



ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

November 2019

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."

Principal's Message

We had an engaging and busy October month at St. Andrew School. Our Intermediate Girls' and Boys' Volleyball Teams have been practicing diligently with their coaches for their upcoming Volleyball Tournaments. Our "Me to We" Student Leaders have been busy promoting and organizing our "We Scare Hunger" Food Campaign in order to collect non-perishable food items for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society at St. Andrew Church. Thank you to all of our students and families for your donations. It is greatly appreciated and the donations support our local community. We are grateful for your support. Our Student Leadership Team planned successful Halloween activities such as our Pumpkin Decorating Contest and the Halloween Costume Contest. We thank all of our student leaders and staff reps for their leadership. In November, we will be honouring the Virtue of Peace Making. We will also start focusing on and recognizing a Learning Skill each month. In November, we will be learning more about Self-Regulation and recognizing a student in every class who has demonstrated Self-Regulation, or who has improved in their Self-Regulation. We will continue to also recognize a student(s) in every class who demonstrates the Virtue. In November, the Progress Reports will be sent home and our first set of Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place. Please see below for the dates. The Parent/Teacher Interviews are a wonderful opportunity to continue to build the partnership between home and school and will give you the chance to learn more about your child's (children's) progress so far, and suggestions for next steps and how you can support your child at home. We look forward to seeing you at the interviews! Please also join us at our November School Mass, on Thurs. Nov. 28th at 9:30am. This is our school mass where we will recognize the Feast Day of St. Andrew.

Remembrance Day

On Monday, November 11th, the students and teachers of St. Andrew School are organizing a student assembly in the gym where we will honour the memory of our fallen soldiers and pray for those who continue to fight for freedom and peace in all parts of the world.

Upcoming Professional Activity Days (P.A. Days)

Please note the following days as being a Professional Activity Days:

Friday, November 15th – No school for students

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

Parent/Teacher Interviews

This year, parent-teacher interviews will be taking place on the evening of **Tuesday, November 12th** from **6:00pm-8:30pm**, and on **Thursday, November 14th** from **6:00pm-8:30pm**.

Please return your Interview request forms as soon as possible. Teachers will be sending home the confirmed times of your interviews on Friday, November 8th.

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



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5320.

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Community Safety and Traffic Meeting

Please plan to join us at our “Community Safety and Traffic Meeting” on **Wed. Nov. 27th at 5pm** at St. Andrew School. We will be discussing various traffic issues and gathering input related to traffic concerns in the St. Andrew School and St. Andrew Church Parking lot, as well as on Farr Avenue and in front of the school. School staff, as well as, TCDSB school board staff will be present at the meeting. More information and RSVP letters will be sent home soon.

Student Nutrition Program

The Student Nutrition Program began at St. Andrew School on Sept. 9th. Students receive a healthy morning snack, consisting of 2-3 of the food groups (e.g., fruit/vegetable, grain product, milk and alternative) 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**. If you are paying for the full school year, we are asking that you submit the full amount by **Fri. Nov. 8th**. 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. As the Winter weather approaches, 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. Our lost and found bin is overflowing at the school. We will have the lost items on tables on the main floor for you to claim during the P/T Interview evenings on Tues. Nov. 12th and Thurs. Nov. 14th.



School Cash Online

We are happy to announce that some of our families are now using the School Cash Online Payment system to pay for various school functions, such as our Pizza Lunches, CSPC Hot Dog Lunches, and School Dances. We encourage more families to join our Cash Online Payment system. If you require assistance, please make an appointment with our school secretary, Ms. Boni, and she will be able to assist you. 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 is 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>

Special Education and Resource Fair

**November 9th, 9 am to 3 pm at the Catholic Education Centre
80 Sheppard Avenue East (Yonge and Sheppard)**

Resources and information for families of children with special needs

<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/specialeducation/newsevents/pages/specialservicesfair.aspx>

Opportunities for Students

MY ACCESSIBLE CANADA POSTER CONTEST

Vibrant Healthcare Alliance invites TCDSB classes to collaborate and raise awareness around individuals with disabilities, with a view to eliminating the barriers these individuals are confronted with on a daily basis.

In observance of International Day for Persons with Disabilities on December 3rd, Vibrant Healthcare Alliance is sponsoring a poster competition among the primary grades (Grades 3-5) around the theme ‘My Accessible Canada’. **All posters must be submitted no later than November 15, 2019.**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/AwardsScholarshipsBursariesContests/Pages/My-Accessible-.aspx>

OCSTA Student Video Contest

OCSTA is pleased to announce the call for submissions for the Association’s 2019 short-video contest for students in grades 4 through 12 at Ontario’s publicly funded Catholic schools. This year’s theme is:

In Pope Francis’ post-synodal exhortation – *Christus Vivi* – the Holy Father states: **“Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world, and everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life.”** Students are invited to prepare a 2-minute video that shows how Catholic schools are places where young people encounter the Holy Spirit and ignite hope

through the love of Christ. The video should be uploaded to YouTube where it can be viewed and evaluated for the contest. The submission deadline is **December 10, 2019**. The submission form can be downloaded from the OCSTA website (<https://www.ocsta.on.ca/about-ocsta/2019-short-video-contest/>).

Community Living: Together We're Better Contest

Classes and individual elementary students ages 4 – 14 are invited to send a video, story or poem that demonstrates how students with an intellectual disability are included, why everyone benefits from this, and why your class is better because everyone is learning together. **Deadline for submissions is Tuesday January 28, 2020.** [Click here for details on how to apply.](#)

Events and Observances

November's Virtue is Peacemaking

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

November 1—All Saints' Day <https://www.tcdsb.org/Pages/All-Saints-Day.aspx>

November 2—All Souls' Day <https://www.tcdsb.org/Pages/All-Souls-Day.aspx>

November 1-7 National Down Syndrome <https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/pages/national-down-syndrome-awareness-week.aspx>

November 3-10 Holocaust Education Week

November 4-8 Treaties Recognition Week

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/FirstNationsMetisAndInuit/Pages/Treaties-Recognition-Week.aspx>

November 6 Take Our Kids to Work Day <https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2020/pages/tokw-day.aspx>

November 11 Remembrance Day

November 15 System wide PA Day

November 17-23 Bullying Prevention and Awareness Week

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SafeSchools/BullyingAwarenessAndPrevention/Pages/Bullying-Awareness-and-Prevention.aspx>

November 26 Memorial Mass to remember students and staff who have passed away in the past year, 7 pm at the Catholic Education Centre

Curriculum Corner: Everyday Mathematics

Daily Decisions:

Involve your child in using numbers to solve problems and make everyday decisions. You might ask the following:

- “We need six tomatoes to make our sauce for dinner, and we have only two. How many more do we need to buy?”
- “Two guests are coming to eat dinner with us. How many plates will we need? How many utensils?”

Tip: Encourage your child to talk about and show a math problem in a way that makes sense to her or him – for example, your child may act it out, use the actual materials, draw it or count on his or her fingers!

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

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