



## St. Elizabeth Catholic School

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Parents)  
[www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto](http://www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto)

Enrollment: 236

Hours of Operation: 8:30 – 3:00

Lunch Hour: 11:15 – 12:15




 December, 2018

## 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 Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you there for what will surely be a beautiful evening 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! 

~ *Mr. V. Moretti*

### VIRTUE OF THE MONTH



**"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 24-January 6.**

**Classes will resume on *Monday January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019.***





### **SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION**

Our Grade 2 students will receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on the evening of Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Our Lady of Peace Church. Thank you to Ms. O'Leary, 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**

On the evening of Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating our school Advent Mass. We look forward to this evening and know it will be just the thing to put us all in the Christmas spirit! Mass begins at 6:00 pm.

### **CHRISTMAS FUN WEEK DECEMBER 17-21**



We have many special events planned for the last week before our Christmas Break. On Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, students are encouraged to wear Christmas red and green. On Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, students will have sing-a-long at 9:30am. On Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, everyone is welcome to wear their Christmas accessories. On Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our first skating day. Students can wear civvies on this day (\$1.00). On Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 16th, 2019, 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 3 large donation boxes of non-perishable food items that were donated to the Daily Bread Food Bank. Please be assured that your support was greatly appreciated by the Daily Bread Food Bank. Many families depend on Food Banks to meet their weekly needs. Our next fundraising event will begin shortly. Details will follow.



## 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 Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> between 3pm and 6pm. 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 Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at 6 pm in Room 206. All are welcome to attend!



## 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 2018

### Latest Updates on Weather Related Cancellations or Closures

To get the latest information about school bus transportation, see

<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>

Information is also shared via Twitter. Follow @TCDSB.

For more information: <https://www.tcdsb.org/forstudents/healthandsafety/pages/weather-related-safety-concerns.aspx>

### French Immersion and Extended French Info Nights: Dec. 5, 2018 – Feb. 20, 2019

Elementary Schools with French Immersion and Extended French programs invite their communities to attend Information Nights as we approach Kindergarten Registration, which begins Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. The following schools will host French Immersion Information Nights in December:

- St. Cecilia – December 5, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
- St. Benedict – December 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
- St. Cyril – December 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Click here for all French Immersion Info Night dates:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/FrenchImmersion/Pages/default.aspx>

Click here for all Extended French Info Night dates:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/Extended%20French/Pages/default.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/>

### PA Day

Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> is a system-wide PA Day (Check with your local school to confirm)

### Christmas Holidays

The last day of classes before the Christmas break will be Friday, December 21, 2018. Schools will reopen on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Administrative offices will also be closed starting Saturday December 22<sup>nd</sup> and reopening on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

### SAVE THE DATE!

### Kindergarten Registration Begins January 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

Visit [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org) for details.

Apply online starting January 16<sup>th</sup> at <https://soar.tcdsb.org>

## The Catholic Register's popular children's drawing contest is back!

The Catholic Register is conducting its eight annual children's Christmas drawing contest. The top entry in each of 3 categories will receive a \$75 gift certificate for a day at the movies. The winning drawings will appear in *The Register's* Christmas edition, Dec. 24.

The contest is open to children in Grades 1 to 8. Entries must be original, in colour, drawn or painted on a page 8.5" x 11" or larger and illustrate some aspect of the birth of Jesus as recorded in the Gospels. We want paintings or drawings that depict the true meaning of Christmas so, please, no Santas or reindeer.

<https://www.catholicregister.org/ChristmasContest>

## 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—Advent Begins December 1st

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>

## PRESTO Cards for TCDSB Students

Over the past few weeks the Toronto Catholic District School Board and the Toronto Student Transportation Group have been working closely with the TTC on the logistics for providing complimentary PRESTO cards to all students ages 6 to 12 (child cards) and 13 to 19 (youth cards). The purpose of this initiative is to help students smoothly make the transition away from TTC passes, and tickets, to the PRESTO electronic fare card.

**Please note that the TTC will stop selling tickets and tokens on August 3, 2019.**

The TTC is providing the PRESTO cards to school boards free of charge.

Watch for more information to come from your school soon.

## We Belong

As we journey through the first year of our pastoral plan, "Rooted in Christ, we Belong, we Believe, we Become", the Nurturing our Catholic Community Team invites you to share your ideas of belonging. We want to hear from our students and staff about how they are nurturing the concept of belonging and inclusion in their schools, in their families, in their parishes and their community.

We invite you to submit student artwork, written work, videos/slideshows, songs or any other creative expressions of belonging to [ncc.team@tcdsb.org](mailto:ncc.team@tcdsb.org) by no later than **Friday, March 22, 2019.**

When sharing your initiatives on social media, tweet or post @TCDSB with the hashtag #TCDSBelongs so we can follow your progress. For ideas and resources linked to our pastoral plan, [click here](#).

All submissions will be featured on the TCDSB website, as well as at our year-end celebration to be held May 21<sup>st</sup>. All schools will be invited to send two representatives (*any combination of student, parent, teaching or non-teaching staff, school administrator*).

A poster is attached as a reminder. Please feel free to share with your staff and your CPSC members, and parishes!



# **International Languages Elementary (ILE) Program: December Update**

## **ILE Survey Conducted in All TCDSB Elementary Schools**

On July 12<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Trustees of the TCDSB approved a motion to survey parents, in all TCDSB Elementary Schools, from November 13<sup>th</sup> to November 27<sup>th</sup>, to determine whether parents wish to continue or initiate an International Languages program at their child's school.

We would like to thank everyone that was involved with the delivery, distribution and collection of the completed ILE survey. We would like to especially thank all families for providing your voice to the process by completing and returning the survey.

Results of the survey will be compiled and reported to the Board of Trustees in January 2019. This report will include a list of results by school, including the response rates for each school. However, only schools with the required threshold of 67% response rate will receive a detailed summary of parent responses.

For updated information regarding the International Languages Elementary (ILE) Program please visit:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/schoolprograms12/internationallanguages/pages/change-to-international-languages-program.aspx>

Wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.