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Enrollment: 215
Hours of Operation: 8:30 – 3:00
Lunch Hour: 11:15 – 12:15



 February, 2018

St. Elizabeth School News

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

During February, we naturally think about Valentine's Day and all of the festivities associated with this special day. Valentine's Day is the celebration of love and in 1 John 4:16 we are reminded that: *"Whoever lives in love, lives in God, and God in them."* As we focus on the virtue of love, we are inspired by many meaningful quotes about love. One of my favourite quotes is *"Love and kindness are never wasted. They always make a difference. They bless the one who receives them, and they bless you, the giver."* In the upcoming month, teachers have planned various activities in their classrooms that centre on the virtue of love. During the month of February, students will also receive their first term report cards and we look forward to seeing parents at our up-coming parent-teacher conferences. We are also busy with our Kindergarten registrations. If you know anyone who is interested in coming to St. Elizabeth, please have them call the school office. On Tuesday, February 13th, the last day before Lent (Shrove Tuesday), we will again be having our *"Pancake Day."* Students will be treated to pancakes. As Valentine's Day is also Ash Wednesday, and a solemn day of prayer and reflection, we will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Tuesday, February 13th. We invite everyone to wear pink, red and white or any combination of these colours, in celebration of St. Valentine's Day. A very sincere thank you to the number of parent volunteers who will assist in making and serving pancakes to the students. Special thanks to our CSPC for sponsoring this event. On Ash Wednesday (February 14th), we will be having a school Mass in the school gym and ashes will be distributed to everyone. Palms from last year's Palm Sunday have been burned into ashes which are then put onto our foreheads. While the ashes are being placed, the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return" are used. Parents, and family members are invited to participate in our Ash Wednesday Mass at 10:15 am.

We hope to see you there,

Mrs. R. Tropea

Principal

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY

IS:

LOVE



Important dates to note:

PA DAY: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY, 16th, 2018

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

FAMILY DAY: MONDAY, FEBRUARY, 19th, 2018

SCHOOL IS CLOSED. ENJOY!

MARCH BREAK:

MONDAY, MARCH 12th-FRIDAY, MARCH 16th



LITURGICAL NEWS

Our Ash Wednesday Mass and distribution of the ashes will be held at 10:15 in the school Gym on Wednesday, February 14th. Thank you to Ms. Menezes and her students, who are planning and organizing this special Mass. Many thanks to Father Yaw and all the parish staff from Our Lady of Peace Church. Special thank you to Ms. Capstick and our school choir.



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent teacher conferences are an important component of on-going home-school communication and involvement in your child's learning. The purpose of Term 1 conferences is to gain a deeper understanding of progress to date and to devise an action plan to ensure students reach their full potential. Parents are kindly asked to complete the Parent Teacher Interview request form (which has been sent with your youngest child), and return it to the school with their youngest child. Report cards will be sent home on Monday, February 12th. The interviews will be held on the evening of Tuesday, February 13th and Thursday, February 15th. Please note that:

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16th IS A PA Day. THERE IS NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS. THANK YOU.



Happy Valentine's Day

PANCAKE DAY

On Tuesday, February 13th, we will be having a dual celebration of Valentine's Day and Shrove Tuesday. Everyone is invited to wear any combination of the following colours: red, pink and white, in celebration of St. Valentine's Day and delicious pancakes will be served as we celebrate Pancake Tuesday. Pancakes will be served in the library. Please notify the office if your child has any food allergies. A very sincere thank you to all of the volunteers for assisting! Thank you to our CSPP for sponsoring this event and to Mrs. Tina Di Cerbo for leading it!



PIZZA/CIVVIES DAY

Our February Pizza/Civvies Day will be held on Wednesday, February 28th. Thank you to Mrs. Tulino for organizing our Pizza Days and thanks to all her helpers as well!



SKATING DAY

Our final skating day for this academic year will be held on Friday, February 23rd. **Students are invited to wear civvies with a loonie or toonie contribution to raise money for some IPADs.** Students who choose not to participate should be in school uniform for the day.

Many thanks are extended to Mrs. Tulino who organizes the schedule for the skating, and who books the rink and the buses for us as well. Parents are always welcome to come and join in the fun on the ice or to help “do up” skates. We hope to see you there!



ARE YOU MOVING?

If you are planning on moving and your child will no longer be attending St. Elizabeth School in September of 2018, please call the office and leave a message with the school secretary. Thank you.



JUNIOR BOYS' AND GIRLS' SOCCER NEWS

On Tuesday, January 30th the Junior Boys' Soccer Team competed at St. Demetrius School in their divisional tournament. The boys played with spirit and determination, giving it their all throughout the day. As always, they demonstrated true St. Elizabeth spirit. Congratulations to the boys and their coach, Mrs. Tulino on a great effort. A big thank you as well to all of our parents who came out to drive the students and to cheer on the team.

On Wednesday, January 31st the Junior Girls' Soccer Team competed at St. Demetrius School in their divisional tournament. The girls played with spirit and determination all day. In their semi-final game they played a very close match, overcoming Our Lady of Sorrows to finish the game with 1-0 victory. The final game saw our girls compete against St. Demetrius, it was a tight match throughout, however with 2 seconds left in the game our girls were awarded a penalty shot and scored, winning the game 1-0 and coming home Champions of our division. Congratulations to our girls' soccer team and their coach Mrs. Tulino on a great effort.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REMINDER

Fragranced products can trigger allergies, asthma or migraines. We ask everyone in our community to be aware of this and to reduce and limit the number of scented products worn. Thank you.



Monthly Update from the Board

February 2018

Registration for Kindergarten, French Immersion, Extended French and Night School as well as eClass continues during February. Visit the Board's website for information www.tcdsb.org

Director's Annual Report 2016-2017

Check out some of the highlights of the past school year in the newly published edition of the Director's Annual Report. <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BoardAdministration/DirectorofEducation/Pages/directors-annual-report-2016-2017.aspx>

Audited Financial Statements 2016-2017

The audited financial statements for the past school year are available online: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BudgetandFinance/Documents/Toronto%20Catholic%20DSB%20-%20Audited%20Stmnt%2016-17.pdf>

February is...

- **African Canadian Heritage Month**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/AfricanCanadianHeritage/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Psychology Month**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/specialeducation/psychology/psychologymonth/Pages/Psychology-Month.aspx>
- **National Inclusive Education Month**
Learn more about the TCDSB's Catholic Equity and Inclusive Education Policy:
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/Policies/Pages/hm24.aspx>
- **TCDSB Energy Conservation Month: 4 Days - 4 Themes - One Month:**
Join the TCDSB each Friday in February to save on energy:
<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/environment/energymonth/Pages/default.aspx>
 - National Sweater Day - February 2, 2018
 - Flip the Switch Friday – February 9, 2018
 - Phantom Friday - February 16, 2018
 - Energy Education Day - Friday, February 23, 2018

Winter Walk Day 2018

Winter Walk Day will be taking place this year on Wednesday, February 7, 2018. Winter Walk Day is an opportunity for all of us—students, staff, families—to focus on improved health and well-being, active lifestyles and building safer communities for everyone. [Click here to register or for more information.](#)

Province Announces Funding for New Childcare Spaces

In December 2017, the Province of Ontario announced funding for the expansion of childcare programs with the addition of more than 400 childcare rooms in approximately 200 schools across the province. TCDSB will see an additional 14 childcare centres in its schools across the city including: Father Serra, Blessed Pope Paul VI, Pope Francis, Santa Maria, St. Andre, St. Barnabas, St. Bernard, St. Dominic Savio, St. Edmund Campion, St. Gerald, St. Jean de Brebeuf, St. Jude, St. Kevin and St. Nicholas of Bari.

Angel Foundation For Learning

Some of our dearest friendships are rooted in our childhood years from discovering the world and new experiences together. Through our [School Allocations Program](#) the [The Angel Foundation for Learning](#) attempts to make sure that ALL students are able to participate in school trips to build friendships, spark their imaginations, and create memories. Support us in this work by participating in our [Cents Off](#), coming out to play at our events or [donating directly](#).

Opportunities/Information for Students

- **Toronto Star and Toronto Public Library Annual Short Story Contest**

The 2018 Short Story Contest is open to anyone 16 years of age or older who lives in Ontario. The annual contest is co-sponsored by the Toronto Public Library and the Humber School for Writers. Entrants can write on any topic they want. Stories must be original, previously unpublished and no longer than 2,500 words. Entries are limited to one per person. There is no fee to enter the contest. All submissions must be received by 5 p.m., Wednesday, February 28, 2018. Details:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/ShortStoryContest.aspx>

- **18th Chinese Arts and Literary Contest for Youth (CALCY)**

Open to all Ontario students from junior Kindergarten to Grade 12

Recital, Choral Speaking, Parent-Child recital, Solo Singing, Story Telling, Calligraphy, General Knowledge Quiz

Download a registration form from the [18th Chinese Arts and Literary Contest for Youth website](#) and mail to: CALCY, Box 107, A14-4261 Hwy 7 East, Unionville, Ontario L3R 9W6

Inquiry and Downloads www.calcy.ca

Registration Deadline **February 23, 2018**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/Chinese-Arts-and-Literary-Contest.aspx>

- **Information about Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/AwardsScholarshipsBursariesContests/Pages/default.aspx>

- **Ontario Making OSAP Application Process Easier for Students**

Ontario is making it easier for students receiving OSAP to plan, budget and pay for their college or university education. For the first time, students applying to college or university who have applied for OSAP can now go online to see the estimated tuition costs for each of the programs they have applied to and the estimated amount that will be covered by OSAP.

For other opportunities for students including community service hours, employment, training and contests, see <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/default.aspx>

TCDSB Awards Night is May 7, 2018

Nominate a student or staff member for our annual awards.

Deadline for each award: Third Friday in February.

- [Sister Mary Hamilton Award for Exceptional Students](#)
- [Ashif Jaffer Award for Excellence in Special Education Support](#)
- [The Father Andrew Cuschieri Award](#)

February's Virtue is Love

Please visit our website for the monthly resources connected to the virtue of the month.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/VirtueoftheMonth/Pages/Default.aspx>

Other Event Notices:

- **ShareLife Week March 18-24, 2018**
Board Wide ShareLife Civvies Day is Friday, March 23, 2018
The money raised through the annual ShareLife campaign supports Catholic charities in Toronto, across Canada and overseas. Many of these charities are very familiar to TCDSB students, staff and families, including Covenant House, Rosalie Hall, Providence Healthcare, the Office of Refugees and the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. More information about ShareLife and the agencies it support can be found here: <http://www.sharelife.org/Public/ShareLife-List-of-Agencies>
- **Lift Jesus Higher Rally March 3, 2018**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/News/2017-2018/Pages/lift-jesus-higher.aspx>
- **February 2: World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life**
- **February 13: Shrove Tuesday**
- **February 14: St. Valentine's Day** <https://www.archtoronto.org/Blog/Lists/Posts/Post.aspx?ID=95>
- **February 14: Ash Wednesday; Lent Begins**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Lent-and-Easter-Resources.aspx>
- **February 16: Lunar New Year**
- **February 16: Board-wide PA Day**
- **February 19: Family Day**

Winter Weather Has Arrived

Don't miss out on information relating to cancellations or delays in school bus service. Sign up to receive alerts through the TSTG parent portal <https://www.torontoschoolbus.org> or follow @TCDSB on Twitter for the latest updates.

Never Miss Out on Important Information

- Visit www.tcdsb.org for regular updates.
- Follow @TCDSB on Twitter.
- Subscribe to E-news, and receive news and information sent right to your email.
<https://web1.tcdsb.org/InterestSubscription/subscription.aspx>

February Message from Trustee Ann Andrachuk



There are many great activities in our schools and around the City this month, especially with Family Day on Monday the 19th. It's a great opportunity for all of us to take a short break and spend some time with our loved ones.

Just a reminder that junior kindergarten registration began on January 17. If you have a child, or know someone else who does, that is entering kindergarten in September, please visit tcdsb.org to register.

As we near the midway point in our school year, it is a good time to remember the critical importance of safety when we pick up and drop off our children at school. A moment's inattention is all it takes for a tragedy to happen. Please be extra vigilant in and around school zones and, if possible, walk with your children to school to help reduce congestion in our drop off areas and help make our school communities safer for all.

As always, remember to express your love and gratitude to those you cherish everyday but especially this Valentine's Day.

Sincerely,

Ann