



# St. Dominic Savio Catholic School February 2015 Newsletter



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Www.tcdsb.org/cpic**

**School Hours:  
8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Lunch: 11:15a.m.—12:15 p.m.**



Dear Parent/Guardian:

There are many activities planned for February. You can look forward to our Intermediate Boys' and Girl's Basketball tournaments, Junior W5H, Carnaval Activities, and our CSAC Valentine's Day Dance. Our Grade 1—8 students will also be celebrating Health Action Day by attending the Toronto Marlies Game at Ricoh Coliseum. Please refer to the February calendar for dates.

February is also officially recognized as Black History Month in Canada and the United States. Our students and teachers will be celebrating Black History Month through songs, poems and stories. Students will learn about the contributions and experiences of Black Canadians in our society. They will also learn about important figures in the Civil Rights Movement. Students will be learning about the importance of equality, acceptance of others and tolerance in order to reduce prejudice and racial discrimination.

Lent begins on February 18th. We will begin the Lenten season with a para-liturg celebrating Ash Wednesday. All parents are welcome to attend.

Report Cards go home on Tuesday, February 10th. Parent-teacher interviews are scheduled for Thursday, February 12th from 5:00pm –8:00pm and Friday, February 13th from 9:00am to 11:00am. Interview letters were sent home at the end of January and if you requested an interview for your child(ren), the interview request form will be sent home with the oldest or only sibling with the interview time on the form.

Finally, the JK registration for students born in 2011 is well under way. Parents can register at any time during the school day. Online registration is offered, so we encourage you to visit the following site and complete the application for registration online:

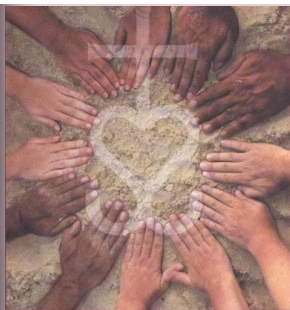
<http://soar.tcdsb.org>. If you have any difficulty with the online registration, our school secretary will be happy to assist you in completing the form.

Warm regards.

F. Clotildes  
Principal

## UPCOMING DATES

March 8th	Daylight Savings begins (clocks go forward 1 hour)
March 10th	CSAC meeting (6:00pm)
March 12th	Safe School Meeting (2:00pm)
March 13th	CSAC Pizza Day
March 16th-20th	March Break
March 20th	First Day of Spring
March 27th	CSAC Pizza Day
March 29th	Palm Sunday



Nurturing our Catholic Community through FAITH, Hope

The virtue of the Month for February is LOVE.

Chocolates, flowers, valentines, and red hearts, what would the month of February be without the celebration of Valentine's Day. While the rest of the world may choose to celebrate the ideal of romantic love on February 14th, TCDSB schools will be focussing on the virtue of LOVE as expressed in the gospels. "for God so loved the world, He gave His only son." John 3:16. As we focus on the virtue of love at St. Dominic School this month let us remember that love not only inspires the practice of all other virtues, it is the form and completion of all the other virtues.

Loving God,  
May we be people of CHARITY,  
always willing to give of  
ourselves to better the lives of  
others. Together, may we be a  
community of faith, anchored in  
hope, with heart and charity.  
Amen

### Skating

Our primary classes are enjoying their weekly skating excursion to Heron park arena. Many thanks to all the parents who come out to help students with their skates. Remember to check out the family skate times at Heron park Arena.

### Bowling

The students in our ME class are enjoying their weekly outing to Parkway bowling on Ellesmere Rd. Consider open bowling for a family get-together!

### Student Council and Me to We

The Rafiki necklaces have arrived and student council will be distributing the necklaces before Valentines Day!

We will also be selling candy grams for Valentine's Day! More details to follow.



### CSAC NEWS

February is an exciting month. On February 12th, DJ Nine will be here for our Valentine's dance. We had very positive feedback from the children after our Halloween Dance.

Pancake Day, also called Shrove Tuesday, Fat Tuesday and Mardi Gras (which is French for "Fat Tuesday"), is the last day of

### Winter Weather

Please make sure that your child is dressed properly for winter outdoor activities. It is a good idea to pack extra socks and gloves for your child.

Cancellation of school bus transportation or school closures due to inclement weather will be reported through the following vehicles:

News releases to all media outlets in Toronto (although the news release is provided to the media outlets, there is no guarantee that all television and

### Click Club

The Click Club is up and running again this year. We will be meeting twice a month. At the start of each month the group will give a theme, January's theme was portraits. Students will be shown examples of the theme and given advice and photography techniques related to the theme. The students can take photos at home or at school with the school cameras. At the end of

radio stations will broadcast the information in a timely fashion.)

Communications will endeavour to send an email to everyone on exchange to advise them of any cancellations or closures

Updates will also be posted on the Board's 24-hour information line, 416-222-8282, extension 2873.

The information will also be posted on the Board's website at [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org) or [www.tcdsb.org/weather.htm](http://www.tcdsb.org/weather.htm)

each month students, with the assistance of Mrs. Whittle will turn their photos into art displays that will be put up around the school.

If you have any old, still functioning cameras (point and shoot or DSLR) to donate to the club please contact the office or Miss Schroeder.

Thank you in advance. We look forward to showing you our talents!

feasting before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. It's called so due to the tradition of eating pancakes on the day. This tradition comes from a time where any rich foods were eaten on the day before Lent, and fasting begins. CSAC will provide pancakes to students to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. Many thanks to Griffith Laboratories for donating the pancake mix!

If you are able to help prepare or cook the pancakes, please contact Mrs. Desroches (647-220-9303).

The next CSAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10th, 2015. All parents are encouraged and welcome to attend.

### Police Check Application

Effective January 1st, the cost of a police check for parents who wish to volunteer on class excursions has increased from \$15.00 to \$20.00/year. Application forms are available from the school office. Please note that non-Toronto residents have to go directly to the main police service in their area to get the police check with the "Vulnerable Sector Screening".

### CHANGE THE VIEW— VIDEO CONTEST

For the 6<sup>th</sup> year in a row, Children's Mental Health Ontario (CMHO) will host our YouTube video contest called Change the View. Ontario youth are invited to make a short video that shows how we can all take the stigma out of kids' mental health issues for a chance to WIN \$1500!

**The Season of Lent::** *Lent is a forty-day season of preparation for the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.*

*The season begins on Ash Wednesday, when priests mark our foreheads with ashes as a reminder that we are created from dust and to dust we shall return.*

Lent is a special time when you can share the concepts of prayer and giving with your children. Take family time each day to offer devotional prayers.

Consider as a family how you might help others in need by

### Lunchtime Supervisor

We are looking for a lunchtime supervisor to work one hour a day (11:15am—12:15pm) supervising children in the school yard. This is a paid position.

If you are interested, registration packages are available in the school office, or you can download the registration package:

To access the registration on line:

- Tcdsb.org
- Community
- Recruitment
- Employment Opportunities
- Immediate Openings
- Lunchtime Supervisor

Contest opens on February 19<sup>th</sup> and the deadline is **April 9<sup>th</sup>**. Details: [http://www.kidsmentalhealth.ca/news\\_and\\_events/ctv2015-about-the-contest.php](http://www.kidsmentalhealth.ca/news_and_events/ctv2015-about-the-contest.php)

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Partnership Development Department.

giving of your time or resources. Even very young children can understand and will enjoy participating in the process.

As a family, carve out time in the day for your own special prayer time. This may involve early rising or time spent away from a favourite hobby or activity.

### Safe School Survey

During the week of January 19<sup>th</sup>, all students, JK-Grade 8 participated in a Save School Survey. Students JK-Grade 3 were given a simple questionnaire of 6 questions asking if they felt safe at school, in the playground and if they felt safe at school. The answers required circling correct faces, or drawing to answer questions. Students Grade 4-8 were given a more detailed questionnaire (checking answers) that reflected their experiences about incidents that may or may not have happened to the child at school. Students will complete these surveys again in late May. The data will show us if students' attitudes toward their safety has changed over this period of time.

### AN EVENING WITH THE CARDINAL

On Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm, join His Eminence Cardinal Collins at Cardinal Carter Academy of the Arts (36 Greenfield Ave (Sheppard & Yonge)

7:00pm Liturgy

Followed by: A keynote address on how we can strengthen the Catholic home, school and parish bond.

(From the pages of CatholicMom.com)



## Director's Annual Report

The Annual Report for the 2013-2014 academic year has been uploaded to the board's website. You can view the interactive presentation, or simply download a pdf of the highlights. <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BoardAdministration/DirectorofEducation/Pages/Annual-Report-2013-2014.aspx>

## Policy Consultation Extended to February 6<sup>th</sup>

The deadline for consultation regarding the draft CSAC Policy and the draft Policy on Secondary School Admission has been extended to February 6<sup>th</sup>. <http://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2014/pages/consultation-csac-and-admissions-policies.aspx>

## Budget Consultation Starting Soon

Watch for detailed information on the Board's website in February [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org).

## Interactive Family Math Night

A fun and informative evening of math activities designed to remove intimidation for parents and encourage family involvement in the application of math in everyday challenges.

**Tuesday, February 10, 2015 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

**at Mary Ward Catholic Secondary School, 3200 Kennedy Road, Scarborough**

Families from across the TCDSB are welcome to attend.

<http://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/News/Pages/Interactive-Family-Math-Night.aspx>

**Registration: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/mathevent>**

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The virtue for the month of January was Courage. The following students were awarded a virtue

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