



St. Agatha News

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Virtue of the Month: Peace

November 2017

As we enter into the month of November, our thoughts are drawn to the theme of remembrance and the importance of peace in our lives and in our world. The virtue of focus for the month of November is 'Peacemaking'. Students will be learning about the hazards of war, the importance of bravery and our call to be peacemakers in our families, our schools, our communities and our world. On Friday, November 10th, we will be gathering for a Remembrance Day Ceremony in the gym. Parents are most welcome to join us.

The month of November brings the first reporting period as the Progress Reports will go home on November 14th, followed by our first formal Parent-Teacher Conferences. We invite you to come and engage in conversation with your child's teacher's dialoging how to best support your child in meeting their full academic potential.

We wish to extend our gratitude to all parents and students who supported our annual Dance-a-thon. At last count, we raised over \$25,000 and look forward to using the funds raised to support both curricular and co-curricular activities for the students. By raising more than \$25,000, the students earned an electronic day, pajama day with movie in the gym, civies for a week, a homework free day, and extra recess and another civies day. Also, a few lucky staff are getting a pie in the face! A big thank you to Ms. Gina Katounas and all of the parents who helped make this the biggest Dance a thon yet!

Peace and God bless!

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CPIC (Parent Engagement--TCDSB)

www.tcdsb.org/cpic

OAPCE Toronto

(Provincial Voice for Parents)

www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto

BELL TIMES:

9:00 ARRIVAL
10:42 A.M. RECESS
11:45 LUNCH HOUR BEGINS
12:45 LUNCH HOUR ENDS
2:25 P.M. RECESS
3:30 DISMISSAL

2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Number of School Days **194**
Number of Professional Activity Days **7**
Oct 6, Nov 17, Dec 1, Jan 19, Feb 16, Jun 8, Jun 29
Labour Day Monday, September 4, 2017
First Day Tuesday, September 5, 2017
Thanksgiving Day Monday, October 9, 2017
Christmas Break December 25, 2017- January 7, 2018
Family Day February 19, 2018
Mid-Winter Break March 12-16, 2018 (inclusive)
Good Friday March 30, 2018
Easter Monday April 2, 2018
Victoria Day Monday, May 21, 2018
School Year Ends Thursday, June 28, 2018

St. Boniface Catholic Church

Father Robson
21 Markanna Dr. Scarborough
(416) 261-5983

TRUSTEES 2016 - 2017

Wards

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| 1. Joseph Martino | 5. Maria Rizzo | 9. Jo-Ann Davis |
| 2. Ann Andrachuk | 6. Frank D'Amico, Vice-Chair | 10. Barbara Poplawski |
| 3. Sal Piccininni | 7. Michael Del Grande | 11. Angela Kennedy, Chair |
| 4. Patrizia Bottoni | 8. Garry Tanuan | 12. Nancy Crawford |

Huge Thank You to Our Dance A Thon Sponsors!

Please find the list of all our sponsors for our Dance a thon. Please consider supporting these businesses as our way to say thank you. Also, thanks goes out to Starbucks (Kingston Rd and Midland) and Pizza Nova for keeping our volunteers fed and caffeinated!

Safe and Caring Schools

Parents are encouraged to use the zone in front of the new addition as a "Kiss & Ride" drop off for students. Parking is not permitted in the bus loop and we need the traffic to move quickly. Thank you for your co-operation in keeping our students safe.

Congratulations to Mary Rafter!

One of our parents, Mary McIntyre-Rafter will be recognized at the OAPCE Toronto Commissioning Ceremony on November 6th at the School Board office. Everyone at St. Agatha congratulates Mary for all of her amazing contributions to the St. Agatha and Scarborough Community

Help Fill our Kinder Yards

Do you have any larger plastic play structures at home (houses, slides etc.) and larger toys (Tonka sized trucks and cars) that you no longer need and are willing to donate to our outdoor kinder yards? Any donation will be welcome to spurn the imagination of our younger students.

HALLOWEEN TREATS & ALLERGIES:

If your child will be bringing some of their Halloween treats to school, please monitor the number of treats and the type of treat, keeping in mind that we have a number of students who have **dangerous, life-threatening allergies** to certain foods. **Please ensure that your child does not bring to school any items that contain peanuts or nuts (i.e. Crunchie Bar, Oh Henry Bar, Reese PB Cups, Nutella, Peanut Butter, any treat with nuts, etc.).** If a caregiver prepares your child's lunch and snacks, please remind them about this policy.

Remembrance Day:

On Friday, November 10th at 10:45 a.m., we will be gathering for a Remembrance Day Mass in the gym. Parents are most welcome to join us.

Poppy Donations:

We have received and will be distributing poppies on Remembrance Day so that the students can wear them during the ceremony. Students are asked to make a small donation to the Royal Canadian Legion in memory of those who have died so that we may live in peace.

Photo Retakes:

Photo retakes will be taken on Thursday, November 9th. Retakes are for students who were absent on photo day. Please send a note with your child if you require a retake.

Secondary School Applications:

High school applications are due back at school by Monday, November 6th.

Progress Reports:

The Provincial **Progress Report** Card is used to inform parents and to monitor students' progress towards achieving the overall and specific expectations so that timely, specific and descriptive feedback can be provided in response to student needs. A form will be sent home to request interview times; please return this form by November 8th.

Parent/Teacher Interviews:

The school board has given our community permission to have our interviews on Wednesday and Thursday evenings based on the results of the survey sent home in October. This is considered a pilot project and will reassess after this year. The interview times are as follows:

Wednesday, November 15th (5:30pm – 8:00 pm. and
Thursday, November 16th (5:30 pm – 8:00 p.m.)

CSAC Meetings:

Our next CSAC meeting will take place on **Thursday, November 2nd at 6:30 p.m.** All are welcome!

Peace:

The virtue for the month of November is 'Peace'. Our assembly to celebrate this virtue is on Monday, December 4th in the AM

Flu Prevention:

Please continue to follow and review with your child the Public Health tips to prevent the spread of the flu:

- Get your flu shot.
- Wash hands frequently.
- Cover your cough/sneeze.
- Don't share things that go in your mouth (i.e. cups, straws, water bottles, utensils, etc.)
- Do the knuckle bump instead of shaking hands.
- Stay home if you are sick.

Please do not send students back to school until they are feeling well and they have had no fever for at least 24 hours.

Online Newsletter and Calendar

In the interest of being ecofriendly, we are planning to send the monthly newsletter and calendar to the parent community online instead of printing hard copies. Please make sure that your email is up to date on your child's information form. There will always be hard copies available. We will start this in the new calendar year.

A test run to all emails is occurring this month. Please make sure your email is up to date.

Online Math Tutoring for Students

TVO provides free online math tutoring for students in Grades 7-10. Students can log in and work through math problems with qualified teachers. Please google 'TVO online tutoring' or follow the following link: <https://homeworkhelp.ilc.org/>. You can also find tutorials on thousands of math concepts.

'Remind':

If you are interested in receiving reminders about school events via text message, you are invited to join 'Remind' (which is free), by sending a text to

(647)931-1274 with the message @stagathacs

From St. Boniface

St. Boniface Church is very excited to announce new Family Lecture series.

On Sunday November 19 at 1:30pm in the Church, Patricia Marra-Stapleton (Psychology Services) from the TCDSB will speak on "You Can't Give What You Don't Have"

How taking care of yourself through balance, stillness, sleep, and relationships can in turn nurture your child's mental health and well-being.

St. Agatha in Action

Cross Country



Dance a thon



Learning Fun



Monthly Update from the Board Congregated Elementary Gifted Program

November 2017

The Toronto Catholic District School Board offers Full Time/Congregated Elementary Gifted Programs for students in Grades 6 to 8 who have an exceptionality of Giftedness.. A Parent Information evening will be held for parents/guardians interested in exploring a full time elementary Gifted Program for their child with the exceptionality of Giftedness.

The Parent Information evening will take place at St. Edward School, 1 Botham Rd., on November 23, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

School Cash Online

We are now in Phase 2 of implementing the School Cash Online Payment system to all TCDSB schools. This new cashless system option offers parents the convenience of paying online for school activities and purchases from the convenience of their own home. School Cash Online will be an efficient payment alternative for families, however participation in the application is voluntary. Schools will continue to accept traditional methods of payment.

For more information, please visit the School Cash Online website at

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/schoolcashionline/Pages/default.aspx>

The 2017-2018 TCDSB Awards Season has begun!

Nominations are now open for the following TCDSB Alumni Award, Award of Merit and Friends of Catholic Education Award which will be presented at Awards Night on May 7, 2018.

Deadline: third Friday in January (January 20).

- **TCDSB Alumni Award:** Open to TCDSB alumni who are still active in the Catholic community and who have distinguished themselves in their career or accomplishments.
- **TCDSB Award of Merit:** Open to former staff, parents and trustees who have made outstanding contributions to the TCDSB and to Catholic education (can only be considered for award after a three-year period has passed since departure from the TCDSB)
- **Friends of Catholic Education Award:** Open to members of the general public (individuals or organizations) who have accomplished extraordinary service to Catholic Education but who may not be Catholic.

For nomination forms and information, visit: www.tcdsb.org/awardsnight

Prime Minister's Awards: Recognizing Excellence in Education

Do you know an amazing teacher or early childhood educator? Consider nominating them for a Prime Minister's Award.

- **Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence and Teaching Excellence in STEM**
The Teaching Excellence in STEM Awards honour outstanding Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics teachers that help develop the culture of innovation Canada needs today, and in the future. [Nominate a teacher today!](#) Nominations accepted until **January 12, 2018**.
- **Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Early Childhood Education**
The Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Early Childhood Education honour ECEs for their leadership, exemplary early childhood education practices, and their commitment to help build the foundation children need to make the best possible start in life. [Nominate an educator today!](#) Nominations accepted until **January 12, 2018**.

Visit www.tcdsb.org to get more information about any of these events