

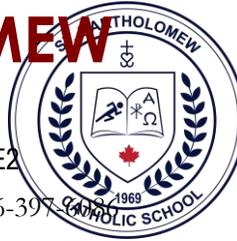


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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

During the Fourth Sunday of Easter a passage from John's Gospel about the Good Shepherd will be presented. In the Bible "shepherd" was also a political title that stressed the obligation of kings to provide for their subjects and develop total concern for and dedication to others. This ideal image of the shepherd finds Jesus Christ as the "Good Shepherd" who goes in search of the lost sheep just as He feels compassion for all His people. The sheep are far more than a responsibility to the Good Shepherd. They are the object of the shepherd's love and concern. The shepherd's devotion to them is completely unselfish. Every one of us is the sheep lost in the desert. The Son of God will not abandon humanity but leaps to His feet and is selfless, in order to go in search of the sheep and pursue it. He takes us upon his shoulders and carries our humanity. We too are inspired by Christ's zeal to help others in their desert of poverty, the desert of hunger and thirst or the internal deserts of loneliness or emptiness. To this end we seek to assist others as best we can, to share our bounties with others and to share our kind thoughts and respect so that others will know they are cared for through our actions. In our current times, we are experiencing a unique and challenging moment as we seek to cope with an invisible viral enemy in our midst. We realize that this virus will be around for the foreseeable future. It is more than a disruption in our daily lives but we must continue to forge ahead not only to engage our students in a new form of teacher led education but to protect ourselves and others from the possible consequences of being infected. Our parents and our teachers are partners in education as we all navigate through this new on-line learning experience. Our parents have unique challenges and home environments with differing levels of support available to them. As we all figure out how to adjust and incorporate our cautious behaviors into our daily life be thoughtful of all those around us and throughout the world. Always in our minds are the more vulnerable of society, those that are affected by unemployment or the physical disruption of being sick but so importantly the young, the disabled and the elderly who are all so susceptible during these times. Take it upon yourselves to act as Christ did, to protect and to assist others. Be a good example to others and abide by precautions of safety in social distancing and giving to others in charitable donations like ShareLife. Most importantly reach out to family members and friends by phone or text and renew your contacts and expressions of love and care. Stay well everyone, take care of yourself and your loved ones, and remember, we are all in this together as one flock.

As Pope Benedict said, 'Let us pray for one another, that the Lord will carry us and that we will learn to carry one another.' The task of being the shepherd is that of service to ourselves, others and the globe.

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

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at 416-222-8282, ext. 2383.

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Monthly Update from the Board

May 2020

Important Information for Parents

COVID-19

Stay up to date with all the latest news and information:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/HealthandSafety/Pages/CoronavirusInfo.aspx>

[Frequently asked questions](#) regarding school closures.

Curriculum-linked resources for each grade are available on the TCDSB Learning Resources page

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/LearningatHome/Pages/Default.aspx>.

International Languages Elementary (ILE) After-Hours Program

Register online for the fall program

SHARE YOUR VOICE. GROW TOGETHER.

Beginning May 19th, parents must register online at www.tcdsb.org/intlang to secure a place for their child.

Playground Reserve Application: Deadline Extended to May 22, 2020

The Playground Reserve is an internal reserve fund made available to schools in each Ward when there is an in-year operating budget surplus for ground improvements. The Playground Reserve will allocate \$100,000.00 of funding per ward. For 2020 only, an additional \$300,000.00 from the Student Equity Reserve will be distributed based on Ward socio-economic data.

[Click here for more information](#)

Event Cancellations

A number of planned events such as the TCDSB Swim Invitational have been cancelled, or will be taking place in some sort of virtual manner. Visit our website for details:

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

Opportunities and Information for Students

Student Mental Health and Well-Being: April Newsletter

This special COVID-19 edition from the Mental Health Department has resources and information for Students, Parents, and Teachers - including tips on ways to connect & calm the body & mind.

[Click here to access the April Student Mental Health & Well-Being Newsletter.](#)

Catherine Temple Mathematics Award

Deadline: May 8, 2020

The Catherine Temple Mathematics Award of \$4,000 is presented annually to an eligible female student graduating from a TCDSB secondary school to encourage and support the pursuit of studies in mathematics or a mathematics-related field at a Canadian post-secondary institution.

[Click here for more information and an application form.](#)

Canadian Hearing Society National Scholarship Program

This scholarship is available to Deaf and hard of hearing Canadian residents, 17 years of age or older attending an accredited post-secondary educational institution. Scholarship awards are \$3,000 a year for full-time students and \$1,000 a year for part-time students.

The deadline is May 20, 2020 at 4 p.m.

Apply today at chs.ca/scholarships

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.

DMZ Basecamp for High School Students Interested in Entrepreneurship

Calling all high school and university students!

Are you a high school or university student who is looking to take part in a summer program that introduces you to the world of entrepreneurship and technology? If so, you should apply to our 8-week summer Basecamp program to work on innovative ideas that are solving important problems. All workshops, mentor meetings and program activities will be hosted via video link.

For full details and to apply visit: dmz.to/basecamp. For info: Blake at bfarquharson@ryerson.ca.

Nurturing our Catholic Community

The Virtue of the Month for May – Compassion

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

Catholic Education Week 2020

Igniting Hope/Allumer La Flamme De L'Espérance

May 4-8, 2020

<https://www.tcdsb.org/catholiceducationweek>

May 6—Mass for Catholic Education Week

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/catholiceducationweek/pages/catholiceducationweekmass.aspx>

TCDSB Celebrates Respect for Life Week

May 16-20, 2020

As a Catholic community, every week is Respect for Life Week as we work together to nurture and empower our students and one another to stand up for those who are most vulnerable: the unborn, the elderly, the sick, those with mental health issues, those who suffer poverty, injustice, violence, abuse and who are marginalized in other ways. All life is sacred, and we are called to serve and to love one another.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/respectforlifeweek>

General News and Information

ANGEL FOUNDATION FOR LEARNING RESPONSE TO COVID-19

More than 30 per cent of Toronto families live on less than \$20,000 a year. Many of these are those earning minimum hourly-wage or in precarious jobs that have lost employment over the past weeks due to COVID-19 emergency measures and closures. Together, the TCDSB community can help families who are struggling to access basic needs such as food, shelter and other life necessities.

[Click here to learn how AFL is reaching out to families and donate if you can](#)

May Events and Observances

- **May is Asian Canadian Heritage Month**

This month acknowledges the long and rich history of Asian Canadians and their contributions to Canada. It also provides an opportunity for Canadians across the country to reflect on and celebrate the contributions of Asian Canadians to the growth and prosperity of Canada. <https://www.tcdsb.org/AsianCanadianHeritage>

- **May is Speech, Language and Hearing Month**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/SpeechLanguageHearingMnth>
- **May is Polish Canadian Heritage Month**
On April 2, 2020, the TCDSB Board of Trustees officially proclaimed May 3rd as Polish Heritage Day and May as Polish Heritage Month. The TCDSB is proud to recognize the substantial historic contributions made by the Polish community to the academic, social, cultural, and economic fabric of our Board. For Polish Heritage resources visit <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/polish-canadian-heritage/Pages/Default.aspx>
- **May 1: World Principals' Day**
- **May 3: World Day of Prayer for Vocations**
http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/vocations/documents/papa-francesco_20200308_57-messaggio-giornata-mondiale-vocazioni.html
- **May 4 – 10: CMHA Mental Health Week** <https://mentalhealthweek.ca>
- **May 10: Mother's Day**
- **May 15: UN International Day of Families** <https://www.un.org/en/events/familyday/>
- **May 18 Victoria Day**
- **May 24: TCDSB Brain Cancer Awareness Grey Day**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2019/Pages/GreyDay.aspx>

May Meetings

Due to the closure, board meetings will be held remotely with access to see the meeting through the normal live webcast on the Board website.

- Regular Board Meeting - **May 7**
- CPIC- **May 11**
- SEAC - **May 20**
- Regular Board Meeting - **May 21**
- Regular Board Meeting - **May 28**

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