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www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto

Enrollment: 232
Hours of Operation: 8:30 – 3:00
Lunch Hour: 11:15 – 12:15



November 2018

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 Sunday, November 11th. The school marked Remembrance Day on Friday, November 9th. 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,
Mr. V. Moretti

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: Peace

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

Friday, November 16th

and

Friday, December 7th

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Monday, December 24-January 4th, 2019



School resumes on Monday, January 7th, 2019



LITURGICAL NEWS: ADVENT MASS

This is a reminder that our Advent Mass will be held on the evening of Wednesday, December 12th at Our Lady of Peace Church. 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 starts on Wednesday, November 7th. 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 will 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 20th, the ME to WE team, led by Ms. Gracic 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 in October we asked 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 beautiful day for our Terry Fox Walk/Run and collected \$400 in donations. We thank everyone in our community who made a donation to this worthwhile cause. Many thanks to Mrs. Tulino for organizing this event.

GROWING SUCCESS; PROGRESS REPORT CARDS AND PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES



Progress report cards will be sent home on Tuesday November 13th. Last 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 14th and Thursday, November 15th. The Progress Report Card does not report on grades to date. A grade based report card will be issued in early February 2019.



PIZZA LUNCHESES

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 23rd.

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 2015 are eligible for junior kindergarten in September 2019.
-Children born in 2014 are eligible for senior kindergarten in September 2019.
- **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.



Monthly Update from the Board November 2018

Don't Forget to Turn Your Clocks Back

Weekend of November 3-4, 2018. 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>

TCDSB Trustee Election Results

Congratulations to the newly elected and re-elected Trustees for the Toronto Catholic District School Board:

- **Ward 1** - Joseph Martino
- **Ward 2** - Markus de Domenico
- **Ward 3** - Ida Li Preti
- **Ward 4** - Teresa Lubinski
- **Ward 5** - Maria Rizzo
- **Ward 6** - Frank D'Amico
- **Ward 7** - Mike Del Grande
- **Ward 8** - Garry Tanuan
- **Ward 9** - Norm Di Pasquale
- **Ward 10** - Daniel Di Giorgio
- **Ward 11** - Angela Kennedy
- **Ward 12** - Nancy Crawford

The new Board of Trustees will be sworn in at the Inaugural Meeting on Monday, December 3, 2018.

Information About Cannabis

On Wednesday, October 17, 2018, cannabis became legal in Ontario and the rest of Canada.

The Toronto Catholic District School Board remains committed to maintaining safe school and work environments that are welcoming and support the Board's focus on excellence in education.

Although legislation permits the recreational use of cannabis, the vaping, smoking, or use of lighted tobacco, cannabis/marijuana, herbal material (or any other combustible material) and electronic smoking devices **is prohibited at all TCDSB schools and worksites.**

Current rules for ALL TCDSB and Ontario schools:

A positive school climate and a safe learning and teaching environment are critical for student success and central to our Board's goals as outlined in our Multi-Year Strategic Plan.

All current policies and regulations governing the use of cannabis remain in effect and include, but are not limited to:

- Possession of cannabis (except for medical purposes, if authorized by a health care practitioner such as a physician or a nurse practitioner) will not be permitted while in schools or at school-related activities, even after legalization of recreational cannabis.
- Suspension may be considered for a student under the influence or in possession of cannabis.
- Suspension will be required, and expulsion may be considered, if a student gives cannabis to a minor.

PLEASE NOTE:

Smoking or vaping cannabis is NOT permitted at schools and places where children gather

You are also not permitted to smoke or vape cannabis:

- At school, on school grounds, and all public areas within 20m of these grounds
- On children’s playgrounds and public areas within 20m of playgrounds
- In child care centres, or where an early years program is provided
- In places where home child care is provided – even if children aren’t present

Additional Resources about Cannabis

The following is the web page link to information from Toronto Public Health about Cannabis.

<https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/health-wellness-care/health-programs-advice/cannabis/>

Other Resources

- [Government of Canada – Cannabis web page](#) (Portal - Information about health impacts, licensed producers, impaired driving, legalizing and regulating)
- [Ontario Government – Cannabis Legalization webpage](#) (what will be legal and won't be legal in Ontario)
- [Cannabis Talk Kit](#) – resource for parents, and can be helpful for all adult allies

Catholic Parent Involvement Committee

Congratulations to the new and returning CPIC committee members:

- Chair: John Del Grande, Ward 12
- Vice-Chair: Joe Fiorante, Ward 3
- Secretary: Geoffrey Feldman, Ward 2
- Treasurer: Gus Gikas, Ward 6
- Assistant Treasurer: Ruth Oliveros, Ward 8
- Communications Director: Desmond Alvares, Ward 11

Other Ward Reps:

- Ward 1: Alison Canning and Raul Tellez
- Ward 2: Natalia Marriott
- Ward 5: Melinda Hackett
- Ward 8: Wendell Labrador
- Ward 10: Annalisa Crudo-Perri
- Ward 11: Ben Xavier
- Ward 12: Anthony Antonucci

And the Parent and Community Representatives:

- Isabel Starck
- Karla Coto
- Patricia Buzzo, OAPCE Toronto
- Mary LaFramboise, Faith in Your Child

To connect with CPIC or your local representative, see

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/ParentInvolvement/Pages/CPIC-Representatives.aspx>

To learn more about parent engagement and the work of CPIC, see

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

For Gifted Congregated Programs Information Night

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 22, 2018 at 7:00 pm.**

Opportunities for Students

Prime Minister's Youth Council: New Members Needed

The Prime Minister's Youth Council is accepting applications for the next cohort of members. Applicants must be 16-24 years old. The application deadline is **November 30, 2018**. [Click here for more information and to apply.](#)

House of Commons Page Program

Every year, House of Commons Pages are selected from high schools and CEGEPs across Canada to work in the House of Commons. While pursuing their studies at a university in the National Capital Region, these students gain valuable work experience and make friendships and memories that will last a lifetime. This year's application deadline is December 3, 2018. [Click here for more information and to submit an application.](#)

The RBC Black History Month Student Essay Competition 2018

The Competition is only open to grade 12 students who are: legal residents of Canada; applying to a Canadian post-secondary school; and plan to attend in the 2019/2020 academic year. In 750 words or less tell us how you think young people can learn from the achievements and contributions of Black Canadians. Submission deadline is **Friday, December 7, 2018**. [Click here for details.](#)

The 2018-2019 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 6, 2019.

Deadline: third Friday in January (January 18).

- **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.
- **NEW Award: Sister Evanne Hunter Young Women in Leadership Award**
In honour of International Women's Day, the Sister Evanne Hunter Young Women in Leadership Award is a new award that will be given annually to two exceptional TCDSB female students in their graduating year (one grade 8 student and one grade 12 student) in recognition of their leadership qualities and involvement in social justice efforts in their school and community. **Beginning November 1**, all schools will be invited to nominate one female student in their graduating year for the award. [Click here for more information.](#)

For nomination forms and information, visit: www.tcdsb.org/awardsnight

Province of Ontario Seeks Feedback on Education

The Province is consulting with parents across the province to address concerns and get feedback in several areas of the education system.

Feedback from these consultations will help shape decisions in the following areas:

1. Improving student performance in [Science, Technology, Engineering and Math \(STEM\)](#)
2. Preparing students with needed job skills, such as [skilled trades](#) and coding
3. Improving provincial [standardized testing](#)
4. Ensuring students graduate with important life skills, including [financial literacy](#)
5. Managing the use of technology in classrooms, such as cell phones
6. Building a new age-appropriate [Health and Physical Education curriculum](#) that includes subjects like mental health, sexual health education and the legalization of cannabis
7. Developing the first-ever [Parents' Bill of Rights](#)

How to participate

There are three ways to participate:

[Open submission](#)

Share your views on all or some of the 7 key consultation areas that are outlined above:

1. Use the private and confidential online [submission form](#), **or**
2. Email your written submission to fortheparents@ontario.ca and:
 - include your name or the name of your organization
 - add “provincial consultations” as the subject
 - attach your submission as a PDF or Word document

Deadline is December 15, 2018.

Metrolinx and Municipal Transit Agencies Host Accessibility Meetings

Metrolinx and municipal transit agencies are hosting Accessibility Public Meetings across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area, and extend a personal invitation for everyone to participate. They want to hear from members of the public and other organizations about the accessibility of GO Transit, PRESTO, UP Express, and our new and upcoming Rapid Transit services and projects.

- **East – Whitby: Wednesday November 7, 6:30-8:30 PM**
Abilities Centre
 55 Gordon Street
 Theatre / Multi-Purpose Room (second floor)
 * Note: this is a joint meeting with Durham Region Transit
- **Central – Toronto: Wednesday November 14, 6:30-8:30 PM**
Metro Hall
 55 John Street
 Rooms 308 & 309 (third floor)
- **Teleconference: Wednesday November 21, 5:00-6:30 PM**
 RSVP required; please submit questions and comments in advance of meeting
 Teleconference details will be provided to registrants
- **West – Hamilton: Thursday November 29, 6:00-8:00 PM**
Hamilton Public Library, Central Branch
 55 York Street
 Hamilton Room (main floor)
 * Note: this is a joint meeting with the City of Hamilton

American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation, real-time captioning and attendant services will be provided at the in-person meetings. Alternative formats and other accommodations will be made available upon request. Interested individuals should pre-register. Those who are interested but can not attend, have other options for providing feedback. Detailed information: Accessibility Public Meetings webpage

(http://www.metrolinx.com/en/aboutus/accessibility/accessibility_meetings.aspx).

TCDSB Staff Arts Presents Shakespeare on the Green

November 2,3,9,10, 2018

At Brebeuf College School

211 Steeles Avenue East, North York

Tickets on sale \$20

www.tcdsb.org/staffarts for more information or to order tickets

Angel Foundation for Learning Evening to Feed the Soul Gala

November 9th at Riviera Parque

For details and ticket information: https://www.angelfoundationforlearning.org/?page_id=6185

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

November Meetings

- November 1—Student Achievement Committee
- November 5—Governance and Policy Committee
- November 13—Corporate Services Committee
- November 14—SEAC
- November 15—Regular Board
- November 19—CPIC
- November 29—Caucus

The Inaugural Meeting of the Board will be held on December 3rd.

Agendas generally posted the weekend prior to the meeting at www.tcdsb.org

Other Dates to Note:

- November 1—All Saints' Day <https://www.tcdsb.org/Pages/All-Saints-Day.aspx>
- November 1-7—Canadian Down Syndrome Week <https://cdss.ca/community/events-activities/down-syndrome-awareness-week/>
- November 2—All Souls' Day <https://www.tcdsb.org/Pages/All-Souls-Day.aspx>
- November 3-8--Holocaust Education Week
- November 5-9--Treaties Recognition Week <http://www.chiefs-of-ontario.org/event/treaty-recognition-week-2/>
- November 6--OAPCE Commissioning and Awards Presentation <https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/oapce-toronto/events/pages/oapce-toronto-commissioning-and-awards-presentation.aspx>
- November 7—A Catholic Call to Serve <https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/news/2018-2019/pages/catholic-call-to-serve.aspx>
- November 11--Remembrance Day (**Schools commemorate on November 9th**) <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/remembrance-day.aspx>
- November 14--Take Our Kids to Work Day <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/take-our-kids-to-work-day.aspx>
- November 19-23—Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week <https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/safeschools/bullyingawarenessandprevention/pages/bullying-awareness-and-prevention.aspx>

- November 20—Memorial Mass to honour students and staff who have passed away. 7PM at the Catholic Education Centre
- November 21—World Day of Poor
<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/news/2018-2019/pages/world-day-of-the-poor-.aspx>
- November 23—Holodomor Memorial Day <https://www.tcdsb.org/Pages/Holodomor-Memorial-Day.aspx>
- December 2—Advent Begins

Visit www.tcdsb.org to get more information about any of these events

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<https://www.tcdsb.org/News/eNews/Pages/default.aspx>

And/or follow @TCDSB on Twitter to get all the latest news and information

International Languages Elementary (ILE) Program: November Update

IL Survey to Be Conducted in All TCDSB Elementary Schools

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

Process and Timelines:

- **One survey will be sent to each family with the Progress Report card with the oldest or only child in each family.**
- All surveys must be completed and returned in the sealed envelope provided, **to the school principal no later than November 27, 2018.**
- No survey will be accepted after November 27th.

Should parents wish to have a translated version to assist with the completion of the English survey, they can request a translated copy from the school principal or download a copy of the target language from:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/InternationalLanguages/International-Language-Survey/Pages/Default.aspx>. Translations are available in Spanish, Portuguese, Ukrainian, Arabic, Filipino, Chinese (Simplified and Traditional) Tamil, and Italian.

All parents are encouraged to participate to ensure that results reflect the individual and collective voice of the school community. Surveys from **67% of all families in the school must be completed and returned in order for the results to be considered viable**. In order to determine if the program is to be continued, using the Board approved model or to move the IL program to an alternative model, **the majority of 51%** should be attained for the preferred selection.

In January, a report will be submitted to the Board of Trustees. This report will include a list of results by school, including the response rates for each school. However, only schools with the required 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/schoolprogramsk12/internationallanguages/pages/change-to-international-languages-program.aspx>