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D U N S T A N

JANUARY 2020



From the Principal:

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):
I hope that everyone enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and that 2020 brings good health, happiness and prosperity to our families and our community.

Though the holiday season has come to an end, the Christmas story is not over. Mary and Joseph were told by an angel to care for the child Jesus. We, too, must take Jesus with us on our journey into the new year and care for Him as He cares for us.

“When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with the flocks, then the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal those broken in spirit, to feed the hungry, to release the oppressed, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among all peoples, to make a little music with the heart. And to radiate the Light of Christ, every day, in every way, in all that we do and in all that we say. Then the work of Christmas begins.”

Howard Thurman

Thank you also to the parents and family members who were able to join us at the Advent Family Celebration.

Yours sincerely,
S. Gardiner-Hunt,
Principal

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www.tcdsb.org/cpic
OAPCE Toronto
(Provincial Voice for Parents)
www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto

BELL TIMES:

9:00 ARRIVAL
10:25 A.M. RECESS
11:45 LUNCH HOUR BEGINS
12:45 LUNCH HOUR ENDS
2:25 P.M. RECESS
3:30 DISMISSAL

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Winter Weather and Appropriate Attire:

As winter arrives, we are bound to encounter some very frigid temperatures. Of course, living in Canada, we expect to endure some cold days and recognize that, when dressed appropriately, we can enjoy fun-filled, outdoor activities. Students are expected to come to school with all that they need to participate in outdoor recesses.

Appropriate winter clothing includes: winter boots, a winter coat, snow pants, a hat, a scarf and warm mittens or gloves. All students are expected to have a pair of indoor shoes that may be left at school for the duration of the snowy/wet season. It is highly recommended that each student has an extra pair of dry socks in their backpack.

Please be assured that on exceptionally frigid days, outdoor recess will be shortened or cancelled. However, it is our intention to ensure that the students receive opportunities for fresh air and exercise on a regular basis throughout the winter season.

Absences & Lates:

Please use our Safe Arrival School Messenger Program to report student absences and/or lates using one of the options, below:

- 1) The **SchoolMessenger app** (Apple/Google Play Store)
- 2) Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>.
- 3) Call the toll-free number:
1 (833) 251-3286

Student Supervision:

Beginning at 8:45 a.m., an adult is in the school yard supervising students as they arrive at school. **Please do not drop students earlier than 8:45 a.m., since they will be unsupervised. Also, school ends at 3:30. Please make sure your child is picked up at that time.**

Register: School Cash Online

A safe & convenient payment option that eliminates the need to send cash or cheques to school. There is no fee. To register, visit:

www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/schoolcashionline

Bus Transportation Information and Updates:

Please register on the Toronto Student Transportation Group (TSTG) portal by visiting www.torontoschoolbus.org. This portal provides TCDSB parents with online access to their children's transportation information and up to the minute email notifications regarding school bus cancellations or delays.

PA Day: January 17th:

Please note that Friday, January 17th will be a Professional Activity Day. There will be no school for students.

CSPC Meeting:

Our next CSPC meeting will take place on **Tuesday, January 21st at 6:30 p.m.** All parents/guardians are welcome!

SNACK PROGRAM- Our Snack program will continue for the second term from January 7th- March 13th. In order for your child (ren) to participate, please pay online. Fee is \$10.00

Kindergarten Registration:

Kindergarten Registration will begin for all Elementary Schools on **Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.**

Parents/guardians with children born in 2016 or earlier and who will be enrolling in Kindergarten, have the opportunity to apply on-line using the "Student On-line Admission and Registration" platform known as S.O.A.R. and found at the following link: <http://soar.tcdsb.org>.

Parents are asked to complete an application for registration from the convenience of their own home, a public library, or anywhere there is internet access, 24 hours a day. The on-line application also offers access to translations in different languages with built-in help functions and features.

As part of the registration process, meetings with school staff will be scheduled on the electronic application. During the meeting, school staff will verify the original documentation required for registration. This consists of a Baptismal Certificate, Birth Certificate and/or Passport, Immunization record, proof of residence and Application for Direction of School support.

Applications to register children in grades other than Kindergarten can also be done on the online S.O.A.R. application. Please share this information with any parents/guardians with school- aged children in the community.

For more information, visit tcdsb.org or call 416-222-8282 ext. 5320 or 5314

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>.

UPCOMING in February:

Report Cards:

Report Cards will be sent home on Monday, February 10th. This report will reflect the student's achievement of curriculum expectations introduced and developed from September to January/February.

Online Booking for Parent/Teacher Interviews:

As in November, parents will be able to schedule interviews online. The link and the access code will be provided during the first week of February in the school newsletter.

Report Cards Sent home:

Monday February 10th
Parent/Teacher Interviews:
Tuesday, February 11th
(6:00 – 8:30 p.m.) and
Thursday, February 13th
(6:00 – 8:30 p.m.)



No School:

PA Day: **Friday, Feb. 14th**
Family Day: **Monday, Feb. 17th**





Monthly Update from the
Board
January 2020

Important Information for Parents

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Kindergarten Registration Starts January 15, 2020

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**. Details:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/kindergartenregistration>

Registration for Extended French:

www.tcdsb.org/extendedfrench

Registration for French Immersion:

www.tcdsb.org/frenchimmersion

Registration for Night School Credit Classes

Registration begins January 8th. Classes begin February 24th and 25th. For detailed information, see

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/ContinuingEducation/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.

Updates on Weather Related Cancellations or Closures

Traffic congestion and varying road conditions can impact the flow of traffic in Toronto, and this is particularly true during the winter months when snow and ice can be a major factor. The Toronto Student Transportation Group provides information about school bus delays digitally through [their website](#).

Update on

delays: <https://busplannerweb.torontoschoolbus.org/Cancellations.aspx>. Parents are encouraged to subscribe to the transportation portal to get real time information about any transportation issues: <https://busplannerweb.torontoschoolbus.org/Subscriptions/Login.aspx> and to follow @TCDSB and @TOSchoolBus on Twitter.

General Information

Rooted in Christ: we Believe

You are invited to explore the resources and information relating to our pastoral plan at <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/rooted-in-christ/webelieve/Pages/weBelieveResources.aspx>

Suggested Activity for the Year: Consider who inspires you, who nurtures your faith, who acts as a mentor and role model of Catholic living. Is it your school chaplain? A parent or other family member? Your pastor or other member of your parish? A teacher or other staff at your school? A colleague or friend? Share your stories through a STEAM project, written work (poem, story, article), a short video, art, music or technology. Celebrate those who have guided you on your own journey of faith. Share your ideas and initiatives on social media (@TCDSB #TCDSBelieves). Send your submissions to ncc.team@tcdsb.org.

Calendar of Meetings for 2020

Click here

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Calendar/Documents/AnnualCalendarOfMeetings2020.pdf> for the draft calendar of board and committee meetings. Please note that dates and times of meetings are subject to change.

Events/Meetings:

- January's Virtue is Courage <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/VirtueoftheMonth/Pages/Default.aspx#January>
- January 6, 2020 Epiphany
- January 7, 2020 Eastern Rite Christmas
- January 17, 2020 System-wide PA Day (elementary schools only)
- January 20, 2020 Dr. Martin Luther King Day
- January 27, 2020 Family Literacy Day
- January 30, 2020 Bell Let's Talk Day

For more information, visit www.tcdsb.org.