



ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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In March, We focus on the Forgiveness!

As we enter the month of March, we shift our focus to celebrating the Catholic Virtue of Forgiveness. How timely that the virtue for this month is FORGIVENESS, not only because we will be entering into the season of Lent but also because it is an important cornerstone of our faith and one that Jesus modeled for us in his life and death. We are reminded that forgiveness is a gift to ourselves as we let go of the burden of resentment when we forgive another person and it's a gift to our children when we teach and model it to them. This month at St. Augustine, will be exploring the virtue of forgiveness.

Despite the job action from various employee groups, we had an enjoyable February. The Grade 5-7 students who are part of the hockey program co-sponsored by Toronto Police and the NHLPA took part in a culminating event that included meeting several players from the Toronto Maple Leafs. We celebrated Black History Month with daily announcements, a display at the office and a presentation to our Grade 3-8 students by Inspiration Republic. Term 1 Report cards were sent home, parent teacher interviews took place and we held our second Scholastic book fair. In addition, we had Love Week that culminated in a Valentine's day dance.

During the month of March, we will engage in the important Catholic preparation period of Lent. This preparation period began on Wednesday February 26th with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. The day before, on Tuesday February 25th, our parent council (CSPC) hosted Mardi Gras, providing all children with a pancake breakfast. A special thank you to our CSPC and volunteers for organizing such a wonderful event that was enjoyed by all. The month of March brings with it the season of spring (hopefully) and with spring, we have March Break. March Break is taking place between Monday March 16th - Friday March 20th.

A reminder to the whole community that we continue to update the ways we communicate with our school community. In addition to our month newsletters and Twitter account (<http://www.twitter.com/augustinetcdsb>), we are now communicating regularly via email. New this year is the move to School Cash Online. To date, nearly 50% of our families have registered! We continue to encourage all families to register and pay for school items using School Cash Online as it is safe, secure, and eliminates the need to have children come to school with cash.

We look forward to a blessed month of March as we focus on the virtue Forgiveness and begin the celebration of the season of Lent.

Mr. R. De Lorenzo
Principal

Ms. L. Romano
Vice Principal

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

March 2020 – Forgiveness

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605 9:00 AM-3:30 PM 11:45 PM-12:45 PM

ENROLLMENT HOURS OF OPERATION LUNCH HOUR

NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: soar.tcdsb.org

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.

Lent: A Time of Charity and Sacrifice

The church sets aside 40 days as a special time we call Lent. The word Lenten comes from the Anglo-Saxon words lencten, meaning ‘Spring’ lenctentid (Springtide) the word for ‘March’ the month in which the majority of Lent falls. Lent is a time of prayer, penance, sacrifice and good works in preparation for the celebration of Easter. Penance and the recalling of our baptism are of particular importance during this time. Moreover, an emphasis is placed on performing spiritual works, like attending the Stations of the Cross and Mass, taking the time for personal prayer and spiritual reading, going to confession, and offering gifts of time and love to others. Let us remember that it is not merely a time of punishment, nor giving up something. It is a time when we are asked to look at ourselves and at change of heart. It is a time of relationship mending and building.

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. Outdoor creative play is a key aspect to our Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) initiative. 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)

IMPORTANT: Traffic Safety - School Parking Lot & 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 year 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.

March Break Programs, Classes and Exhibits – Toronto Public Library

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. Make the Toronto Public Library your destination this March Break for fun, free activities and programs for children and families. Let them spark your child's curiosity with a wide range of innovative programs full of discovery and learning.

<https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/programs-and-classes/featured/march-break.jsp>

Virtue of Forgiveness During the Season of Lent

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<https://www.verywellfamily.com/how-to-encourage-good-sibling-relationships-620105>

<https://www.parentingscience.com/kids-make-friends.html>

http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/connecting_with_your_school-age_child_introductio.html/context/288

Making Math Fun at Home

With the push in Ontario in improving math literacy among students, incorporating math in both the home and school is important. Practicing math at home does not have to be homework. Here are some fun ways to incorporate some math practice in the home, without adding any extra homework:

For young children:

- Incorporate concepts of math in daily conversations with your child. For example, "We invited 4 people to the party, but 2 can't come. How many people are coming over tonight?"
- Play "I Spy," but rather than looking for objects of a certain colour, look for numbers, math symbols, patterns, or two- or three-dimensional shapes.
- Choose a particular item in the room and have your child try to find which item you're thinking of by using directional language (e.g., up, down, over, under, through, beside).
- Teach patterning through dance and movement. Teach each other short dances that involve a pattern of movements. Clap your hands and stomp your feet in a particular pattern. Have your child repeat this pattern and then make up his or her own.

For older children:

- Have your child involved in planning a party or family event. Have your child create a survey to ask guests what beverages they would prefer. Ask your child: How many guests are coming? How many chairs will we need? How much food will we need? How many pizzas will we need to buy 30 slices of pizza?)
- Have your child keep score when you're playing games.
- Create a family calendar indicating the dates and times of important events. You can have a "count down" to enjoyable events or activities.
- Involve your child in cooking or baking from a recipe. You can make note of which measuring cups hold more and which hold less to make comparisons.

Students of the Month – February’s Virtue of Love

Ms. Marchesan/ Ms. Afram (FDK) Isabella	Ms. Do Vale/ Ms. Reinoso (FDK) Labeebah	Ms. Cattarozzi/ Ms. De Simone (FDK) Joseph	Ms. Pedro/ Ms. Sicilia (FDK) Jodie	Ms. Maringola (Gr. 1) Sharbel
Ms. Mettel (Gr.1) Jacob	Ms. Sinapi (Gr.1) Weyinmi	Ms. Kelly (Gr.2) Yousif	Ms. Moretti (Gr. 2) Nathaniel	Mr. Di Nardo (Gr.2) Angelika
Ms. Amoruso (Gr 3) Aubrey	Ms. Tamburro (Gr. 3) Olivia	Ms. Taborda (Gr. 3/4) Jonathan	Ms. Abate (Gr. 4) Jordan	Ms. Boccitto (Gr. 4) Gabriella
Ms. Duggan (Gr. 4/5) Mary	Ms. Iannelli (Gr. 5) Godfrey	Ms. Dinkha (Gr. 5) Stavro	Ms. Cerone (Gr. 6) Ashley	Ms. Vani (Gr. 6) Ugoma
Ms. Maglocchetti (Gr. 6/7) Mirna	Ms. Grappone (Gr. 7) An	Ms. D’Angelo (Gr. 7) Cody	Mr. Ponticelli (Gr. 8) Tammy	Ms. Bamber (Gr. 8) Charlene-Anne
Ms. Zabiene (L.I.-ISP) Julio				



Monthly Update from the Board March 2020

Labour Update:

Stay up to date with all the latest news here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2020/Pages/LabourUpdate.aspx>

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.

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.

Toronto Public Library: March Break Programs

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Coronavirus

News and resources are on our website here:

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

TO ERR IS HUMAN,
TO FORGIVE IS DIVINE.

~ ALEXANDER POPE ~

- LET YOUR ACTIONS BE GUIDED BY THE IDEA THAT JESUS SAID, "LET HE WHO IS WITHOUT SIN, CAST THE FIRST STONE."
- THE FIRST STEP TO FORGIVENESS IS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR ACTIONS.
- IF YOU WANT TO BE FORGIVEN, YOU NEED TO MAKE SURE YOU FORGIVE OTHER PEOPLE.
- LIVE YOUR LIFE IN A WAY THAT MAKES OTHERS KNOW YOU ARE A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST.



FORGIVENESS

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

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



Guidance Corner - March 2020

Carolina Greco
Elementary Guidance Counsellor/Teacher
Area 2/3

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High School registration nights are currently taking place for Grade 8 students. Please check the admission package that your child received to confirm dates and times. Signing your child up for the Summer Transition credit course is highly recommended. There are also a number of other forms that are required to be handed in on registration night, along with school fees.

It is important for students to experience the city they live in to gain an awareness of local culture and to have an opportunity to visit different neighbourhoods and communities. I have included a link here to some free March Break activities that you may wish to enjoy as a family: <https://www.todocanada.ca/march-break-activities-toronto/>

St. Augustine of Canterbury Catholic School Calendar – January 2020

Virtue of the Month: Forgiveness

- “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.” (Luke 6:37)
- “Whoever is forgiven much, loves much.” (Luke 7:47)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 First Sunday of Lent	2	3 Graduation Photos (SK and Gr. 8 Students)	4 Lockdown Drill #3	5 OECTA Work Action No school for students	6	7
8 Second Sunday of Lent	9	10 CSPC Meeting #4 6:30 PM	11 Lenten Confessions (Grade 3-8) – AM - Pasta Lunch	12 Grade 3 Trip to Black Creek/Pioneer Village	13	14
15 Third Sunday of Lent	16	17	18 March Break	19	20	21
22 Fourth Sunday of Lent	23	24 March Mass 9:30 AM at St. Augustine Church	25	26	27 Pizza Nova Pizza Making Workshop – Grade 2 Classes	28
29 Fifth Sunday of Lent	30	31	April 1	April 2	April 3 Civvies Day for Sharelife	

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