



St. Clare Catholic School

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School Hours
8:30 a.m. Entry
10:12 a.m. Recess
11:15 a.m. Lunch
12:15 p.m. Entry
1:40 p.m. Recess
3:00 p.m. Dismissal



January 2020 Newsletter

Virtue of the Month: Courage

Principal's Message

Welcome back and Happy New Year to everyone! I hope that you had a restful Holiday break. We ask for God's blessing for 2020. As we begin the New Year, we would like to offer our sincere thanks to Ms. Mari. She retired on December 20. We would like to welcome our new Clerk Typist, Ms. Zampini. She will be at St. Clare on Mondays and Tuesdays. We also want to wish Ms. Goff all the best, as she is now on a maternity leave. We welcome her LTO teacher, Ms. Tedesco.

On Monday, January 5, 2020 we celebrated the Epiphany. This marked the 12th day after Christmas and celebrated the visit of the three kings or wise men to the Christ Child. With the new Year, we challenge ourselves to make changes for the better with our own resolutions. This aligns with the Virtue of the month for January, Courage. It takes courage to make changes and confront your fears. As we move forward, we can remember this quote from Isaiah 41:10, "Do not be afraid; I am with You."

We finished 2019 with two great events, our JK/SK and Gr. 1-3 Christmas concerts. As you are aware, the Provincial Government is still in negotiations with the teacher union. There is the possibility of some labour disruptions in the coming weeks that could impact school activities. At this point we will proceed as normal in terms of planned activities/events. You will be informed if things change. Please see the link I provided in this newsletter for updates regarding negotiations.

Also, a reminder that there is a PA day on Friday, January 17, 2020. Report cards will go home in February, with interviews taking place on the evenings of Tuesday, February 11 and Wednesday, February 13. A letter will be sent home later in month.

Last month, in an effort to become more environmentally conscious, I sent a digital copy of our Newsletter to all parents via email. Beginning in February, the Newsletter will not be sent home as a hard copy. There will be hard copies available in the main office if you need one.

Sincerely,

R. Ramlogan

Safe Arrival Procedures

Attendance & Punctuality: Students should be kept at home only when they are ill. Appointments, whenever possible, should be arranged outside of school hours. Parents should use the **Safe Arrival-School Messenger system** (1-833-251-3286, or online at <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>) if their child is going to be absent. Magnets were distributed with this information. Please let us know if you need one. The School Messenger system will automatically contact parents who have not reported their child's absence .

Our school bell rings at 8:30 a.m. It is important that students arrive on time daily to begin each day. Late arrivals disrupt the learning of your child. Your child should be in the school yard between 8:15-8:30 to ensure they are present when their classroom teacher picks up the class.

Supervision: Staff members provide supervision in the yard every day. Supervision is in place in the mornings from 8:15 to 8:30, during all recesses, at lunch hours, and after school from 3:00 to 3:15. There is additional supervision for students who take the bus. Parents are reminded that students should not be dropped off at the school before 8:15 a.m. and should be picked up at 3:00.

Student Drop off and Pick Up: A reminder to all parents that the area on Northcliffe in front of our school is a no parking zone, just student drop off. In addition, no cars should ever be mounting the curb, as this is a safety hazard to all pedestrians. I have again contacted Toronto Parking authority to enforce this.

Parents in the school yard: During the times indicated above when teachers are on supervision duty in the school yard, parents are asked to refrain from being in the school yard. Teachers will deal with any issues that occur. If a parent has any concern regarding student behavior, it can reported to a teacher or with me in the office.

Visitors: All visitors, including parents, must report to the main office and sign in before proceeding anywhere in the school . They will be given a visitor's tag that must be worn during their time in the school, This request is to ensure the safety of all students

Appropriate Dress Code

Our students' well-being will continue to be a priority for myself and all the staff at St. Clare. We will follow the TCDSB Dress Code based on the principles of respect, safety, and diversity. A reminder that the appropriate dress

code at St. Clare includes the use of a white or navy blue shirt/blouse and a navy blue pant/skirt with no logos (unless it is the school logo). Denim is not permitted.

Thank you to those that have ordered uniform items that we were offering. We will offer parents another opportunity to order in March.

Lunch

Lunch at school is a privilege for students for children who live far away from the school and/or for children who do not have anyone to supervise them. Students staying for lunch should bring a healthy lunch to school. If parents are dropping off a lunch, a lunch table outside the main office will be provided. Please clearly label the lunch

Students staying for lunch are expected to be in their classroom every day for lunch. Students that can't follow the classroom rules during lunch may lose the privilege of staying for lunch.

Students going home for lunch are expected to do so all year. They must be picked up and signed out by a parent. If they go home, they should not return until there is supervision in the school yard (11:35 a.m.).

Student safety is a priority for all of us. No students should be signing out for lunch without an adult.

Pizza Lunches/Hot Lunch Friday

Our pizza lunches will occur on every Wednesday during each month. The dates for pizza lunch this month are January 8, 15, 22, and 29. In terms of our Hot lunch pilot, it was very successful for the three Fridays it ran. At this point, it looks like we have enough interest to continue with the program. The program will begin again in February and run every Friday. There will be no orders accepted for the month of January. Orders will begin for Friday, February 7, 2020.

Please use the link below to order for February. Also see the attached flyer for log in password.
www.kidslunch.ca

Dress Down Day

Our next Dress down day will be on Friday, January 31, 2020. The cost is \$1.00. Student Council will also be hosting a spirit day on Friday, January 24, 2020. The theme is a winter pajama day. There is no cost is students come in their pajamas. If they don't, they must still wear school uniform.

Virtue of the Month

The Virtue for the month of December was Charity. Congratulations to the following students who were chosen for displaying this virtue:

Amelia Gaspar, Remy Maia, Ava Pereira, Arianna Raso, Anthony Borges, Tiago Moniz, Ayeisha Adnan, Julian Manaois, Sincero Badillo, Jasmine Mendoza, Francesca Harwood, Marta Li Calzi, Isabella Reinoso, Kaylee Raposo, Isabella Lucchetto, Rachel Cacciatore, Lily Rose Marrello, Clara Racanelli, Latina Guerrero, Katia De Benedictis, Justin Bradley, Sophia Rodrigues

Christmas Concerts

Thank you to all those attended out JK/SK and Primary Christmas concerts. The students did an amazing job. We hope you enjoyed it.

CSPC

Thank you to our CSPC for helping out with the refreshments for our primary Christmas Concert.

Our next meeting will take place on **Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 6:30**. Child care for school-aged children will be available. I encourage you to attend if you would like to learn about the great things going on at St. Clare and learn about the hard work of our CSPC members.

Student Council

On behalf of our student council and school community, we want to thank all parents for supporting our Toy Mountain Drive. We collected 170 new toys and donated them to Toy Mountain.

Kindergarten Registration

TCDSB looks forward to welcoming new students for September 2020. Registration for kindergarten begins Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 10 a.m. EST.

Apply online: [SOAR.tcdsb.org](https://www.tcdsb.org/soar). Details: <https://www.tcdsb.org/kindergartenregistration>

Extended French Information Meeting

The extended French program begins in grade 5. An information and registration meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in our school library. A letter will be sent home to all grade 4 students in a couple of weeks.

Grade 8 Overnight Trip

There will be an information meeting regarding the possible planning of an overnight trip to Ottawa for our grade 8 students. This meeting will take place on **Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 6:00** in our library. This is an important meeting, as there will be a presentation from the tour company, a discussion of costs, expectations, and the issue of possible labour disruptions.

TCDSB Working Towards Net Zero Status

The Toronto Catholic District School Board believes in the critical role that our Catholic schools and facilities play in promoting environmental responsibility and providing leadership and direction for the protection and conservation of the environment. The TCDSB's Environment Committee is committed to working with all TCDSB stakeholders in their continued efforts to create a culture of conservation at TCDSB, consistent with the ideas expressed in Pope Francis' 2015 *Laudato Si*. More: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/environment/NetZero/Pages/default.aspx>

Automated Speed Enforcement Systems to be Installed in School Zones

The City of Toronto has announced the installation of Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) systems across the City of Toronto. ASE is intended to enhance road safety in Community Safety Zones near schools. The system captures any vehicle travelling in excess of the posted speed limit. This includes emergency vehicles and municipal fleet vehicles.

Transportation services is installing 50 portable ASE systems near schools, and it is anticipated that they will rotate every three to six months within city wards.

An educational campaign will be launched to inform drivers of the presence of an ASE system. During the initial period, the plate owner will simply be issued a warning letter to confirm that the vehicle was moving faster than the posted speed limit. No response to these warning letters is required.

The City expects to move to issuing tickets in spring 2020. No demerit points will be issued nor will the registered owner's driving record be impacted. For more information, please visit toronto.ca/ASE or contact the ASE team at ASE@toronto.ca.

Guidance Corner

Following the progress report, there may be some Learning Skills and Work Habits that your child is working toward developing. Self Regulation, managing emotions and using appropriate behaviours at school, can be challenging for some students. A few excellent websites to help your child develop self-regulation skills are: <http://www.gonoodle.com>; <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/childcare/selfRegulate.html>; <https://www.understood.org/en/learning-thinking-differences/child-learning-disabilities/sensory-processing-issues/trouble-with-self-regulation-what-you-need-to-know>

The **AFTER8** Transition Guide to gather information about different aspects of high school such as: The Credit System, Course Types, Timetables and Special Programs, will be given to Grade 8 students in their schools. The more information students have before going to high school, the easier the transition becomes. Talk to your Gr. 8 child about their fears and anxieties that they are having about going to high school, and help them gather as much information as possible. The **Parent Transition Guide** is filled with helpful information to answer many of your questions and will be sent home with your child. For your convenience the Guide has also been translated into several languages and is available on the TCDSB website.

Intermediate students have been working on goal setting and their Individual Pathways Plans on <http://www.myblueprint.ca>. Ask your child to show you their portfolios.

Register Now: School Cash Online

Parents/guardians are reminded to create their School Cash Online profile, in order to receive updates and information on upcoming school activities. You will be informed when the online option is available as a

payment option for specific items throughout the year. Paying through School Cash Online offers a safe and convenient payment option that eliminates the need to send cash or cheques to school. For more information and to create your account visit www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/schoolcashonline

Labour Update

Throughout the days and weeks ahead, we encourage everyone to watch for regular updates on our website at <https://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2020/Pages/LabourUpdate.aspx>, and to follow @TCDSB on Twitter, check the 24-information line at 416-222-8282, extension 2873 or sign up for E-News (for email notifications) at <https://web1.tcdsb.org/InterestSubscription/subscription.aspx>.

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