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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

December 2019

Advent 2019

Advent is an important season in our liturgical calendar where we are able to wait and prepare our hearts and minds for the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. In the midst of the hustle and bustle of everyday life, and the preparations for Christmas, during Advent, we are reminded to slow down, pray, and share in the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love of this Holy season. The staff at St. Andrew School wish all our St. Andrew students and families a blessed Advent season and a beautiful Christmas. Please join us at our school's Advent Mass on Thurs. Dec. 19th at 9:30a.m. at St. Andrew Church.

New Toys, Hats and Mittens Drive

During the Advent season, St. Andrew's school will be holding a charity fundraiser to give back to the community that we live in. From **Tues. Dec. 3 – Fri. Dec. 13**, please donate any **new** toys, hats, or mittens. The donations will be going to the St. Vincent De Paul Society at St. Andrew Parish, which supports our local community. What a great time to share and give back to the community through donating toys, mittens and hats! Thank you to our "Me to We" Leadership Group for organizing this wonderful charity fundraiser, as we focus on the Virtue of Charity during the month of December.

Upcoming Professional Activity Days (P.A. Days)

Please note the following day as being a Professional Activity Day:

Friday, December 6th – Professional Activity Day (P.A. Day); No school for students

Student Nutrition Program

As you are aware, students receive a healthy morning snack, consisting of 2-3 of the food groups (e.g., grain product, milk or alternative, fruit/vegetable) for 5 days a week. **We are asking you to please contribute a suggested amount of \$5 per month, for 1 child, or \$10 total for 2 or more children. If you would like to provide a donation for the year it is \$45 (October to June), for one child. For 2 or more children, we are asking for \$70 for the full year.** This is a universal program where snacks are made available to all students. Your contributions help sustain the program. Tax receipts are available for donations of \$20 or more. We are asking that monthly donations of \$5.00 be sent to the school on the **first Friday of each month**. We thank you for supporting this important Student Nutrition Program.

Cold Weather and Dressing Appropriately

It is important for students to come prepared to participate in all activities, including outdoor recess. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the forthcoming colder weather, including having a winter jacket, hats, boots, and mittens/gloves. Please label your child's clothing, as our lost and found bin is overflowing.



Kindergarten Registration

Registration begins Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 10 a.m.

Apply online at <https://soar.tcdsb.org>

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740 9:00am-3:30pm 11:45-12:45
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- **School Cash Online** <https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/schoolcashionline/pages/default.aspx>
Pay for Pizza Lunches and other optional activities for your child online. No need to send cash to school. If you require assistance, please make an appointment with our school secretary, Ms. Boni, and she will be able to assist you.
- **School Messenger**—report your child’s absence online and receive updates about absences and lates. <https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/safeschools/newsandevents/pages/signupschoolmessenger.aspx>. The app also allows for urgent communications from your child’s school or from the Board such as labour updates, school closures, opportunities to participate in board-wide consultations etc.
- **E-News**—For those who are not on Twitter, you can still access much of the same news and information sent to your email on a weekly basis. To see recent issues, or sign up for the free news service, see: <https://www.tcdsb.org/News/eNews/Pages/default.aspx>

Opportunities for Students

We Believe

For the second year of our pastoral plan, “Rooted in Christ: we Belong, we Believe, we Become”, students are invited to consider who inspires you, who nurtures your faith, who acts as a mentor and role model of Catholic living. Is it your school chaplain? A parent or other family member? Your pastor or other member of your parish? A teacher or other staff at your school? A colleague or friend? Why not sit down to have a chat with them, and interview them about their experiences of living their faith. Share your experience through a STEAM project, written work (poem, story, article), a short video, art, music or technology. Celebrate those who have guided you on your own journey of faith. Share your ideas and initiatives on social media (@TCDSB #TCDSBelieves). Send your submissions to ncc.team@tcdsb.org. Your submissions will be showcased on the TCDSB website and shared via social media (twitter/Instagram).

Christmas Drawing Contest 2019

Wanted: Christmas artists

The Catholic Register's popular children's drawing contest is back!

Submission due December 13, 2019

Details: <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/ChristmasDrawingContest.aspx>

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

DONATE TO RELIEF FUND FOR FAMILIES AFFECTED BY GOSFORD FIRE

On November 15, 2019, a devastating fire broke out in a North York apartment building displacing hundreds of residents, including 22 TCDSB students. Some have lost most, if not all, of their belongings and it remains unclear when they will be able to return home. While local school communities are supporting students and their families in any way they can, many of you have also reached out to help. This is why we are launching a central campaign to raise funds for the affected families. All proceeds will go towards clothing, food and other essentials to help these members of our community rebuild their lives. Donations can be made via The Angel Foundation for Learning at angelfoundationforlearning.org or [click here to access the AFL donation page](#). Donors can select “Assisting students and families of the Jane St and Steeles Ave. fire” in the “Apply your donation...” drop-down menu. Your generosity is truly appreciated as we come together to support our students and their families.

Nominations are invited for the 2020 TCDSB Awards

Awards Night is our traditional celebration to launch Catholic Education Week and an opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of our alumni, students, staff and friends of Catholic education. Nominations are invited for the following awards:

- [Download the TCDSB Alumni Award Nomination Form here.](#)
- [Download the TCDSB Award of Merit Nomination Form here.](#)
- [Download the TCDSB Friends of Catholic Education Award Nomination Form here.](#)

The deadline for all nominations is January 31.

December’s Virtue is Charity

Find all the resources related to the monthly virtue, as well as other resources to support faith development and Religion and Family Life on our website here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Default.aspx>

TCDSB Celebrates Advent and Christmas—Advent Begins November 30/December 1

Visit the board's website for the latest news and information from TCDSB schools including food and clothing drives, Christmas baskets for needy families, Christmas concerts and other special events.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2018/pages/Advent-and-Christmas.aspx>

Dates to Note

- December 1-7 ESL Week
- Friday, December 6—System-wide PA Day
- December 6—Staff Arts Christmas Concert
- December 9-13—Hour of Code
- December 10—World Human Rights Day
- December 23, 2019-January 3, 2020 inclusive—Schools closed for Christmas Break
- January 1, 2020—New Year's Day and World Day of Peace
- January 7, 2020—Eastern Rite Christmas

Curriculum Corner: Christmas Holiday Math

We continue to focus on Mathematics at St. Andrew School. We encourage you to work with your children at home on their Mathematics abilities. Here are some ideas:

- Cook or bake together with your child/children. Cooking and baking can involve weighing, measuring, ordering, estimating, adding, multiplying, the use of fractions, etc. There is a lot of math occurring when we cook and bake together.
- Family gatherings and parties can involve matching numbers of people to plates, cutlery, area of tables, estimation, multiplication, etc. Encourage your child/children to help set the table, which relates to one-to-one correspondence.

For more information about these and other events, including athletics, visit www.tcdsb.org.

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