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Lunch Hour:
11:15 am to 12:15 pm



April 2017

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School News

Virtue of the Month:



Principal's Message:

Jesus is risen!

As we approach Easter time, we give thanks for so many things. We thank you Lord for raising Jesus from the dead, for the freedom this gives us to be forgiven, for this season of 50 days when we celebrate Jesus' resurrection and for the new life that Easter gives us. We see this new life as we anticipate the beautiful Spring weather around the corner. We are truly blessed.

The virtue for the month of April is Justice. Let us practice what it means to be Just and to do what is right. Let us be mindful of our actions and how they affect the people around us. Justice means being aware of wrongdoings and trying to prevent them and/or eliminate them. Let us all practice, as a community, to stop injustice by raising awareness, by sticking up for someone who is being treated unjustly, and by being good, responsible citizens.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of some changes that have occurred recently:

We say good-bye and thank you to Ms. Krisciunas for being our vocal music teacher for the past few months. Ms. Krisciunas is a retired teacher and could not continue teaching here for the remainder of the school year. I know I speak for everyone when I say that Ms. Krisciunas will be greatly missed. I would like to welcome Mr. Feltrin to the position of vocal music teacher for the remainder of the school year. He is a qualified OCT teacher with music qualification and I am sure he will do a great job.

We also say good-bye and thank you to Ms. Abate for being our LTO in the grade 4/5 class for the past 7 months. She has done a phenomenal job and will be greatly missed. Please join me in welcoming back Ms. Nina to the grade 4/5 class. She, too, has been greatly missed and it's nice to have her return for the remainder of the school year.

Happy Easter to you and your family.

A Cianchetti
Principal

At A Glance – Some Important Dates to Remember:

Monday, April 3	Autism Awareness Day
Friday, April 14	Good Friday – No School
Sunday, April 16	Easter Sunday
Monday, April 17	Easter Monday – No School
Thursday, April 20	Lockdown Drill
	1:00 pm Easter Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church
Friday, April 28	AM Spring and Sibling Photos
	Dress Down Day (Me to We)

Please see the monthly calendar for additional information and events.

March Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students who were this month's ambassadors for the virtue of Forgiveness:

Ms. Mazzuca/Ms. Bellissimo	Adam A
Ms. Jennings	Luca A
Mr. Sorrentino	Adam S
Mr. Pietramala	Brian C
Ms. Abate	Matteo C
Miss Silva	David A
Ms. Rodrigues	Justine I
Ms. Prsa	William C
Ms. Sobol	Patrick P
Ms. Calautti	Tiago L

September 2017

Please contact the school if you expect your child will be transferring to another school before the next school year commences in September 2017. Also, if you are planning an extended summer vacation, whereby your child/ren will not be returning the first week of September 2017, please let us know as soon as possible. Staffing and classroom organization are directly related to student enrolment and therefore it is crucial that we have the most accurate information possible as we begin to plan for the next year.

Registration for September 2017 Continues

Parents are able to complete their application online at: <https://soar.tcdsb.org/Login.aspx>. You are also able to book an appointment with the school to present the required documents online. The online application is available 24 hours.

Children born in 2013 are able to register for Kindergarten. Information is available by telephone at 416 222-8282, ext. 5320 or ext. 5314, or visit www.tcdsb.org/kindergartenregistration

Dress Code

A reminder that students are expected to comply with the navy blue and white dress code for St. Francis of Assisi School. This includes any combination of solid navy blue and/or solid white garments (i.e., white top and navy blue bottom, or navy blue top and bottom, etc.; no stripes, plaid, etc. permitted) with **no** logos of any size (except SFA logoed attire). Denim is not permitted. Dress code is expected for excursions and during gym classes. With the warmer weather approaching, this is a reminder that hats are not allowed in the building. Inappropriate dress may not be worn including, but not limited to spaghetti straps, racer-back tops, midriff revealing tops, short shorts, biking shorts. Attire that includes logos, sayings and pictures that address or display sexual content, substance abuse, violence, profanity, inappropriate references to nationality, race or gender, or articles of clothing in serious disrepair, are also considered to be inappropriate.

City Hall



On the morning of Thursday, January 12, Ms. Abate's Grade 4/5 class went on an exciting trip to New City Hall, located in downtown

Toronto. The class received a tour of City Hall including the Counsellors of Chamber Room and also learned a lot about the government system. We also went to Mayor John Tory's office to hopefully meet him. Unfortunately, he was very busy that day, but we had a chance to meet one of the Counsellors. After a long morning, we were lucky enough to have lunch in one of the meeting rooms.



The class is thankful to Ardian's mother for arranging the trip with Ms. Abate. Overall, the Grade 4/5 class was very appreciative and lucky to have this wonderful experience.

By Nina Z

Skiing

On Friday, March 3, the Grades 6 thru 8 layered up in their snow gear for a day of fun on the slopes of Snow Valley. For many, it was their first time out and they welcomed the challenge and new experience, determined to get from one stage to the next to earn their "stripes". Others



have shown how they have honed their skills over the past year or two since being novices. Despite the cold and the wind, it did not deter most of the students to ski to the last possible minute. At this rate, they will be "carving out" mountains in no time.




Thank you to all the staff for their part in making this Canadian winter activity a continued success.

Skating

On Wednesday, March 8, the Grades 3 thru 8 laced up their skates for a perfect skate morning at City Hall. Mother Nature couldn't have been kinder, the conditions



couldn't be more perfect and a joyous time had by all couldn't have been more sublime. How wonderful it was to see all our students skating together, helping each other and displaying their skills - new, improved and refined. Our grand finale was a school pose with that awesome TORONTO  sign! Thank you to all the staff for their participation and co-operation in all the skate days over the past two months.

We Group Meets the Honourable Ms. Hunter, Minister of Education

On Monday, March 20, the Minister of Education, Ms. Mitzie Hunter came to talk to the St. Francis of Assisi WE Group! That day, we learned a lot about how lucky we are to have an education and how other kids don't have the opportunity to go

to school. We talked a lot about what we achieved in the past years and what our future goals are.

We are so grateful that Ms. Mitzie Hunter, TCDSB Director Ms. Angela Gauthier, Superintendent Mr. John Wujek, TCDSB Communications Department, Ms. Emmy Szekeres Milne, WE staff – Ms. Lucy Fromyer, Mr. Jeff Hainbach, Mr. Greg Rogers, the photographer Alex, and all the other distinguished guests for coming.

It was a great opportunity to have Ms. Hunter come to talk to the WE group. She made us feel like our work with WE is very important.

Thank you to the WE organization for giving each WE member a rafiki bracelet.

We would also like to thank Starbucks for providing free coffee for the adults.

By Emily P, Emma B, Nicole P, and Nina Z



TCDSB Budget Consultation

All parents, students, staff and Catholic school supporters are invited and encouraged to participate in the budget consultation process. Your input can be provided during a virtual town hall to be held in April, through an online survey which will be posted on the board's website in April, or through a delegation at an upcoming board or committee meeting. Details will be available here: www.tcdsb.org

Lenten Projects: [ShareLife Week April 2-8, 2017](http://www.sharelife.org)

Learn more about how ShareLife works wonders in our community, and how you can help through the annual fundraising campaign at: <https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2017/pages/sharelife-civvies-day-2017.aspx> Our Civvies Day was held on March 31.

Awards, Scholarships, Bursaries, Contests

A variety of trust fund awards and scholarships, as well as contests, are available to eligible Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) students, staff and trustees. Find all the details online here

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/AwardsScholarshipsBursariesContests/Pages/default.aspx>

Celebrating the Parish and School Relationship

A special *Parish Family Day Celebration* will be held at the Catholic Education Centre on **Friday, May 5**, to showcase student work focusing on the many ways that our parishes and our parish priests contribute to our schools and communities.

Submissions of videos, songs, artwork, stories and poems from students and schools will be accepted until April 7. **Email to parish.project@tcdsb.org or find additional information:**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/YearoftheParish/Pages/Parish-Family-Day-Celebration.aspx>

Canada150

TCDSB is celebrating the 150th anniversary of Canada and Ontario, and our own place in the history of our nation with a variety of special events. Check out our website for details:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/affiliates/Canada150/Pages/default.aspx>

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