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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

March 2018

As a school we are encouraging students to celebrate Lent by working hard to *change their hearts*. We are asking all students to offer their good works and behaviour to the Lord. Please support your child by reinforcing good behaviour.

Our Mid-Winter Break is scheduled for the week of March 12-16. I hope that everyone in our school community is able to enjoy some quality family time. If you are staying in the city consider all that the city has to offer: Science Centre, the Zoo, the local library or Kortright Conservation Centre. Come back to school rested and refreshed. Check out the Public Library for some programs during the March Break!

I would like to thank our parent volunteers for making delicious pancakes for our students on Shrove Tuesday. I encourage you to continue to support our snack program.



We welcome Ms. Pascale back and Ms. Ramos will also be returning shortly. We have a new CYW in our ME class, please join me in welcoming Mr. Omolayole.

March's Virtue of the Month – Forgiveness

How timely that the virtue for this month is FORGIVENESS, not only because we are in the season of Lent, but also because it is an important cornerstone of our faith and one that Jesus modeled for us in his life and death. We are reminded that forgiveness is a gift to ourselves as we let go of the burden of resentment when we forgive another person and it is a gift to our children, when we teach and model it to them.



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ENROLLMENT	HOURS OF OPERATION	LUNCH HOUR
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NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: 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

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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).



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 February's Love certificate.

TEACHER	COURAGE CERTIFICATE
Ms. O'Neill/Ms. Dang	Samantha B T.
Ms. Alfano/Ms. Figueiredo	Kaitlynn G.
Ms. Festa	Angelika D. S.
Ms. Gallo	Fatima B.
Ms. De Bonis	Jessica D. S.
Ms. Pascale	Rhyan M.
Ms. Azavedo	Miguel H-D.
Ms. Thornton	Dylan A.
Ms. Pastore	Wilson B.
Mr. Kubath	Luca F.



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.



TRUSTEES 2017 – 2018

Wards

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