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TCDSB: The Year of the SCHOOL

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ST. CHARLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL



APRIL VIRTUE OF THE MONTH:
JUSTICE

Quote of the Month –

“Blessed are those who maintain justice, who constantly do what is right.” *Psalm 106:3*

“God has told you, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”

(Micah 6: 8)

At this time, we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus who is the Just One who died for the sake of the unjust so that He might lead people back to God. But justice is also an important part of Catholic teaching beyond Christ’s Death and Resurrection. The need to do justice comes from the obligation to respect the dignity of every human person. This dignity comes from being created in God’s image. Failing to respect human dignity, including failing to do justice, is a failure to respect the image of God in others.

The community of St. Charles will continue to work towards justice in our words and in our actions.

On behalf of myself and the staff at St. Charles School, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Blessed and Holy Easter!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Welcome to Kindergarten: May 14th, 6:30 PM –8:00 PM
Please see the monthly calendar
for additional information and events

EQAO/CAT4

The proposed dates for Grade 3 and Grade 6 EQAO Assessment will be **May 24, 25, 28, 29 and 30**. All students in Grades 3 and 6 will write the test on these days; attendance is mandatory. Please make every effort to avoid booking appointments during this time period. The proposed dates for CAT4 testing will take place during the week of **June 4-8**. (Grades 2, 5, & 7)

READING, WRITING & MATHEMATICS

Parents of children in grades 3 and 6 are encouraged to peruse the EQAO website at www.eqao.com. Even if your child is not writing the provincial assessment in reading, writing and mathematics this year, it is still beneficial. It is during this assessment that students must *independently* demonstrate their best knowledge and thinking of the Ministry of Education expectations.

As part of the literacy instruction in each classroom, we continue to focus on teaching higher level thinking and reading comprehension skills including summarizing, identifying main idea, recognizing stated or explicit information, using text clues and previous knowledge to determine implicit or unstated information, and using context to determine unfamiliar vocabulary.

Rest assured that your children are well prepared for these assessments in that the necessary expectations are taught throughout the primary and junior divisions and beyond.

SAFETY

During morning drop-off, the only adults in the yard should be staff on-duty. This allows for easier visibility and greater safety for all of our students. **Those dropping off kindergarten students may proceed directly to the kindergarten yard where an adult will be waiting for them.**

PUNCTUALITY

Punctuality is a characteristic and life skill we strongly encourage at St. Charles. It is important that a child develops this responsibility early in life for it will serve him/her well in years to come. For all aged children, it is the responsibility of the parent(s) to ensure they get to school on time.

Students must arrive to school before the 8:30 am bell and be present, in-line with his/her class, when the school bell rings at 8:30 am. **A student is not permitted to use the main door to access his/her classroom unless they are late. Punctuality is one of the many duties of a pupil, as outlined in Regulation 298 of the Education Act. A pupil who is frequently late can be said to be in "habitual neglect of duty" and can be referred to the school principal and/or school social worker if the problem persists.**

Thank you for your support in addressing this matter with your child!

FIRST RECONCILIATION

After weekly First Holy Communion preparation with Fr. Michael, the Grade 2 students attended their First Reconciliation at St. Charles Borromeo Church in the evening of Monday, February 26th. Under the dimmed lights of the church and, in the presence of their parents, teachers our Grade 2's reflected, prayed, and experienced God's Mercy and grace in the form of Reconciliation for the first time. The quiet of the church, the presence of the families, created a meaningful and memorable experience for all.

CONFESSIONS

Thank you to Fr. Michael, Fr. Mario, Fr. Brendon, Fr. Augusto and Fr. Jim for coming over to the school to hear the confessions of our students from Grade 3-8. Reflecting and praying more during this Lenten season helps prepare us for the greatest feast of our faith, Easter.

CHESS

CHESS IN THE AIR!!

Last month St. Charles participated in the TCDSB Open Chess Tournament. Our students represented our school extremely well and made us proud! The following students participated in our Open Chess Tournament: Chris K., Mark T., Senay A., C.J. M., Marcello B., Giuliano B., Olga K., Siena R. A special congratulations to Chris, Mark and Olga who placed in the top 3 and will represent our school at the City Championships. A thank you to our volunteer driver Mr. Roppo and Ms. Bescapè who was there to cheer on our team and to our coach Mrs. D'Ambrosio. Way to go St. Charles Chess Teams!



PARENT EVENING

Save the Date! On Thursday, May 10, 2018, the CSPC will be hosting a parent information night. A variety of workshops with guest presenters will be held in relation to mental health and well-being. The evening will focus on social media, stress, and Christian Meditation. Light refreshments will be served. Details to follow.

EMAIL CONSENT FORMS

A big thank you to Danielle Cary for her efforts in collating all email distribution lists for St. Charles. This medium of communication is utilized by parents to stay informed with CPSC affairs and conversely by the office and teachers to disseminate messages to the parents for the respective classes. As you can imagine this is a monumental task and one in which we heavily rely on parents.

If you are interested in being a parent class rep for the remainder of this school year, please send your name and the name/grade of your child/children to Daniellecary@hotmail.com. Please indicate if you have a specific class preference. Parents who are chosen to be class reps will be notified.

CLASS REPS

Your Parent Class Representative acts as a liaison between the teacher and the parents in the class, communicating class news from the teacher to the parents via email. Such communications may include:

- Coordinating volunteers for special events, parties, classroom activities/schedules as requested by the teacher;
- Communicating approved messages from your child's teacher, the Chair of CSPC, the OLS Principal or the OLS Vice Principal; and,
- Electronic versions of the monthly school newsletter, agendas for CSPC meetings, the unapproved minutes of each CSPC meeting and other CSPC information.

Note: Communicating via the Parent Class Representative does not replace one-on-one discussions with teachers about specific information regarding your child.

APRIL IS VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION MONTH

In recognition of our volunteers, the **Toronto Catholic District School Board** thanks you for your commitment to the students in our Catholic schools.

Your willingness to share your knowledge and your time is a testament to our Mission:

"In a school community formed by Catholic beliefs and traditions, our Mission is to educate students to their full potential." ...leadership is the shared responsibility for education that exists among schools, students, families, parishes and the community...

Your involvement and support is vital to the success of our Catholic school communities.

To our: **parents, grandparents, friends, university students & graduates** volunteering their precious time in classrooms, library and office, **WE SALUTE YOU!**

Thank you to our CSPC parent volunteers who give of the personal time to organize events and plan activities for the school in addition to running weekly mini fundraisers and major fundraisers.

A celebratory blessing in honour of these admirable parent volunteers will be held during the school mass on April 17th at 1:00 p.m. Please join us!!

COVENANT HOUSE

On Friday, March 23rd, Mrs. Galati's, Mrs. Beltrano's and Ms. Russo's classes gathered together to attend a presentation by Covenant House. Peter, the representative that gave the presentation, explained the hardships of youth homeless and taught us a new way of thinking towards those people living on the streets. He also outlined several ways to ensure that we never end up towards that path and how we can seek help. To conclude the presentation, we were given the opportunity to ask questions about Covenant House and how they help the homeless youth of Toronto. We were also given pamphlets full of useful information about homelessness. We would like to thank Peter from Covenant House for educating us on this serious matter and for making us aware of the dangers of living on the streets and all the ways to prevent this from happening. This presentation helped us realize how fortunate we are and how grateful we should be for all that we have.

Sara. P and Nicole. P Mrs. Galati's grade 6/7

HUDDLE UP PRESENTATION

On Thursday March 22, 2018, the grades 3 to 8 classes were treated to a presentation from "Huddle Up". This presentation was sponsored by our CPSC and will include a parent information evening (see Parent Evening above). Our Huddle Up Ambassadors, wearing their Huddle Up t-shirts, began by introducing the three members of the Huddle Up Team. Jason, the spokesperson, Marina, the Cheerleader, and Jason Colero from the Toronto Argos. All three members of the team told their moving stories of how they overcame adversity to achieve success. Their message was one that we believe in at St. Charles. We are here to raise each other up not to put each other down.

CPSC

Hello St. Charles Parents and community members.

It's April and "spring-is-in-the-air" ... really? It sure doesn't feel like it!

I would like to share a few statements from your parent council:

MUSICOUNTS Grant: This is fantastic news! St. Charles was awarded the \$10,000 MUSICOUNTS grant. MusiCounts is Canada's music education charity and is affiliated with CARAS and the JUNO Awards. Perseverance finally paid off as a number of council members have completed the application for this grant for at least 3-4 years now and we finally won! Big thank you(s) go out to Ms. Corvinelli, Mrs. Hulyk-Cassano, Mrs. Leo, and Mr. Nicolucci, who made this happen.

MUSIC Program Donation: This is related to point one. We received a \$5000 donation to our music program from an anonymous parent in our community. \$15,000 to St. Charles' music program in one year! I'm sure this is "music to everyone's ears."

The Chocolate Fundraiser: As you know, the fundraiser has started and this is our most successful fundraising event of the year. We urge you to get selling! We have some great prizes this year including BEATS Solo3 Headphones, brand new red bikes in 3 different sizes, an iPad Mini, Limo joyride, EB Games gift cards, Balls, and many more. If you know someone, or a company, that would be willing to donate a prize, please let one of the parent council members know so that we can follow-up with them.

Pizza Lunch & Lunch Box Orders: We wish to inform you that for the 3rd term, we are switching to PIZZA NOVA as our supplier for pizza lunches. Also, Lunch Box Orders have extended the ordering dates until the end of June.

That is it for now. Our next meeting is on April 23rd in the school library at 6:30 pm.

Hope to see you there!

D. Cary & F. Franco

TRUSTEES 2017-2018 Wards

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| 1. Joseph Martino | 5. Maria Rizzo | 9. Jo-Ann Davis | Joel Ndongmi, Student Trustee |
| 2. Ann Andrachuk | 6. Frank D'Amico –Vice Chair | 10. Barbara Poplawski | Rhea Carlisle- Student Trustee |
| 3. Sal Piccininni | 7. Michael Del Grande | 11. Angela Kennedy - Chair | |
| 4. Patricia Bottoni | 8. Gary Tanuan | 12. Nancy Crawford | |

