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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Thank you, O God,
for you have given us Your Son.
We praise you for choosing Mary to be His Mother.
Her courage in believing your message and her faith
in accepting your will inspires us.
Help us to be like Mary;
to follow your word and feel it in our hearts.
May we love your Son and live out His message,
overcoming all obstacles so we may live a faith-filled life.
Amen

On behalf of the entire school staff, we would like to wish all the mothers and caregivers of our school community **Happy Mother's Day!!**

A Cianchetti
Principal

VIRTUE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY: COMPASSION

"Put on then, as God's chosen one, holy and beloved, compassionate, hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience." (Colossians 3:12)

Compassion is:

- A feeling deep within ourselves – a "quivering of the heart" – and it is also a way of acting – being affected by the suffering of others and moving on their behalf.
- Made up of two words: 'co' meaning together and 'passion' meaning a strong feeling. When we see someone is in distress and we feel their pain as if it were our own, and strive to eliminate or lessen their pain, then this is compassion.

Simple ways to show compassion:

- Pick up trash – be good stewards of the Environment and show you care to save the Earth.
- Call or visit someone who isn't feeling well – it means so much to them to know you were thinking of them.
- Help people out who might be feeling awkward, isolated, or left out in the school yard.

Education Week Activities:

- Kindergarten Orientation on Thursday, May 10, for **NEW SEPTEMBER 2018 Junior Kindergarten students.**
- Dance on May 4th in support of Destination Imagination Fundraiser
- Movie Day on May 11th (pm) in support of Destination Imagination Fundraiser

A. Cianchetti **MAY 2018**

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ENROLLMENT	HOURS OF OPERATION	LUNCH HOUR
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NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

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AT A GLANCE – SOME IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thursday, May 11	AM	Spring Photo Day Dress Down Day for
Saturday, May 12	5:00 pm	First Communion Mass
Sunday, May 13		Mother's Day
Monday, May 21		Victoria Day

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following students who were the April ambassadors for the virtue of Justice:

Ms. Mazzuca/Raposo	Leah DS
Ms. Jennings	Leo M
Mr. Sorrentino	Victoria F
Ms. Nina	Peter Z
Mr. Pietramala	Nina Z
Ms. Silva	Ariana F
Ms. Rodrigues	Hailey P
Ms. Prsa	Matteo M
Ms. Pimentel	Laura L
Ms. Calautti	Mason M

Congratulations to the following students who are the May ambassadors for the virtue of Compassion:

Ms. Mazzuca/Raposo	Vittoria P
Ms. Jennings	Myah C
Mr. Sorrentino	Sophia PM
Ms. Nina	Isabel P
Mr. Pietramala	Emily K
Ms. Silva	Brianna P
Ms. Rodrigues	Nathan P
Ms. Prsa	Alexander M
Ms. Pimentel	Jenevieve M
Ms. Calautti	Christian MG

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>

MATH OLYMPICS

On Saturday, April 7, the Math Squad competed in the TEAMS Math Olympics. After an individual round, students were grouped with “mathies” from other schools to compete in the pairs challenge and the final group challenge. The questions were tough, but the math spirit was tougher!

Out of 75 students, Sydney was one of four recipients of the Anne Cirillo Award for demonstrating leadership and collaborative problem-solving, while Mathew placed third amongst Grade 7 boys and will be advancing to the Regional tournament. Congratulations to our Perfect Square – The Fabulous Four: Matthew C, Kayla H, Sydney P and Andriy S.

A special thank you to Ms. Prsa and Miss Silva for preparing the team members. Happy AfterMATH!

PRIME MENTORS CONFERENCE

On Saturday, April 7, six intermediate students attended the annual Prime Mentors of Canada Conference at OISE.

Students were engaged in a variety of activities, which allowed them to focus on their health and well-being, in addition to developing their leadership skills. Students discussed topics such as eating well-balanced meals, coping strategies for stress management, and ways to become leaders in their school communities. They interacted with students from other schools and practiced meditation techniques. They were also challenged to design a project to help resolve an issue in the school that could potentially be funded by their prize money.

Let us all witness our leaders; Amanda C, Christian D, Ariana F, Sofia I, Brianna PS, and Michael V, as they fulfill their mission.

CHESS

Congratulations to Maia R from Ms. Nina’s class and to Matthew C from Ms. Prsa’s class!!! They proudly represented St. Francis of Assisi at the 2018 Canadian Chess Challenge Ontario Championships at the Mississauga Convention Centre on Sunday April 22nd. They qualified after playing in the TCDSB city chess championship. Maia came in 51st in the province and Matthew came in 40th. Thank you also to their coach, Mr. Pietramala.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Yesterday the Girls’ Junior Volleyball team played at the South Divisional tournament at Pope Francis Elementary School. The Girls comfortably won every game in the round robin, eventually advancing to the finals. After winning the first game, the girls found themselves behind in the second game. They lost that second game resulting in a tie breaker match to decide the tournament winner. From that moment on the St. Francis of Assisi girls were injected with a major dose of self-belief. They pulled themselves together, showing teamwork, and shocked their opposition by comfortably winning the tie breaker match and winning the tournament.

We’d like to congratulate the following athletes for their effort and dedication over the past couple of months.

Congratulations to: Sofia G, Sienna C, Nicole P, Emma B, Emily K, Sofia A, Kiera H, Nina Z, and Maia R.



JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

On April 11th, the students from Ms. Rodrigues' class participated in Junior Achievement. The topic of the day was Economics for Success. The students were tasked with creating a budget, testing their budget and participating in mock job interviews. The students learned so many useful life skills and they had a great time. The presenter was very enthusiastic and enjoyed being at our school.



MENTAL HEALTH TIPS FOR MAY FROM OUR BOARD PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected by the heartbreaking tragedy in Toronto on April 23, 2018. This crisis will impact many people in many different ways. It is important to take care of ourselves as well as our young people. It is equally important to remember our Catholic faith and beliefs during such a time of crisis.....Children's natural resilience plays an important protective role, but trauma and extreme stress and anxiety can interfere with their learning and well-being. Families and educators can support children by establishing a sense of safety and security, helping them to process their thoughts and feelings, reinforcing their resilience and strengths, building positive connections within the school community, placing events in the proper context, and providing any needed mental health supports.

Tips for Supporting Children and Youth after a Crisis Event

Pray Together. Prayer for people who are suffering honours them and provides people an opportunity to help others in a tragic event. Prayer opens us to hear what God is calling us to do in tragic and unsettling times. Prayer is a way to find clarity in the chaos around us by turning to God when we feel pain and anxiety. Prayer grounds us in God's mission and reminds us that God is active in the world.

Be reassuring. Children take their emotional cues from the significant adults in their lives. Your reactions are most important. Recognize that some children may be concerned about something bad happening to themselves, family or friends. Explain to them the safety measures in place and reassure them that you and other adults will take care of them.

BE A GOOD LISTENER AND OBSERVER. LET CHILDREN GUIDE YOU TO LEARN HOW CONCERNED THEY ARE OR HOW MUCH INFORMATION THEY NEED. IF THEY ARE NOT FOCUSED ON THE TRAGEDY, DO NOT DWELL ON IT. HOWEVER, BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER THEIR QUESTIONS TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY.

Young children may not be able to express themselves verbally. Pay attention to changes in their behavior or social interactions.

Monitor the news. Images of a disaster or crisis event can become overwhelming, especially if watched repetitively. Young children in particular may not be able to distinguish between images on television and their personal reality. Older children may choose to watch the news, but be available to discuss what they see and to help put it into perspective.

Emphasize people's resiliency. Help children understand the ability of people to come through a tragic event and go on with their lives. Focus on children's own competencies in terms of how they coped in daily life during difficult times. In age-appropriate terms, identify other crises from which people, communities, or countries have recovered.

Highlight people's compassion and humanity. Large-scale tragedies often generate a tremendous outpouring of caring and support from around the country and world. Focus on the help and hopeful thoughts being offered to those affected by other people.

Maintain as much continuity and normalcy as possible. Allowing children to deal with their reactions is important but so is providing a sense of normalcy. Routine family activities, classes, after-school activities, and friends can help children feel more secure and better able to function

Spend family time. Being with family is always important in difficult or sad times. Even if your children are not significantly impacted by this tragedy, this may be a good opportunity to participate in and to appreciate family life. Doing things together reinforces children's sense of stability and connectedness.

Staying connected to your community can be extremely helpful. It may also be important to seek additional support from a mental health professional to cope with overwhelming feelings.

Communicate with your school. Children directly impacted by the disaster may be under a great deal of stress that can be very disruptive to learning. Together, parents and teachers can determine what extra support or leniency students need and work with parents to develop a plan to help student. Your school social worker, psychologist or counselor can also provide extra support. Speak to you school principal in order to access you school social work or psychology staff

Be aware of your own needs. Don't ignore your own feelings of anxiety, grief, and anger. Talking to friends, family members, priest, and mental health counselors can help. It is important to let your children know that you are sad. You will be better able to support your children if you can express your own emotions in a productive manner. Get appropriate sleep, nutrition, and exercise.

A SMILE A DAY...

Promise me you'll always remember:
You're braver than you believe, stronger
than you seem, and smarter
than you think





Monthly Update From the Board

May 2018

Important Notice About the School Crossing Guard Program

Communication on School Crossing Guard Program

- [Letter regarding Transfer of the School Crossing Guard Program from the Toronto Police Service to the City of Toronto's Transportation Services.](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions and Answers](#)

Reminder: 2018-2019 School Year Calendar

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

Upcoming Events to Note:

- May is...
 - Asian Canadian Heritage Month
 - Speech Language and Hearing Month
- May 1—World Principals' Day
- May 2—Student Job Fair at the Ontario Science Centre <https://www.tcdsb.org/schools/darcymcgee/news/2017-2018/Pages/50thanniversary.aspx>
- May 4—Angel Foundation for Learning Board-Wide Civvies Day—May the 4th Be With You.
- May 6-12—Catholic Education Week
<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/catholiceducationweek/pages/default.aspx>
 - May 7-11 TCDSB Festival of the Arts at Woodbine Centre
<https://www.tcdsb.org/forcommunity/communityrelations/newsandevents/2017-2018/pages/woodbine-centre-festival-of-the-arts.aspx>
 - May 8—Day of Prayer for Catholic Education
 - May 9—Year of the School Celebration and Launch of New Pastoral Plan
 - May 10—Student Mass and Peace Walk
- May 7—Elementary Track and Field Divisionals begin; City Championships May 23rd.
<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/HealthOutdoorPhysEd/TDCAA/Pages/Track-and-Field.aspx>
- May 13-19—Respect for Life Week <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Respect-for-Life-Week.aspx>
- May 20—Pentecost
- May 25—Picnic for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students and their families
<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/specialeducation/speech/newsandevents/pages/tcdsb-picnic-for-deaf-and-hard-of-hearing-students.aspx>
- May 28-June 1—Bike to School/Work Week <https://www.tcdsb.org/board/environment/transport/pages/bike-to-school-week.aspx>
- May 30—Newcomers Day at Toronto City Hall <https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2018/pages/newcomer-day.aspx>

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