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CPIC (Parent Engagement--TCDSB)
www.tcdsb.org/cpic
OAPCE Toronto (Provincial Voice for
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www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto

Enrollment: 232

Hours of Operation: 8:30 – 3:00

Lunch Hour: 11:15 – 12:15



St. Elizabeth School News

Principal's Message

Christ has risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The simplicity and sacrifice of Lent is over. We can relax and enjoy the glory of Jesus and share what he has given us in the resurrection. Easter is not just one day. It is a whole season. All of us can take longer to celebrate Easter than we took during Lent to prepare for it.

Easter time is about new life. It is the time of year when the earth is awakened from its winter sleep and bursts forth with new life. Buds and flowers bloom and the birds build nests and raise their young. The natural world reflects this joy in the newness of Spring. April is a kaleidoscope of colour and symphony of sound.

May the Glory of the Risen Lord fill us with Hope, Joy and Happiness.

The staff of St. Elizabeth Catholic School and myself pray that everyone has a Blessed Easter season.

Lucy Lessa
Acting Principal



RELIGION

Confessions

Fr. Yaw was able to provide Confession for our students in grades three to eight. We thank him for his dedication to our school.

Easter Mass

The staff and students will be celebrating an Easter Mass on Thursday, April 25th at 10:00am. Please plan to join us.

Virtue of the Month - Justice

April, with its celebration of Easter, has been assigned the virtue of JUSTICE. At this time we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus who is the Just One who died for the sake of the unjust, that He might lead people back to God. But justice is also an important part of Catholic teaching beyond Christ's Death and Resurrection. The need to do justice comes from the obligation to respect the dignity of every human person. This dignity comes from being created in God's image. Failing to respect human dignity, including failing to do justice, is a failure to respect the image of God in others.

"Let justice flow like a stream, and righteousness like a river that never goes dry."

CURRICULUM

Staffing

We would like to thank Ms. Di Domincis for her contribution to maintaining learning and her dedication to her students in the grade two classroom. We anticipate the return of Ms. O'Leary on Monday, April 1, 2019 with enthusiasm. St. Elizabeth Catholic School welcomes Mr. Pastuszok, who will be replacing Ms. Bosco during her leave.

EQAO/CAT 4 Testing

This year, these standardized tests will be given from the last week of April to the first week of June. Exact dates are not yet established but will be set aside to administer these tests. As students are not able to study for these tests, certain strategies will be used to provide the optimal testing environment. Strategies that are helpful for all students are:

- get a good night's sleep
- have a nutritious breakfast
- participate in daily physical activities

As a school, we will honour the students' concentration by eliminating any disruptions during test taking. This includes general use of the P. A. system, sending student messengers to the classrooms, or paging into individual classes.

Scientists in the School

Many classes are enjoying a "hands on" experience with presentations given by real scientists through the **Scientists in the School** program. Many thanks to our Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC) for their support and payment of this program.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Junior Volleyball

Our Girls' and Boys' Junior Volleyball teams will represent our school with pride and great sportsmanship. The Girls Volleyball Tournament will be on Thursday, April 4th and the Boys Volleyball Tournament is on Friday, April 5th. A special word of thanks to Mr. Pedra for giving countless hours for coaching.

W5H

Our intermediate students have spent many hours practicing for our W5H tournament to be held on Monday, April 1, 2019. We thank Mr. Mac Sweeny for his dedication in coaching this school team.

COMMUNITY

Catholic School Parent Council

Our parent group had a successful Cookie Dough sales and the winning class is Mrs. Tulino's grade eight class. Many students enjoyed lollipops, prizes and frequent visits from the Cookie Monster - Adam. As some students exceeded the expected individual sales, QSP, the cookie dough supplier, is providing an Ice Cream party for them. This will take place on Tuesday, April 2, 2019. Thank you to all students and parents for making this a successful endeavor, especially, Mrs. Di Cerbo, for organizing and running this event.

The next meeting of CSPC will take place on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 6:00.

Safe Arrival Program

The Toronto Catholic School Board has revised the procedure of the **Safe Arrival** program. Parents are directed to **not** call the school but rather to call or text;

CALL 1 (833) 251-3286
ONLINE go.schoolmessenger.ca
SchoolMessenger Mobile App

If you **do not** use these applications, the computer generated program will contact you regardless of you having reported to the school.

Moving?

We are preparing for next September. If you are planning a move out of area over the summer, or you are changing schools and your child(ren) will not be returning to this school, please notify Ms. Huang at 416 393-5278.

Pizza Days

Our students enjoy a pizza lunch once a month. We extend a special thank you to our parents who support this fundraising, Mrs. Tulino for collecting money and ordering the pizza and the grade eight students for delivering it.

Building Community

To provide much needed supplies and build community relations, we have reached out to some of our local businesses. Several places have offered discounts, gift cards or products from their store. Special thanks to Tim Horton's, Starbucks, Pizza Nova, Pizzaville, Metro and Food Basics for their contributions.



Monthly Update from the Board

April 2019

Budget Consultation

All parents, staff, students and stakeholders are encouraged to participate in the consultation regarding the 2019-2020 budget. By identifying your priorities for consideration, the Trustees of the Board will be better able to make decisions that reflect the concerns and interests of TCDSB stakeholders. The budget website will be available as of Wednesday, April 3rd. This website will include both video and printed materials outlining the budget, and the budget process, as well as a breakdown of the various ways that everyone can participate in the consultation process. An online survey will also be available through to May 3rd to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to share their views. https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TCDSB-Community-Consultations/Pages/budget_2019_2020.aspx

Sign Up for School Messenger

One of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely to school each and every day. To enhance our existing absence-checking procedure TCDSB has introduced *a new, more efficient* student absence reporting system called **SafeArrival**. This new system will reduce the time it takes to verify student attendance, making it easy for you to report your child's absence and easy for staff to respond to unreported student absences. With **SafeArrival**, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the **SchoolMessenger app** from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>). The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
2. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>. The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
3. Call the toll-free number **1 (833) 251-3286** to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time up to a maximum of 10 consecutive days. It is important to note that when setting up your account, you must register using the email address and phone number associated with your child's Trillium account. In addition, schools will use the **SchoolMessenger Communicate** automated notification system to contact parents whose child is absent when the absence was not reported in advance. The automated notification system will attempt to contact parents at multiple contact points until a reason is submitted for the absence. If our system is unable to reach the designated contacts, office staff will follow up.

Reminder: OAPCE's 80th Annual Parent Conference

Friday April 5th, 2019

OECTA Reception at Montecassino Hotel & Venue, Toronto 6:00-9:00pm

Saturday April 6th, 2019

All Day Conference at Madonna Catholic Secondary School, Toronto 8:00am-4:30pm

Mass with Cardinal Collins; Keynote Speaker: Greg Rogers; Parent Learning Workshops; Vendor Mall

Gala Dinner

Montecassino Hotel & Venue 6:30pm; Awards Ceremony

REGISTER AT: www.OAPCE.org

Opportunities for Students

Events/Activities

Voices that Challenge 2019 Student Leadership Conference

Catholic Student Leadership Conference features Keynote Speakers, Workshops

April 10, 2019 8:30 am-3:00pm

Catholic Education Centre, 80 Sheppard Ave. E.

Register Today: <https://catholicstudentleadership.com/>

Free Boxing at MJKO Champion Centre

Mon-Thurs: 3pm - 7 pm; Friday: 3pm - 6 pm; Saturday: 9am - 12 Noon

For youth ages 8 - 18

Non-contact and full-contact classes available

186 Cowan Ave (Basement) Toronto Tel: 416-886-7390 Email: info@mjko.ca Website: <https://mjko.ca>

Student Trustee Election Day April 30, 2019

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/Pages/Student-Trustee-Elections.aspx>

Contests/scholarships/awards

Historica Canada Me, Moi + Canada

To mark the 50th anniversary of the Official Languages Act, Historica Canada invites teachers and students to reflect on bilingualism and Canadian identity through the *Me, Moi + Canada* Contest. Enter individually or as a group by submitting a video that explains what Canada's two official languages mean to you. Explain the role bilingualism plays in your everyday life. Explore the relationship, past and present, of Canada's francophone and anglophone communities.

Deadline for submissions is November 1, 2019

More information can be found here: <https://historicacanada.wishpondpages.com/memoicanada/en/>

Breakthrough Junior Challenge

Explain a big scientific idea in fundamental physics, life sciences or mathematics with a short video. The challenge opens on May 1st. To take part in the Breakthrough Junior Challenge, create a short video (3 minutes max) to explain a big idea in one of these fields: Physics, Mathematics, Life Sciences. Your film can take any form you like: animation, talking head, documentary, dramatic reconstruction, whatever. It's worth keeping in mind that video is a dynamic visual medium – using diagrams, simulations, physical demonstrations etc. is a lot more effective than standing in front of a blackboard talking. Get all the details online <https://breakthroughjuniorchallenge.org/> **June 15, 2019 deadline**

2019 Toronto Star Journalism Awards

Recognizing excellence in high school newspaper journalism

Deadline for applications is April 24, 2019

<https://www.thestar.com/hsja.html>

Coro San Marco Scholarship

Music scholarship for any student entering University or College in Music in Canada

Deadline is **May 25, 2019**

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

Toronto Police Service 42 Division Scholarship

Deadline May 25th

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

Black Students' Association University of Toronto Scholarship

Deadline: April 15, 2019

Details:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Documents/2019%20HSCScholarshipApplication.pdf>

Volunteer Opportunities

Meagan's Walk 2019 Volunteer Registration is Open

Raising hope, awareness, and funds for paediatric brain tumour research.

[Volunteer Registration](#) closes on April 30th

On **Saturday May 11th, 2019**, Meagan's Walk will be holding the 18th Annual Walk & Hug. They need more than 200 volunteers. The event is a 5km walk from Fort York to SickKids where they finish with their "*Hug*" around the hospital.

CNTower Climb for World Wildlife Federation

April 13-14, 2019

Volunteers Needed

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

Nurturing our Catholic Community:

We Belong Celebration Coming May 21st

Get your submissions in by April 5th

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/rooted-in-christ/pages/we-belong-celebration.aspx>

Check out the submissions received so far here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/rooted-in-christ/Pages/we-Belong-submissions.aspx>

FaithTalk

One student will be live on air during Catholic Education Week on Radio Maria.

To enter, get your submission in by April 5th.

Details here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/rooted-in-christ/Pages/radio-maria.aspx>

Share the Journey

Development and Peace hosts Faith Rally and Walk at Nathan Phillips Square April 11th

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/News/2018-2019/Pages/Share-the-journey.aspx>

April Events and Observances:

- **April is Volunteer Appreciation Month** <https://www.tcdsb.org/Pages/Volunteer-Appreciation.aspx>
April 7-13 is Volunteer Appreciation Week
- **TCDSB Music Festival April 1-26** <https://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2019/Pages/TCDSB-Music-Festival.aspx>
- **Autism Awareness Day April 2**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/specialeducation/autism/autismawareness/pages/2019-events.aspx>
- **ShareLife Week April 8-12** (Civvies Day for ShareLife, Friday, April 12th)
<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/news/2018-2019/pages/sharelife.aspx>
- **Holy Week:** Holy Thursday April 18; Good Friday April 19; Easter Sunday April 21
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Lent-and-Easter-Resources.aspx>
- **Earth Day April 22** <https://www.tcdsb.org/board/environment/earthmonth/pages/earthday.aspx>
- **Administrative Assistants Day April 24**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2019/pages/administrativeassistantsday.aspx>
- **Earth Month Community Clean Up April 26**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/environment/earthmonth/pages/default.aspx> Angel Brigade Week
- **Angel Brigade Week April 29-May 3** https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/?page_id=6189

April Meetings:

- April 4, Student Achievement and Well-Being Committee
- April 8 Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
- April 9 Governance and Policy Committee
- April 10 Safe Schools Advisory Committee
- April 11 Corporate Services Committee
- April 23 Special Education Advisory Committee
- April 24 Regular Board

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Guidance Corner

During this season of Lent, I encourage you to help your children to live out their faith by finding ways to serve others. It is in recognizing the needs of others that we build empathy and strong relationships with those around us.

<https://www.allprodad.com/10-ways-to-serve-others-as-a-family/>

<http://www.mamaplusone.com/being-the-hands-and-feet-seven-ways-kids-can-serve-others/>

*Primary and Junior students have access to an electronic portfolio on <http://www.myblueprint.ca> called **All About Me**, and can record and reflect on aspects of self-awareness, goal-setting, experiential learning and classroom learning. Introducing students early in their school career to the process of developing a personal portfolio helps them reflect on their strengths and interests as learners as they prepare for transitions from grade to grade. Intermediate students also have accounts on My Blueprint and can complete their Individual Pathways Plans.*

Creating Pathways to Success: An Education and Career/Life Planning Program for Ontario Schools, Policy and Program Requirements, Kindergarten to Grade 12, 2013 describes a comprehensive education and career/life planning program for Kindergarten to Grade 12 designed to help students achieve their personal goals and become competent, successful, and contributing members of society. The foundation of this policy seeks to have schools and school boards provide opportunities for students to explore 4 foundation questions:

- Who Am I?
- What Are My Opportunities?,
- Who Do I Want to Become?,
- What Is My Plan for Achieving My Goals?

*This policy also seeks to ensure that students develop the knowledge and skills they need to make informed education and career/life choices through the effective application of a four-step inquiry process; provide opportunities for this learning both in and outside the classroom; and engage parents and the broader community in the development, implementation, and evaluation of the program, to support students in their learning. I have included a link to the MOE policy document: **Creating Pathways to***

success: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/document/policy/cps/CreatingPathwaysSuccess.pdf> for your interest.