

# St. Augustine of Canterbury Catholic School



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## November 2018 Virtue of the Month: Peace

### Message from the Administrative Team

The virtue of the month for the month of November is the virtue of PEACE. The scripture passage that guides us this month is "Peace I leave to you, my peace I give to you" John 14:27. As we celebrate the Year of the Parish, we connect the virtue of peace to the Sign of Peace at mass. Each time we gather for Eucharist we are invited to extend a sign of peace to those around us, our family, friends, neighbours, and strangers. Catholic social teaching reminds us that we are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, religious, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbour has global dimensions in a shrinking world. The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict. Let us reflect on what each of us can do to be a peacemaker in our families, your classes, our school, our city and the world.

During the busy month of October, we engaged in many different learning activities. We focused on "Living Our Values" through our patience with construction work and delays. We focused on "Daily Active Living" through participation in various extra-curricular activities (i.e.. Cross Country) and we will be focusing on Safe Schools as Officer Janse, our community Liaison officer, will soon begin providing grade-level presentations to students on bullying prevention and safety. We showed our Gratitude toward our teaching staff on World Teacher Day, DECE appreciation day and Custodial Workers day. In addition, we had our school photo day, and participated in Halloween activities as well as our annual CSPC pumpkin carving contest.

This month, we look forward to more exciting events and activities. We remember all the saints and the souls of those who have passed away on All Saints, All Souls Day and Remembrance Day. We look forward to Intermediate volleyball tournaments and the beginning of our Skating program. Lastly, we look forward to meeting with parents during Parent/Teacher Interviews on November 14th/15th.

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### Prayer for Peace

Let us remember the words of St. Francis of Assisi:

Lord, Make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light, and where there is sadness, joy. O, Divine Master,  
Grant that I may not so much seek To be consoled as to console; To be understood as to understand;  
To be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

## Homework Routines and Guidelines

Homework in moderation can be beneficial to children in many ways. It can help children to:

- develop a sense of responsibility
- be organized
- manage after school time
- provide practice of skills
- reinforce skills and concepts taught in the classroom
- complete work begun in class
- Pursue personal interests through projects related to subjects studied in school

An interest in homework assignments can also provide communication between parent and child; enabling parents to know what is being taught at school. The student agenda book is the best tool for home/school dialogue. Parents can also help their child by contacting teachers if you have questions or concerns about your child's homework completion routine. Remember it is important to always call ahead for an appointment.

A summary of homework timelines, as outlined by the TCDSB, by grade, not including guided or independent reading

<http://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/Homework/Pages/default.aspx>

Grade One	Grade Two	Grade Three	Grade Four
5 - 10 minutes	10 - 20 minutes	15 - 20 minutes	20 - 40 minutes
Grade Five	Grade Six	Grade Seven	Grade Eight
25 - 50 minutes	30 - 60 minutes	35 - 70 minutes	40 - 80 minutes

### Parents can assist by:

- showing interest in their child's school work
- ensuring a quiet time and place for homework to be done
- listening to their child read
- providing encouragement
- recognizing achievements

## Winter Weather Coming...

Winter is on its way and soon, we will be experiencing cold winter weather. It is imperative that students come dressed to school prepared to participate in all activities, including outdoor recesses. Except when the weather is extremely cold (as outlined in board policy) or wet, the students will be going outside during the recess and lunch periods. We ask parents to ensure that children wear hats, scarves, gloves, winter outwear and boots. Where possible, please put identification on your child's belongings. We also ask that students have a pair of indoor shoes or running shoes, so that the classrooms are kept as clean and dry as possible.

## Hearing/ Vision Clinic at St. Augustine

Ensuring children can hear and see clearly is an important basic building block to learning. To support our students, we've invited School Screening Association, a non-profit organization, to screen our students again this year. While payment is requested, students will still be screened even if parents are unable to pay. If difficulties are discovered, the association will refer you to a doctor for a follow-up. This year's clinic is take place on:

**November 12th & 13th, 2018**

## Flu Shot Season: Flu Shot Information for Parents, Kids and Flu



The flu germs spread when people cough, sneeze or talk. The flu germs can also live on surfaces like toys, countertops, and door handles for up to eight hours.

Students can pass the flu germs to each other, to school staff and to family members before they show symptoms. Children under five, seniors and people in poor health are at greater risk of complications from flu.

Vaccination is the best protection against flu. It takes 2 weeks for the vaccine to be fully effective so get it early.

Tips on staying healthy this flu Season:

- Get your flu shot early;
- Wash your hands often;
- Avoid touching face and eyes;
- Cover your cough or sneeze;
- Do not share drinking cups and utensils;
- Disinfect common surfaces like door handles, hand railings, keyboards, cell phones and tablets.

For more information, visit <http://www.toronto.ca/health/flu>

## Students of the Month - October's Virtue of Gratitude

Ms. Marchesan/ Ms. Afram (FDK) <b>Natalia</b>	Ms. Maringola/ Ms. Reinoso (FDK) <b>Emma</b>	Ms. Kakish/ Ms. De Simone (FDK) <b>Jonathan</b>	Ms. Pedro/ Ms. Sicilia (FDK) <b>Gideon</b>	Ms. Sinapi (Gr. 1) <b>Ivory</b>
Ms. Zaroda (Gr.1) <b>Marbn</b>	Ms. Mettel (Gr.1/2) <b>TJ</b>	Ms. Kelly (Gr.2) <b>Shalyn</b>	Ms. Moretti (Gr.2) <b>Ayden</b>	Ms. Opinion (Gr. 2/3) <b>Emery</b>
Mr. Di Nardo (Gr 3) <b>Elijah</b>	Mr. Tamburro (Gr. 3) <b>Anthony</b>	Ms. Amoruso (Gr. 3/4) <b>Popova</b>	Ms. Boccitto (Gr. 4) <b>Jaden</b>	Ms. Castillo (Gr. 4/5) <b>Tryphena</b>
Ms. Iannelli (Gr. 5) <b>Lianne</b>	Ms. Dinkha (Gr. 5/6) <b>Kaden</b>	Ms. Sirro (Gr. 6) <b>Zaire</b>	Ms. Nassuna (Gr. 6/7) <b>John</b>	Ms. Cimino (Gr. 7) <b>Daniella</b>
Ms. Grappone (Gr. 7/8) <b>Anisa</b>	Mr. Ponticelli (Gr. 8) <b>Isabelle</b>	Ms. Zabiene (L.I.) <b>Reden</b>		

### News from the School Board

#### Don't Forget to Turn Your Clocks Back

Weekend of November 3-4, 2018. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep!

#### TCDSB Trustee Election Results

Congratulations to the newly elected and re-elected Trustees for the Toronto Catholic District School Board. St. Augustine is in Ward 3 and our new Trustee is **Ida Li Preti**. The new Board of Trustees will be sworn in at the Inaugural Meeting on Monday, December 3, 2018.

#### Information About Cannabis

On Wednesday, October 17, 2018, cannabis became legal in Ontario and the rest of Canada. The Toronto Catholic District School Board remains committed to maintaining safe school and work environments that are welcoming and support the Board's focus on excellence in education. Although legislation permits the recreational use of cannabis, the vaping, smoking, or use of lighted tobacco, cannabis/marijuana, herbal material (or any other combustible material) and electronic smoking devices is prohibited at all TCDSB schools and worksites.

#### Province of Ontario Seeks Feedback on Education

The Province is consulting with parents across the province to address concerns and get feedback in several areas of the education system. There are three ways to participate: (1) Open submission (2) Use the private and confidential online submission form, or (3) Email your written submission to [fortheparents@ontario.ca](mailto:fortheparents@ontario.ca) and include your name or the name of your organization add "provincial consultations" as the subject. attach your submission as a PDF or Word document. *Deadline is December 15, 2018.*

Visit <http://www.tcdsb.org> to get more information about any of these events and remember to subscribe to ENews to receive regular updates via email.

PEACE I LEAVE YOU,  
MY PEACE  
I GIVE TO YOU.

~ JOHN 14:27 ~

- BY OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD, WE FEEL PEACE WITHIN US.
- EVERY PERSON CAN WORK FOR PEACE BY CAREFULLY CONSIDERING HOW THEIR WORDS AND ACTIONS MAKE OTHERS FEEL.
- EVERYONE WANTS TO BE TREATED FAIRLY; WE NEED TO REMEMBER TO TREAT OTHERS FAIRLY.
- BE GUIDED BY THE WORDS OF PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS - "THE PEACE THAT CHRIST GIVES IS TO GUIDE YOU IN THE DECISIONS YOU MAKE."
- PEACE AMONG NATIONS STARTS WITH PEACE AMONG US.



#### Important Reminders:

- PA Day Friday November 16th - no school for students
- Parent teacher interviews are being held the evenings of Nov. 14th and Nov. 15th

## **The Importance of Good Attendance at School**

# **Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early**

## **School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!**

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent of the school days can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

### **WHAT Parents CAN DO**

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Don't let your child stay home unless he/she is truly sick. Keep in mind at times complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to your child's teacher, or school principal/Vice-Principal, for advice on how to make him/her feel comfortable and excited about learning. They can also help you access further assistance if necessary.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

It is important to note that in the province of Ontario, under the Education Act, regular school attendance is mandatory for children between the ages of 6 to 18.

Reference: [www.attendanceworks.org](http://www.attendanceworks.org)

## **Visitors to St. Augustine School Policy**

Parents are asked to please call the school to make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher when required. It is difficult for teachers to give you undivided attention and time which you require when coming to school at an unexpected time, either in the schoolyard or classroom door.

All visitors to the school are required by TCDSB policy to report to the office prior to visiting any other area of the school. Visitors will receive a visitor's badge upon signing in at the main office. Before departure, visitors need to return their visitor's badge and sign out in the sign out book.

## International Languages Elementary (ILE) Program: November Update

### IL Survey to Be Conducted in All TCDSB Elementary Schools

On July 12<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Trustees of the TCDSB approved a motion to survey parents in all TCDSB Elementary Schools to determine whether parents wish to continue or initiative an International Languages program at their child's school. Process and Timelines:

- One survey will be sent to each family with the Progress Report card with the oldest or only child in each family.
- All surveys must be completed and returned in the sealed envelope provided, to the school principal between **November 13th and November 27, 2018.**
- No survey will be accepted after November 27<sup>th</sup>.

Should parents wish to have a translated version to assist with the completion of the English survey, they can request a translated copy from the school principal or download a copy of the target language from: <https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/InternationalLanguages/International-Language-Survey/Pages/Default.aspx>. Translations are available in Spanish, Portuguese, Ukrainian, Arabic, Filipino, Chinese (Simplified and Traditional) Tamil, and Italian.

All parents are encouraged to participate to ensure that results reflect the individual and collective voice of the school community. Surveys from 67% of all families in the school must be completed and returned in order for the results to be considered viable. In order to determine if the program is to be continued, using the Board approved model or to move the IL program to an alternative model, **the majority of 51%** should be attained for the preferred selection. In January, a report will be submitted to the Board of Trustees. This report will include a list of results by school, including the response rates for each school. However, only schools with the required 67% response rate will receive a detailed summary of parent responses.

For updated information regarding the International Languages Elementary (ILE) Program please visit: <https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/schoolprogramsk12/internationallanguages/pages/change-to-international-languages-program.aspx>

### Update to Parent Communication - From Direct Email to School Messenger

In March, 2018, we at St. Augustine updated the way we communicate with parents. We began moving away from paper communication and shared more information through direct email messages to parents. Beginning in November, 2018, we will be updating the way we communicate again as we will begin moving away from direct email and attendance phone calls to using a service called School Messenger. School Messenger is a communication software package licensed by the school board for all schools to enhance how schools communicate with parents. The purpose to increase both efficiency for school staff and create simple and direct ways to communication with parents.

On Monday October 29th, we sent all parents an email regarding this changeover. Beginning Monday November 5th, email communication will switchover to School Messenger. In December 2018, all communication regarding student attendance and safe arrival programs will all be handled by School Messenger as well. You will be able to call in attendance through the central call in service or even communicate absences through the School Messenger App!. We will share more details regarding this changeover in the upcoming weeks.

As always, we need accurate and up-to-date contact information in order to communicate with you effectively. If you have recently changed your phone number or email address, please call the school ASAP and ensure that the contact information on file is correct and up-to-date.



# Peace



## MONTH of NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Oct. 28	Oct. 29	Oct. 30	Oct. 31	1 <b>All Saints Day</b>  - Kindergarten Trip to the Farm	2 <b>All Souls Day</b>	3
4  <b>Daylight Saving Time Ends</b>	5	6  - November Mass begins at 9:30 AM  - Intermediate Boys Divisional Volleyball Tournament	7	8  - Skills Canada Presentation (Gr. 8's)  - Intermediate Girls Volleyball Tournament	9	10
11  <b>Remembrance Day</b>	12  - Remembrance Day Celebration  - Screening: Hearing/Vision	13  - Report Cards go home  - Screening: Hearing/Vision	14  Parent-Teacher Interviews <b>PM</b>	15  - Picture Retake Day  Parent-Teacher Interviews <b>PM</b>	16  <b>PA Day</b>  No School for Students	17
18	19	20  Alice in Wonderland Theatre Trip: Gr. 1 & 2 students	21	22	23	24
25  <b>Christ the King</b>	26	27  CSPC Santa Photos	28  Lockdown Drill	29	30	Dec. 1