



Shark Tales



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February Virtue of the
Month
Love



For God so loved the
world, He gave it His only
Son. John 3:16

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Hello St. Agatha Community!

If you look at the calendar for February you will see that life at St. Agatha continues to be very busy. Lots of things happening this month culminating with a week of Carneval activities.

We continue to have concerns expressed by both parents and staff around the number of parents in the school yard as well as the behaviour in the parking lot before and after school. Of particular concern is the refusal of some individuals to follow the instructions of the teacher on duty. This is not acceptable. Teachers are on duty to help insure the safety of the students. It is imperative that their instructions in the yard or in the parking lot are followed.

We are still looking for parent volunteers to help with supervising students. Please contact the school or CSAC if you are interested in helping out.

The school will not be having a pizza lunch during the month of February. An order form to cover the rest of the year will be going home around the middle of February. Many thanks to Luci Crawford and Nicole Fortin for all their hard work in organizing this event for our children.

Please note that we require written notice if you are making a change in your child's regular pickup routine. This is especially important for our bus students. Without notice of the change in writing the student will be sent home on the bus.

A reminder that St. Agatha has a number of students with severe allergies that may lead to an anaphylactic reaction. To that end we try to keep the school a peanut and nut free environment. Please keep this in mind when providing snacks and lunches for your child. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,
Béla Matyas

ANGEL FOUNDATION

The Angel Foundation for Learning is the official charity of the Toronto Catholic District School Board. It has been serving the needs of students for over 25 years. Funds raised by the foundation are used to fund nutrition programmes at schools, to support individual students and families and to provide bursaries and awards. Funds are raised through a number of initiatives, including a Gala Dinner and silent auction held every November. St. Agatha has on occasion accessed funds to support students who are unable to afford school trips. The board has designated the week of February 9th to the 13th as "Believe in Angels Week." As part of this week the board has designated Thursday, February 12th as a board wide civvies day. Those who wish to participate are asked to make a donation of \$2. All funds raised will go to support the Angel Foundation for Learning in supporting the students of the TCDSB.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS....

Shrove Tuesday is just around the corner and once again the students of St. Agatha will be served a pancake breakfast on **Tuesday, February 17th.**

It takes approximately 20 volunteers to make this day a success. If you can help for an hour or all morning it would be greatly appreciated. A note and volunteer form will be going home in early February. Please complete it and return it to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Thanking you in advance for helping to make your child's day a memorable one.

Jennifer

SHONIKER CLINIC FUNDRAISER

On Thursday, March 5th the St Agatha Sharks Hockey Team will play an exhibition game against the Toronto Police Services team from 43 Division. Bussing for this event has been donated, which gives all students the opportunity to attend this game at Scarborough Gardens (Birchmount) Arena There will be snacks, and drinks for sale for \$1.00 each. All proceeds from this event will be going to the Shoniker Clinic in memory of Eric Bellchambers. We are hoping for a successful day. Game time is at 10:15. Busses will start leaving the school at 9:15. Parents are welcome to join us at the arena. If you would like to volunteer at this event please call Mrs. Robinson at 416.393.5302 before March 1. Thank you to First Student for their donation of the busses, the GTHL for providing the referee and Bridget Accaputo for donating chocolates. If you would like to make a donation to be raffled please call Mrs. Robinson. Hope to see you there.

St. Agatha CSAC Corner

Budget Committee Allocation of St. Agatha CSAC Funds:

At the November CSAC meeting, the St. Agatha CSAC Budget committee presented our recommendations for the allocation of the CSAC funds for 2014-15 and received approval. Here is where \$14,200 of CSAC funds raised was allocated to:

Reason	Amount Requested	Description/Notes		Approved Funding
Laptop + Projector + Screen for Teacher/Student Presentations	1,200	As per Mr. Matyas - to come from other funding from 2013-14 allocations.		0
Library Books	1,000	Fiction + Non / All Age Groups		1,000
Breakfast Foods: \$50/wk x 31 wks (eff Nov 1) = \$1500, or 40 wks (eff Sep 1) = \$2,000	2,000	Funding to March Break		500
Carnival	300			300
Public Speaking Prizes	60	\$30 Prizes for English + French (3 age groups each)		60
Scientists in the School	2,300	\$5/student		2,300
Buses (half bus per class)	2,750	\$250/bus x 21 classes x 50%		2,625
Teacher Allocations	3,300	\$125 x 21 classroom teachers + \$615/# of itinerant teachers		3,240
Performing Arts	2,000	Suggestion to consider programs w/ anti-bullying message		1,500
Grade 8 Graduation + Year-book	500	Grad \$200 + YB \$300		300
Buses for Cross Country + Track	900	3.5 buses x \$250/bus		875
Slush	1,500			1,000
CSAC Community Initiatives	500			
Swim Team Pool Rentals	1,000			
Craft Club Supplies	300			
Fundraiser Start Up	2,000			
CSAC Miscellaneous	500			500

CSAC - cont'd

Also please note that with some of the CSAC funds that were allocated from 2013-14 academic year a number of IPAD's and Netbooks (about 30 of each) have arrived at the school for the classes to share.

Dance-a-thon Family Movie Night:

As part of one of our rewards for our success with the annual Halloween Dance-a-thon, we are hosting a Family Movie night. More details to follow shortly, but please mark Friday, February 27th on your calendar.

TCDSB Proposed Policy Amendments For Community Consultation:

Please note that there are two TCDSB policies open for commenting until February 6, 2015, so please review the amendments and make your comments to the board. The Toronto Catholic District School Board invites your input into two policies:

- Catholic School Advisory Council Policy
- Admissions and Placement Policy for Secondary Schools Policy

The summary of the proposed changes can be found at the following link: <http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/Policies/Documents/Policy%20Update%20Fall%202014.pdf>

CPIC is hosting the second evening in its Speakers Series.

Topic: "An Evening with His Eminence Cardinal Collins--Strengthening Our School, Home and Parish Connection"

Celebration of the Liturgy, Keynote Address and Question/Answer Period

Date; Tuesday, February 24, 2015

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: 36 Greenfield Ave. (Sheppard and Yonge)

**FREE UNDERGROUND PARKING—CEC—80 SHEPPARD AVE. EAST
TTC TOKENS WITH VALID TRANSFER**

A TCDSB COMMUNITY FAMILY EVENT TO JOIN IN PRAYER AND REFLECTION.

Registration link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CPICToronto>

MATH NIGHT AT BCN

Blessed Cardinal Newman High School is holding a math information evening on February 17th at 7:00 pm in their auditorium. Among the topics to be discussed are how to choose the correct level for your child, the different options and pathways available to students and post secondary career possibilities. The evening is open to all members of the community.

IMPORTANT DATES

February 3 - Earth Rangers/ HPV vaccination - 2nd dose Scientist - Mrs. Engelhardt - am.

February 6 - Scientist - Mrs. Engelhardt - am.

February 4 - Church Apostolate visits/ Mlle Sicotte to Cliffcrest Library - pm.

February 5 - Feast of St. Agatha - mass at 9:30/grade 1 dance workshop/ hockey practice

February 10 - Reports go home!/ Boy's basketball

February 11 - Subway Lunch/ Scientist - Mrs. Stuart - am/Hockey practice/ Mlle Sicotte to Cliffcrest/Girl's Basketball

February 12 - Parent/Teacher interviews - 5:00 - 8:00 pm/ Skating - Tavares/Remigio/Roccasalvo/Lazazzera/ Angel Foundation for Learning Board Wide Civvies Day!!

February 13 - Parent/Teacher interviews - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm/ No school for students

February 16 - Family Day Holiday.

February 17 - Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Breakfast for students/ Dental Screening starts.

February 18 - Ash Wednesday - liturgy @ 10:00 am.

February 19 - Hockey practice.

February 23 - Carnaval Week begins!!

February 25 - Subway Lunch/ Spinclusion - Roccasalvo & McCowan/ Subway Lunch

February 27 - Carnaval Games - am/Civvies Day.

Monthly Update from the Board **February 2015**

Information About School Bus Delays

Traffic congestion and varying road conditions can impact on the flow of traffic in Toronto, and this is particularly true during the winter months when snow and ice can be a major factor. The Toronto Student Transportation Group is pleased to provide information about school bus delays digitally through their website at <http://www.torontoschoolbus.org/> Click on the pink bar at the top of the homepage to get a listing of any bus routes that are being impacted.

Director's Annual Report

The Annual Report for the 2013-2014 academic year has been uploaded to the board's website. You can view the interactive presentation, or simply download a pdf of the highlights. <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BoardAdministration/DirectorofEducation/Pages/Annual-Report-2013-2014.aspx>

Policy Consultation Extended to February 6th

The deadline for consultation regarding the draft CSAC Policy and the draft Policy on Secondary School Admission has been extended to February 6th. <http://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2014/pages/consultation-csac-and-admissions-policies.aspx>

Budget Consultation Starting Soon

Watch for detailed information on the Board's website in February www.tcdsb.org.

Information for Students:

Youth in Policing--Summer Employment. Accepting applications until February 12th. <http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/yipi/>

Course Calendar for 2015-2016--Want to check out course options for next year? Check online: <https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/GuidanceCoopEd/Documents/TCDSB%20Course%20Calendar%202015-2016.pdf>

History Now—Government of Canada History Awards--The Government of Canada History Awards honour exceptional students for their work marking important moments in Canadian History. Entries now being accepted. Deadline is April 17, 2015. <http://www.canadianhistory.ca/history-awards>

Night school registration (secondary schools) continues through to February 13th. Talk to your guidance counsellor.

February 9th – 13th is “Believe in Angels Week”

TCDSB staff, students and parents are invited to celebrate the work of The Angel Foundation for Learning and the specific ways it supports our students. In this Year of Charity and in honour of “Believe in Angels Week”, schools are encouraged to participate in a [TCDSB Board-Wide Civvies Day](#) on Thursday, February 12th.

February is Psychology Month

<http://www.tcdsb.org/pages/february-is-psychology-month.aspx>

February is also African Canadian Heritage Month

www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/AfricanCanadianHeritage/Pages/default.aspx

CSAC Training Session -- February 4, 2015 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Understanding Sub-Committee: why have them? who can be a member? establishing terms of reference--with
Keynote Speaker: Jo-Ann Davis, Trustee
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CPIC Speaker Series with Cardinal Thomas Collins

February 24, 2015 7:00 p.m.

Mass and keynote presentation on home, school parish connection
Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts, 36 Greenfield Avenue, North York
<http://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/parentinvolvement/news%20and%20events/pages/cpic-speaker-series--cardinal-collins.aspx>

Chesterton Debate Series -- Friday, February 27, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

God's Politics: A Debate on Religion Role in Political Life

Location: Isabel Bader Theater - University of Toronto, 93 Charles Street West, Toronto

Details: [Chesterton-Debate-Series Flyer](#)

Sponsors: Archdiocese of Toronto, Office of Catholic Youth

Registration: www.chestertondebate.com