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St. Gabriel Catholic School

April 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

April Virtue: Justice

Welcome to Spring! I cannot believe that we are already beginning the month of April.

The virtue of Justice is our focus this month. Justice comes from the obligation to respect the dignity of every human person and this is created in God's image. Respecting human dignity is respecting the image of God in others. We encourage our students to show leadership in social justice initiatives, name injustices when they see them and speak boldly in the name of justice.

Tuesday, April 2nd is World Autism Awareness Day. The main idea of this day is to bring awareness of the hurdles autistic people are faced with every day. It is also an opportunity to celebrate the unique talents autistic people share with the world. The TCDSB will be observing the date with a special event - The Autism Awareness Flag Raising Event! This event will be held at the CEC on Tuesday at 10am. Our M.E. class, as well as the M.E. classes from our neighbouring schools, will be attending this event.

April is volunteer appreciation month. A big thank you to all who help support our school and students - we are truly a very blessed school community. A celebration for all our volunteers will be held on Monday, April 29th @ 1pm.

Wishing all the families in our school community a blessed Easter - may the spirit of our risen Lord fill your hearts with the hope of renewal.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Ms. A. De Roma



ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL HOURS
2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

Start of School Day: 9:00 a.m.
Morning Recess: 10:42 a.m. to 10:57 a.m.
Lunch Hour: 11:45 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.
Afternoon Recess: 2:10 p.m. to 2:25 p.m.
Dismissal: 3:30 p.m.

SAFE SCHOOL ARRIVAL PROGRAM

To report your child as late or absent, please use one of the following options:

Call 1(833)251-3286 (toll-free)

Online go.schoolmessenger.ca

School Messenger Mobile App

Please make sure that all students who arrive late check in at the front office.

Please ensure the school office has your current email address on file.

PARKING AT ST. GABRIEL

1. Staff parking only: please do not park in the parking lot to drop off your child(ren) - use the student drop off to pick up and drop off - use street parking if you wish to walk your child(ren) to the school yard
2. Student drop off only: **do not park in the student drop off/pickup zone** - remain in your car and have your child(ren) exit on the right side of the vehicle
3. No idling: always turn off your car if you have to wait more than 1 minute
4. Accessible Parking: never park in the accessible parking spot without a permit

Please support us for student safety.

ST. GABRIEL'S MASS TIMES
AND YOUTH CHOIR

St. Gabriel's Parish mass times:

Saturday 4:30

Sunday 8:30, 10:30, 12:30

MONTHLY VIRTUES

Monthly Virtues are celebrated by all TCDSB's schools. Throughout the year we will be recognizing students each month by honouring those students who have demonstrated the virtue of the month through their words and actions.

September - Hospitality

October - Gratitude

November - Peace

December - Charity

January - Courage

February - Love

March - Forgiveness

April - Justice

May - Compassion

June - Faithfulness

The following students were recognized for their demonstration of **Forgiveness**:

- Arnav Peters
- Caeli Cayunda
- Drew Tsoi
- Dave Han
- Noah Kim
- Tiffany Chan
- Carmelina Costa
- Daniel Victorine
- Andrea Cordova
- Deontae Latham
- Julia Izzo
- Ericsson He
- Aidan Cruz
- Joel Yohans
- Maryella Agop
- Andre Panganiban
- Catherine Lacuesta

7 Habits of Highly Successful Teens

Article by: Education.com

Covey himself has done well by following a parent's example. His dad, Stephen Covey, wrote the book *The 7 Habits of Highly Successful People*, which sold over 15 million copies. Sean's a chip off the old block, and no slacker. His own book has rung in a more than respectable 2 million copies sold. Here are his seven habits, and some ideas for helping your teen understand and apply them:

Be Proactive

Being proactive is the key to unlocking the other habits. Help your teen take control and responsibility for her life. Proactive people understand that they are responsible for their own happiness or unhappiness. They don't blame others for their own actions or feelings.

Begin With the End in Mind

If teens aren't clear about where they want to end up in life, about their values, goals, and what they stand for, they will wander, waste time, and be tossed to and fro by the opinions of others. Help your teen create a personal mission statement which will act as a road map and direct and guide his decision-making process.

Put First Things First

This habit helps teens prioritize and manage their time so that they focus on and complete the most important things in their lives. Putting first things first also means learning to overcome fears and being strong during difficult times. It's living life according to what matters most.

Think Win-Win

Teens can learn to foster the belief that it is possible to create an atmosphere of win-win in every relationship. This habit encourages the idea that in any given discussion or situation both parties can arrive at a mutually beneficial solution. Your teen will learn to celebrate the accomplishments of others instead of being threatened by them.

Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood

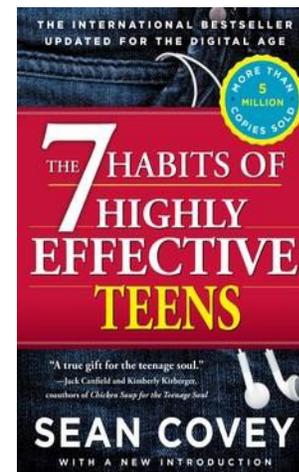
Because most people don't listen very well, one of the great frustrations in life is that many don't feel understood. This habit will ensure your teen learns the most important communication skill there is: active listening.

Synergize

Synergy is achieved when two or more people work together to create something better than either could alone. Through this habit, teens learn it doesn't have to be "your way" or "my way" but rather a better way, a higher way. Synergy allows teens to value differences and better appreciate others.

Sharpen the Saw

Teens should never get too busy living to take time to renew themselves. When a teen "sharpens the saw" she is keeping her personal self sharp so that she can better deal with life. It means regularly renewing and strengthening the four key dimensions of life - body, brain, heart, and soul.



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Virtue of Justice - April 2019

April, with its celebration of Easter, has been assigned the virtue of JUSTICE. We celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus who is the Just One who died for the sake of the unjust, that He might lead people back to God. But justice is also an important part of Catholic social teaching beyond Christ's Death and Resurrection. The need to do justice and commit to equity comes from the obligation to respect the dignity of persons and creation. This dignity comes from being created in God's image. During the month of April we will emphasize teaching the students about equity +justice. We will remind students about treating everyone fairly and to stand up for others and the environment when they see them being mistreated. We aim to teach the students that being just is being fair and that the best solution to a problem is where everyone wins. Our goal—students as champions for justice, real world problem-solvers, responsible citizens.



Monthly Update from the Board

April 2019

Budget Consultation

All parents, staff, students and stakeholders are encouraged to participate in the consultation regarding the 2019-2020 budget. By identifying your priorities for consideration, the Trustees of the Board will be better able to make decisions that reflect the concerns and interests of TCDSB stakeholders. The budget website will be available as of Wednesday, April 3rd. This website will include both video and printed materials outlining the budget, and the budget process, as well as a breakdown of the various ways that everyone can participate in the consultation process. An online survey will also be available through to May 3rd to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to share their views.

https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TCDSB-Community-Consultations/Pages/budget_2019_2020.aspx

Sign Up for School Messenger

One of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely to school each and every day. To enhance our existing absence-checking procedure TCDSB has introduced *a new, more efficient* student absence reporting system called **SafeArrival**. This new system will reduce the time it takes to verify student attendance, making it easy for you to report your child's absence and easy for staff to respond to unreported student absences. With **SafeArrival**, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the **SchoolMessenger app** from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>). The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
2. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>. The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
3. Call the toll-free number **1 (833) 251-3286** to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time up to a maximum of 10 consecutive days. It is important to note that when setting up your account, you must register using the email address and phone number associated with your child's Trillium account. In addition, schools will use the **SchoolMessenger Communicate** automated notification system to contact parents whose child is absent when the absence was not reported in advance. The automated notification system will attempt to contact parents at multiple contact points until a reason is submitted for the absence. If our system is unable to reach the designated contacts, office staff will follow up.

Reminder: OAPCE's 80th Annual Parent Conference

Friday April 5th, 2019

OECTA Reception at Montecassino Hotel & Venue, Toronto 6:00-9:00pm

Saturday April 6th, 2019

All Day Conference at Madonna Catholic Secondary School, Toronto 8:00am-4:30pm

Mass with Cardinal Collins; Keynote Speaker: Greg Rogers; Parent Learning Workshops; Vendor Mall

Gala Dinner

Montecassino Hotel & Venue 6:30pm; Awards Ceremony

REGISTER AT: www.OAPCE.org