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ST. BRENDAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

April 2020

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

NOTICE: TCDSB PROVINCIAL SCHOOL CLOSURE EXTENDED TO MAY 2/2020

Updates at www.tcdsb.org
St. Brendan school board site

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s).

We pray you are safe, well and adapting to the uncharted waters on this unprecedented voyage. During this most sacred time in our faith Know that we are with you. We encourage all to practice socially distancing and look forward to the day we meet again. Admin will continue to send messages via school messenger weekly during these unprecedented times.

Staff have reached out and to say hello and we were glad to hear families are healthy and well and coping as best as can be expected under the circumstances. We want to take a moment to thank our staff for their amazing student acknowledgements and efforts in our first virtual bruin pride and demonstrating dedication and commitment to student learning and well-being.

We have launched Phase 2 Teacher Led Learning and hope this is a chance to support each other and as we pull together as the Brendan family.

The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) remains committed to supporting student learning during these unusual times. As you are likely aware from previous communications, TCDSB Faith Based Community of Learners Distance Learning plan has been launched during this Holy Week and we are available to support your child while learning at home.

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN OUR ST. BRENDAN INITIATIVES

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OAPCE TORONTO ↗ (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS)
558
ENROLLMENT ↗
8:30- 3:00
HOURS OF OPERATION ↗
11:15-12:15
LUNCH HOUR ↗

NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: soar.tcdsb.org
Call 416-393-5282 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.



CSPC postponed

LET JUSTICE FLOW
LIKE A STREAM,
AND RIGHTEOUSNESS
LIKE A RIVER THAT
NEVER GOES DRY.

~ AMOS 5:24 ~

- THE FIRST STEP TO ACHIEVING JUSTICE IS TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT AND STAND UP FOR WHAT WE KNOW GOD WANTS.
- LET YOUR ACTIONS BE GUIDED BY THE IDEA THAT EVEN IN THE FACE OF INJUSTICE (DEATH ON THE CROSS) JESUS ALWAYS ACTED WITH DIGNITY.
- EVERYONE WANTS TO BE TREATED FAIRLY; WE NEED TO REMEMBER TO TREAT OTHERS FAIRLY.
- REMEMBER THAT JESUS WAS ALWAYS AN INSTRUMENT OF JUSTICE IN HIS WORK WITH PEOPLE.

JUSTICE



CSPC MONTHLY MESSAGE

Hello St Brendan Parents & Stakeholders!

We are missing our outstanding CSPC and our Easter Egg Raffle this week but want to acknowledge our Parent Amazing Volunteers. From Admin in appreciation, here are some ways to keep the spirit of our amazing community alive during holy week:

1) Lenten Stations of the Cross Eggs

A fun way to introduce or refresh children's understanding of the Stations of the Cross is to make these eggs together. Don't worry if you don't have plastic eggs at home, an egg carton works just as well or any other tray that you can lay the items out in sequence. If you don't have plastic eggs or a tray, you could cut out egg-shapes out of paper and write or draw the item on each paper egg. Please use what you already have at home (no need to shop) and be creative in substituting materials. If you don't have something you can always draw a picture of it! See the links below for some ideas on what to use in your "eggs" and for a link to the Stations of the Cross.

<https://www.catholicicing.com/stations-of-the-cross-for-kids/>

<https://www.catholic.org/prayers/station.php>

<https://threesidedwheel.wordpress.com/2012/02/28/keeping-a-holy-lent-stations-of-the-cross/>

2) Easter Resurrection Eggs

A similar idea to the Stations of the Cross Eggs is the Resurrection Eggs. These are meant to sequence the events of Holy Week from Palm Sunday through to the Resurrection. You could incorporate these into any Easter Egg hunt you have on Easter morning and ask the kids to sort them into the correct sequence after the hunt.

<https://www.spanlshschoolhouse.com/diy-resurrection-eggs-in-spanish/>

<https://biblegamescentral.com/resurrection-eggs/>

3) Resurrection Bread

Usually these are easiest with a pre-made dough like Pillsbury crescents or cinnamon buns, but you can make them with any simple dough (pizza dough, etc). These are a tasty addition to any Easter Breakfast and are a good conversation starter about the Resurrection of our Lord. If you don't have marshmallows at home you could use any other melting substance such as cheese and make them savory with spices, instead of sweet with sugar and cinnamon.

<https://joyfoodsunshine.com/homemade-resurrection-rolls/>

4) Catholic Videos for Kids, Adults and the Whole Family

Check out www.formed.org. Our local parish St. Joseph will offers a free subscription to this. It contains lots of excellent content for kids (Catholic, Bible Story based cartoons, as well as non-fictional content for adults.

Also, you can search for "Brother Francis" (Catholic kids cartoons) on YouTube. Check out <https://www.holyfamilywhitby.ca/hkids-online-lessons/> for lessons and kid-friendly talks linked to each Sunday Mass.

Below are the details for FORMED Catholic Videos from Father Oliver for direct students access as well (they create with a family members email):
Student Instructions for FORMED

1. Visit Formed.org on your internet device
2. Enter Parish Code **2GH6RW**
3. Create a personal account **EMAIL & PASSWORD** (use to login)
4. Login to access content listed under: Programs, Movies, Audio and eBooks

April 2 - Autism Awareness Day

Remember to send your photos of people wearing blue (Autism Awareness Day April 2) for the end of month bruin pride. Submitting your photos to bruinshirt@gmail.com and confirming with class teacher you give permission to use on a closed youtube stream accessible for a limited time.

Volunteer Appreciation We all acknowledge all CSPC volunteers

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month

Let's show our appreciation for the many parent volunteers and other family members, as well as members of the community and our parishes who help out in our schools on a regular basis, and to the many students and staff who volunteer their time to countless worthwhile activities throughout the year. Thank you for all that you do!

Earth Day

April 22

<https://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2018/Pages/earthday.aspx>

Administrative Assistants' (Secretary/Clerical Staff) Appreciation Day

Wednesday, April 22

A big thank you to Ms. Donohue & Ms. Grief for all that they do as Admin Assistants at St.Brendan. They are central to our St.Brendan staff and community.

We are pleased to welcome you and your child to the Toronto Catholic District School Board.

Applications for registration to schools in the Toronto Catholic District School Board can be made on-line beginning **Wednesday, January 15, 2020** at 10:00 am Eastern Standard Time.

Important Note: the current link to the Student Online Application for Registration (S.O.A.R.) on the TCDSB website is for enrolment for the current school year. Applications entered for September 2020 enrolment on the current 2019/2020 application, will not be accepted. Applications for September 2020 enrolment must be entered on or after January 15, 2020 at 10:00 AM EST.

Applications are made electronically on the *Student Online Application for Registration* (S.O.A.R.)

at: <http://soar.tcdsb.org>

Please note that in some schools, space is limited.

Parents are encouraged to apply early.

Please check with your local school for more information.



Leading Learning Links: St. Brendan website parent tab

Our St. Brendan school day consists of nine 30 minute periods from 8:30-3:00pm with two fifteen minute breaks (one am/one pm) and a 40 minute lunch recess. Keeping in mind a students age plays a role in their ability to attend to tasks, your student and your family can benefit from maintaining some routines during school closure.

To support learning outside school we are sharing activities. You may also find additional materials through the student access at St. Brendan for Google classroom or logins provided annually by staff.

Leading Learning Link suggestions:

Family activities at Home <https://www.weareteachers.com/things-to-do-during-covid/>

Bake your math lesson

Build a recycled item

Draw or paint a picture

Play board games

Take a walk around the house

Play in the backyard

Read a book

Write a story

Try mindfulness and “go noodle” yoga online

Scholastic Daily Lessons by Grade

<https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html>

Khan Academy-all grades all subjects

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

Handwashing video storybots: How do people catch a cold

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ECPrtjinoCg>

Kinder

Letterbots series on you tube

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL7bPqBmbBLKqrsIjb5Ti8FEoTFLWDZTwy>

Storybots series all subjects

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=storybots

Grades 1-8

Reading French & English

<https://www.youtube.com/user/bookboxinc>

<https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>

<https://www.tumblebooks.com/>

Math

<https://www.prodigygame.com/>

<https://www.tvokids.com/preschool/mathematics-preschool>

<https://www.tvokids.com/school-age/mathematics>

KnowledgeHook <https://app.knowledgehook.com/app/Login>

TCDSB -All GRADES SUMMER PLAYGROUND <http://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/SummerPlayground/Pages/Default.aspx>

Fun Khan Academy storytelling

<https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/hass-storytelling/imageneering-in-a-box>

TVO

Look Kool <https://www.tvokids.com/school-age/look-kool>

Science--Science Max <https://www.tvokids.com/school-age/science-max-experiments-large-0>

Educational games

<https://www.tvokids.com/school-age/games>

<https://www.tvokids.com/school-age/apps/science-max> Bridge building

Ministry Learning/Teacher Led Distance Learning

Mental Health Help Support

We recognize that this is a stressful time for young people. A reminder that Kids Help Line, 1-800-668-6868 is available as a support for mental health related issues. Students can also reach Kids Help Line in a few other ways (text and live chat) and access online resources on their site. You will find the link to Kids Help Line on the [TCDSB Learning Resources](#) site.

Ministry and TCDSB Learning Resources

The Ministry-provided resources can be found on the Ministry of Education's [Learn at Home](#) site or on the [TCDSB Learning Resources](#) page (active March 27 – April 5 only).

See [Today's Highlighted Learning Activities](#).

The TCDSB site provides Catholic faith-based curriculum resources which we encourage all students to explore. It is our hope that each child will also engage in Literacy and Numeracy, learning opportunities as well as physical activity each day in order to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Many resources are available at these links to allow parents and students to personalize their learning activities to their needs during Phase 1.

Also available is the [TCDSB Summer Playground](#) site, updated every summer to provide learning support for students during the summer months. Activities are age appropriate and provide interactive activities to engage students. Many of the activities can be done without using devices for those parents who wish to have their children engaged in activities offline.

Planning Ahead

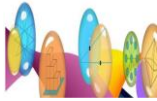
April 6th teacher led Distance Learning we will enter into Phase 2 of the plan to support student learning. We continue to work with our Ministry staff to find ways to best meet our students' needs. In order to stay committed to our goal of supporting student learning and achievement, we will continue to share updates with you once they are available. Students will receive a report card based on the learning for the year. Please ensure you have connected with your student's class teacher

Parents Can Help

One of the best ways parents and guardians can help their children do well in Math is to adopt a positive attitude towards the subject. Talk about how you use Math in your jobs, around the house, on road trips, buying groceries, paying taxes, budgeting, and doing home improvements. Play games and puzzles with your children such as Yahtzee, cribbage, Pentago, Kanoodle, Tantrix, Farkle, Blokus, Shut the Box, dominoes, chess, and any card game. Look for opportunities to get your children to measure things such as ingredients for baking, materials for building, their height and their weight. Further ideas can be found at the following:

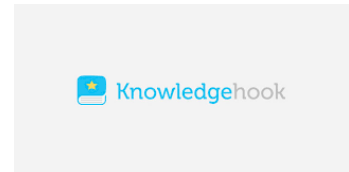
- [Positive Attitude helps Kids Succeed in Math](#)
- [Inspiring your Child to Learn and Love Math](#)
- [Playing Games and Puzzles helps with Math](#)

TECH TIME



Waterloo Problem of the Week <http://cemc.uwaterloo.ca/resources/potw.php>

<https://www.prodigygame.com/>



TVO -To log in and register, you'll need your Ontario Education Number (OEN), found at the top of your [report card near your name](#).

UTORING PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS

[Homework Help](#)

Homework Help is free, real-time math tutoring by certified Ontario teachers available to students in Grades 7 to 10 in all [English-language school boards](#). Students have access to live, interactive online math help funded by the Ministry of Education. This program is password protected and not available to the general public.

[TVOKids Homework Zone](#)

Homework Zone is a TVO segment that invites students to call or email questions to a teacher who provides answers, solutions and tips on air. The focus of the segment is on literacy, math and science, and an archive of the videos is made available online for students, parents and educators.

[SOS Devoirs](#)

SOS Devoirs, which is operated by TFO, provides tutoring services and educational resources such as dictionaries and multimedia learning objects to French-language students from Grades 1 to 12. Students can get help in any subject matter from specialized teachers via chat, by phone and by e-mail. SOS Devoirs' tutoring services are available Monday to Thursday, from 3:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., during the school year.

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