

St. Augustine of Canterbury Catholic School



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February 2019 Virtue of the Month: Love

Message from the Administrative Team

As we enter the month of February, we shift our focus onto the virtue of Love. Love is expressed throughout the Gospels and was the basis of Jesus' ministry while on earth. We also know that Love comes from God and hear in the Gospel of John that, "For God so loved the world, He gave His only son." John 3:16. As we focus on the virtue of love at St. Augustine this month, let us remember that love not only inspires the practice of all other virtues, it is the form and completion of all the other virtues.

During the month of January, we worked hard to make the most of the winter weather. We continue to focus on the virtue of courage and I-Care rules. In addition, our students participated in this year's Jr. Boys and Girls soccer tournaments and represented our school very well with each team winning their tournaments. In addition, the Intermediate Boys and Girls Basketball teams have been practicing for their tournaments which are taking place in February. Kindergarten registration is now underway and we are accepting Kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 school year for children born in 2015. We remind the community that the Ministry of Education guidelines concerning registration into our Full Day Kindergarten program restricts us to accepting only those children who reside within our school's catchment area and those who are baptized Roman Catholic.

We look forward to a number of exciting activities during the month of February. We have invited Canadian rapper Duane Gibson to speak with students regarding Black History month and we are having a Valentine's Day Dance on Thursday February 14th. Officer Megan McGarry will be visiting our school to discuss online safety with our Grade 4-8 students on February 8th. Be on the lookout for Term #1 report cards as they will be sent home on Tuesday February 12th with Parent Teacher interviews taking place during the evenings of Wednesday February 13th and Thursday February 14th - from 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm both evenings (as usual, we will have our book fair running that week as well). Friday February 15th is a PA Day and hence, there is no school for students. Lastly, our Grade 8 students anxiously await their high school acceptance letters which are scheduled to be delivered this month.

We wish all families a healthy and Love filled month of February.

R. De Lorenzo

Principal

E. Della Mea

Vice Principal

Reminder: Attendance Using Safe Arrival

A reminder that the Safe Arrival Program began at St. Augustine on **Monday January 7th**. We sent an email to all parents on December 10th, 2018 with attached letters regarding this change and a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) letter. We continue to remind parents that all absences need to be made via the Safe Arrival system using the phone number, via a web browser or from the smart phone app. In addition, we remind all parents that the Safe Arrival system will call parents regarding unreported absences so please answer the calls and identify the appropriate absences.

Allergies and Anaphylaxis

Valentine's Day is a fun time for all kids to enjoy and usually brings with it the exchange of Valentine cards, candy and chocolate treats, but unfortunately can also bring an increase in the risk of accidental exposure to nut allergens. This can make it an extremely dangerous and anxious time for anaphylactic kids because everyone knows that most candy and chocolate treats contain peanuts, nuts or traces of nuts. Such treats are extremely dangerous for students who have severe, life-threatening nut allergies in our school.

If such Valentine treats are packed for lunches and snacks, it can cause nut residue to be easily spread to all areas of the school creating an unsafe environment. This is dangerous because the school has many common areas such as the gym, library, hallway, washrooms, main office, school yard, etc, which anaphylactic students use daily.

It should be stressed that even a minuscule amount of nut or nut residue can endanger the life of an anaphylactic child. For this reason, please remember to be extra cautious about sending Valentine candy, chocolate and other food treats with your kids to school. The fact remains that anaphylaxis can be unpredictable even when you avoid eating the nut products themselves.

We highly encourage that no food based treats are sent to the school. There are many other non-food based, non-edible options including:

- Fancy pens and pencils
- Valentine's Day stickers and cards

Let's make Valentine's Day a happy, fun and enjoyable time for all!

From the School Board

TCDSB Is Hiring!

Join the dynamic team at the Toronto Catholic District School Board where academic success and well-being go hand in hand with nurturing Catholic faith and values. TCDSB is currently seeking:

- Supply Secretary
- Supply Educational Assistant
- Occasional Designated Early Childhood Educator
- Occasional Library Technician (certified and uncertified)
- Supply Caretaker
- Occasional Teacher
- Occasional French Teacher (certified and uncertified)
- Occasional Music Teacher (certified and uncertified)

Interested in exploring a career with TCDSB? Visit www.tcdsb.org/careers or contact hr.recruitment@tcdsb.org. Applications are being received at www.applytoeducation.com.



Director's Annual Report 2017-2018

Check out some of the highlights of the past school year in the newly published edition of the Director's Annual Report. <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BoardAdministration/DirectorofEducation/Pages/annual-report-2017-2018.aspx>

New Location: English Courses for Adults

Coming in February to 270 Cherokee Boulevard, North York (former Our Lady of Mount Carmel school site) ESL (full and part-time classes available), Essential skills training, ESL for Health Care Professions (March-May) www.tcdsb.org/adulted for information or 416-397-6600 contact.adulted@tcdsb.org

March 6, 2019 Ash Wednesday: Lent Begins

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

Never Miss Out on Important Information

Visit www.tcdsb.org for regular updates, Follow @TCDSB on Twitter, Subscribe to E-news, and receive news and information sent right to your email.

Students of the Month - January's Virtue of Courage

Ms. Maringola & Ms. Afram (FDK) Prince	Ms. Sirro & Ms. Reinoso (FDK) Jacob	Ms. Maringola & Ms. De Simone (FDK) Jonathan	Ms. Pedro & Ms. Sicilia (FDK) Ashirah	Ms. Zaroda (Gr. 1) Santiago
Ms. Sinapi (Gr.1) Valentina	Ms. Mettel (Gr.1/2) Abigail	Ms. Kelly (Gr.2) Jade	Ms. Moretti (Gr.2) Morina	Ms. Opinion (Gr. 2/3) Tra Mi
Ms. Di Nardo (Gr 3) Karmen	Ms. Tamburro (Gr. 3) Gabriella	Mr. Castillo (Gr. 3/4) Fadi	Ms. Boccitto (Gr. 4) Cathy	Mr. Abate (Gr. 4/5) Fiona
Ms. Iannelli (Gr. 5) Mirna	Ms. Dinkha (Gr. 5/6) Deepika	Ms. Palleschi (Gr. 6) Zaire	Ms. Galluzzo (Gr. 6/7) Gabriella	Ms. Cimino (Gr. 7) Kaylin
Ms. Grappone (Gr. 7/8) Philip	Mr. Ponticelli (Gr. 8) Matilda	Ms. Zabiene (LI) Melvin		

Immunization Information from Toronto Public Health

Students must be up-to-date with their immunization or have a valid exemption form to attend school in Ontario. The required immunizations protect against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, and rubella, meningococcal and varicella (for students born on or after January 1, 2011). Important boosters are given to children in kindergarten and again during the high school years.

Please note that your doctor does not send the information to Toronto Public Health. Every time your child has an immunization, report the information to Toronto Public Health by one of the following ways:

Online: www.toronto.ca/health and click on "Report your school-aged child's vaccine"

Fax: 416-338-2487

Mail a copy to: Toronto Public Health, Immunization
235 Danforth Avenue, 2nd Floor
Toronto, ON M4K 1N2

For more information visit our website at www.toronto.ca/immunization or call (416) 392-1250. Interpreters are available Monday to Friday 8:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

Reminder: Personal Devices at School

From time to time, students make inappropriate choices regarding the personal property of others. Due to the fact that the school cannot take any responsibility for the loss or theft of personal items brought onto school premises by students, we ask that all expensive items be left at home. The school will therefore not reimburse or replace lost or stolen articles under any circumstances. This will include all articles of clothing (kindly label items with a marker); personal school supplies or electronic devices.

Please note that collector cards of any kind are not permitted and cell phones, while allowed at school under parent discretion, must be off and away at all times unless used for instruction under the direction of the classroom teacher. We thank parents and students for their full cooperation.

FOR GOD SO LOVED
THE WORLD, HE GAVE
IT HIS ONLY SON.

~ JOHN 3:16 ~

- LET YOUR ACTIONS BE GUIDED BY THE IDEA THAT GOD SAYS WE SHOULD LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS HE HAS LOVED US.
- JESUS SAID WE SHOULD LOVE OUR ENEMY.
- THE BIBLE SAYS THAT LOVE IS ALWAYS PATIENT AND KIND.
- LIVE YOUR LIFE IN A WAY THAT MAKES OTHERS KNOW YOU ARE A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST.



Important Reminders:

- February 15th is a PA Day - no school for children
- Term 1 Report Cards: These will be sent home on Tuesday February 12th

Winter Clothing

As winter is in full swing, it is important that students are dressed appropriately for the weather. Unless the weather conditions are severe, as outlined in the TCDSB cold weather policy, students will go outside during the recess breaks to ensure that they get their much needed fresh air and exercise. Please ensure that children come to school with:

- Waterproof winter boots
- A second pair of indoor shoes
- A winter coat
- Waterproof gloves
- A winter hat or toque
- A scarf of appropriate length
- A navy blue or white sweater (school uniform colours)

Second Scholastic Book Fair

Our second Scholastic Book Fair is taking place! This is another opportunity for us to promote literacy among our students and to make available for purchase literacy materials that families can make use of at home.

The book fair will run from Monday February 11th until Thursday February 14th. All proceeds from the book sale will be reinvested back into our school library.

All classes and all students will be provided with an opportunity to preview materials and then an opportunity to purchase materials. The book fair will also be available to parents during parent teacher interviews.

We would like to thank Ms. Taricani for organizing the book fair!

Catholic Graduate Expectations

As a Catholic School Board, we focus on developing responsible citizens based on the Catholic School Graduate Expectations. These expectations include:

- 1) **A discerning believer** formed in the Catholic faith community who celebrates the signs and sacred mysteries of God's presence through word, sacrament, prayer, forgiveness, reflection and moral living;
 - 2) **An effective communicator** speaks, writes and listens honestly and sensitively, responding critically in light of gospel values;
 - 3) **A reflective, creative and holistic thinker** who solves problems and makes responsible decisions with an informed moral conscience for the common good;
 - 4) **A self-directed, responsible, life-long learner** who develops and demonstrates his/her God-given potential;
 - 5) **A collaborative contributor** who finds meaning, dignity and vocation in work which respects the rights of all and contributes to the common good;
 - 6) **A caring family member** who attends to family, school, parish, and the wider community;
- responsible citizen who gives witness to Catholic social teaching by promoting peace, justice and the sacredness of human life.
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Kindergarten Registration for the 2019-2020 School Year

Kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 school year is currently underway! Parents/guardians with children born in 2015 or earlier and who will be enrolling in Kindergarten, have the opportunity to apply on-line using the "Student On-line Admission and Registration" platform known as S.O.A.R. and found at the following link: <http://soar.tcdsb.org>

Parents will be able to complete an application for registration from the convenience of their own home, the office, a public library, or anywhere there is internet access, 24 hours a day. The on-line application also offers access to translations in different languages with built-in help functions and features. Alternately, families may choose to register in person at our school.

As part of the registration process, school staff will meet with parents. These meetings may be scheduled on the electronic application or in person at the school. During the meeting, school staff will verify the original documentation required for registration. This consists of a Baptismal Certificate, Birth Certificate and/or Passport, Immunization record, proof of residence and Application for Direction of School support.

Applications to register children in grades other than Kindergarten can also be done on the online S.O.A.R. application. Please share this information with any parents/guardians with school aged children in the community.

Please note that families wishing to register their children for Kindergarten must live within our school's catchment area.

Please register early!!

We have limited spots available and we anticipate all spots to be taken!

Valentine's Day Dance

The school is FINALLY having it's first dance of the year on Thursday February 14th. This will be a "Red, White and Pink" dress down day. Our parent council will be selling popcorn and a lollipop for \$2.00 and our Grade 6 students are organizing candigram sales (more details to come).

We thank Mr. Ponticelli and his class for organizing the dance for us again this year.

50th Anniversary of St. Augustine School!

We would like to notify the community that 2019 marks the 50th anniversary of St. Augustine of Canterbury Catholic School. Established in 1969, our school has served 5 decades of students and has been a part of countless memories! The school is currently setting up a 50th anniversary organizing committee and is determining logistics including the date of the event and activities.

Due to the fact that construction is still ongoing, we are looking to have our 50th Anniversary celebration later in 2019 - perhaps mid-late fall 2019. More details to come!!

In the meantime, if you have any historical photos or other historical memorabilia, or know anyone who has historical items to share, please gather them and keep them aside - we may be asking for items that the community is willing to share.

OPAL - Outdoor Play and Learning

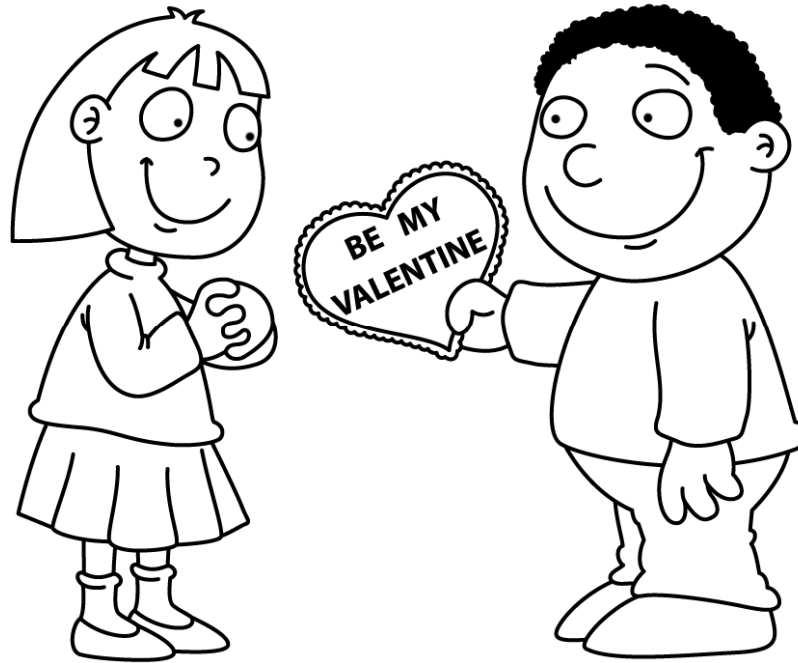
We recently sent an email to all parents regarding the new Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) initiative at St. Augustine. Here are a few more details:

- The OPAL initiative began in the United Kingdom with the focus of making play, especially play during recess time, more physically active, creative and diverse;
- Currently hundreds of schools in the United Kingdom apply the OPAL play philosophy;
- In Canada, the initiative is lead by Earth Day Canada;
- Earth Day Canada partnered with the TDSB in 2016-2017 school year and is currently in it's third year of implementation with over 20 TDSB school participating;
- Earth Day Canada partnered with TCDSB in the 2018-2019 school year and St. Augustine is currently one of four pilot schools within our school board - this initiative has the backing of the school board's Board of Trustees and Senior Management;
- OPAL is research-based and is focused on improving both the physical fitness of children as well as academic performance.

We will send regular updates to the community as we develop our school's play policy and slowly implement changes. Some of the changes will be to the recess rules and routines. Some of the changes will be visible as new items that will be made available to students - we will slowly begin introducing items referred to as "Loose Parts". When we begin to introduce the "Loose Parts" to the school yard, it will appear as through we are "dumping" old, recyclable items into the school yard - some may even call it "junk". What we will actually be doing is introducing items that we are "upcycling" for children to use creatively in their play. No need to worry if the items are damaged as they are already "recycled" materials that we are using one more time before properly disposing of them.

For more information regarding the Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) initiative, including information, videos and pictures, please visit <https://earthday.ca/earthplay/schoolplay/>





Colour in your calendar!

MONTH of FEBRUARY, 2019 – Virtue of Love

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Student of the Month Assembly	5 - Black History Month Presentation; Grades 4-8 - Extended Hours Kindergarten Registration	6	7	8 - Internet and Social Media safety Presentation by Officer McGarry from Toronto Police; Gr. 4-8 - Grade 4 trip to Yorkwoods Library	9
10	11	12 - Intermediate Boys Basketball Tournament - Term 1 Report Cards go Home	13 - Intermediate Girls Basketball Tournament - Parent Teacher Interviews (evening)	14 - Valentine's Day Dance - Parent Teacher Interviews (evening)	15 PA Day: No School For Students	16
17	18 Family Day No School	19 - Grade 3 Trip to Crawford Lake	20 - February Mass 9:30 AM @ St. Augustine Church - Jr. W5H Tournament	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	March 1	March 1



Building a Healthy Lunch



A healthy lunch gives children the **energy** and **nutrition** they need to grow and learn at school.

A healthy lunch has foods from 3 to 4 food groups in *Canada's Food Guide*.
Pack a refillable bottle so that your child can drink water at school.

Vegetables and Fruit

Apple	Carrots
Orange	Broccoli
Pear	Celery
Banana	Peppers
Melon	Tomato
Berries	Cauliflower
Mango	Cucumber
Apricot	Romaine Lettuce
Peach	Spinach
Kiwi	Apple sauce
Dried fruit	Canned fruit

Grain Products

- Whole grain bread or bagel
- Whole grain pita, flat bread or tortilla
- Pasta or noodles
- Rice
- Couscous
- Whole grain crackers
- Whole grain Melba toast
- Whole grain cereal
- Small muffin
- Arrowroot or oatmeal cookie

Milk and Alternatives

- Plain milk
- Fruit smoothie made with plain milk or yogurt
- Yogurt
- Cheese
- Cottage cheese
- Fortified soy beverage

Meat and Alternatives

- Canned fish (light tuna, salmon)
- Chicken, turkey or roast beef
- Hummus
- Beans and lentils
- Tofu
- Hard-boiled egg

Visit www.healthcanada.gc.ca/foodguide for information about *Canada's Food Guide*.





Lunches for a Week

Write down your own healthy lunch menus on the days that are blank. Ask your kids for ideas.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Whole grain bagel	_____	Whole grain flatbread (roti or chapatti)	_____	Whole grain crackers
Sliced turkey	_____	Hummus	_____	Minestrone soup
Milk pudding cup	_____	Yogurt	_____	Apple
Baby carrots	_____	Sliced vegetables	_____	Plain milk
Water	Water	Water	Water	Water

Keep Lunches Safe!

- Wash your hands well before preparing foods.
- **Keep hot foods hot.** Food must be cooked to the proper temperature depending on the type of food. Food should be steaming hot when you put it in a thermos. Please follow the manufacturer's recommendations for thermos use.
- **Keep cold foods cold.** Use an insulated lunch bag and a freezer pack.
- Wash all vegetables and fruit under cold running tap water.
- Throw away food that is not eaten at lunch.
- Clean lunch bags, plastic containers and all utensils every day in hot, soapy water.

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