



## St. Elizabeth Catholic School

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Enrollment: 235

Hours of Operation: 8:30 – 3:00

Lunch Hour: 11:15 – 12:15



 February, 2019

# St. Elizabeth School News

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

February is the month that we think about Valentine's Day and when we celebrate 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 have also been busy with our Kindergarten registrations. If you know anyone who is interested in coming to St. Elizabeth, please have them call the school office.

I'd like to welcome Ms. De Dominicis to St. Elizabeth School. She will be in the grade 2 class while Ms. O'Leary is on a leave. We wish Ms. O'Leary all the best and look forward to her return.

Next week we are celebrating Spirit Week! We invite everyone to participate in our "Crazy Hat Day," "Crazy Hair Day," "Jersey Day," and "Pink, Red and White Day," in celebration of St. Valentine's Day. The CSPC will be collecting \$1.00 per day.

February is also African Canadian Heritage Month. Some teachers are including activities like written assignments, presentations and biographies on famous African-Canadians. On March 1<sup>st</sup> students from grades 4 to 8 will also be watching a performance called "Down to Earth" which is about the underground railroad.

This year Pancake Tuesday and Ash Wednesday will be celebrated in March. The CSPC will begin a new fundraising activity selling cookie dough. They will kick off this fundraiser with an assembly on February 19 and it will end on March 5. Thank you to the CSPC for your continued efforts in organizing this fundraiser for St. Elizabeth School and thank you in advance to all parents who will be participating in selling cookie dough.

I look forward to seeing you at parent-teacher interviews next week!

Sincerely,

*Ms. R. Santo*

Acting  
Principal

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY

IS:

LOVE



**Important dates to note:**

**PA DAY: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY, 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

**FAMILY DAY: MONDAY, FEBRUARY, 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**SCHOOL IS CLOSED. ENJOY!**

**MARCH BREAK:**

**MONDAY, MARCH 11<sup>th</sup>-FRIDAY, MARCH 15<sup>th</sup>**



**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 11<sup>th</sup>. The interviews will be held on the evening of Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Please note that:

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15<sup>th</sup> IS A PA Day. THERE IS NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS. THANK YOU.**



**PIZZA/CIVVIES DAY**

Our February Pizza/Civvies Day will be held on Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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 2019, please call the office and leave a message with the school secretary. Thank you.



### **JUNIOR BOYS' AND GIRLS' SOCCER NEWS**

On Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> 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 coaches, Ms. Brissette and Mme. Fiacco 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 Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup> the Junior Girls' Soccer Team competed at St. Demetrius School in their divisional tournament. The girls played with spirit and determination all day. Congratulations to our girls' soccer team and their coaches, Ms. Brissette and Mme Fiacco on a great effort. Thank you to our parent drivers.

### **INTERMEDIATE BOYS' AND GIRLS' BASKETBALL NEWS**

On Tuesday the intermediate boys' basketball team played in the divisional tournament at St. Eugene. The boys played hard and fair. Team members are: Oliver, Sidney, Mark, William, Nick, Nicola, Isaac, Cristiano, Josh, Ben and the co-captains Kristian and Robert.

On Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> the St. Elizabeth intermediate girls' basketball team travelled to St. Eugene to play in the divisional tournament. The girls handily won their first game against the Lions of St. Leo 28-6. Next the Lady Hawks battled the St. Maurice Wildcats and squeaked out a gritty, but deserved, 15-14 victory, securing a spot in the finals in the process. The third round robin game saw the Lady Hawks second unit get some playing time against the Falcons of St. Eugene, losing in overtime 22-20. The divisional finals saw a rematch against St. Maurice with St. Elizabeth emerging victorious 20-12, capturing the divisional pennant for the third year in a row. The Hawks will play in the regional tournament on Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at St. Oscar Romero. The team members are: Storm, Natalie, Chelsea, Syana, Alliana, Tea, Karla, Sidorela, Mena, Maryam and Abby (captain).



### **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.

### **PLASP**

PLASP Child Care Services is now accepting registrations for programs in our school for the 2019/2020 school year. Please visit [plasp.com](http://plasp.com) for information or to register.

Please contact us if you have any questions or would like to request anything further.

## **PARKING REMINDER**

Please do not park in the bus loading zones. Also due to the snow mounds in the parking lot, there are less parking spots for staff. Therefore, please do not park in the staff parking lot before and after school. It tends to get very busy during these times and we want to avoid congestion.

## **VISITORS**

Please begin any visits to St. Elizabeth School at the office. Please check in at the offices for any reason even to pick up and drop off students. Thank you for your cooperation and support.



## **Monthly Update from the Board**

**February 2019**

### **TCDSB Is Hiring!**

Join the dynamic team at the Toronto Catholic District School Board where academic success and well-being go hand in hand with nurturing Catholic faith and values.

TCDSB is currently seeking:

- Supply Secretary
- Supply Educational Assistant
- Occasional Designated Early Childhood Educator
- Occasional Library Technician (certified and uncertified)
- Supply Caretaker
- Occasional Teacher
- Occasional French Teacher (certified and uncertified)
- Occasional Music Teacher(certified and uncertified)

Interested in exploring a career with TCDSB? Visit [www.tcdsb.org/careers](http://www.tcdsb.org/careers) or contact [hr.recruitment@tcdsb.org](mailto:hr.recruitment@tcdsb.org).

Applications are being received at [www.applytoeducation.com](http://www.applytoeducation.com).

**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](http://www.tcdsb.org)

### **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>

### **Director's Annual Report 2017-2018**

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/annual-report-2017-2018.aspx>

### **Audited Financial Statements 2017-2018**

The audited financial statements for the past school year are available online:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BudgetandFinance/Documents/Audited-Financial-Statments-2017-18-TCDSB.pdf>

### **New Location: English Courses for Adults**

Coming in February to 270 Cherokee Boulevard, North York (former Our Lady of Mount Carmel school site)

- ESL (full and part-time classes available)
- Essential skills training
- ESL for Health Care Professions (March-May)

[www.tcdsb.org/adulted](http://www.tcdsb.org/adulted) for information or 416-397-6600 [contact.adulted@tcdsb.org](mailto:contact.adulted@tcdsb.org)

### **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.

## February is...

- **African Canadian Heritage Month**  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/AfricanCanadianHeritage/Pages/default.aspx>  
The African Canadian Heritage Month Mass will take place at Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts on **Friday, February 8th from 10 am – 1:30 pm**, and will feature special guest poet, speaker, and author Nadine Williams.
- **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 throughout February to save on energy:
  - Flip the Switch Friday – Feb 1, 2019
  - National Sweater Day - Feb 8, 2019
  - Energy Education Day - Feb 14, 2019
  - Phantom Friday - Feb 22, 2019[Click here for more information about Energy Conservation Month.](#)

## Other Dates to Note for February:

### Winter Walk Day 2019

Winter Walk Day will be taking place this year on Wednesday, **February 6, 2019**. 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 for more information.](#)

### Supporting all Students...Join Us!

#### TCDSB Special Education and Community Resources Fair 2019

Hosted by the Toronto Catholic District School Board Special Services Departments and Special Education Advisory Committee

**February 2, 2019** 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/specialeducation/newsevents/pages/special-education-and-community-resources-fair-.aspx>

### Transition Planning Workshop for Parents of Children with Autism in Grades 7 & 8

**February 2, 2019 10 a.m. to 12 noon**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/specialeducation/newsevents/pages/transition-planning.aspx>

### February 2, 2019: World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

Pray for our Cardinal, Bishops, pastors, priests, deacons, sisters and other religious who provide spiritual support, leadership and guidance to our school communities and Catholics throughout the City of Toronto.

**February 4-8, 2019 Canadian School Counsellors Week** <https://www.ccpa-accp.ca/chapters/school-counsellors/>

### Lunar New Year February 5, 2019

### Angel Foundation For Learning's Curiosities Art Show

**February 9 and 10**

Featuring artwork created by TCDSB students, TCDSB graduates and local artists

[https://www.angelfoundationforlearning.org/?page\\_id=7725](https://www.angelfoundationforlearning.org/?page_id=7725)

### February 11<sup>th</sup> is International Day of the Girl in Science

<http://www.un.org/en/events/women-and-girls-in-science-day/>



**February 14, 2019 St Valentine's Day** <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/News/2014-2015/Pages/St.-Valentine's-Day.aspx>

**System-wide PA Day February 15, 2019**

**Family Day February 18, 2019**

**February 20, 2019 World Day of Social Justice** <http://www.un.org/en/events/socialjusticeday/>

### **Feb 22-March 1, 2019 TCDSB Northern Spirit Games**

As part of the TCDSB's Indigenous Education programming initiatives, the annual Northern Spirit Games will once again take place in February. This year the games will take place at four locations:

- **St. John Paul II – February 22**
- **Bishop Marrocco/Thomas Merton CSS - February 25**
- **St. Patrick's CSS - February 28**
- **Msgr. Percy Johnson – March 1**

Since 2002, over 22,000 students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 have participated in these annual athletic, cultural and spiritual celebrations. [Click here for more information.](#)

**February 27, 2019 Pink Shirt Day**

### **Opportunities/Information for Students**

#### **FaithTalk—Radio Maria Contest**

Grade 7 – 12 TCDSB students are invited to submit a two-page (500 word) proposal (in any format) about how they are 'living their faith' today! If selected, a student will be on air, at Radio Maria Canada for a 30 minute segment speaking about their faith during Catholic Education Week May 5-10, 2019!

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/rooted-in-christ/pages/radio-maria.aspx>

#### **We Belong Submissions**

In celebration of our pastoral plan, all schools are invited to share the ways in which they celebrate belonging in their communities. 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**.

[Click here for more information and to check out other submissions.](#)

#### **COSTI's Refugees & Human Rights Child & Youth Poetry Contest**

Student in Grades 4 to 12 are invited to write a poem on the theme of "Refugees and Human Rights." The deadline for entries is **March 29, 2019**. <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/AwardsScholarshipsBursariesContests/Pages/COSTI-Poetry-Contest.aspx>

#### **Friars' Writing Contest 2019**

Contestants must be 14-18 years of age, and currently enrolled in an Ontario secondary school or equivalent program. Essays must be no longer than 500 words in length and submitted on or before the contest closing date. **Deadline to enter: Monday, February 18, 2019.** [Click here for more contest details.](#)

#### **Investing in Our Diversity Scholarship Program**

Applications are now open for the IIOD scholarship. Toronto Community Housing tenants or persons living in the Scadding Court Community Centre (SCCC) catchment area who are 29 years old or younger and entering any year of post-secondary study are eligible to apply. **Applications are due Thursday, March 28, 2018 at 5pm.** [Click here for more information and the IIOD application.](#)

#### **Government of Canada Job Bank**

[www.jobbank.gc.ca](http://www.jobbank.gc.ca)

#### **Apprenticeship Incentives and Completion Grants**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/apprentices/grants.html>

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

## **Coming Soon**

### **Lift Jesus Higher Rally March 2, 2019**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/News/2017-2018/Pages/lift-jesus-higher.aspx>

### **March 5, 2019 Ordinandi Youth Event**

Secondary students from the *Toronto Catholic District School Board* are once again invited to participate in the annual *Ordinandi Youth Event*. This event is being held at the Pearson Convention Centre in Brampton on **Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**, from 9:30 am until 1pm. The Ordinandi Youth Event offers a fun and interactive program that includes lively music and exciting activities. Students will also hear the unique vocation stories of religious sisters and the Ordinandi Class. There is also an opportunity for attendees to ask questions – gaining additional insight into the lives and spiritual journeys of the speakers, particularly on how each has been able to overcome difficulties when responding to God’s call to love and serve. This year Cardinal Collins will again be present to speak to the young people and then lunch will be served. The function ends at 1 pm. At that time students will be transported back to their schools.

This is the 7<sup>th</sup> year for the Ordinandi Youth Event and with the help of the Catholic Boards in the Archdiocese of Toronto it continues to be a great way for young people to learn about Vocations and connect with their peers. Their participation in this event assists them in gathering a sense of fellowship and belonging that comes from being part of the larger Catholic Youth Community.

### **March 6, 2019 Ash Wednesday; Lent Begins**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Lent-and-Easter-Resources.aspx>

### **March 8-12, 2019 ShareLife Week**

#### **Never Miss Out on Important Information**

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