



St. Elizabeth Catholic School



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Enrollment: 214

Hours of Operation: 8:30 – 3:00

Lunch Hour: 11:15 – 12:15




St. Elizabeth School News

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

While Advent is certainly a time of celebration and anticipation of Christ's birth, it is more than that. It is only in the shadow of Advent that the miracle of Christmas can be fully understood and appreciated. We prepare for the coming of Our Saviour with hope and joy! The spirit of Christmas is in the air at St. Elizabeth. Our St. Elizabeth Christmas Tree is in the foyer and our Nativity Scene and Advent Wreath are also in the entrance of the school for all to enjoy. Parents are invited to join us as we celebrate our Annual Advent Mass at 6:00 at Our Lady of Peace Church on Thursday, December 14th. Our classes are busily preparing for our Christmas Concert which will immediately follow the Mass. We hope to see you there for what will surely be a beautiful evening of prayer and music as we celebrate the Blessed Season as a school community.

It is my hope that the peace of Christ be present at St. Elizabeth during this Christmas season and throughout the year. May you and your family enjoy the Wonders and Joy of Christmas!

Merry Christmas! 

~ Mrs. Tropea

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH



Charity

"It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you...yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand."

~Mother Teresa



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Christmas Holidays run from
December 26-January 6.
Classes will resume on *Monday January 8th, 2018.*





SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

Our Grade 2 students will receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on the evening of Tuesday, December 12th at 7 pm at Our Lady of Peace Church. Thank you to Ms. O'Leary, Mrs. Strong and Ms. Capstick for their wonderful preparation of our students. Thank you to Father Yaw Acheampong and all the staff at our Lady of Peace Church. Special thanks are extended to our guest priests as well.



ADVENT MASS AND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On the evening of Thursday, December 14th, we will be celebrating our school Advent Mass followed by our Christmas Concert. We look forward to this evening and know it will be just the thing to put us all in the Christmas spirit! Students are asked to meet their teachers at the Church at 5:50 pm. Mass begins at 6:00 pm. The Christmas Concert will immediately follow the Mass. We expect the evening to conclude at approximately 7:30 pm.

CHRISTMAS FUN WEEK DECEMBER 18-22



We have many special events planned for the last week before our Christmas Break.

On Monday, December 18th, students are encouraged to wear Christmas accessories-elves' ears, reindeer antlers, hairbands, Santa hats, or any other items they choose, to put them, and those around them, in the festive spirit. On Tuesday, December 19th, students can wear red and green. On Wednesday, December 20th, everyone is welcome to wear their Christmas sweaters and we'll also be having a Christmas concert and sing-along after morning recess. On Thursday, December 21st, we will be having our first skating day. Students can wear civvies on this day. On Friday, December 22nd, we will be having PAJAMA DAY! Everyone is welcome to wear their snuggliest and coziest pajama to school!



SKATING

We will be having our first skating day on Thursday, December 21st. Due to construction at our normal skating site of Centennial Area, we have not been able to arrange our other skating dates. We will let everyone in our community know when these dates and locations are confirmed. Thank you to Mrs. Tulino for organizing our skating dates!!



FULL-DAY LEARNING AND JK REGISTRATION

Registration for Full Day Kindergarten begins on:

Wednesday, January 17th, 2018, 10:00 am E.S.T.

Please note that priority will be given to students from our catchment area.

Online registration will be available on the TCDSB website. The second part of the registration process involves making an appointment with the school so that you can bring in all original documents needed for registration. Your registration will not be considered complete until you receive verification from the SOAR website. Please note that parents can still make appointments with Ms. Huang for the registration process without going online. *However*, completing information online *does* speed up the process once you come in for your school appointment. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Ms. Huang at the school.



WINTER WEATHER IS HERE!

Now that winter weather is definitely here please ensure that your child is properly dressed for the weather of the day. Warm coats, snow pants, hats, waterproof mitts and **BOOTS** are absolutely necessary. All boots are taken off outside the classroom and students need a pair of shoes to wear inside the school. We will be going out for recess when weather permits. When the weather is poor, for information about buses and school closings, please listen to your radio – 680 will carry all this information or call the School Board information line 416-222-8282 ext. 2873. You can also check on the school board website, just google TCDSB. If it is warranted, a shortened recess will be determined using the information from Environment Canada. We will not send students out for recess if it is too cold. However, students are expected to go out for recess when the weather permits. Play outdoors when dressed for the weather is refreshing and healthy.



WINTER ILLNESSES

For your child's health and the well-being of others, please do not send your child to school when they are suffering with either flu or cold symptoms. Please do not ask that your child remain indoors while at school during recesses and lunch breaks. If your child is too sick to go outside, he/she is too sick to be at school and should be kept home until he/she is completely well. It is important that the school has a phone number where you can be reached at all times in case of an emergency. Please call Ms. Huang, our secretary, to update information for your child, 416-393-5278.



SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

We have many students who ride the school bus to and from school. This is a privilege and must not be abused. All students are reminded to follow rules for safely riding on our school buses.

- *Be at the school bus stop on time.*
- *Wait in a safe place well back from the edge of the road.*
- *Enter the bus in single file.*
- *Sit in the seat assigned to you and stay facing forward at all times.*
- *Do not place things in the aisle.*
- *Do not throw things or eat or drink on the bus.*
- *Do not fight or shout on the bus.*
- *Keep your arms and head inside the bus.*

If students refuse to follow these rules, the driver will notify the principal with a pink slip explaining the problem. If a student continues to disobey the rules the student will not be allowed to ride the bus and parents will be responsible for transporting their child to school.



ME to WE would like to thank you all members of St. Elizabeth community who participated in "We Scare Hunger Campaign". As a result of your overwhelming generosity we collected about 600 pounds of non-perishable food items that were donated to St. James Food Basket. Please be assured that your support was greatly appreciated by the St. James community. Many families depend on Food Banks to meet their weekly needs. Our next fundraising event will begin shortly. Details will follow.



St. Elizabeth

CSPC NEWS

Our CSPC has been very busy so far this year. We have had a very successful World's Finest Chocolate (almond) fundraiser and we thank Mr. Mac Sweeney and his students for all their help with this fundraiser! We also thank our CSPC treasurer, Mrs. DiCerbo for her assistance.

Our QSP fundraiser was also a success. Thanks to Mrs. DiCerbo for her daily help, organizing prizes, and tallying up our orders. We will soon have a final total for how much each of these fundraisers has raised. Our Poinsettia sale has begun! Please make arrangements to pick up your orders on Tuesday, December 5th by 7 pm. Thank you to Mrs. Cabral for organizing this sale. Thank you to Mrs. Di Cerbo for assisting as well.

Our next CSPC meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 5th at 6 pm in Room 206. All are welcome to attend!



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everyone who supported our Scholastic Book Fair. It was a great success! The variety of books was wonderful for students of all ages. As a result of our sales, we were able to purchase approximately \$1,140.00 worth of books for our school! Thank you to Ms. Chiappa for organizing and running the book fair. A special thank you is extended to Mrs. Huang, Ms. Elena and Ms. Gracic who helped out on the evening of the book fair. As well, we would like to thank our student helpers who helped run the fair during our class visits. They also helped with unpacking and setting up the fair and with the packing up of the books after the fair. You showed excellent leadership with this initiative!



ST. MICHAEL CHOIR SCHOOL AUDITIONS

Greetings from St. Michael's Choir School. As you may know, St Michael's Choir School has, for 79 years, provided St. Michael's Cathedral and the Archdiocese of Toronto with sacred music of the highest calibre, sung by boys from Grades 3-12. As part of our work to continue this proud tradition, a scout will soon visit St. Elizabeth School to listen to boys in Grades 2 and 3 sing. Should our scout hear a promising voice, he or she will give that child a letter to bring home with information about the Choir School, and an invitation to join us for one of our audition days, which take place in January, February and March every year. At St. Michael's Choir School, we believe that "he who sings prays twice", and we are grateful for the opportunity to visit your school in search of boys with a love of music who are interested in becoming part of this tradition of service and song.



A CHRISTMAS BLESSING



*May the joy of the angels,
The eagerness of the shepherds,
The perseverance of the wise men,
And the peace of the Christ Child
Be yours this Christmas,
And the blessing of God Almighty;
The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit,
Be among you and remain with you always,
AMEN*



Monthly Update from the Board December 2017

Parents Urged to Check Their Liability Insurance Coverage

At the October 19, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Board resolved that all parents of the Board should be advised to consider contacting their home insurance providers to determine the adequacy of their home insurance coverage to cover claims arising out of injuries caused by their child at school.

The reason for the Board of Trustee direction is that there have been a few instances recently where legal action has been initiated for personal injury or other harm to a student allegedly caused by another child.

A brief consultation by parents with their insurance provider is advised so parents can assess the adequacy of their insurance coverage if they are sued for personal injury or other harm allegedly caused by their child at school.

Inclement Weather Protocol

With the approach of winter and the associated ice and snow, there is always a possibility of school bus cancellations or delays, as well as cancellation of programs and services such as evening classes or permits. Your best source of information is via Twitter @TCDSB. For those who are not on Twitter, please tune in to local television and radio networks for updates. Other good sources of information are:

- TCDSB's website www.tcdsb.org
- Toronto Student Transportation Group website <https://www.torontoschoolbus.org>
- TCDSB 24-hour Telephone Information Line: 416-222-8282 ext. 2873
- Or if you wish to receive updates right to your email, subscribe to enews: <https://web1.tcdsb.org/InterestSubscription/subscription.aspx>

Angel Foundation for Learning

Through the Loretto Fund and the Social Work Emergency Fund the Angel Foundation supports TCDSB students who are new comers to Canada by helping to offset the costs for items such as school supplies, uniforms, field trips, groceries or other necessities to help them settle into school and life in Canada. You can help support families who have come to Canada in search of peace donations to The Angel Foundation for Learning. To learn more about the work of the Foundation, visit <http://www.angelfoundationforlearning.org/>

Christmas Holidays

The last day of classes before the Christmas break will be Friday, December 22, 2017. Schools will reopen on Monday, January 8th, 2018.

Administrative offices will be closed from Saturday December 23rd through to Monday, January 1, 2018.

SAVE THE DATE!

Kindergarten Registration Begins January 17th at 10 a.m.

Visit www.tcdsb.org for details.

New French Immersion Programs

Coming September 2018

We are pleased to share that following the successful community consultation, the Toronto Catholic District School Board is moving forward with the implementation of French Immersion Programming for September 2018 at the following schools:

- [St. Mary Catholic School](#)
- [St. Alphonsus Catholic School](#)

Registration will begin in January 2018.

The introduction of enhanced programming at TCDSB schools is one aspect of our Long Term Program Plan (LTPP). Increasing the number of French Immersion programs available in our schools is a part of the LTPP and the Board's ongoing responsibility to offer dynamic educational opportunities to its students across the City of Toronto.

Visit www.tcdsb.org for information about further expansions of the French Immersion program.

TCDSB 2017-2018 Awards Season has begun!

Nominations are welcome for the annual TCDSB Alumni Award, Award of Merit and Friends of Catholic Education Award which will be presented at Awards Night on May 7, 2018.

Deadline: third Friday in January (January 20).

- **TCDSB Alumni Award:** Open to TCDSB alumni who are still active in the Catholic community and who have distinguished themselves in their career or accomplishments.
- **TCDSB Award of Merit:** Open to former staff, parents and trustees who have made outstanding contributions to the TCDSB and to Catholic education (can only be considered for award after a three-year period has passed since departure from the TCDSB)
- **Friends of Catholic Education Award:** Open to members of the general public (individuals or organizations) who have accomplished extraordinary service to Catholic Education but who may not be Catholic.

For nomination forms and information, visit: www.tcdsb.org/awardsnight

December's Virtue is Charity

Find all the resources related to the monthly virtue, as well as other resources to support faith development and Religion and Family Life on our website here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Default.aspx>

TCDSB Celebrates Advent and Christmas

Visit the board's website for the latest news and information from TCDSB schools including food and clothing drives, Christmas baskets for needy families, Christmas concerts and other special events.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2018/pages/Advent-and-Christmas.aspx>

REMINDER: Spotlight On Your School

Submissions of short videos and original songs to celebrate your local school are due **February 23rd**. Details for this *Year of the School* activity can be found online <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Year-of-the-School/Spotlight-on-your-school/Pages/default.aspx>

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