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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

January 2020

Happy New Year!

The staff at St. Andrew School wish all our students and their families a Happy New Year! We pray that 2020 brings many blessings to our St. Andrew School community. During December, we practiced the virtue of “Charity” and we would like to thank everyone who contributed to our “Hat, Mitts, and Toy Drive” for the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Andrew Church. We appreciate your generosity. The new year and our January virtue of “Courage” provides us with the opportunity to embrace change and to challenge ourselves in school and beyond. As stated in 1 Peter 3:15, “In an age which seems more fearful of the future, we are directed to give an account of the hope that is within us.” Please join us at our school’s January Mass on **Tues. Jan. 14th at 1:00pm**, at St. Andrew Parish.

Upcoming Professional Activity Days (P.A. Days)

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

Friday, January 17th – Professional Activity Day (P.A. Day); No school for students

Update on our Student Nutrition Program

The Student Nutrition Program is up and running. Students will continue to receive a healthy morning snack, consisting of 2-3 of the food groups (e.g., fruit/vegetable, grain product, milk and alternative), five 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.** 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.



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.

Labour Update

Throughout the days and weeks ahead, we encourage everyone to watch for regular updates on our website at <https://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2020/Pages/LabourUpdate.aspx>, and to follow @TCDSB on Twitter, check the 24-information line at 416-222-8282, extension 2873 or sign up for E-News (for email notifications) at <https://web1.tcdsb.org/InterestSubscription/subscription.aspx>.

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740 9:00am-3:30pm 11:45-12:45
ENROLLMENT HOURS OF OPERATION LUNCH HOUR



NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: soar.tcdsb.org
Call 416-393-5295 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

Stay in touch with the latest news throughout the school year: Follow @TCDSB on Twitter or Toronto Catholic DSB on Instagram

Kindergarten Registration Starts January 15, 2020

TCDSB looks forward to welcoming new students for September 2020. Registration for kindergarten begins **Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 10 a.m. EST.**

Apply online: [SOAR.tcdsb.org](https://www.tcdsb.org/soar). Details: <https://www.tcdsb.org/kindergartenregistration>

Registration for Extended French: www.tcdsb.org/extendedfrench

Registration for French Immersion: www.tcdsb.org/frenchimmersion

Parent & Community Reps Needed:

TCDSB Advisory Committee for Spanish-Speaking Communities

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is pleased to invite members of the community to consider serving on the Advisory Committee for Spanish-Speaking Communities. Interested applicants are invited to indicate their interest by completing the online [application form](#) and submitting it by **January 15th, 2020** to the attention of David Letra by email at: david.letra@tcdsb.org or regular mail: David Letra, Community Relations Department, 80 Sheppard Ave. E., Toronto, ON, M2N 6E8. More info: [click here](#).

Special Education Advisory Committee

The Special Education Advisory Committee is seeking representatives from the community and from local associations dedicated to supporting students with special needs. Details:

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

Automated Speed Enforcement Systems to be Installed in School Zones

The City of Toronto has announced the installation of Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) systems across the City of Toronto. ASE is intended to enhance road safety in Community Safety Zones near schools. The system captures any vehicle travelling in excess of the posted speed limit. This includes emergency vehicles and municipal fleet vehicles. Transportation services is installing 50 portable ASE systems near schools, and it is anticipated that they will rotate every three to six months within city wards. An educational campaign will be launched to inform drivers of the presence of an ASE system. During the initial period, the plate owner will simply be issued a warning letter to confirm that the vehicle was moving faster than the posted speed limit. No response to these warning letters is required. The City expects to move to issuing tickets in spring 2020. No demerit points will be issued nor will the registered owner's driving record be impacted. For more information, please visit toronto.ca/ASE or contact the ASE team at ASE@toronto.ca.

Updates on Weather Related Cancellations or Closures

Traffic congestion and varying road conditions can impact 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 provides information about school bus delays digitally through [their website](#). Update on delays: <https://busplannerweb.torontoschoolbus.org/Cancellations.aspx>. Parents are encouraged to subscribe to the transportation portal to get real time information about any transportation issues:

<https://busplannerweb.torontoschoolbus.org/Subscriptions/Login.aspx> and to follow @TCDSB and @TOSchoolBus on Twitter.

General Information

Caucus Results

- Ward 1 Trustee Joseph Martino was elected Chair of the TCDSB
- Angela Kennedy, Trustee for Ward 11, was elected Vice-Chair

More: <https://www.tcdsb.org/News/NewsReleases/newsrelease20182019/NewsRelease-Nov29-2019.pdf>

Financial Statements

The Audited Financial Statements for 2019 have been posted to the board's website:

https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BudgetandFinance/Documents/Toronto_Catholic_District_School_Board_08312019_FINAL_FS.pdf

Director's Annual Report

Check out some of the many highlights from the past school year in the 2019-2020 Annual Report:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BoardAdministration/DirectorofEducation/Pages/AnnualReport-2018-2019.aspx>

Rooted in Christ: we Believe

You are invited to explore the resources and information relating to our pastoral plan at

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/rooted-in-christ/webelieve/Pages/weBelieveResources.aspx>

TCDSB Working Towards Net Zero Status

The Toronto Catholic District School Board believes in the critical role that our Catholic schools and facilities play in promoting environmental responsibility and providing leadership and direction for the protection and conservation of the environment. The TCDSB's Environment Committee is committed to working with all TCDSB stakeholders in their continued efforts to create a culture

of conservation at TCDSB, consistent with the ideas expressed in Pope Francis' 2015 *Laudato Si*. More: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/environment/NetZero/Pages/default.aspx>

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.

Calendar of Meetings for 2020

Click here <https://www.tcdsb.org/Calendar/Documents/AnnualCalendarOfMeetings2020.pdf> for the draft calendar of board and committee meetings. Please note that dates and times of meetings are subject to change.

Events/Meetings:

- January's Virtue is Courage
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/VirtueoftheMonth/Pages/Default.aspx#January>
- January is Tamil Heritage Month
- January 6, 2020 Epiphany
- January 7, 2020 Eastern Rite Christmas
- January 7, 2020 Governance and Policy Committee Meeting
- January 7, 2020 Portuguese Advisory Committee Meeting
- January 9, 2020 Student Achievement Committee Meeting
- January 14, 2020 Eastern Rite New Year
- January 15, 2020 Filipino Advisory Committee Meeting
- January 16, 2020 Corporate Services Committee Meeting
- January 17, 2020 System-wide PA Day (elementary schools only)
- January 20, 2020 Dr. Martin Luther King Day
- January 20, 2020 Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting
- January 22, 2020 Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting
- January 23, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
- January 27, 2020 Family Literacy Day
- January 27, 2020 International Holocaust Remembrance Day
- January 27, 2020 Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education Meeting
- January 30, 2020 Bell Let's Talk Day

Curriculum Corner – Math and Picture Books

Reading to your child or having your child read to you is both a wonderful way to spend time together and also an effective way to engage your child in conversation. Students of all ages love stories and love to talk about stories. Listed below are a few titles to continue the conversation about math at home. These books can be found in a Toronto Public Library branch (for example: Albion Library), or even online, at the following Toronto Public Library website, <https://toronto.overdrive.com/library/kids>. The following website link includes a variety of children's books and can be narrated in English or other languages:

<http://www.uniteforliteracy.com/>. A couple great children's math books are listed below:

- Math Curse, by [Jon Scieszka](#) (Number Sense)
- Math Fables, by [Greg Tang](#) (Addition and Subtraction)

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