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ST. BRENDAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

February 2020

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s).

We lead change when we learn new things and this month students continue their love of learning. This month we continue learning success in challenging times in education. As a school we are an institution of learning and continue to make learning goals, success criteria, giving descriptive feedback to build growing success. Our PALS (Playground Activity Leaders) are leading the love of organized games and play at recess "We love Recess". This month the love of learning was evident with our grade 5 & 6's showing this by completing a half mathathon in Knowledgehook. They received pennant acknowledgement. Knowledgehook is an online program to build math skills and success. Our grade 3's designed their own STEM GAMES to show their understanding of energy with Science Technology Engineering and Math while sharing with peers the love of learning. Many classes are building on STEM with scientist in the school programs. We also learn this month the forgiveness virtue of God as we prepare for Lent. Students are learning about the Annunciation, the day the angel Gabriel told Mary she will be the mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is **celebrated** on 25 March. In honour of this we run a Diaper Drive for charity. Once again showing this month that we learn we can build change as we work to "Know Thy Impact".

Your Partner in Education,
A. Martin
Principal

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN CHARITY INITIATIVES

ECO TEAM

We had three sweater days for \$2 to raise funds for the Eco team to rejuvenate our school garden over 700 was raised. We thank you for also collecting Bag2school used clothing and soft toy items weighing 180 pounds to raise funds for the school. Our mesh bag orders will be delivered March 6th to those who purchased the reusable bags. Thank you for your support.

KINDNESS CLUB

Our kindness club thanks all those who jazzed up pink shirt on Feb 27th for Pink shirt day. Funds for dress down civvies continue to go to ShareLife. The Kindness clubs next focus will be Autism Awareness Day.

PALS

Program Activity Leaders (PALS) from the Junior grades have been leading organized games for the Primary students. This introduces fair play activities from February to encourage safe play at recess.

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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

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CSPC Mar 11

TO ERR IS HUMAN,
TO FORGIVE IS DIVINE.

~ ALEXANDER POPE ~

- LET YOUR ACTIONS BE GUIDED BY THE IDEA THAT JESUS SAID, "LET HE WHO IS WITHOUT SIN, CAST THE FIRST STONE."
- THE FIRST STEP TO FORGIVENESS IS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR ACTIONS.
- IF YOU WANT TO BE FORGIVEN, YOU NEED TO MAKE SURE YOU FORGIVE OTHER PEOPLE.
- LIVE YOUR LIFE IN A WAY THAT MAKES OTHERS KNOW YOU ARE A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST.

FORGIVENESS



CSPC MONTHLY MESSAGE

Hello St Brendan Parents & Stakeholders!

Mother Theresa said that, "If we really want to love, we must first learn how to forgive."

I can't think of a more fitting way to really understand this month's virtue of forgiveness.

I know that at different times in my life I have struggled with this virtue...

I've seen the negative impacts on not practicing forgiveness. I've heard my friends, colleagues or other parents say,

"I can forgive but I can't forget."

I remember saying that to one of our parish priests and him saying that I should "forgive and remember."

I remember thinking "remember?" He went on to say, "Forgive and remember God's mercy on you when you've done something that you are not proud of..."

He certainly gave me something to think about--especially during moments where I may have felt righteous about an issue.

Being part of a community as large as ours can give us challenging moments and moments for opportunities.

When I consider the amount of times various people in my community have shown mercy on me, I am so grateful.

Being part of a faith based community, gives us that knowledge that living with compassion, empathy and love, means the ability to demonstrate forgiveness to get to those softer kinder places in our hearts, which in turn, have a rippling effect.

Confession or reconciliation is one of the best ways as Catholics we get to receive that feeling of God's love. Living in a community that espouses forgiveness

and fosters that in our children, builds an environment that acknowledges that imperfection is an opportunity for our growth and strengthens us. Seeing how love comes from resilient communities that are grateful and forgiving continues to refuel us and we continue to influence one another. Seeing it play out in the yard with our children is living proof of our role modeling and the importance of setting this example as the adults in this community.

I encourage you to come and hear all the wonderful things that are happening in the school this coming month linked to the virtue of forgiveness and our big SPRINGO event at our next Parent Council meeting! Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 11, @ 7pm in the St Brendan Staff Room.** I'm looking forward to seeing you there!

Warm regards,

Rose-Marie

Rose-Marie Fraser
CSPC Chair-St Brendan
for St Brendan Catholic School Parent Council
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Guidance Corner for March

In March, we celebrate the virtue of Forgiveness, to coincide with the holy season of Lent. You can help your children to continue to develop a forgiving nature and positive relationship skills. Using good manners, being respectful to peers, showing empathy, apologizing when necessary and resolving conflicts peacefully, go a long way in building healthy relationships with others. Some helpful websites are listed here:

<https://www.everydayfamily.com/blog/how-to-teach-your-children-to-forgive/>

<https://www.verywellfamily.com/how-to-encourage-good-sibling-relationships-620105>

<https://www.parentingscience.com/kids-make-friends.html>

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/behaviour/friends-siblings/supporting-friendships>

High School registrations are currently taking place for Grade 8 students. Please check the admission package that your child received to confirm how to proceed. Signing your child up for the Summer Transition credit course is highly recommended. There are also a number of other forms that are required to be handed in on registration night, along with school fees.

It is important for students to experience the city they live in to gain an awareness of local culture and to have an opportunity to visit different neighbourhoods and communities. I have included a link here to some free March Break activities that you may wish to enjoy as a family: <https://www.todocanada.ca/march-break-activities-toronto/>

Mrs. R. Shaloufe Sanchez
Elementary Guidance Counsellor/Teacher
Area 7 & 8

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.





Online Payments for St. Brendan activities is here. Our school is over 97.67% usage

Online Payments for St. Brendan activities is here! **How to Register**

Follow these instructions to create your School Cash Online account today.

Create Your Profile:

Go to <https://tcdsb.schoolcashionline.com>

Confirm Your Email:

Check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside. Sign in with your new login details.

Stay connected by selected "Yes" to email notifications about upcoming fees.

I want to receive email notifications for new fees assigned to my student and updates on school-related activities.

Birthday/Special Day A reminder that we celebrate with non-food items to keep our allergy free zone. Pencils, stickers, and rewards are best way to ensure everyone can enjoy the celebration.

Reading Program: Our reading program has traditionally been a strong intervention for our primary emergent readers. We are fortunate to have such a strong parent volunteer team leading this initiative. We thank our reading team members.

School Halls and Yard Safety: Thank you for your support and understanding in ensuring it is staff and students only in the school yard and halls prior to school and during school hours so we can ensure student safety. If you would like to speak with the teacher, the office staff will page them to come down to the office to meet you or you can set an appointment through the agenda or a phone call.

Civvies Day

There is a Civvies \$2 collection for Sharelife once a month you can pay for these ten civvies days online.

Students are expected to be in dress code on non-civvies days. Our next civvies day

Many Thanks to Our CSPC for the following:

Fun/Fundraising:

Valentine's cookies: delighted students are receiving a valentines cookie with their pizza that were available online for sale.

April 2nd will be our next Fun/Fundraising Family Bingo night. Please save the date.

Student Engagement and Wellness Committee:

As a new year begins and our CSPC is working with the school on a playground initiative at St. Brendan. In the interim the idea of Recess Kits came up at our November CSPC meeting as a way to provide activities for the students at recess time and build enjoyment in the playground.

We invite all parents to donate any items they have at home to their child's classroom Recess Kit. Outdoor play items such as balls of different sizes, chalk, hula hoops, and books to read are welcome. Please connect with your child's teacher regarding the donation item.

As a community we can help each classroom build a Recess Kit. We want to give opportunity for our children to borrow an item before recess to play with. We believe the students will be more stimulated to interact with one another in a positive manner.

PEANUT/TREE NUT SAFE SCHOOL

What does this mean to me?

It means you may not bring into the school any food items (to eat, for donations, for crafts etc.) any food items or their containers that contain peanuts or tree nuts. It also means that if there is a "may contain" warning or "made in a facility that also processes" warning it cannot be brought into the school.

How do I know if it contains peanuts or tree nuts?

As of August 2012, food manufacturers in Canada are required to provide food labeling that includes potential allergens in their products as result of ingredients or manufacturing process.

If there are tree nuts or peanut ingredients in the product they will be listed in the ingredients section. Tree nuts are listed individually as almonds, brazil nuts, cashews, hazelnuts, macadamia nuts, pecans, pine nuts, pistachios or walnuts. In addition there may be a warning.

Look for **PEANUT-FREE** labels and symbols on food packaging which helps to identify allergy-friendly food options:

UNSAFE FOODS EXAMPLES: (not to be brought into school)

- Nutella
- Tim Horton's donuts and timbits
- Non peanut/nut safe bakery items (ex. Bake Sale)



School Registrations

All Registrations require the following documents: Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate, Health Card, Immunization Record, Proof of Permanent Address, Telephone numbers for home, work and emergency contact. Kindergarten Registration opens January 15th, 2020 at 10am for the 2020/21 school year. All applications are made online at soar.tcdsb.org

ATTENDANCE

Student Absence/Lateness

ALL student attendance is reported **directly on the Safe Arrival system**. 1-833-251-3286 or online go.schoolmessenger.ca or on the school messenger mobile app. Absences greater than 10 days **MUST** be reported to the office so that appropriate documentation can be obtained.. **When a student arrives late for school, he or she** to the office so that appropriate documentation can be obtained.. **When a student arrives late for school, he or she must report to the office before going to class.** **Early Dismissal**-Children who **must** leave before dismissal, must be signed out by parent/guardian at main office.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

A sign-in procedure is in place for anyone visiting the school at any time. **All visitors must report to the office upon entering the school.**

WASTE FREE LUNCHES & Boomerang Lunches Daily

The Toronto Catholic District School Board remains committed to the environment and continues to look for innovative ways to promote conservation through energy and waste reduction initiatives.

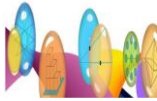
We are asking parents to fully participate with your child in a "Waste Free Lunch Program" at our school. Be part of helping us become leaders in this environmental friendly waste reduction program. Lunches and snacks should be packed in a re-usable container not in disposable bags. Thank you for your ongoing support with our environmental efforts. All refuse will be sent home for disposal daily s we continue the initiative that was started last year.

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:

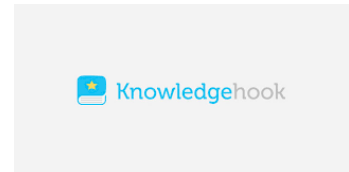
- [Positive Attitude helps Kids Succeed in Math](#)
- [Inspiring your Child to Learn and Love Math](#)
- [Playing Games and Puzzles helps with Math](#)

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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