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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

February 2020

Principal's Message

January was a busy month as we focused on having the courage to challenge ourselves in the classroom through our studies and our continuing focus on numeracy. Students and staff have also been very busy on our various sports teams and clubs including: our Basketball and Junior Soccer Teams, as well as our Student Leadership Team, Me to We Team, Junior W5H, and the Helping Hands. We are looking forward to honouring the Virtue of Love during the month of February through our acts of kindness to one another. Please join us for our Ash Wednesday Service on Wed. Feb. 26th at 9:30am at St. Andrew Church, being facilitated by our ESL classes. We are also looking forward to the many events planned during February such as our Valentine's Dance on Thurs. Feb. 13th, our French Carnival events, organized by our French teachers, and our Kindergarten to Gr. 3 Family Movie Night, on Thurs. Feb. 20th at 6pm. Term 1 Report Cards are also being sent home this month on Feb. 11th and Parent-Teacher Interviews are taking place during the evening of Feb. 11th and during the evening of Feb. 13th. We look forward to seeing you then!

Upcoming Professional Activity Days (P.A. Days)

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

Friday, February 14 – Professional Activity Day (P.A. Day); No school for students

St. Andrew School Book Fair

We will be running the Scholastic Book Fair from Tues. Feb. 11th to Thurs. Feb. 13th. The Book Fair will be open from Tues.-Thur. 9:30am-3:00pm, and also on Tuesday, Feb. 11th and Thursday, Feb. 13th, from 6:00pm-8:30pm. This is an opportunity for students to purchase books to read at home, and supports our ability to purchase new books for our school library. Please support us!

Punctuality

A reminder that is very important that our students are punctual for school. Students should be in the school yard by 8:55am, so that they are able to join the line for their class, when the school bell rings at 9:00am. If students are not entering the school with their line at 9am, they are considered late, and need to go to the main school office for a late slip. Punctuality allows for a smooth start to the school day for the child and his/her classmates. It is important for student achievement and well-being, and it is an essential life skill. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Cold Weather and Dressing Appropriately

Fresh air and physical activity at recess is very beneficial for the students, including during the Winter months. It is important for students to come prepared to participate in all outdoor activities, including outdoor recess. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the colder weather, including having a winter jacket, snow pants, hats, winter boots, and mittens/gloves. We are requesting that all students, from Kindergarten to Grade 8, have a pair of outdoor boots/shoes and indoor shoes (e.g., running shoes) to wear inside the school. It is also a good idea to send an extra pair of socks in your child's school bag. Please remember to label coats, snow pants, boots, etc. with your child's name.



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730	9:00am-3:30pm	11:45-12:45
ENROLLMENT	HOURS OF OPERATION	LUNCH HOUR



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Update on our Student Nutrition Program

Students are continuing to receive a healthy morning snack, consisting of 2-3 of the food groups 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.** Please send donations to the school on the **first Thursday of each month.** 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 thank you for supporting this important Student Nutrition Program.

Inclement Weather Protocol

During cold weather advisories, the school office will determine if there will be a shortened recess or indoor recess. Environment Canada guidelines will determine our decisions. During the Winter and the associated ice and snow, there is always a possibility of cancellation of programs and services such as evening classes or permits. Your best source of information is via Twitter @TCDSB. For those who are not on Twitter, please tune in to local television and radio networks for updates. Other good sources of information are:

- TCDSB's website www.tcdsb.org
- TCDSB 24-hour Telephone Information Line: 416-222-8282 ext. 2873

February's Virtue is Love

Please visit our website for the monthly resources connected to the virtue of the month.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/VirtueoftheMonth/Pages/Default.aspx>

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Special Education Advisory Committee Seeks Community Representatives

SEAC is statutory Committee that makes recommendations to the Board on matters affecting the establishment and development of special education programs and services for exceptional pupils of the Board. SEAC membership includes three Elected Officials of the Board, up to 12 Members of Local Associations and one or more additional members from the community. Learn more:

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

February is...

- **African Canadian Heritage Month**
For a list of events and resources, visit:
<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/AfricanCanadianHeritage/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Psychology Month** <https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/specialeducation/psychology/psychologymonth/Pages/Psychology-Month.aspx>
- **National Inclusive Education Month**
Learn more about the TCDSB's Catholic Equity and Inclusive Education Policy:
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/Policies/Pages/hm24.aspx>
- **TCDSB Energy Conservation Month**
[Click here for more information about Energy Conservation Month.](#)

Other Dates to Note for February:

Winter Walk Day 2020

Winter Walk Day will be taking place this year on **February 5, 2020**. Winter Walk Day is an opportunity for all of us—students, staff, families—to focus on improved health and well-being, active lifestyles and building safer communities for everyone. [Click here for more information.](#)

Interfaith Harmony Week – February 1-7

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/news/2019-2020/pages/interfaithharmonyweek.aspx>

Canadian School Counsellors Week - February 3-7

<https://www.ccpa-accp.ca/chapters/school-counsellors/>

International Day of the Girl in Science - February 11

<http://www.un.org/en/events/women-and-girls-in-science-day/>

St. Valentine's Day - February 14

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/News/2014-2015/Pages/St.-Valentine's-Day.aspx>

System-wide PA Day - February 14

Family Day - February 17

TCDSB Northern Spirit Games - Feb 18-21

[Click here for more information.](#)

World Day of Social Justice – February 20

February 21 – International Language Instructors' Appreciation Day

Shrove Tuesday - February 25

Ash Wednesday - February 26

Lent Begins: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Lent-and-Easter-Resources.aspx>

February Meetings

- Thursday, February 6, 2020 - Student Achievement Committee
- Tuesday, February 11, 2020 – Governance and Policy Committee
- Thursday, February 13, 2020 – Corporate Services Committee
- Wednesday, February 19, 2020 – Special Education Advisory Committee
- Thursday, February 20, 2020 – Regular Board
- Monday, February 24, 2020 – Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education

Important Information for Parents

Labour Update

Find the latest news and information about negotiations on the Board's website at

<https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2020/pages/labourupdate.aspx>

Coronavirus

Stay up to date on the information shared by the Province of Ontario and Toronto Public Health

<https://www.tcdsb.org/forstudents/healthandsafety/pages/coronavirusinformation.aspx>

Reminder: Registration for Kindergarten, French Immersion and Extended French for September 2020 is OPEN

Visit the Board's website for information at <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/AdmissionsandRegistration/Pages/Default.aspx>

TCDSB Mental Health Newsletter-Winter 2020 Issue

https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SpecialEducation/mhs/newsletters/2020_Winter_Newsletter.pdf

Opportunities/Information for Students

Transition Fair for Students with Diverse Abilities

February 22, 2020

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

Toronto Crime Stoppers School Action Program Poster Contest

Deadline: April 2, 2020

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

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Curriculum Corner

Ways to participate in your child's mathematics learning are as follows:

- show a positive attitude towards learning mathematics by talking positively about it
- expect your child to complete mathematical activities and solve problems
- encourage your child to persevere when the mathematical work becomes challenging
- appreciate different ways to make calculations and solve math problems
- listen carefully to your child's explanation of a solution to a lesson problem

Math around the Home

Playing board and card games is an excellent way to practice math skills and various strategies. Some ideas include playing board games like “Snakes and Ladders”, checkers, chess, number cube (dice) games, card games, and dominoes. Solve puzzles together. Ask your child about their strategy to try and win the game or to solve the puzzle. Then ask your child to tell you if they would use the same strategy the next time, giving reasons why or why not. Share your strategies as well.

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