



## St. Elizabeth Catholic School

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Enrollment: 235

Hours of Operation: 8:30 – 3:00

Lunch Hour: 11:15 – 12:15



January 2019

# St. Elizabeth School News

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Rita Santo and I will be the Acting Principal at St. Elizabeth as we begin this New Year. It is an honour and a privilege to be able to serve you and especially your children while I am here. Please do not hesitate to call me at the school if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to meeting you and getting to know all the students at St. Elizabeth. I'm sure that 2019 will be an exciting year at St. Elizabeth School. Registrations for our new JK's have already begun and we look forward to welcoming new students to our school.

Staff and students continue to work hard on their academic goals and with our many extra-curricular activities. Intermediate girls' and boys' basketball teams continue to practice and the Junior Soccer Teams are busy getting ready for their up-coming tournaments. Many students are learning how to play chess and the Junior W5H team is getting started as well.

The Virtue of the Month for January is *COURAGE*.

I encourage all our students to have the courage to stand up for what is right and also to have the courage to work towards their goals and not to give up.

Thank you in advance for your support and I wish you all a very Happy New Year!

R. Santo  
Acting Principal

## **VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: COURAGE** **CELEBRATIONS OF FAITH**

### **PLEASE NOTE THESE IMPORTANT UP- COMING DATES:**

Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup> will be a Professional Activity Day – the school will be closed.

Friday, February, 15<sup>th</sup> will be a Professional Activity Day-the school will be closed.

Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> is FAMILY DAY and the school is closed. We hope you have a great day with your family.

## CHRISTMAS AT ST. ELIZABETH

We would like to thank the Soto-Varma family for their very generous donations of Christmas decorations which helped to make our entrance hall a very festive location this Christmas season.



## SAFE ARRIVAL

To report your child as late or absent, please use one of the following options:

- Call 1 (833) 251-3286 (toll-free)
- Online [go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca)
- SchoolMessenger Mobile App



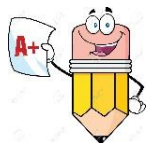
## BUS LOOP-KISS 'N RIDE

Just a little reminder about safety in our BUS LOOP area. Our paramount concern is the safety of our students. We are appreciative of everyone who has read the letter and is making an effort to follow the rules regarding the bus loop. **However, we need everyone to be on board.** This may mean waiting a few moments for a bus to unload or for students to exit their parents' vehicle. Staff is present in the bus loop to assist, and we kindly ask that you take your direction from them. Again, if for any reason, you have to exit your vehicle, we ask that you park away from the bus loop in the areas identified in the letter and then assist your child(ren). Your attention to this important issue is valued.

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION EXTENDED HOURS

**Monday, January 21, 2019 from 4:00-8:00 pm.**

Apply online at [soar.tcdsb.org](http://soar.tcdsb.org). Please contact Mrs. Huang at the school office at (416) 393-5278 if you have further questions.



## REPORT CARD UPDATE

Our first full term will soon be concluding. Please note that report cards will be sent home on Monday, February, 11<sup>th</sup>.



## **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Parent/Teacher Interviews for First Term Report cards will be held on the evening of Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 6:50 pm and on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:50 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher to speak about your child's progress. Letters will be sent home for booking an appointment. We look forward to seeing you at the interviews.



## **SKATING DAY**

We are having another fun skating day on Friday, January, 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all the parents who came to skate with us or help “do up” skates. Skating takes place at Centennial Arena. Thank you to Mrs. Tulino for organizing our skating days. There is a lot of planning and organization that goes on behind the scenes and it is greatly appreciated!



## **PIZZA/CIVVIES DAY**

Order forms for our next three pizza days will be going home shortly. The first pizza day will be on Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to Mrs. Tulino and her helpers for running this event.



## **Puppet Show ( Grades JK to 6)**

On Thursday Jan 24<sup>th</sup> The Concerned Kids will be presenting three puppet shows for students from kindergarten to grade 6.

The topics are:

Grades JK – 1: Feeling Safe at School

Grades 2 – 3: Bully Prevention

Grade 4-6: Cyberbullying



## **POPCORN FUNDRAISING**

The grade 8's will be selling Kernels popcorn again to help fundraise for their end of year trip to Niagara Falls. Popcorn sales will start on Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> and will be sold once a week on Wednesdays through to the March break. Cost of the popcorn will be \$2.00 a bag, flavours that are being sold are White Cheddar, Butter Salt and Kettle Corn. Thank you to everyone for your support of the Grade 8 fundraising efforts.



## VALENTINE'S DAY

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day with a spirit day, hosted by our CSPC. We ask everyone to wear red, white, pink or any combination of those colours on that day. The CSPC will be collecting a loonie from students who wish to participate in this special civvies day.

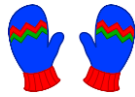


## ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

On Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our Ash Wednesday Mass. Father Yaw will be coming to our school to celebrate Mass. The Mass will begin at approximately 10 am. Please feel free to join us. Thank you.



## WINTER WEATHER



Parents are reminded to send children with boots, snow pants, hats and mitts on snowy days. As well, students should bring in an extra pair of shoes and socks to be kept in the classroom. Thank you.



## SOCCER NEWS

Our Junior Boys' Soccer Team will be participating in a tournament at St. Demetrius School on Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. The Girls' Junior Soccer Team will participate in a tournament at the same location on Thursday January 31<sup>st</sup>. Best of luck to both teams and their coaches, Ms. Brissette and Mme Fiacco.

## WWW.TCDSB.ORG/STELIZABETH

Keep in touch with what's happening at St. Elizabeth School!

*Monthly newsletters and calendars are posted on our website so you can be in touch with what is going on at St. Elizabeth School with a few clicks of the mouse. As well, if you have any questions, please feel free to call our school office at (416) 393-5278.*

## CSPC STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

On behalf of all the staff, a heartfelt thanks to all the parents who had a part in making the staff appreciation lunch a reality. It was a delicious luncheon and a big treat for all staff. Thank you!!



**Staff Appreciation Luncheon**



# Monthly Update from the Board January 2019

## Kindergarten Registration 2019



## Imagine the Possibilities

### *Kindergarten Registration in Toronto Catholic Schools begins January 16, 2019*

Junior Kindergarten in the Toronto Catholic District School Board provides children with a variety of learning experiences in a caring, faith-based environment. TCDSB looks forward to welcoming new students for September 2019. Children born in 2015 are eligible for kindergarten. Registration for kindergarten begins **Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 10 a.m. EST.**

#### Registration options:

**Online:** Parents can complete their application online beginning at 10 a.m. EST on January 16, 2019, at [SOAR.tcdsb.org](http://SOAR.tcdsb.org), and follow up with a visit to the school to present the required documents. The online application is available 24 hours.

**In Person:** Parents can register at their local school with the required documents beginning January 16, 2019 at 10 a.m. EST.

#### Registration documents:

- Child's Birth Certificate or Passport/Immigration documents if child was not born in Canada
- Child's Catholic baptismal certificate (or proof of Catholicity of parent)
- Proof of residency in Toronto (some examples: a lease agreement, utility bill)
- Immunization Record

Information is available by telephone at 416-222-8282 ext. 5320, or by visiting

[www.tcdsb.org/kindergartenregistration](http://www.tcdsb.org/kindergartenregistration)

## Learn More About French Immersion and Extended French

Information nights are underway. Check here for dates, times and locations

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

## Special Education and Community Resources Fair: February 2, 2019

Please join the Special Services Department on **Saturday, February 2, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** at the Catholic Education Centre Atrium (2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 80 Sheppard Avenue East, North York) for the annual Special Education and Community Resources Fair. The day provides families with an opportunity to engage with Board staff and community organizations and learn more about the services available to them. [Click here for more information about the Fair.](#)

## Scholarship Opportunities for Portuguese Canadian Students

The Federation of Portuguese-Canadian Business & Professionals will be awarding deserving candidates a scholarship in amounts between \$1,500 and \$2,500 to study abroad at the NOVA School of Business and Economics, Carcavelos Campus - Lisbon and the University of the Azores, São Miguel or Terceira Campuses. **Registration deadline: January 18, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.** Click here for more information:

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

## University Application Deadline

Deadline for Ontario high school students to submit their completed application to the OUAC is January 16, 2019. Note: OUAC processes applications received after this date & distributes them to the universities; however, specific university deadlines apply. <https://www.ouac.on.ca/>

## Summer Jobs for Students

The City is currently accepting summer job applications for positions supporting camps, aquatic programs and various recreation programs until early February. More information about recreation recruitment is available on the City's website at <https://www.toronto.ca/home/jobs/information-for-applicants/recruitment-initiatives/recreation-jobs/>

## CSPC Executive Workshop

Topic: The Role and Responsibility of the Treasurer & Fundraising in Schools

January 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.

at the Catholic Teachers Centre, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

CEC, 80 Sheppard Avenue East

Watch for more details in the new year.

## Registration for Night School and EClass Starts January 9<sup>th</sup>

Class begins February 20<sup>th</sup>

<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/continuingeducation/pages/default.aspx>

## 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>

Cancellation of school bus transportation will also be reported via ENews

(<https://web1.tcdsb.org/InterestSubscription/subscription.aspx>), Twitter @TCDSB, and the 24 hour telephone information line 416-222-8282, extension 2873, and posted to the Board's website at [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org)

## January's Virtue is Courage

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>

## Calendar of Board and Committees

The new calendar of meetings for 2018 has been added to our website. Visit

<https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2019/pages/board-meetings.aspx> for details.

## Other Dates to Note:

January 18-25, 2019—[Week of Prayer for Christian Unity](#)

January 18, 2019—PA Day for Elementary Schools

January 27, 2019—International Holocaust Remembrance Day

January 27—Family Literacy Day

January 30 2019—Bell Let's Talk Day

February 1, 2019 - Flip the Switch Friday: <https://www.tcdsb.org/board/environment/energymonth/Pages/default.aspx>

February 6, 2019—[Winter Walk Day](#)

February 8, 2019 - African Canadian Mass and Cultural Exposé, Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/AfricanCanadianHeritage/events/Pages/Default.aspx>