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**November 2016**



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**Principal's Message**

**Angela Gauthier**  
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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.



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I beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 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

## Monthly Update from the Board

### November 2016

#### The Year of the Parish: The Celebration Continues

We look forward to continuing the celebration of the Year of the Parish throughout the school year.

It is a wonderful opportunity for our schools and parishes to connect, or re-connect, and plan activities and ongoing initiatives together that will support the important partnership between Family, Church and School.

Parents, school administrators, parents, teachers, pastors and parish representatives were invited to sit down for some preliminary discussions earlier this year. To see the many ideas that came forward from those Year of the Parish Conversations, visit our website <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/YearoftheParish/Pages/Ideas-Conversation-Starters.aspx>

More information about our pastoral plan here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/YearoftheParish/Pages/default.aspx>

#### November's Virtue is Peacemaking

Find all the monthly resources associated with our virtues of the month online

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

#### Free English as a Second Language Courses for Adult Immigrants

The TCDSB Adult Education Program offers free language training courses for eligible adult immigrants at various locations across Toronto. After an assessment of language ability, eligible immigrants can enroll in our courses throughout the year. For more information and to locate courses using our online Course Finder, visit

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/AdultEducationESL/Pages/Default.aspx>.

#### The 2016-2017 TCDSB Awards Season has begun!

**Nominations are now open for the following awards which will be presented at Awards Night on May 1, 2017: DEADLINE: third Friday in January (January 20)**

**TCDSB Alumni Award:** open to TCDSB alumni who are still active in the Catholic community and who have distinguished themselves in their career or accomplishments.

**TCDSB Award of Merit:** open to former staff, parents and trustees who have made outstanding contributions to the TCDSB and to Catholic education (can only be considered for award after a three-year period has passed since departure from the TCDSB)

**\*\*NEW\*\* Friends of Catholic Education Award:** open to members of the general public (individuals or organizations) who have accomplished extraordinary service to Catholic Education but who may not be Catholic.

For nomination forms and information, click here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/CatholicEducationWeek/Pages/AwardsNight.aspx>

## Prime Minister's Awards

Do you know a terrific teacher or early childhood educator? Consider nominating them for a 2016-17 Prime Minister's Award! This prestigious program honours innovative and outstanding elementary and secondary school teachers and early childhood educators who are helping prepare Canadian youth for the challenges of tomorrow.

Looking for inspiration? Check out some of our previous [teaching](#) and [early childhood education](#) award recipients.

2016-17 nomination packages are now available at [www.pma.gc.ca](http://www.pma.gc.ca).

## 2016 OCSTA Short-Video Contest for Students

OCSTA is now accepting submissions for the fall 2016 short-video contest for grade 4-12 students in Ontario's publicly funded English Catholic schools. The contest theme for 2016 is:

***"The Story Behind the Name of our Catholic School"***

This year's theme is designed to encourage students to delve into the history of the person/saint for whom their school was named, and to be creative in telling that story.

**Deadline November 28, 2016**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/forstudents/opportunitiesforstudents/pages/2016-ocsta-short-video-contest-for-students.aspx>

## Humanitarian Aid for Haiti

As you are aware, Hurricane Matthew battered Haiti on October 4, 2016 causing widespread damage, flooding, and landslides. The storm destroyed both crops and food reserves, many homes and schools, even entire villages. Our thoughts and prayers are with all who have been impacted by this recent natural disaster.

To learn more and find out how you can help, visit:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Humanitarian%20Aid%20for%20Haiti.aspx>

## Get Your 40 Hours : Student Community Involvement

Community service for our TCDSB students is more than a diploma requirement. Our TCDSB community members are called to apply Catholic social teachings in all that we do; invited by our board vision to be people who "transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action". The experience gained through community involvement allows students to grow in

knowledge and appreciation of themselves and their God-given gifts, and to find meaning, dignity and vocation in work which respects the rights of all and contributes to the common good. It is hoped that this experience early in their high school years will continue to motivate our students to stay involved and to answer the call to support Catholic social teaching by promoting peace, justice and sacredness of human life in their community involvement experiences.

**All students who earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma must complete 40 hours of community service.**

**Find resources, information, and volunteer opportunities here:**

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### **November Events/Observances:**

**November** is Aboriginal Education Month

**November 1**--All Saints Day

**November 1-7**--Down Syndrome Awareness Week—"See the Ability"

**November 2** --All Souls Day

**November 2**--Take Our Kids to Work Day

**November 6-12**—Treaties Recognition Week

**November 8**—A Catholic Call To Serve

**November 11**--Remembrance Day

**November 14-19**--Bullying Prevention and Awareness Week

**November 18**—PA Day

**November 22**--Memorial Mass to Celebrate the Lives of Staff and Students in the TCDSB Community at 7 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre

**November 27**—Advent Begins

**November 28**—TCDSB Caucus/Inaugural Meeting—including election of Chair, Vice-Chair

**For more information or resources connected to any or all of these events/initiatives, visit the Board's website at [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org).**

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