



## St. Elizabeth Catholic School

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Enrollment: 214  
Hours of Operation: 8:30 – 3:00  
Lunch Hour: 11:15 – 12:15



November 2017

# St. Elizabeth School News

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

November is a month of remembrance and peace. On the first day of the month, we remembered all of the Saints of the Catholic Church. We paid homage to their lives, which embodied the teachings of God the Father, God the Son and the Holy Spirit. On the second day of the month, we remembered with fond memories and love, all the faithful departed who are with us now in spirit.

Remembrance Day is on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. The school marked Remembrance Day on Friday November 10<sup>th</sup>. A short ceremony took place in our school gym just before 11 am to mark this important date. We remembered all those who have sacrificed for our freedoms. We also had time to reflect on our personal dedication towards achieving peace for all people throughout the world and recall that we must all work together to achieve world peace.

## A Prayer of Peace

*Dear Lord:*

*Inspire those who come together in search of ways to bring about peace, and through your word, change the hearts of all people so that*

*we shall strive for:*

*Peace, and not war,*

*The Common Good, rather than individual well-being,*

*Your Justice, instead of our own glory.*

*You have given us your peace. Enable us to share that peace with those around us, so that love and harmony may be always present in our lives, that all the world may know happiness, that we may live with dignity as brothers and sisters, and that all may rejoice in your presence. United in diversity, we call upon your infinite grace, humbly asking you to receive our prayer and make us instruments of your peace. We ask you to let us bring the light of peace to the world. Amen.*

~Wishing everyone in our community the peace of Christ,  
Mrs. R. Tropea

**VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: Peace**

**PLEASE NOTE:** There are two upcoming PA Days as follows:

**Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

**and**

**Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

**\*NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS\***

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

**Monday, December 25-January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018**



**School resumes on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018**



## LITURGICAL NEWS: ADVENT MASS AND CONCERT

This is a reminder that our Advent Mass and Concert will be held on the evening of Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Peace Church. Parents, please have your children meet their teachers by 5:50 pm at the latest. The concert will commence shortly after the Mass. We are preparing and looking forward to this wonderful yearly event. We hope to see everyone there!



## SAFE SCHOOLS

A safe school is our priority. Please remember that all visitors must use the front door to the school when entering the premises and that **ALL VISITS MUST BEGIN AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE**. We encourage you to use the office as the main venue for communicating with your child or your child's teacher. You can call the school at 416-393-5278 between the hours of 8:00 am-4:00 pm or leave a message on our school voicemail after hours. Impromptu visits are discouraged as teachers have their classes to attend to. We would like to thank those parents who call in student absences/lates and would like to see this practice continued. We do ask that after school plans are made ahead of time when possible. If plans change, please call the school by 1:30 pm so that the office can safely inform the student(s) and teacher(s) during last recess, which is in plenty of time before dismissal at 3:00 pm.



## QSP MAGAZINE FUNDRAISER

Our QSP fundraiser started this past Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. This is always a highly anticipated fundraiser as many of our parents take advantage of the great savings on the magazines for Christmas gifts! This year's catalogue also includes some great gift items! Our flyers were be sent home on Wednesday. This campaign ends on November 21st. Thank you for supporting St. Elizabeth School!

## AS THE WEATHER CHANGES



As the weather gets colder and wetter, we request that students bring in an extra pair of indoor shoes. Students should also wear hats, mitts, scarves and warm coats as the temperatures dip. Everyone should have snow pants and boots for snow days and extra socks are always a good idea as well.



## me to we

On September 28<sup>th</sup>, the ME to WE team, led by Mrs. Gjevori and Mr. MacSweeney attended WE Day Toronto at the ACC. Our students had a chance to be with tens of thousands of other students to celebrate a year of action that transformed communities and changed lives. As part of We Schools, students gain a better understanding of pressing issues like hunger, poverty, lack of education, and explore what they can do to help. We will plan one local and one global action to improve our community and the world. Our first action is fighting hunger locally. Over a period of a few weeks we are asking the St. Elizabeth community to donate non-perishable food items for a local food bank. Your support and generosity can make a difference in someone's life. Thank you.



## TERRY FOX RUN/WALK

We had a blustery day for our Terry Fox Walk/Run but still managed to collect \$400 in donations.

We thank everyone in our community who made a donation to this worthwhile cause. Many thanks to Mrs. Tulino and Ms. Nicholas for organizing this event. Thank you to Ms. Nicholas for providing some great Blue Jay prizes for our top runners!

## GROWING SUCCESS; PROGRESS REPORT CARDS AND PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES



Progress report cards will be sent home on Tuesday November 14th. This year, the TCDSB sought your input regarding changing from the current interview model of Thursday evening and Friday morning to a two evening model, Wednesday and Thursday evenings respectively. This year, we will be holding interviews on the evenings of Wednesday, November 15th and Thursday, November 16th. The Progress Report Card does not report on grades to date. A grade based report card will be issued in early February 2018.



## PIZZA LUNCHES

Our pizza lunches continue to run smoothly, thanks to Mrs. Tulino and her team of helpers. Our next pizza/civvies day will be Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT REGISTRATION-CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



- **Who can register at TCDSB elementary school?**
  - Catholic children—custodial parent must have proof of Catholicity
- **What documents do I need?**
  - Child's birth certificate
  - Catholic Baptismal certificate (or other proof of Catholicity)
  - Record of immunization
  - Proof of residency: such as a lease, utility bill etc. If your status is other than Canadian citizen, landed immigrant or permanent resident, please contact the TCDSB Admissions Department at 416-222-8282, extension 5320.
- **Can I send photocopies of the documents?**
  - Please provide original documents where possible to the school at the time of registration. School will make copies and return the originals to parents.
- **How old does a child have to be for kindergarten?**
  - Children born in 2013 are eligible for junior kindergarten in September 2017.
  - Children born in 2012 are eligible for senior kindergarten in September 2018.
- **Is JK mandatory?**
  - Although it is not mandatory, if a parent chooses not to send their child to junior kindergarten, the child will still be placed in senior kindergarten the following September in order to keep children with their same aged peers.



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

From Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>-Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting The Scholastic Book Fair. Students will have to opportunity to view and purchase books and other items with their classes during the school day. As well, we will be having the Book Fair during parent-teacher conferences on the evenings of Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Parents, we want to remind you that books make great Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers. We hope to see you at the Scholastic Book Fair!! Thank you Ms. Chiappa for organizing this wonderful event!



## Monthly Update from the Board November 2017

### Don't Forget to Turn Your Clocks Back

**Weekend of November 4-5, 2017.** Enjoy the extra hour of sleep!

### November's Virtue is Peacemaking

Find all the monthly resources associated with our virtues of the month online

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/VirtueoftheMonth/Pages/Default.aspx>

### Congregated Elementary Gifted Program

The Toronto Catholic District School Board offers Full Time/Congregated Elementary Gifted Programs for students in Grades 6 to 8 who have an exceptionality of Giftedness. These programs are integrated into the regular school community. Important aspects of the program are curriculum extensions in depth, breadth and pace, daily continuity of programming, collaboration with like-minded peers and leadership opportunities. A Parent Information evening will be held for parents/guardians interested in exploring a full time elementary Gifted Program for their child with the exceptionality of Giftedness.

**The Parent Information evening will take place at St. Edward School, 1 Botham Rd., on November 23, 2017 at 7:00 pm.**

### School Cash Online

We are now in Phase 2 of implementing the School Cash Online Payment system to all TCDSB schools. This new cashless system option offers parents the convenience of paying online for school activities and purchases from the convenience of their own home. School Cash Online will be an efficient payment alternative for families, however participation in the application is voluntary. Schools will continue to accept traditional methods of payment.

For more information, please visit the School Cash Online website at

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/schoolcashonline/Pages/default.aspx>

### Spotlight on Your School

During the Year of the School, let's celebrate our school communities. Through video or song, shine the light on the best that your school has to offer. Who are the people who make it special? (Parent volunteers, Priests and others from the parish community, dedicated teachers, Talented and enthusiastic students)

Consider creating a school song or a 30-second video clip that celebrates your school.

**Celebrate Diversity \* Celebrate Excellence \* Celebrate Faith \* Celebrate Your School**

Use the hashtag #ShineOnTCDSB! **Deadline for submissions is Friday, February 23, 2018.**

### The 2017-2018 TCDSB Awards Season has begun!

Nominations are now open for the following TCDSB Alumni Award, Award of Merit and Friends of Catholic Education Award which will be presented at Awards Night on May 7, 2018.

**Deadline: third Friday in January (January 20).**

- **TCDSB Alumni Award:** Open to TCDSB alumni who are still active in the Catholic community and who have distinguished themselves in their career or accomplishments.
- **TCDSB Award of Merit:** Open to former staff, parents and trustees who have made outstanding contributions to the TCDSB and to Catholic education (can only be considered for award after a three-year period has passed since departure from the TCDSB)
- **Friends of Catholic Education Award:** Open to members of the general public (individuals or organizations) who have accomplished extraordinary service to Catholic Education but who may not be Catholic.

For nomination forms and information, visit: [www.tcdsb.org/awardsnight](http://www.tcdsb.org/awardsnight)

## Prime Minister's Awards: Recognizing Excellence in Education

Do you know an amazing teacher or early childhood educator? Consider nominating them for a Prime Minister's Award.

- **Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence and Teaching Excellence in STEM**  
The Teaching Excellence in STEM Awards honour outstanding Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics teachers that help develop the culture of innovation Canada needs today, and in the future. [Nominate a teacher today!](#) Nominations accepted until **January 12, 2018**.
- **Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Early Childhood Education**  
The Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Early Childhood Education honour ECEs for their leadership, exemplary early childhood education practices, and their commitment to help build the foundation children need to make the best possible start in life. [Nominate an educator today!](#) Nominations accepted until **January 12, 2018**.

## TCDSB Young Disciples Ignite Day

As we continue to celebrate the *Year of the School*, the Nurturing our Catholic Community Team invites **grade 6 students and teachers, parish priests/youth ministers and parent councils to TCDSB's Young Disciples' Ignite Day**. This free rally for Grade 6 students is designed to ignite their faith and inspire acts of service in their respective school communities.

Through a teaching Mass, community building activities, music, and guest speakers, students will be invited to embrace the mission of discipleship and continue to promote acts of faith in collaboration with school communities, families and parishes.

**Dates and locations are as follows:**

- **Tuesday November 28<sup>th</sup> 2017 @ Blessed Cardinal Newman (auditorium) - 9:30-2:15 pm**
- **Thursday November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ Bishop Marrocco/Thomas Merton (auditorium) - 9:30-2:15 pm**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/schools/bishopmarroccothomasmerton/news/20172018/pages/youngdisciples.aspx>

## Angel Foundation for Learning Evening to Feed the Soul Gala

**November 10<sup>th</sup>**

For details and ticket information: <https://www.aflgala.org/>

Help feed hungry children, and support a variety of opportunities for students who need assistance.

### Other Dates to Note:

- November 1—Take Your Kid To Work Day
- November 1—All Saints Day
- November 2—All Souls Day
- November 6-10—Treaties Recognition Week
- November 6-10—Holocaust Education Week
- November 11—Remembrance Day (Schools to commemorate on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>)
- November 19—World Day of Poor
- November 25—Christ the King Rally and Youth Conference
- November 27—TCDSB Caucus Meeting
- December 3—Advent Begins

Visit [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org) to get more information about any of these events

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