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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

March 2020

Principal's Message

February was a very busy month as we continued to focus on our learning in the classroom, especially in the area of Mathematics, as well as learning centred around Black History Month. Students and staff were also very busy with our Intermediate Boys' and Girls' Basketball Teams. Our students also performed very well at the "Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Competition". St. Andrew's School won the District Level of competition. Good luck at the Regionals! Way to go!

We are honouring the Virtue of Forgiveness during the month of March, and we will continue to highlight random acts of kindness throughout the month. Lent is a time for all of us to prepare our hearts through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Let us not allow this season of grace to pass in vain. During Lent this year, we will only be offering cheese pizza during our Thursday Pizza Days. This is a school-wide initiative where we are abstaining from meat for Pizza Days during Lent. We thank you, in advance, for your support and guidance in enhancing the spiritual development of all of our students. The staff at St. Andrew School wish all our families a blessed Lenten season.

CSPC Friday Lent Lunches

Our CSPC (parent council) are preparing and selling Friday meatless lunches during the season of Lent. The March dates for the Lent lunches for students are Fri. March 6th, Fri. March 13th and Fri. March 27th. Order forms will be sent home on a week by week basis. This will also act as a fundraiser for our CSPC, where the monies will go back to support our students to reduce the cost of field trips, purchase sporting uniforms for our various sports' teams, purchase instruments and/or technology for the school, etc. Your support of our CSPC fundraisers is greatly appreciated. At the same time, we will be educating our students about abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent. Thank you to our CSPC Chair, Ms. J. Shivmangal and all our CSPC parent volunteers who assisted with our First Lenten Lunch this past Friday.

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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Vehicular Traffic and Student Safety



A reminder to parents that it is absolutely essential that the utmost care is taken when driving in the school and church parking lot, in front of the school, and on Farr Avenue by St. Andrew Childcare Centre. Safety is our number one priority. Please observe and respect the “in” and “out” flow in the school and church parking lot, as well as the one way signs in front of the school. The NO PARKING signs must be obeyed. The fine is substantial and we need to have those spaces clear for their appropriate use. Parents are asked to park their cars in the appropriate spots in the parking lot.

Families who live near-by are also encouraged to walk to and from school, as a way to ease congestion, and to promote exercise and the benefits of the fresh outdoor air. Our school will be hosting a “**Winter Walk to School Day**” on **Wed. March 4th** to raise awareness of the benefits of walking to and from school. Walking to and from school is healthy and environmentally friendly!!

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 or Friday 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

Important Information

Labour Update

Stay up to date with all the latest news here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2020/Pages/LabourUpdate.aspx>

Coronavirus

News and resources are on our website here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/forstudents/healthandsafety/pages/coronavirusinformation.aspx>

TCDSB Budget Process Starts This Spring

Watch for detailed information on how you can provide your feedback on the draft budget and identify your priorities. Visit www.tcdsb.org for more information coming soon.

Never Miss Out on Important Information

All parents/caregivers are reminded to ensure that your school has up to date telephone and email information on file for your child. This will enable the school to communicate with you about critical matters including student absences and will also enable the Board to share important information with you including updates on the status of labour negotiations via School Messenger.

Information for Parents

GUARD YOUR KIDS ONLINE AND HELP THEM SHINE: SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY PRESENTATION

Internet Safety Information Seminar for parents of tweens/teens (Grades 5-9)

A FREE multi-school parent event brought to you by the Parent Councils of: St. Agatha, St. Boniface, Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Nicholas, St. Rose of Lima, St. Theresa Shrine, St. Ursula & St. John Henry Newman CSS

Wed, April 15, 2020 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM at St. John Henry Newman Catholic High School, 100 Brimley Road South

Toronto Public Library: March Break Programs

Looking for something to do during March Break? The library offers more than 100 free activities for kids, teens, and the whole family. Browse the programs or use our search tool to find out what's happening at your local branch.

[Click here for other March Break programs at Toronto Public Libraries](#)

Save the Date: Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) Parent Summit and General Meeting

Speakers: James T. Mulligan CSC, “A Pastor’s Journal” and Rob Gallo “Living our Virtues in a Virtual World”

Saturday May 2nd, 2020 at Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School, Oakville. Registration Opening Soon summit.oapce.org

Events and Information

March is Celtic Canadian Heritage

Month <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/CelticCanadianHeritage/Pages/default.aspx>

March is Nutrition Month

March 2—Education Support Staff Appreciation Day

March 2-8 – National Social Work Week

World Day of Prayer March 6, 2020 <https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/pages/world-day-of-prayer.aspx>

Lift Jesus Higher Rally March 7, 2020 <https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/news/2019-2020/pages/lift-jesus-higher.aspx>

International Women's Day March 8, 2020

Winter Break March 16-20, 2020

International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination March 21, 2020

<https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2019/pages/international-day-for-elimination-of-racial-discrimination.aspx>

World Down Syndrome Day March 21, 2020 <https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2019/pages/world-down-syndrome-day.aspx>

World Water Day March 22, 2020 <https://www.tcdsb.org/board/environment/water/pages/worldwaterday.aspx>

Earth Hour March 28, 2020 (Schools recognize earth hour on March 27th)

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/environment/earthhour/pages/default.aspx>

ShareLife Week March 30-April 3, 2020

Civvies Day for ShareLife April 3rd

Board and Committee Meetings:

- Governance and Policy March 2, 2020
- Catholic Parent Involvement Committee March 2, 2020
- Student Achievement March 5, 2020
- Corporate Services March 12, 2020
- Filipino Advisory March 23, 2020
- Special Education Advisory March 25, 2020
- Board March 26, 2020

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Math around the Home

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:

Use and talk about the math tools that you have around your home already – such as thermometers, clocks, measuring cups, measuring tapes, and coins. Read books and play games with math themes, such as the book “Ten Black Dots” and the games “Connect Four”, “Battleship”, “Snakes and Ladders” or Card Games such as “Go Fish”. Stay positive about Mathematics learning and share the belief that everyone can learn and do well in Math.

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