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Enrollment: 217
Hours of Operation: 8:30 – 3:00
Lunch Hour: 11:15 – 12:15



St. Elizabeth School News

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

During the month of May, we focus on the virtue of COMPASSION. May is also known as the Marion Month as we honour the Mother of God. The tradition of dedicating the month of May to Mary began in the 13th century. We offer our devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the "Queen of May" as a way of showing our love toward her. We also honour all mothers in the month of May and celebrated them on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14th. Many enjoyable events such as Catholic Education Week and our FDK Mother's Day Concert took place this month as well. It continues to be a very busy month for extra-curricular activities with Soccer and Track and Field practices and meets beginning. May also marks the period of time in which many of our students will be involved in standardized testing. Students in Grades 2, 5 and 7 will be writing the CAT-4 test. This standardized test assesses the essential learning outcomes in reading, language, spelling and math. Information obtained through this assessment enables teachers to develop a deeper understanding of students' areas of strength and needs. Students in Grades 3 and 6 will be completing the EQAO Assessment (see dates below for both assessments). All teachers have been preparing their students throughout the school year and we wish our students all the very best as they complete these assessments. On behalf of the St. Elizabeth staff, we hope all of the mothers in our community had a Happy Mother's Day!

~Mrs. R. Tropea

Mother's Day Prayer

**May the blessing of the Divine
Be an especially bright benediction
Upon mothers everywhere
On your blessed day -
On Mother's Day!**



VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: COMPASSION

If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion. ~The Dalai Lama

**PLEASE NOTE THAT VICTORIA DAY IS ON
MONDAY, MAY 22ND
THE SCHOOL IS CLOSED
ENJOY THE DAY!**





LITURGICAL NEWS

Our school Mass for May will take place on Friday, May 26th at 10:15 am in the St. Elizabeth School. Everyone is welcome! We wish to thank Father Yaw and the parish staff from Our Lady of Peace Church for everything they do for our school.



ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH

May is Asian Heritage Month. This acknowledges the long and rich history of Asian Canadians and their contributions to Canada. It also provides an opportunity for Canadians across the country to reflect on and celebrate the contributions of Canadians of Asian heritage to the growth and prosperity of Canada.



UPCOMING STUDENT ASSESSMENTS

During this month, various grade level students will be engaged in academic assessments. The Grade 2, 5 and 7 students will be completing the CAT-4 assessment while the Grade 3 and 6 students will be completing the EQAO assessment. The CAT-4 assesses the essential learning outcomes of the following basic skill areas: reading, language, spelling, and mathematics. The EQAO assessment is a provincial assessment based on the Ontario Curriculum. Students do not require any extra preparation for these assessments. The best way for students to prepare is to have a good night's sleep and a good breakfast before coming to school in the morning. **We ask that parents make every effort to have their children at school and on time on assessment days.**

Below are the dates for both the CAT-4 and the EQAO assessments.

EQAO and CAT-4 assessment dates:

Mon. May 29,
Tues., May 30
Wed. May 31
Thurs., June 1
Fri., June 2
Mon., June 5th



PIZZA/CIVVIES DAY



Our Pizza/civvies day was held on Friday, May 12th. Thank you to Mrs. Tulino and her team of students for running our pizza lunches.

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN EVENING

Starting at 5:30 pm on the evening of Wednesday, May 17th, we will be hosting a *Welcome to Kindergarten Evening* for parents of students entering Junior Kindergarten in September 2017.

We look forward to seeing you and your child there!



TRACK ANF FIELD NEWS



The Divisional Track and Field Meet was held at Centennial stadium on Thursday, May 4th. Our students did great and we have 17 students moving forward to the Regional Competition. Our school placed 3rd in the Meet!

The Regional Track and Field Meet will be held on Friday, May 19th at Centennial Stadium.

The City Track and Field Meet will be held on Wednesday, May 24th at Varsity Stadium.

We wish the best of luck to all our participants and we know you will represent St. Elizabeth well with true sporting spirit. Thank you to our head coach, Mrs. Tulino and to our other coaches Mr. Pedra, Mrs. Sergi, Ms. O'Leary and Ms. Bosco as well!



INTERMEDIATE BOYS' SOCCER

The Intermediate Boys' Soccer team will compete in their tournament on Monday, May 29th at Centennial Park. We wish the team the very best on their tournament. Thank you to their coach, Mrs. Tulino.



FDK MOTHERS DAY CONCERT

On Friday, May 12th, the FDK classes hosted a Mother's Day Concert at 2:00 pm in their classes. We were so happy to see so many mothers and family members attend this event. Thank you to Mrs. Sergi, Ms. Hohensee, Mrs. Gjevori, Ms. Schiralli and our music teacher, Ms. Capstick.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR UP-COMING GRADE 8 GRADUATION

Here are some important dates that our Gr. 8 parents may want to make note of regarding our up-coming Gr. 8 Graduation and associated activities:

Thursday, June 8	Grade 8 Graduation Trip to Niagara Falls
Friday, June 23	Grade 8 Graduation and School Mass, our Lady of Peace Church, 10 am Gr. 7-8 Dance, pm in the school Gym
Monday, June 26	Grade 8 Graduation ceremony, St. Elizabeth School, 7 pm, reception to follow
Tuesday, June 27	Gr. 8 Grad luncheon, location TBD

FAMILY FUN NIGHT, MAY 25th 5:30-7:30 pm

Our school CSPC has organized a very exciting event. Family Fun Night will be held on Thursday, May 25th from 5:30-7:30 pm. The theme of the night will be: *Celebrating Canada's 150th Birthday!* There will be games with prizes, a *Video Dance Party in the Gym*, *Bingo*, *face painting*, *tattoos and more!* For the low cost of \$2.00 a ticket, you will gain entrance to the school, get a "Canadian Passport," which you can have stamped at the various "Provinces and Territories" which are represented by various games and activities throughout the lower level of the school. If you obtain stamps for every Province and Territory in your Passport, you will qualify to enter our grand prize draws. Many exciting prizes will be available! The information and order form have been sent home to each family and we ask that everyone orders their tickets by this Friday, May 19th. We look forward to seeing you there!



Monthly Update from the Board April 2017

School Year Calendar 2017-2018 Approved

<https://www.tcdsb.org/school/SchoolYearCalendar/Pages/Default.aspx>

May 5th is Parish Family Day

We thank the many schools who shared their initiatives, artwork, videos and written work celebrating the bonds between our parishes and our schools, and the relationships that are continually nurtured by our staff, pastors, students and families. All submissions are on the Board's website her:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/YearoftheParish/PFDShowcaseSubmissions/Pages/default.aspx>

The archived video from the central Parish Family Day Celebration on May 5th will be added to the board's website the following week.

Our focus now shifts to the local Parish Family Day Celebrations that are being planned by our schools, in partnership with their own parishes. Families are encouraged to contact their local school for details.

Let's continue to celebrate the parish-school relationship!

Exploring the Critical Role of Catholic Education in Contemporary Society

The Institute for Catholic Education (ICE) wants to hear from everyone in the TCDSB community about Catholic education in Ontario! "Renewing the Promise" is a dialogue .

Your input about Catholic education in Ontario - the way it fulfills its mandate as well as the challenges and opportunities of the present moment - will help to guide the work of ICE for the future. A special face to face consultation on "Renewing the Promise" is being scheduled at the TCDSB's Catholic Education Centre in May. More information will be sent home to parents once details have been finalized or check www.tcdsb.org for the latest news.

You are also invited to offer your ideas TODAY and input on-line through Thought Exchange. Log in to participate:

<http://signup.thotex.com/iceont/Pyv>

Thoughtexchange will provide background information and three open-ended questions that you answer anonymously. When the survey closes, responses will be sorted into themes. You will then be invited to look at emerging themes and prioritize them, locally and provincially.

Your ideas will provide important input for a gathering of the Catholic community later in the year on the theme of Renewing the Promise. When the process is completed, results and analysis will be available on a designated public website. Catholic Education Week 2018 will be the occasion to celebrate all that we learned . *Join the dialogue today!*

Community Consultation for Proposed Changes to Secondary School Admissions Policy

The Ministry of Education has directed the TCDSB to adopt fixed attendance boundaries for all secondary schools in order to be consistent with most Ontario school Boards. Complying with the Ministry's request for fixed attendance boundaries for all TCDSB secondary schools will have a significant impact on the Board's current Admissions & Placement of Secondary Pupils policy which may affect your child's choice of high schools.

Community consultation on the proposed changes to TCDSB's Secondary School admissions policy **begins on May 1** with an online survey (www.tcdsb.org). A special **Secondary School Admissions Consultation Night will be held on Monday, May 8, 2017 from 7 pm to 10 pm** at the TCDSB's Catholic Education Centre at 80 Sheppard Avenue East (next to the Sheppard Subway station). Free parking and child care will be available.

May is Speech, Language and Hearing Awareness Month

Did you know that speech and language delays are the most frequently reported problem in children?

Early speech and language development has a major impact on future academic success. For example, research shows that a child's vocabulary when starting school is a prime predictor of school success or failure. We also know that early language skills are directly related to later reading skills, and that children with poor language development have difficulty using language to learn math and science.

If you have a concern about your child's speech or language, your school Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) can help! Speak to your child's teacher or school principal to find out more, or contact the Speech and Language Department at 416-222-8282, extension 2261.

More information here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SpecialEducation/Speech/Pages/Welcome.aspx>

Get Ready to Get Rolling! Bike to School week is May 29 – June 2, 2017

Join students and teachers across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area to celebrate Bike to School Week, May 29 to June 2, 2017. The goal of the week is to *inspire* initiatives among local schools, school boards and community partners to encourage students to “*walk and roll*” to school. If the students do not have access to a bicycle, try scooting, skateboarding and rollerblading to school. Roller blades are required to be removed prior to entering the school. Register your school for the 2017 TCDSB Bike to School Week at biketoschoolweek.ca and complete the school reporting survey by June 12, 2017. All schools that complete the school reporting survey will receive a Certificate of Participation.

Coming Soon: Elementary Track and Field

Divisional meets starting as early as May 3rd, Regionals May 17-19 and City Meet May 24th. Details on our website www.tcdsb.org

Canada 150

Celebrating the 150th anniversary of our nation and our province, and recognizing TCDSB's place in the history of Canada dating back to before Confederation. Check out all the resources, opportunities, contests and related information here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/affiliates/Canada150/Pages/default.aspx>

Work Connections Job Fair

May 11th at the Ontario Science Centre

<https://www.tcdsb.org/forstudents/opportunitiesforstudents/pages/work-connection-job-fair.aspx>

Registration for Summer School

Information coming in late May. Check back for details:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/ContinuingEducation/SecondaryCreditCourses/SummerSchool/Pages/Default.aspx>

Other Events to Note:

- **May is Asian Canadian Heritage Month**
 - May 10—[Asian Heritage Month Mass and Cultural Expose](#) at Brebeuf College
- **April 30-May 5—[Catholic Education Week](#)**
 - May 1-5—[Festival of the Arts at Woodbine Centre](#)
 - May 1—[Awards Night](#)
 - May 2—[Province Wide Prayer for Catholic Education](#)
 - May 2—[Student Mass](#)
 - May 3—[Parent Event hosted by OAPCE—Walking Forward Together in Catholic Education](#)
Celebrate Catholic Education and learn more about the programs and services that the TCDSB has to offer
 - May 5—[Parish Family Day](#)
- **May 1-5—[Children's Mental Health Awareness Week](#)**
- **May 15-20—[Respect for Life Week](#)**
- **May 28—Ascension Sunday**
- **May 31—Mini Special Olympics**
- **June 4—Pentecost**
- **June 5-9—[Indigenous Education Week](#)**

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