [soar.tcdsb.org](http://soar.tcdsb.org)

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

For general information about the Toronto Catholic District School Board, visit [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org)

Stay in touch with the latest news throughout the school year: Follow @TCDSB on Twitter or Toronto Catholic DSB on Instagram

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## February's Virtue of the Month – Love

Chocolates, flowers, valentines, and red hearts, what would the month of February be without the celebration of Valentine's Day? While the rest of the world may choose to celebrate the ideal of romantic love on February 14, TCDSB schools will be focussing on the virtue of LOVE as expressed in the gospels. "For God so loved the world, He gave His only son." John 3:16 As we focus on the virtue of love at Santa Maria this February let us remember that love not only inspires the practice of all other virtues, it is the form and completion of all the other virtues. We will not limit our celebration of the virtue of love to February 14th, but demonstrate this virtue through the month. I encourage all students to "love" their peers. Love your neighbour! **Since February 14<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday, we will exchange valentine cards on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.**



### Reporting of cancellations or closures due to inclement weather

Cancellation of school bus transportation or school closures due to inclement weather will be reported through the following vehicles: News releases to all media outlets in Toronto (although the news release is provided to the media outlets, there is no guarantee that all television and radio stations will broadcast the information in a timely fashion). Communications will endeavour to send out the information electronically to ENews subscribers. Updates will also be posted on the Board's 24-hour information line, 416-222-8282, extension 2873. The information will also be posted on the Board's website at [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org) or [www.tcdsb.org/weather.htm](http://www.tcdsb.org/weather.htm). The Transportation Department will post this information on its website at [http://www.schoolbus.to/c\\_home.asp](http://www.schoolbus.to/c_home.asp)

### 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).



### Appropriate Winter Wear

Students should be wearing appropriate foot wear for running and jumping. Running shoes provide support. Students should also come prepared to go outside; jackets, sweaters and boots for the winter season. Please label your child's clothing. Students should come to school prepared to go outside. Board protocol will be followed.

### Junior Soccer Teams

Congratulations to our boys and girls junior soccer teams for participating in their tournament. Thank you to Ms. Thornton, Madame Bortulossi, Mr. Ferrinho, and Ms. Alfano for coaching. As well, Mrs. Maudsley has started primary soccer intramurals. The younger students are enjoying the physical activity.



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## Growth Mindsets By Jo Boaler

Here are 7 messages to give to students in math class and at home:

1. Everyone can learn math to the highest levels
2. Mistakes are valuable
3. Questions are really important
4. Math is about creativity and making sense
5. Math is about connections and communicating
6. Math class is about learning not performing
7. Depth is more important than speed

### 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 January's Courage certificate.

TEACHER	COURAGE CERTIFICATE
Ms. O'Neill/Ms. Dang	Winnie C
Ms. Alfano/Ms. Figueiredo	Winnie B.
Ms. Festa	Augusta J.
Ms. Gallo	Idania P.
Ms. De Bonis	Rui N. G.
Mr. Ferrinho	Nekayla J.
Ms. Azavedo	Rodrigo G. S.
Ms. Thornton	Angelvina P.
Ms. Pastore	Isabel P.
Mr. Kubath	David M.
Mr. Tucci	



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 than 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.

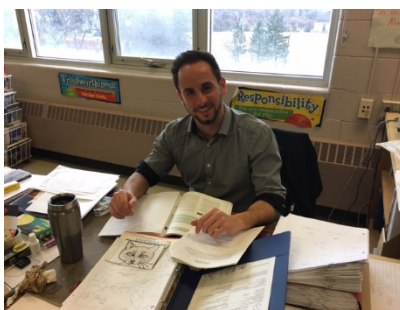
No U turns anywhere around the school!

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.

### Changes in Staffing

Please welcome Mr. Ferrinho to our school. He is our new special education teacher. Mrs. Di-Martella-Orsi was appointed as an assessment and programming teacher. We wish her much success in her new role. I am in the process of hiring another teacher to replace Ms. Pascale until she returns. Thank you for your support in this matter.



## TRUSTEES 2017 – 2018

### Wards

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