

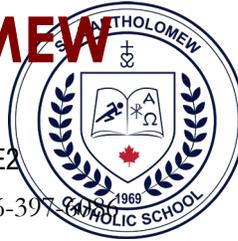


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# CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

NOVEMBER 2019

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The month of November offers us the opportunity to reflect on so many things and to remember others for what they have done for us. Life is part of a growth process where we attempt to understand ourselves better. Always take time to reflect and to pray and to believe all that Jesus says about you. In Colossians we learn that we are chosen and dearly loved by Jesus. Our reflections and our humility help us to find out who we really are and what we can give back to others. Humility is found in the union of self-respect and the sacrifices of service to others. A person who knows him or herself and yet is willing to serve in Christian love is a humble person. Genuine humility leads the strong to serve others. It never underestimates its own worth but is giving and unselfish. It is ready to sacrifice at any moment for the general good. We all have opportunities to serve others each day. Years ago, many soldiers went away to distant lands to serve and to protect, humbly giving of themselves and many gave the supreme sacrifice for others. Let us always remember them now and throughout the year and let us humbly attempt to serve the needs of others in our family and in our St. Bartholomew community.

' lead a life worthy ... with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

St. Paul to the Ephesians

4: 1-6



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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](http://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](http://www.tcdsb.org)

Stay in touch with the latest news throughout the school year:

Follow @TCDSB on Twitter.



## November 2019 Update from the Board

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

#### Special Education and Resource Fair

**November 9<sup>th</sup>, 9 am to 3 pm at the Catholic Education Centre  
80 Sheppard Avenue East (Yonge and Sheppard)**

Resources and information for families of children with special needs

<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/specialeducation/newsevents/pages/specialservicesfair.aspx>

### GIFTED PROGRAM INFORMATION EVENING

**November 28, 2019 at 7:00 pm.**

**St. Edward School, 1 Botham Rd.**

A Parent Information evening will be held for parents/guardians interested in exploring a full time elementary Gifted Program for their child with the exceptionality of Giftedness.

Learn about the Full Time/Congregated Elementary Gifted Programs for students in Grades 6 to 8 who have an exceptionality of Giftedness. These programs are integrated into the regular school community.

#### City Council Approves Reduction of Speed Limits in Leaside

Thanks to the continued advocacy on the part of residents, as well as school communities in the Leaside area (including St. Anselm Catholic School), Toronto City Council has approved the reduction of speed limits to 30 km/hour in that neighbourhood. The change to the speed limit will come into effect sometime before the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Congratulations to everyone involved for working together to support the health and safety of everyone in that area, particularly students and young children.

### Opportunities for Students

#### MY ACCESSIBLE CANADA POSTER CONTEST

Vibrant Healthcare Alliance invites TCDSB classes to collaborate and raise awareness around individuals with disabilities, with a view to eliminating the barriers these individuals are confronted with on a daily basis.

In observance of International Day for Persons with Disabilities on December 3rd, Vibrant Healthcare Alliance is sponsoring a poster competition among the primary grades (Grades 3-5) around the theme 'My Accessible Canada'.

**All posters must be submitted no later than November 15, 2019.**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/AwardsScholarshipsBursariesContests/Pages/My-Accessible-.aspx>

#### Volunteer Toronto Youth Expo

Calling all high-school, college, and university students — the Youth Expo is just one month away!

This is your chance to chat with 100+ non-profits and even sign up for some roles on the spot. Whether you want to meet celebrities at a film festival, care for animals at a local shelter, or fight climate change, you'll be sure to find a role that interests you.

**Saturday, November 9th, 1 - 4 p.m.**

**Roy Thomson Hall | 60 Simcoe Street, Toronto**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/Toronto-Volunteer-Youth-Expo.aspx>

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## OCSTA Student Video Contest

OCSTA is pleased to announce the call for submissions for the Association's 2019 short-video contest for students in grades 4 through 12 at Ontario's publicly funded Catholic schools. This year's theme is:

In Pope Francis' post-synodal exhortation – *Christus Vivit* – the Holy Father states: ***“Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world, and everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life.”*** Students are invited to prepare a 2-minute video that shows how Catholic schools are places where young people encounter the Holy Spirit and ignite hope through the love of Christ.

The video should be uploaded to YouTube where it can be viewed and evaluated for the contest. The submission deadline is **December 10, 2019**. The submission form can be downloaded from the OCSTA website

(<https://www.ocsta.on.ca/about-ocsta/2019-short-video-contest/>).

## Community Living: Together We're Better Contest

Classes and individual elementary students ages 4 – 14 are invited to send a video, story or poem that demonstrates how students with an intellectual disability are included, why everyone benefits from this, and why your class is better because everyone is learning together. **Deadline for submissions is Tuesday January 28, 2020.** [Click here for details on how to apply.](#)

## Call for Submissions for Pastoral Plan Initiative

### Rooted in Christ, we Believe

Students and schools are reminded to share what they are doing locally to celebrate our year of “we Believe” by using the hashtag #TCDSBelieves on Twitter, and by emailing your stories and ideas on how you are bringing our faith to life to [ncc.team@tcdsb.org](mailto:ncc.team@tcdsb.org). We will be compiling your ideas and sharing them through the website throughout the school year.

***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? Why not sit down to have a chat with them, and interview them about their experiences of living their faith.***

***Write an article or create a video of your interview. Write a short story, a poem, or create a piece of artwork, music or video that pays tribute to those who guide you on your own journey of faith. Send your submissions to [ncc.team@tcdsb.org](mailto:ncc.team@tcdsb.org)***

## Events and Observances

November's Virtue is Peacemaking

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

November 1—All Saints' Day <https://www.tcdsb.org/Pages/All-Saints-Day.aspx>

November 2—All Souls' Day <https://www.tcdsb.org/Pages/All-Souls-Day.aspx>

November 1-7 National Down Syndrome <https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/pages/national-down-syndrome-awareness-week.aspx>

November 3-10 Holocaust Education Week

November 4-8 Treaties Recognition Week

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/FirstNationsMetisAndInuit/Pages/Treaties-Recognition-Week.aspx>

November 6 Take Our Kids to Work Day <https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2020/pages/tokw-day.aspx>

November 11 Remembrance Day

November 15 System wide PA Day

November 15 Angel Foundation for Learning Gala—Snowball <https://t.e2ma.net/click/1h6bwb/pkw0ine/xqqaup>

November 17-23 Bullying Prevention and Awareness Week

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<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SafeSchools/BullyingAwarenessAndPrevention/Pages/Bullying-Awareness-and-Prevention.aspx>

November 26 Memorial Mass to remember students and staff who have passed away in the past year, 7 pm at the Catholic Education Centre

### Meetings

Student Achievement and Well-being Committee November 7  
Catholic Parent Involvement Committee November 11  
Governance and Policy Committee November 12  
Corporate Services Committee November 14  
Special Education Advisory Committee November 20  
Regular Board November 21  
Caucus November 28

*For more information about these and other events, including athletics, visit [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org).*

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### REMINDER

Parent-Teacher Interviews will take place on November 14<sup>th</sup> (6.00-8:30pm) and 15<sup>th</sup> (9.00-11.00 am). Forms to request interview times have been sent home with the oldest child. Please return the forms ASAP to secure your preferred time.

Every Thursday is Pizza Day \$3.00



Dear parents,

Please join us on Monday November 11 after the lunch hour when Sergeant Herberto Lima will be with us to recognize Remembrance Day. This brave Canadian soldier has served in many foreign lands and is currently stationed at the Downsview Canadian Forces Branch. Our grade 6/7 class under the guidance of Ms Ramos will be developing a series of activities to engage our students in remembering our soldiers and what others have given to us to help preserve democracy and our way of life. This is certainly a rare opportunity to have a special member of the Canadian Forces to be with us when we recall all those that had given so much to help make Canada the land of freedom and opportunity.

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