



St. Dunstan Catholic School

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D U N S T A N

MARCH 2020



From the Principal:

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

We are sad to announce that Mrs. (P)etropoulos long-term assignment as secretary will come to an end as of March 6th. While we are very disappointed to say farewell to Mrs. P, we wish her the best. Replacing Mrs. P as of March 9th, will be Mrs. McParland. We are excited to welcome Mrs. McParland to the St. Dunstan school community and look forward to working with her.

The Church sets aside 40 days as a special time we call Lent. The word Lenten comes from the Anglo Saxon words lencten, meaning “Spring,” and lenctentid (Springtide) the word for “March,” the month in which the majority of Lent falls.

Lent is a time of prayer, penance, sacrifice and good works in preparation for the celebration of Easter. Penance and the recalling of our baptism are of particular importance during this time. Moreover, an emphasis is placed on performing spiritual works, like attending the Stations of the Cross and Mass, taking the time for personal prayer and spiritual reading, going to confession, and offering gifts of time and love to others. How timely it is that the virtue for this month is FORGIVENESS, not only because we are in the season of Lent, but also because it is an important cornerstone of our faith.

Slainte,
S. Gardiner-Hunt,
Principal



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CPIC (Parent Engagement--TCDSB)
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

St. Dunstan Catholic Church

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Please help us to keep our students safe by refraining from stopping or parking cars in the school bus loading zone. Thank you for your cooperation!

Coronavirus:

Stay up to date on the information shared by the Province of Ontario and Toronto Public Health; <https://www.tcdsb.org/forstudents/healthandsafety/pages/coronavirusinformation.aspx>

Flu Prevention:

Please continue to follow and review with your child these tips to prevent the spread of the flu:

- Get your flu shot.
- Wash hands frequently.
- Cover your cough/sneeze (Cough into your sleeve.)
- Don't share things that go in your mouth (i.e. cups, straws, water bottles, etc.)
- Do the knuckle bump instead of shaking hands.
- Stay home if you are sick.

Please do not send students back to school until they are feeling well, and they have had no fever for at least 24 hours.

Guard Your Kids Online: Social Media Safety Presentation

A 90 minute live webinar with question & answer session by US renowned social media safety expert Josh Ochs.

Join other parents to learn about positive ways your child should be conducting themselves online, popular apps being used by kids today (good bad & ugly), practical tips to being an informed parent and providing a path to follow to guide your children to make good choices with social media.

For parents of tweens/teens (Grades 5-9)

Wed, April 15, 2020

6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

@ St. John Henry Newman

Catholic High School

100 Brimley Road South

Toronto, ON M1M 3X4

FREE PARKING

REGISTER ONLINE TO SECURE YOUR SPOT:

www.eventbrite.com/e/91194195293

TCDSB Is Hiring!

Interested in exploring a career with TCDSB? Visit www.tcdsb.org/careers or contact:

hr_recruitment@tcdsb.org. Applications are being received at www.applytoeducation.com.

Labour Updates:

Throughout the days and weeks ahead, we encourage everyone to watch for regular updates on the TCDSB 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): <https://web1.tcdsb.org/InterestSubscription/subscribeon.aspx>.

Student Supervision and Parking:

Beginning at 8:30-8:45 a.m., an adult is in the school yard supervising students as they arrive at school.

Please do not drop students earlier than 8:30-8:45 a.m., since they will be unsupervised.

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

Bus Transportation Information and Updates:

Please register on the Toronto Student Transportation Group (TSTG) portal by visiting

www.torontoschoolbus.org.

Kindergarten Registration: Continues

Kindergarten Registration began 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, the office, 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

Monthly Update from the Board

March 2020

Labour Update

Stay up to date with all the latest news here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2020/Pages/LabourUpdate.aspx>

Coronavirus

News and resources are on our website here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/forstudents/healthandsafety/pages/coronavirusinformation.aspx>

Never Miss Out on Important Information

All parents/caregivers are reminded to ensure that your school has up to date telephone and email information on file for your child. This will enable the school to communicate with you about critical matters including student absences, and will also enable the Board to share important information with you including updates on the status of labour negotiations via School Messenger.

Information for Parents

Toronto Public Library: March Break Programs

Looking for something to do during March Break? The library offers more than 100 free activities for kids, teens, and the whole family. Browse the programs or use our search tool to find out what's happening at your local branch.

[Click here for other March Break programs at Toronto Public Libraries](#)

Events and Information

March is Celtic Canadian Heritage Month <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/CelticCanadianHeritage/Pages/default.aspx>

March is Nutrition Month

March 2-8 – National Social Work Week

World Day of Prayer March 6, 2020

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingcatholiccommunity/pages/world-day-of-prayer.aspx>

Lift Jesus Higher Rally March 7, 2020

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingcatholiccommunity/news/2019-2020/pages/lift-jesus-higher.aspx>

International Women's Day March 8, 2020

Winter Break March 16-20, 2020

International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination March 21, 2020

<https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2019/pages/international-day-for-elimination-of-racial-discrimination.aspx>

World Down Syndrome Day March 21, 2020

<https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2019/pages/world-down-syndrome-day.aspx>

World Water Day March 22, 2020

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/environment/water/pages/worldwaterday.aspx>

Earth Hour March 28, 2020 (Schools recognize earth hour on March 27th)

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/environment/earthhour/pages/default.aspx>

ShareLife Week March 30-April 3, 2020