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In February, we focus on the Virtue of Love!

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 made the most of the winter weather. We continued 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. Congratulations to our boys team who won their tournament! Also, 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 2020-2021 school year for children born in 2016. We remind the community that 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. If you need daycare for younger children, the YMCA continues to accept registrations for their daycare program for children aged 0-4 years of age.

We look forward to several exciting activities during the month of February. We have invited Inspiration Republic to speak with children from Grades 3-7 around the topic of Black History Month and we are organizing a Valentine's Day Dance on Thursday February 13th. Be on the lookout for Term #1 report cards as they will be sent home on Tuesday February 11th with Parent Teacher interviews taking place during the evening of Thursday February 13th and the morning of Friday February 14th - as usual, we will have our book fair running that week as well. Friday February 14th 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.

A note regarding teacher and DECE job actions: As you are aware, the province's unions and the Ministry of Education are currently negotiating contracts and, as a result, there have been job actions across the city and province. We ask parents to watch the news and keep an eye on your email for ongoing updates to the current labour dispute.

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

R. De Lorenzo
Principal

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

February 2020 – Love

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Call: 416-393-5328 or the TCDSB Admissions Department at 416-222-8282, ext. 2383.

For general information about the Toronto Catholic District School Board, please visit the website at www.tcdsb.org

Stay in touch with the latest news throughout the school year: Follow @TCDSB on Twitter.

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!

Reminder: Personal Devices at School

From time to time, students make inappropriate choices regarding the personal property of others. Since 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 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 always be off and away unless used for instruction under the direction of the classroom teacher. We thank parents and students for their full cooperation.

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.

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;
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Importance of Winter Clothing in Winter

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)

Registering for School Cash Online

This year, we began implementing a School Cash Online option for parents allowing the purchase of pizza for pizza lunch online. To date, 38% of our families have registered for School Cash Online and just over 50% of pizza lunch orders are now purchased using School Cash Online. Kindly note that to reduce the amount of cash children are carrying and is handled by school staff, we will only accept School Cash Online orders for pizza in the spring 2020. More specific details to come.

Also, beginning in January 2020, we will be providing parents with a School Cash Online option for trips as well! We encourage all parents to sign up for School Cash Online at tcdsb.schoolcashionline.com and click the "Register" button. Make purchases more safe and secure and stop sending cash to school with you children!

NEW: Pasta Lunch

We will be offering a pasta lunch option on Wednesday February 19th. *We will only be accepting orders via School Cash Online between Monday February 3rd and Wednesday February 12th.*

Students of the Month – January’s Virtue of Courage

Ms. Marchesan/ Ms. Afram (FDK) Adam	Ms. Do Vale/ Ms. Reinoso (FDK) Charlotte	Ms. Cattarozzi/ Ms. De Simone (FDK) Savena	Ms. Pedro/ Ms. Sicilia (FDK) Timothy	Ms. Maringola (Gr. 1) Fabyan
Ms. Mettel (Gr.1) Brianna	Ms. Sinapi (Gr.1) Yousif	Ms. Kelly (Gr.2) Haedin	Ms. Moretti (Gr. 2) Moises	Mr. Di Nardo (Gr.2) Ransa
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Ms. Duggan (Gr. 4/5) Ejro	Ms. Iannelli (Gr. 5) Alessia	Ms. Dinkha (Gr. 5) Peniel	Ms. Cerone (Gr. 6) Sandra	Ms. Vani (Gr. 6) Ashton
Ms. Maglocchetti (Gr. 6/7) Keyshia	Ms. Grappone (Gr. 7) Deborah	Ms. D’Angelo (Gr. 7) Tifani	Mr. Ponticelli (Gr. 8) Alex	Ms. Bamber (Gr. 8) Jeffrey
Ms. Zabiene (L.I.-ISP) Melvin				

Traffic Safety Around the School

As you are aware, St. Augustine Catholic School is in a busy neighbourhood with a high volume of traffic on school property and within the streets that surround the school, particularly during peak periods. It has been communicated over the last few years that our present Kiss and Ride system using the school parking lot and drop-off loop at entry and dismissal times poses safety concerns for children, parents, and school personnel.

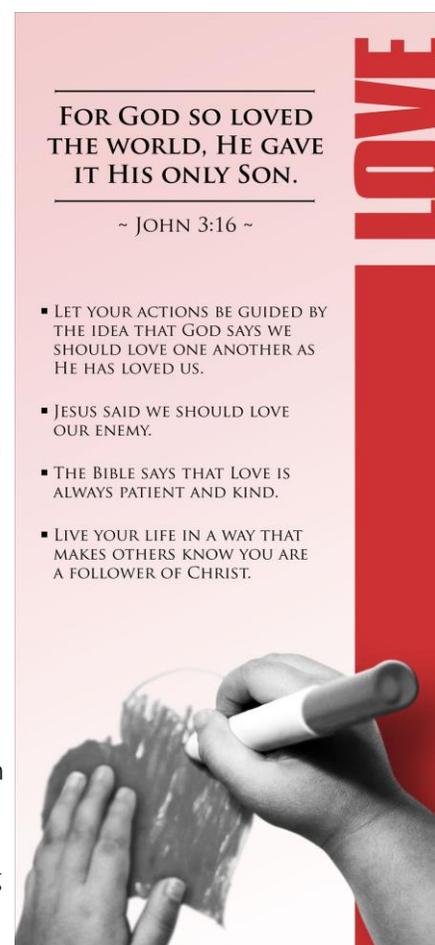
Our School Travel Planning Committee which includes personnel from TCDSB Facilities, City of Toronto, Toronto Police Service, St. Augustine Catholic School staff and parents have met to seek solutions to our school arrival and departure safety concerns. These solutions include submitting a request to the City of Toronto to update traffic signage at the school to allow short-term parking in front of the school and adding a crossing guard at the corner of Gosford Blvd. and Shoreham Drive.

Parents who have been in the habit of using the school parking lot for drop off and pick up are encouraged to consider the following options:

- Walk with or cycle with your child to and from school;
- Arrange a group walk to and from school with families from your area;
- Seek out students in older grade who are neighbours to escort your younger child(ren) to and from school;
- Park on a local street where parking is permitted and walk your child to/from school.

We would also like to inform you that Toronto Parking Enforcement will be patrolling the area beginning **Wednesday, February 5th** and will be enforcing fines for illegal parking. Drivers are reminded to adhere to any signage around the school and in the neighbourhood detailing any parking restrictions. The following infractions may result in a fine:

- Parking in the bus loading zone both in front of the school and in the driveway to the parking lot;



- Parking on the south side of Shoreham Drive or in neighbours' driveways;
- Making U-Turns or 3-Point turns in front of the school;
- Parking in the fire route of the school driveway and parking lot;
- Double-parking or parking in a handicapped parking spot without a proper permit.

Kindly note that the school is not responsible for any tickets issued to drivers.

The safety and well-being of staff and students is deeply important to us and we appreciate everyone's support and cooperation. Thank you for your support in assisting us in improving traffic safety around the school.



Monthly Update from the Board February 2020

February's Virtue is Love

Please visit our website for the monthly resources connected to the virtue of the month.

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

TCDSB Is Hiring!

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Special Education Advisory Committee Seeks Community Representatives

SEAC is statutory Committee that makes recommendations to the Board on matters affecting the establishment and development of special education programs and services for exceptional pupils of the Board. SEAC membership includes three Elected Officials of the Board, up to 12 Members of Local Associations and one or more additional members from the community. Learn more: <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Pages/SEACSeeksCommunityRepresentatives.aspx>

Important Information for Parents

Labour Update

Find the latest news and information about negotiations on the Board's website at

<https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2020/pages/labourupdate.aspx>

Coronavirus

Stay up to date on the information shared by the Province of Ontario and Toronto Public Health

<https://www.tcdsb.org/forstudents/healthandsafety/pages/coronavirusinformation.aspx>

Reminder: Registration for Kindergarten, French Immersion and Extended French for September 2020 is OPEN

Visit the Board's website for information at

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

Winter Weather Has Arrived

Don't miss out on information relating to cancellations or delays in school bus service. Sign up to receive alerts through the TSTG parent portal <https://www.torontoschoolbus.org> or follow @TCDSB on Twitter for the latest updates.

TCDSB Mental Health Newsletter-Winter 2020 Issue

https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SpecialEducation/mhs/newsletters/2020_Winter_Newsletter.pdf

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<https://web1.tcdsb.org/InterestSubscription/subscription.aspx>



Guidance Corner - January 2020

Carolina Greco

Elementary Guidance Counsellor/Teacher

Area 2/3

High school acceptance packages will be couriered to the elementary schools during the first two weeks of February and will be sent to the Grade 8 teachers for distribution. Some specialty program offers have already been sent out. Please pay attention to specific dates for registration or re-directions in the packages that you receive. The Program and Course Calendar for secondary school will be available online this month for Grade 8 students and parents. It includes a wide variety of important information related to high school, as well as highlighting the courses that each of our high schools will be offering for the coming school year. You may find this a useful tool in anticipation of course selection and registration that will take place in February/March. The link is posted below:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/GuidanceCoopEd/ebook/mobile/index.html>

As the Term 1 Report Card is sent home and Parent/Teacher Conferences take place, it is a good reminder of the importance of strengthening the development of the 6 Learning Skills & Work Habits and the vital role that parents play in helping their child master them. Look for opportunities at home for your child to take responsibility, collaborate with others, work independently, self-regulate, show initiative and how to be organized.

http://www.fslhomeworktoolbox.ca/homework_tips/learning_skills_and_work_habits.php

During the month of February, we focus on the virtue of Love: love of self, love of others, and love of God. Having a positive sense of ourselves, helps us to be resilient, be caring family members, and allows us to foster good relationships with others. Here is a link to an article on helping to boost self-esteem in children:

<http://www.yessafechoices.org/parents/tips-and-tools/help-your-child-feel-good-about-himself>.

St. Augustine of Canterbury Catholic School Calendar – January 2020

Virtue of the Month: Love

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, and it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres. Love never fails...” (1 Corinthians 13: 4 - 8a)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Student of the Month Assembly	4 OECTA Job Action No School for Students	5 Lockdown Drill #3	6 ETFO Job Action Classes continue	7 ETFO Job Action Classes continue	8
9	10 - Intermediate Boys Basketball Tournament	11 - Term 1 Report Cards go Home	12 - Intermediate Girls Basketball Tournament	13 - Valentine's Day Dance - Parent Teacher Interviews: evening	14 PA Day No School for Students - Parent Teacher Interviews: morning	15
16	17 Family Day Holiday	18 - Black History Month presentation - Grade 8 trip to Skills Canada - Extended Kindergarten Registration Night	19	20 - Jr. W5H Tournament	21	22
23	24	25 - Mardi Grads (Pancake Tuesday) - CSPC Meeting: 4PM	26 Ash Wednesday Celebration	27	28	29 Confirmation Retreat for Confirmandi at St. Augustine Church

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