

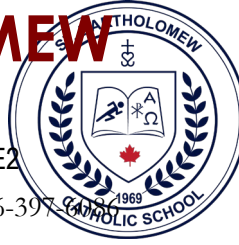


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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

MARCH 2020

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

On Ash Wednesday, February 26, the Church began the Lenten journey with Jesus on the road to Jerusalem. For centuries, Lent has been a spiritual journey and experience for the followers of Jesus Christ. For forty days Moses, Elijah and Jesus fasted and prayed to prepare themselves for a life's work. Lent invites us to turn from our own selves, to come together in community. Self-denial is one way we express our repentance and our recognition of the needs of others. Self-denial is threefold, Matthew's gospel advises us to pray in private, to fast and to give alms. "Keep your deeds of mercy secret and your Father who sees in secret will repay you." Through the Lenten exercise of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we spring clean our lives, sharpen our senses, put tomorrow in its place and treasure the day at hand. Lent is a time for us to discover the reasons for the pious practices, disciplines and devotions of our Catholic Christian tradition. We regard a need to "share bread with the hungry and clothe the naked." Fasting creates authentic solidarity with millions of hungry people throughout the world but we must not forget that there are alternative forms of fasting. There is as well the fasting from condemning and dismissing others. We need Lent to help us recognize that our identity and mission are rooted in Jesus' dying and rising. Prayer, almsgiving and fasting are the pillars of the Lenten journey for Christians. Lent is a time to fast from certain things and also a time to feast on others. Fast from discontent, anger, bitterness, self-concern, discouragement, suspicion, guilt. Feast on gratitude, patience, forgiveness, compassion for others, hope, truth, commitment and the mercy of God. Help others in need and you will feast in the rewards. Lent is a time of fasting and feasting.

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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.



... let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds
and
glorify your Father in heaven.



Monthly Update from the Board

March 2020

Important Information

Labour Update

Stay up to date with all the latest news here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2020/Pages/LabourUpdate.aspx>

Coronavirus

News and resources are on our website

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

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.

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.

Information for Parents

GUARD YOUR KIDS ONLINE AND HELP THEM SHINE: SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY PRESENTATION

Internet Safety Information Seminar for parents of tweens/teens (Grades 5-9)

A FREE multi-school parent event brought to you by the Parent Councils of: St. Agatha, St. Boniface, Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Nicholas, St. Rose of Lima, St. Theresa Shrine, St. Ursula & St. John Henry Newman CSS

Wed, April 15, 2020 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM at St. John Henry Newman Catholic High School, 100 Brimley Road South

TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY: MARCH BREAK PROGRAMS

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.

[Click here for other March Break programs at Toronto Public Libraries](#)

SAVE THE DATE: ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION (OAPCE) PARENT SUMMIT AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Speakers: James T. Mulligan CSC, "A Pastor's Journal" and Rob Gallo "Living our Virtues in a Virtual World"

Saturday May 2nd, 2020 at Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School, Oakville. Registration Opening Soon
summit.oapce.org.

Opportunities and Information for Students

CENTREVILLE AMUSEMENT PARK TORONTO ISLANDS JOB FAIR

Friday March 20, 2020 and Saturday March 21, 2019 10 am – 3pm
Centreville Amusement Park (Head office), 84 Advance Rd, Toronto

Positions Available include...Ride Operator, Games Attendant, Retail staff, Facilities, Cashiers, Food Concessions, Line & prep cooks, Farm Staff & more

Please bring a copy of your resume. Interviews will be conducted on site. Drop ins welcome.

If you require accommodation due to disability during the interview and selection phase, please contact hr@centreisland.ca a minimum of 3 business days before the job fair.

SUMMER STUDENT JOBS WITH THE ONTARIO GOVERNMENT

Student job opportunities in Agriculture and Livestock, Business, Enforcement, Engineering, Environment, Information Management, Science, Social Services and more. All student jobs are now posted online at www.gojobs.gov.on.ca. Closing dates vary, depending on the job type. The first closing date is **February 28, 2020**, with closing dates staggered one week apart until **April 3, 2020**.

The University of Toronto Department of Philosophy presents THE ARISTOTLE CONTEST

A high school philosophy essay contest recognizing the finest philosophical work by current Canadian high school students
First Prize: \$500

Deadline for submissions: May 25, 2020

For details on eligibility, submission guidelines, and prizes, please visit uoft.me/aristotle-contest.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF TORONTO 2020 SCHOLARSHIP

The Rotary Club of Toronto Scholarship is a four-year tuition scholarship of up to \$10,000 a year. It is awarded to an outstanding student graduating from a Municipality of Toronto High School with an Ontario Secondary School Diploma. The applicant must demonstrate financial need, academic excellence, leadership, breadth, and depth of community service.

Deadline: April 6, 2020. Details:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/RotaryClub.aspx>

STEBENVILLE TORONTO REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Catholic youth in grades 9-12 are invited to Steubenville Toronto, happening from July 3-5, 2020, at the Ontario Tech University in Oshawa, Ont. The Office of Catholic Youth, in partnership with the Franciscan University of Steubenville, is bringing some of North America's best Catholic speakers and musicians to the Ontario Tech University. [Click here to register](#)

Athletics

Find schedules, scores and standings

here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/schoolprogramsk12/healthoutdoorphysed/pages/tcdsbathletics.aspx>

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

Board and Committee Meetings:

- Governance and Policy March 2, 2020
- Catholic Parent Involvement Committee March 2, 2020
- Student Achievement March 5, 2020
- Corporate Services March 12, 2020
- Filipino Advisory March 23, 2020
- Special Education Advisory March 25, 2020
- Board March 26, 2020

For more news and information, visit www.tcdsb.org, follow @TCDSB on Twitter or subscribe to ENews <https://web1.tcdsb.org/InterestSubscription/subscription.aspx>

REMINDERS

FOOD

We at St Bartholomew are aware that some fast food chains do not make claims that their food products are allergy safe. The TCDSB is requesting parents to be 'mindful that they could result in a potentially life-threatening form of allergic reaction.' Rather than dropping off a fast food for your child perhaps you might be able to take your son or daughter out for lunch at one of the neighbouring fast food restaurants to enjoy some conversation and interaction together. Items that are presented for sale within the school such as yogurt or pizza are thought to be Ontario School Food and Beverage Policy PPM 150 as introduced in 2011 are thought to be 'food compliant' by the food manufacturers for sale in Ontario schools and sign-off to recognize that attribute.

St. Bartholomew CS is fully aware of certain students having dietary restrictions and the cautions as expressed in the medical information forms distributed to parents. Some students are highly sensitive to some food products such as nuts and tropical fruit products which might result in anaphylaxis shock. Many, many other students are sensitive to some common food products. To this end we are forever vigilant. As a means to reduce worries related to food sensitivities, we continue to greatly limit food products coming into the school setting. Sometimes party and celebration foods from parents can be very well intended but can be significantly disturbing to the health of a student. **Parents are requested not to send to school food products** for the intention of sharing. This would include

Timbits, cupcakes, cakes, cookies, pop, chips, cheesies and candy. Many ingredients in food products are not fully identified and can be of a health risk to some students.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in this regard in always helping to make St Bartholomew a healthy school community in which to continue to live and learn.

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.

We have noticed that some parents have been lifting their child/children to put them into the school yard from the staff parking lot. This is very dangerous as the children think it is a routine and like to climb the fence to get out into the parking lot. Please bring your child through the front doors if you are dropping your child off after the bell rings even if the other children are outside.

PIZZA DAYS

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

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.schoolcashonline.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.

BUS TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION AND UPDATES

We have noticed that quite a few parents have not registered for bus planner. This portal gives information if the bus is delayed. Please do not call the school if the bus has not arrived at your destination. You can get better information from the bus company directly as they have contact with the bus drivers and can give you information quickly. The website is listed below.

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.

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