

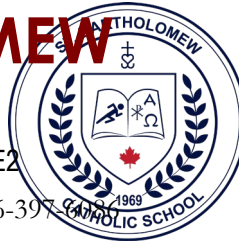


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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

JANUARY 2020

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

January brings with it the beginning of a new calendar year and the hopeful resolutions of change or the promise of attempting to better oneself. There are as well many noble causes that are in need and typically can benefit by our encouragement and assistance. During the past Christmas season we were able to significantly assist others in our community through the Christmas Concert small child gloves and booty drive and the collection of non-perishable food products to help young babies of Rosalie Hall. Thank you so much everyone for assisting others so generously! We don't assist others to be recognized individually for the generosity we provide but we help others because we know it is the righteous thing to do. When we help others as a willing giver then we are becoming more like Jesus. As we grow into the image of Christ, our generosity will also grow the more we become like Him. So too our generousities of the Christmas spirit extend into the new year. We help others and give of ourselves to our friends, our children, our students and to our full community. Everyone benefits by our positive sense of helping others which in turn fuels more reciprocal giving and goodwill on the part of others to ourselves.

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OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS)

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ENROLLMENT	HOURS OF OPERATION	LUNCH HOUR
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NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: soar.tcdsb.org

Call 416-393-5334 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.



'truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me'

Matthew 25: 36-40



Monthly Update from the Board

January 2020

Important Information for Parents

Labour Update

Throughout the days and weeks ahead, we encourage everyone to watch for regular updates on our website at <https://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2020/Pages/LabourUpdate.aspx>, and to follow @TCDSB on Twitter, check the 24-information line at 416-222-8282, extension 2873 or sign up for E-News (for email notifications) at <https://web1.tcdsb.org/InterestSubscription/subscription.aspx>.

Kindergarten Registration Starts January 15, 2020

TCDSB looks forward to welcoming new students for September 2020. Registration for kindergarten begins **Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 10 a.m. EST.**

Apply online: **SOAR.tcdsb.org**. Details: <https://www.tcdsb.org/kindergartenregistration>

Registration for Extended French: www.tcdsb.org/extendedfrench

Registration for French Immersion: www.tcdsb.org/frenchimmersion

Registration for Night School Credit Classes

Registration begins January 8th. Classes begin February 24th and 25th. For detailed information, see <https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/ContinuingEducation/Pages/Default.aspx>

Parent & Community Reps Needed:

TCDSB Advisory Committee for Spanish-Speaking Communities

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is pleased to invite members of the community to consider serving on the Advisory Committee for Spanish-Speaking Communities. Interested applicants are invited to indicate their interest by completing the online [application form](#) and submitting it by **January 15th, 2020** to the attention of David Letra by email at: david.letra@tcdsb.org or regular mail: David Letra, Community Relations Department, 80 Sheppard Ave. E., Toronto, ON, M2N 6E8. More info: [click here](#).

Special Education Advisory Committee

The Special Education Advisory Committee is seeking representatives from the community and from local associations dedicated to supporting students with special needs. Details:

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

Automated Speed Enforcement Systems to be Installed in School Zones

The City of Toronto has announced the installation of Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) systems across the City of Toronto. ASE is intended to enhance road safety in Community Safety Zones near schools. The system captures any vehicle travelling in excess of the posted speed limit. This includes emergency vehicles and municipal fleet vehicles.

Transportation services is installing 50 portable ASE systems near schools, and it is anticipated that they will rotate every three to six months within city wards.

An educational campaign will be launched to inform drivers of the presence of an ASE system. During the initial period, the plate owner will simply be issued a warning letter to confirm that the vehicle was moving faster than the posted speed limit. No response to these warning letters is required.

The City expects to move to issuing tickets in spring 2020. No demerit points will be issued nor will the registered owner's driving record be impacted. For more information, please visit toronto.ca/ASE or contact the ASE team at ASE@toronto.ca.

Updates on Weather Related Cancellations or Closures

Traffic congestion and varying road conditions can impact the flow of traffic in Toronto, and this is particularly true during the winter months when snow and ice can be a major factor. The Toronto Student Transportation Group provides information about school bus delays digitally through [their website](#). Update on delays: <https://busplannerweb.torontoschoolbus.org/Cancellations.aspx>. Parents are encouraged to subscribe to the transportation portal to get real time information about any transportation issues: <https://busplannerweb.torontoschoolbus.org/Subscriptions/Login.aspx> and to follow @TCDSB and @TOSchoolBus on Twitter.

General Information

Caucus Results

- Ward 1 Trustee Joseph Martino was elected Chair
- Angela Kennedy, Trustee for Ward 11 was elected Vice-Chair.

More: <https://www.tcdsb.org/News/NewsReleases/newsrelease20182019/NewsRelease-Nov29-2019.pdf>

Financial Statements

The Audited Financial Statements for 2019 have been posted to the board's website:

https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BudgetandFinance/Documents/Toronto_Catholic_District_School_Board_08312019_FINAL_FS.pdf

Director's Annual Report

Check out some of the many highlights from the past school year in the 2019-2020 Annual Report:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BoardAdministration/DirectorofEducation/Pages/AnnualReport-2018-2019.aspx>

Rooted in Christ: we Believe

You are invited to explore the resources and information relating to our pastoral plan at

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/rooted-in-christ/webelieve/Pages/weBelieveResources.aspx>

Suggested Activity for the Year: Consider who inspires you, who nurtures your faith, who acts as a mentor and role model of Catholic living. Is it your school chaplain? A parent or other family member? Your pastor or other member of your parish? A teacher or other staff at your school? A colleague or friend? Share your stories through a STEAM project, written work (poem, story, article), a short video, art, music or technology. Celebrate those who have guided you on your own journey of faith. Share your ideas and initiatives on social media (@TCDSB #TCDSBelieves). Send your submissions to ncc.team@tcdsb.org.

TCDSB Working Towards Net Zero Status

The Toronto Catholic District School Board believes in the critical role that our Catholic schools and facilities play in promoting environmental responsibility and providing leadership and direction for the protection and conservation of the environment. The TCDSB's Environment Committee is committed to working with all TCDSB stakeholders in their continued efforts to create a culture of conservation at TCDSB, consistent with the ideas expressed in Pope Francis' 2015 *Laudato Si*. More:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/environment/NetZero/Pages/default.aspx>

Nominations are Invited for the 2020 TCDSB Awards

Awards Night is our traditional celebration to launch Catholic Education Week and an opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of our alumni, students, staff and friends of Catholic education. Nominations are invited for the following awards:

- [Download the TCDSB Alumni Award Nomination Form here.](#)
- [Download the TCDSB Award of Merit Nomination Form here.](#)
- [Download the TCDSB Friends of Catholic Education Award Nomination Form here.](#)

The deadline for all nominations is January 31.

Calendar of Meetings for 2020

Click here <https://www.tcdsb.org/Calendar/Documents/AnnualCalendarOfMeetings2020.pdf> for the draft calendar of board and committee meetings. Please note that dates and times of meetings are subject to change.

Events/Meetings:

- January's Virtue is Courage
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/VirtueoftheMonth/Pages/Default.aspx#January>
- January is Tamil Heritage Month
- January 1, 2020 World Day of Peace
- January 6, 2020 Epiphany
- January 7, 2020 Eastern Rite Christmas
- January 7, 2020 Governance and Policy Committee Meeting
- January 7, 2020 Portuguese Advisory Committee Meeting
- January 9, 2020 Student Achievement Committee Meeting
- January 13-24, 2020 EQAO-Grade 9 Assessment
- January 14, 2020 Eastern Rite New Year
- January 15, 2020 Filipino Advisory Committee Meeting
- January 16, 2020 Corporate Services Committee Meeting
- January 17, 2020 System-wide PA Day (elementary schools only)
- January 20, 2020 Dr. Martin Luther King Day
- January 20, 2020 Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting
- January 22, 2020 Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting
- January 23, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
- January 27, 2020 Family Literacy Day
- January 27, 2020 International Holocaust Remembrance Day
- January 27, 2020 Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education Meeting
- January 30, 2020 Bell Let's Talk Day

For more information, visit www.tcdsb.org.

REMINDERS

Winter has put in an earlier appearance than usual. With that comes delays on school bus routes. Please monitor the website at <https://www.torontoschoolbus.org/> for the latest information.

For any other weather related cancellations, please visit the board's website at <http://www.tcdsb.org> or the board's twitter @TCDSB.

All are reminded to exercise caution and allow additional time to travel to and from work safely.

LATE ARRIVALS

Some of your children might arrive late. The announcements can be heard outside the door. Please refrain from ringing the doorbell when you arrive late as this disturbs the students and the announcements. The bell can be heard throughout the school when this happens, and the announcements cannot be heard. It is also a sign of respect that we do not move during the anthem and the prayers. We will open the door for your child once announcements are done.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Please consider registering for School Cash Online. Details in the attached brochures. This is an easy way to pay for trips/donations, etc. The website to register is tcdsb.schoolcashionline.com

STOPPING/PARKING IN CHURCH PARKING LOT/LANEWAY

When dropping and picking up your child/children, please take the extra step of parking in a spot at the church parking lot to drop or pick up your child. Please do not just stop near the gate, let your child out to make his/her way to the gate by themselves and wait for your child to enter the gate. This causes a bit of a traffic jam and is a disruption to anyone trying to enter/exit the laneway.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

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PIZZA DAYS

Every Thursday is Pizza Day. The cost for a slice is \$3.00

BUS TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION AND UPDATES

Communications with parents regarding bus transportation for students is a priority. In order to stay informed, parents are encouraged to register on the Toronto Student Transportation Group (TSTG) portal today by visiting www.torontoschoolbus.org. This portal provides TCDSB parents with online access to their children's transportation information and up to the minute email notifications regarding school bus cancellations or delays. If you have any issues signing up on the portal, please contact support@torontoschoolbus.org and staff will assist you with the registration of your account.