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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The New Year is a time to reflect on the previous year and make projections for the upcoming year. It is also a time of new hope and bursts of energy and revitalization. It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the first term. First term report cards will be going home in February. Welcome back Mr. Ferrinho; he will collaborate with Ms. Ridley about first term report cards. Kindergarten Registration will begin for all Elementary Schools on **January 20th, 2021** at 10:00 a.m. EST. Please tell your neighbours and friends about our kindergarten registration. Priority for Junior Kindergarten is given to students living in our catchment area. Please log onto www.soartcdsb.org.



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January's Virtue of the Month – Courage

While January sees the beginning of the New Year, many of us also regard it as the true beginning of the long, hard winter. In this sense it is apt that the virtue for January is COURAGE. The quote for this month is Isaiah 41:10, *“Do not be afraid; I am with You.”* *“Be not afraid!”* is also what the angel tells Mary at the annunciation. (LK 1:30). At the resurrection, another angel uses the same words to tell the women at the tomb that Christ has risen (MT 28:5). Jesus himself uses these words to strengthen his apostles (Jn 6:20). It takes a lot of courage to practice and be true to our Catholic faith.



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OAPCE TORONTO
(PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS)

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ENROLLMENT

8:30 – 4:30

HOURS OF OPERATION

11:45 – 12:45

LUNCH HOUR

NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: soar.tcdsb.org
Call **416-393-Phone#** or the
TCDSB Admissions Department
at 416-222-8282, ext. 2383.

For general information about the
Toronto Catholic District School
Board, please visit the website at
www.tcdsb.org

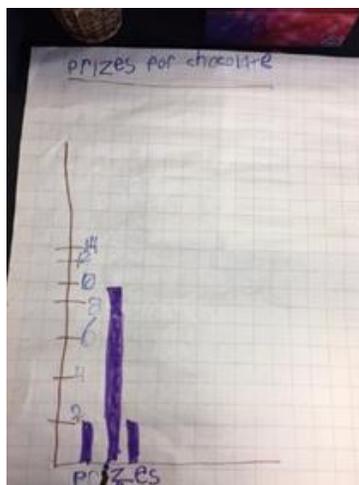
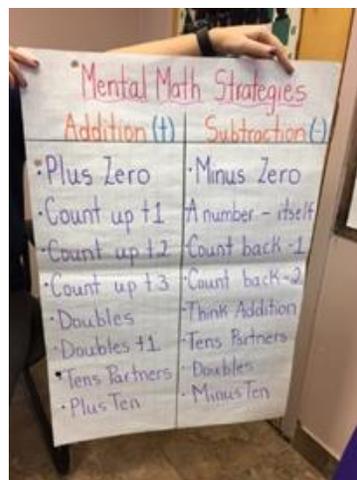
Stay in touch with the latest news
throughout the school year:
Follow **@TCDSB** on Twitter.

We continue to focus on Numeracy at Santa Maria. Parents, you can help us by doing the following:

- Let your child know that everyone can learn math
- Let your child know that you think math is important and fun
- Point out the ways in which different family members use math in their jobs
- Be positive about your own math abilities. Try to avoid saying, “I was never good at math” or “I never liked math”.
- Encourage your child to be persistent if a problem seems difficult
- Point out to your child the many ways in which math is used in everyday activities
- Include your child in everyday activities that involve math – making purchases, measuring ingredients, counting out plates and utensils for dinner
- Play games and do puzzles with your child that involve math
- Do math problems with your child for fun
- When your child is trying to solve a problem, ask what he or she is thinking
- Treat errors as opportunities to help your child learn something new.

Lastly, **READ, READ, READ WITH YOUR CHILD!**

Here is a photo of one of the Multiplication Tables, along with pictures of some of the Mental Math strategies that are being taught.



Congratulations to the following recipients for December's Charity certificate.

TEACHER	CHARITY CERTIFICATE
Pascale/Ms. Figueiredo	Valeria C.
Ms. Festa	Renee R.
Ms. Alfano	Skyler C.
Ms. Ridley	Brooklyn F.
Mr. Tucci	Riley M.
Ms. Ianni	Leonor R.
Ms. Thornton	Josue R. M.
Ms. Pastore	Lincoln F.
Ms. Carneiro	Cohen B.



Guidance Corner - January 2021

I hope you have had a peaceful Christmas season! The virtue of **Courage** is a focus for this month, and students are encouraged to step outside of their comfort zones to try something new or to develop their physical and moral courage. I have included a couple of articles here for your information:

<https://centerforparentingeducation.org/library-of-articles/self-esteem/kids-and-courage/>

<https://www.heysigmund.com/building-courage-in-kids/>

High School Applications – What's Next

On Thursday, January 7th, 2021, students who successfully applied to a TCDSB school will be receiving a message confirming placement to the parent's email that was used to create the SOAR Secondary account. No further action is required at this time, however, in February, the secondary school will invite you to officially register and select courses.

Students who applied to a school that was out of their area may receive a redirection notice. Your child will be offered a position at a feeder school that has spaces available. If this is the case, between January 8 and 12, you must decide between three choices:

1. Accept the redirection.
2. Reject the redirection and request to be placed on a priority 1 waitlist of their first choice.
3. Accept the redirection but ask to be placed on a priority 2 waitlist of their first choice.

You can see detailed instructions along with a sample of the emails that you will be receiving on January 7th by visiting the [SOAR Secondary Parent Guide](#) on the TCDSB Admissions page. Instructions begin on page 41. If you do not receive an email by the end of the day on January 7th, check your Junk Mailbox first and then please contact the Admissions Department (416) 222-8282 ext. 5320 to inquire. If you no longer want your child to attend the school in which you currently have a spot, you may request a change of school. Simply inform the elementary school principal of your intentions. Please keep in mind that these are only requests. Requests can only be accepted based on the availability of space in the school.

Goal Setting

January is also a good time for students to reflect on goal setting; looking at what they have already done well and planning for what they would still like to accomplish by the end of the school year. In anticipation of the Term 1 report card, a focus on the Learning Skills continues to be encouraged for students of all grades. Intermediate classes have set goals and are working with the online platform <https://myblueprint.ca>, which has excellent resources for students to create and reflect on goals for both academic and personal purposes. <https://myblueprint.ca/support/resources/education-planner/LSeAJ1TjmEG6yMQkMqY2m/>

Mental Health

This time of year can lead to feelings of stress for many of our students. *The Psychology Foundation of Canada* has a number of excellent resources for teachers, parents and students of all grades, to develop skills that can help manage stress and difficult feelings. Developing healthy strategies for how to handle stress and anxiety at an early age, is an important life skill and allows students to become more resilient. For more information on how parents can help their child manage stress and other issues

visit: https://www.strongmindsstrongkids.org/PublicOLD/Resources/Parenting_for_Life_Download_Booklets/Public/Resources/Parenting_for_Life_Download_Booklets/Parents_Download_Resources.aspx?hkey=d409b94a-06e2-4d61-90c5-9a6383f17253

Skills Ontario

Students can learn about workplace, apprenticeship, and college opportunities that they can explore as they consider future pathways. This month intermediate students will have a virtual visit from a representative from Skills Ontario. For more information, click on <https://www.skillsontario.com>.

For some fun activities to do at home and opportunity to win prizes, please consider encouraging your children to participate in the #SkillsAtHome Challenge series. <https://www.skillsontario.com/skillsathome> Past activities include building roller coaster, funky make-up and hairstyles, and building structures using materials you can find in your own home. Skills Ontario also provides free live sessions for grade 7-12 students. Learn more about them on this link. <https://www.skillsontario.com/liveskillsathome>.

Good Work from Ms.
Carneiro's class and Ms.
Pastore's class.



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