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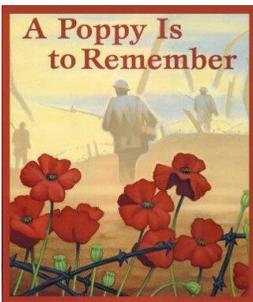
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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

November 2019

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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 at 10:45am (recess times will be changed for this day to accommodate the assembly). Staff and students are invited to donate money for a poppy on November 11th. The funds raised will go to our veterans.



Kids and Flu

The flu germs spread when people cough, sneeze or talk. The flu germs can also live on surfaces like toys, countertops, and door handles for up to eight hours.

Students can pass the flu germs to each other, to school staff and to family members before they show symptoms. Children under five, seniors and people in poor health are at greater risk of complications from flu.

Vaccination is the best protection against flu. It takes 2 weeks for the vaccine to be fully effective so get it early.

Tips on staying healthy this flu Season:

1. Get your flu shot early
2. [Wash your hands](#) often
3. Avoid touching face and eyes
4. [Cover your cough](#) or sneeze
5. Do not share drinking cups and utensils
6. Disinfect common surfaces like door handles, hand railings, keyboards, cell phones and tablets.

For more information, visit toronto.ca/health/flu



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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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November – Bullying Prevention – Promoting Peace

Our Safe Schools Committee analyzed our Safe and Caring Climate Surveys. The students who completed the survey (Grade 4, 6, 8) articulated that the number one type of bullying that happens at Santa Maria is name-calling and teasing. The students and parents who sit on this committee stressed that stricter consequences are needed for this type of behaviour. I am going to be presenting this data to the students during an assembly and I will communicate with parents if their child is calling names as this could result in a suspension. We will have presentations for all students during this month of peacemaking to promote using our words to solve conflict.

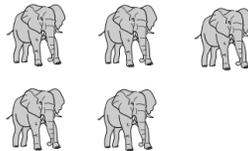


School Learning Plan – Mental Math Strategies

After analyzing our data (CAT4, EQAO and PRIME assessments) we determined that we need to work on mental math strategies at Santa Maria. Every day we have a “math minute” time where students will practice adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing in their head. Students will be taught strategies to break down large numbers in order to solve the equation. Parents can help us at home by reviewing the numbers and begin with simple adding and subtracting numbers. If your children are in the older grades, you can help by reviewing the multiplication tables.

$$\begin{array}{r} 20 \times 45 = 900 \\ 10 \times 45 = 450 \\ + 2 \times 45 = 90 \\ \hline 32 \times 45 = 1,440 \\ \text{32 GROUPS OF 45 is 1,440} \end{array}$$

$$3 + 2 = 5$$



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).



Walking to School! It is imperative that we work together to ensure the safety of our students. Parents dropping off their children kindly adhere to signs and please give yourself enough time to deal with traffic. We are promoting walking to school. Walking or cycling can add to our daily physical activity. When you walk or cycle to school, you will feel energized and ready to learn. You will also be doing your part to protect the environment!



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

TEACHER	GRATITUDE CERTIFICATE
Ms. Pascale/Ms. Dang	Anthony E.
Ms. Alfano/Ms. Figueiredo	Mya M.
Ms. Festa	Princess O.
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Guidance Corner

As the time for Progress Reports gets closer, help your child focus on their Learning Skills and Work Habits. **Responsibility, Collaboration, Initiative, Self-Regulation, Organization and Independent Work** are key skills that help students take ownership for their learning, and allow them to be more successful in all areas of the curriculum. Intermediate students will be setting goals based on their Learning Skills in their Individual Pathways Plan (IPP).

More information on the Learning Skills and Work Habits and how to help your child develop them, can be found at the following links:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/policyfunding/growSuccess.pdf> (pgs. 10-14)

http://www.fslhomeworktoolbox.ca/homework_tips/learning_skills_and_work_habits.php

November is also **Bullying Prevention** month across Canada. You can help your child recognize the signs of bullying and what to do if they or someone they know is being targeted. In our age of technology, bullying can happen electronically, as well as face-to-face. Be aware of your child's activities online by asking them to show you what they are doing, and by ensuring that they are using their devices in a prominent area of the home. Building empathy and compassion for other people's feelings, is key to stopping bullying before it starts. Here are some helpful websites you may wish to visit: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/teachers/safeschools.html>, <http://edu.gov.on.ca/eng/safeschools/bullying.html>

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SafeSchools/BullyingAwarenessAndPrevention/Pages/default.aspx>

It's a busy time for Grade 8 students and the transition to High School! Open house nights took place last month, and the online application process through SOAR was initiated. As indicated on the application form, the closer the high school is to your child's elementary school, the greater the chance of acceptance. If your child is redirected, there are **no guarantees of placement** at the alternate choice school. The redirection will be to the closest high school that has space. Also, the TCDSB does not have access to information for high schools outside of our own board. You will be receiving a **Transition Guide for Parents**, which contains important information regarding the transition to high school. There are translated guides in a number of languages, are available online.

December Board Meeting

Dear Families, I am looking for students in Grades 4-8 that would like to join us to lead the opening prayer at the December Board Meeting. I will order a school bus to transport us to the Borad office and the students will get a pizza dinner. Once the prayer is over, we will return to school and you can pick up your child at Santa Maria. It is a priviledge to lead the opening prayer, I hope you will encourage your child to attend. I will be supervising the students.

Thank you.

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