



In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

John McGrae





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Enrollment:230

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Santa Maria Catholic School News

Parents are encouraged to sign up for an electronic copy of the newsletter. Email Mrs. Carreiro-Neto at 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>

November is a month of remembrance. Every family has experienced the loss of a loved one. Children need to learn about their heritage through the stories of their ancestors. On November 11th, we will have a Remembrance Day assembly. Staff and students are invited to make a donation on November 11th and all funds raised will go to our veterans.

Our students in Grades 3 to 8 will be participating in ballroom dancing. Dance is part of the curriculum, so this activity is mandatory. We will have an evening show for families and friends on Monday, Nov. 7th at 7 pm. We changed the date of the show to accommodate the Grade 8 open houses. All are welcome.



Progress reports will be coming home on November 15th. We look forward to meeting with parents on the evening of November 17th and the morning of November 18th.



Respectfully, *Ana Carreiro-Neto*

REGISTRATION is underway.

For more information, call 416-393- 5253 or the TCDSB Admissions Department at 416-222-8282, ext. 5320.

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

Appointments with Staff

Any parent who comes to school during school hours must report to the school office. Under normal circumstances, parents should not expect to visit classrooms during the school day. If you would like to discuss an issue with your child's teacher, it is expected that an appointment be made at a mutually agreeable time. Impromptu meetings before or after school can interrupt lessons and programming or compromise student safety. Your cooperation is appreciated. Please make appointments to meet with administration as well. I am often supervising students during recess times, before and after school. Impromptu meetings are not possible. To set up an appointment, kindly email me at: ana.carreiro-neto@tcdsb.org

Chocolate Fundraiser

We still have chocolate covered almonds to sell. I have promised the students that I will dye my hair the colour of their choice if we sell all of the chocolates. All of the funds raised go to support student trips and achievement. Please help us, we appreciate your support!



Food Allergies – NO FISH or NUTS

As we continue to update our medical files, it is apparent that we have many students in our school who suffer from various food allergies. While some allergies are more familiar than others (e.g. the peanut allergy group), anyone who suffers from allergies is at risk and we attempt to minimize the risks for our students. For this reason, we ask parents to refrain from sending food with known allergens in them to school

(Peanut/Nut/Seafood Products). **Parents are also asked to remind their children not to exchange snacks and share lunches.** By working as cooperatively as possible as a community, we will make every effort to reduce the risks and the stress for anaphylactic students.

In the primary grades, students like to bring treats to school to celebrate their birthday in their classroom. We are encouraging parents to send pencils, stickers, other small tokens instead of food. We understand the importance of birthdays for all students. No birthday cakes please.



Epi-Pen

We have students and staff with life-threatening allergies to nuts and fish. Therefore, please do not send any nut product or fish to school. **Students must have their epi-pen on them at all times.** Epi-pen pouches can be purchased at various locations.

We will be updating our records and ensuring that all epi-pens are valid.



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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).



Proper Foot Wear

Students should be wearing appropriate foot wear for running and jumping. Flip flops are not appropriate foot wear. Running shoes provide support. Students should also come prepared to go outside; jackets and sweaters are needed in during the fall season. Please label your child's clothing.



As the colder weather approaches, students should come to school prepared to go outside. Board protocol will be followed.



Medication / Student Illness

Staff of the TCDSB is not permitted to administer any type of prescription medication during the school day unless we have written authorization signed by the parent and the physician. The forms to dispense any medication must be updated yearly and on a regular basis; these are available from the office. Also, please be advised that staff cannot dispense non-prescription medications to students, and students are not to keep medication in their desks or knapsacks. When your children are ill, please keep them at home. Sick children do not learn well; they can spread germs to others and cannot be supervised indoors during outdoor activities. If children are well enough to come to school, they should be outside getting exercise and fresh air during recesses and other outdoor activities. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Cross Country

Congratulations to our students for participating and doing their best. One of our students made it to the City Meet and we are very proud of Devonte! Thank you to our coaches – Ms. Thornton, Ms. Pascale, and Ms. Pastore. Our students would not be able to participate without the support of our teachers.

The We Team 2016 – 2017

On October 19th, our students participated in WE Day at the Air Canada Centre. It was a fun day and very inspirational. Our student leaders will be organizing some fundraising activities to support our community locally and globally.



Tree Planting

Thank you to our eco-team for organizing the planting of 10 new trees in our school yard.



Parent Volunteers

Parent volunteers are always welcome at Santa Maria C. School. If any parent is interested in becoming a parent volunteer, please contact the office. Approval of all volunteers must be obtained through the principal. When volunteering at the school, it is expected that a parent will not work in the classroom of his/her own child. Such direct involvement places unnecessary pressure on both the parent and the child. Exceptions to this rule apply only to out of classroom excursions. All parents who serve as volunteers are expected to recognize the importance of confidentiality with respect to events and incidents which occur in the school. Events and incidents should not be discussed by volunteers in the community at large. Any parent who is serving as a volunteer in the school must complete a volunteer form and is also required to sign in at the office and wear appropriate identification. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school.



Nutrition Program

Our snack program is a universal program. All students will receive a snack. Please read the attached letter. Mrs. Garcia has recruited a number of parents to assist with our snack program and I think they are doing a great job. The students are enjoying the snack. THANK YOU for supporting our snack program.



The Power of One

On October 21st, our students participated in the show The Power of One show. Thank you to our council for supporting us by paying for the show. The message of the production was powerful.



SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Grade 8 students and their parents/guardians are welcome to attend one of the scheduled open houses at TCDSB secondary schools this fall. Learn more about the various programs, services and activities as you prepare for Catholic secondary school education. The following is the information received from our secondary schools regarding open houses this fall. Please note that the information is also posted on the board’s website at <https://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/default.aspx> and the website will be updated if any of the information should change over the next few months.

Oct. 26, 2016 – St. Mary C.S.S.

Oct. 27, 2016 – Bishop Marrocco/Thomas Merton

Nov. 3, 2016 – Blessed Archbishop Romero

Important Dates

First Communion Dates: **Tues., May 30th, 2017 at 7 pm**

Sacrament of Confirmation: **Sun., June 4, 2017 at 5 pm**



Congratulations to the following recipients for October’s Gratitude certificate.

TEACHER	GRATITUDE CERTIFICATE
Ms. Tenuta	Guilherme B. E.
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