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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

APRIL 2018

VIRTUE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL:



Principal's Message

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 of 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 to be 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.

At this time, I would like to inform you of certain changes that have occurred:

1. Mrs. Keane had a beautiful healthy baby boy on February 25. Congratulations to the proud parents! Welcome little Rory!
2. After many years of service and dedication, Ms. Melo, our school secretary, is retiring at the end of April. Ms. Melo has worked at SFA for the past 25 years. She has been a dedicated member of the SFA team and will be greatly missed. We wish her well in her retirement and all the best in her future endeavours!

Happy Easter to you and your family.

A. Cianchetti
Principal

AT A GLANCE – SOME IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday, April 1	Easter Sunday
Monday, April 2	Easter Monday
Wednesday, April 4	World Autism Awareness Day
Friday, April 6	Hep B and HPV Immunization
Friday, April 13	9:30 Cookie Fundraiser Order Pick Up
Mon., April 16 – Fri., April 20	Easter Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Sunday, April 22	Grade 7 and 8's to Teen Ranch
Friday, April 27	Earth Day
	Dress Down Day for WE

Please see the monthly calendar for additional information and events.

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CPIC (PARENT ENGAGEMENT - TCDSB)		
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OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS)		
157	8:30 – 3:30	11:15 - 12:15
ENROLLMENT	HOURS OF OPERATION	LUNCH HOUR



NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: soar.tcdsb.org

Call 416-393-5206 or the TCDSB Admissions Department at 416-222-8282, ext. 5320.

For general information about the Toronto Catholic District School Board, visit www.tcdsb.org

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MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

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

Miss Mazzuca/Ms. Raposo	Mason M
Ms. Jennings	Roman DS
Mr. Sorrentino	Jade BS
Ms. Nina	Isabel P
Mr. Pietramala	Liam DS
Miss Silva	Jamie F
Ms. Rodrigues	Sydney P
Ms. Prsa	Andriy S
Ms. Pimentel	Paulo C
Ms. Calautti	Emanuel G

SEPTEMBER 2018

Please contact the school if you expect your child will be transferring to another school before the next school year commences in September 2018. Also, if you are planning an extended summer vacation, whereby your child/ren will not be returning the first week of September 2018, 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 KINDERGARTEN CONTINUES

Parents are able to complete their application online at <https://www.SOAR.tcdsb.org> and follow up with a visit to the school to present the required documents. The online application is available 24 hours. Please call the school if you require further information or would like to book an appointment to register your child.

ELEMENTARY INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES AFTER-HOURS PROGRAM

Online Registration Starts May 12, 2018

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/InternationalLanguages/Pages/Saturday-School-Registration.aspx>

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.

3:30 DISMISSAL

As the warm weather approaches, please remember that there is no supervision in the yard after 3:30 pm. The 3:30 pm dismissal is not a recess period. Students should not be gathering or waiting in the front entrance area or the playground. Parents, please assist us by picking up your children promptly and clearing the school yard as soon as possible to ensure safe dismissal for all students.

APRIL IS VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH

Let's show our appreciation for the many parent volunteers and other family members, as well as members of the community and our parishes who help out in our schools on a regular basis, and to the many students and staff who volunteer their time to countless worthwhile charities throughout the year. Thank you for all that you do!

APRIL 2 IS WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

Special Events for Students, Families and Staff

8th Annual Autism Awareness Evening featuring Aspie Comedian Michael McCreary on Monday, April 9, 6:30 – 9:00 pm at the Catholic Education Centre, 80 Sheppard Avenue East, 2nd Floor.

EARTH DAY – APRIL 22

<https://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2018/Pages/earthday.aspx>

STUDENT JOB FAIR – MAY 2, 2018

Ontario Science Centre – 770 Don Mills Road, North York

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FOR STUDENTS/OpportunitiesFor Students/Pages/Job-Fair.aspx>

INFORMATION ABOUT AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND BURSARIES

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

COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER

Cookie dough orders will be ready for pick up on Friday, April 6, from 1:00 to 3:30 pm. If you are unable to pick up your order at this time please email Rosemary Pacheco at rosemarypacheco@gmail.com to make alternate arrangements.

GRADE 6 LOBLAWS TRIP

On Monday, January 15, all the grade 6's went to Loblaws for a nutrition workshop. We learned how to make a delicious lentil burger by following a recipe. After making the lentil burger we had an opportunity to have a tour of the grocery store where we were educated on what foods are beneficial to our health and what "beware's" to look for. For example, foods that show three stars on the grocery store sign labels are better choices. Then, we ate our vegan burgers which most of us thought were amazing along with a healthy blueberry banana shake.

Our class loved this trip and being educated on how to have a healthy life-style.

By: Nina Z and Sophia N

CHESS TOURNAMENT

Ms. Rodrigues and Mr. Pietramala would like to thank all the students who participated in the South Region Individual Girls and Open Chess Tournaments held at St. Helen's School on March 22 and 23 respectively.

St. Francis of Assisi was represented from Grades 4 to 8 in both tournaments by Matthew C, Rebecca F, Renee F, Matteo ODM, Maia R, Eman Z and Nina Z.

Congratulations to Maia R, who placed 1st among the Grade 4 girls on March 22 and 3rd in the Grade 5 division in the open tournament on March 23. Congratulations to Matthew C, who placed 1st in the Grade 7 division, and Eman Z, who placed 2nd in the Grade 6 division on March 23. The three students will advance to the TCDSB City Chess Tournament on Thursday, April 5 (Open Tournament) and Friday, April 6 (Girls Tournament). Way to go!



SKATING AT CITY HALL



TRUSTEES 2017 – 2018

Wards

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| 1. Joseph Martino | 5. Maria Rizzo, Vice-Chair | 9. Jo-Ann Davis |
| 2. Ann Andrachuk | 6. Frank D'Amico | 10. Barbara Poplawski, Chair |
| 3. Sal Piccininni | 7. Michael Del Grande | 11. Angela Kennedy |
| 4. Patrizia Bottoni | 8. Garry Tanuan | 12. Nancy Crawford |
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