



# ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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# CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

APRIL 2018

## PRINCIPAL'S PRAYER

### Prayer for Autism Awareness Month

Loving God,  
 Bless today in special ways  
 all the children, adults and families  
 who see the world through the window of autism.  
 May Your Spirit burn bright in them  
 and all who celebrate and honor  
 the richness of our diversity  
 during this Autism Awareness month of April.  
 Grant us, O Lord,  
 the wisdom  
 to see your image reflected  
 in all of our differences,  
 and to recognize the unique gifts  
 we each have to offer.  
 May the doors of ministry in our Church  
 Continue to open wide in welcome to all of God's family.  
 We ask this in Jesus' holy name.  
 Amen.

Taken from: [www.ncpd.org](http://www.ncpd.org)

### April is Autism Awareness Month!

At St. James Catholic School, we celebrated with a raising of the autism flag ceremony and during Spirit Week hosting a pep rally and an autism awareness assembly. See upcoming dates for details.

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<b>OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS)</b>
186                      9:00-3:30 pm                      11:45-12:45
<b>ENROLLMENT                      HOURS OF OPERATION                      LUNCH HOUR</b>



## NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: [soar.tcdsb.org](http://soar.tcdsb.org)  
 Call 416-393Your sch number here  
 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](http://www.tcdsb.org)  
 Stay in touch with the latest news  
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## RECIPIENTS AWARDS FOR THE VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: LOVE



Isabella A. Ms. Pacheco's /Ms. Remondini's JK/SK class  
Rosa L. Ms. Bugeja's SK/1 class  
Sofia S. Ms. James' 2/3 class  
Allison S. Ms. Mazza's 3/4 class  
Dayari C. Mr. Zamrij's 4/5 class  
Chloe T. Ms Costanzo's 6/7 class  
Shania R. Mr. Barber's 7/8 class  
Philip F. Mr. Servello's 8 class

### UPCOMING DATES:

#### **Monday, April 2, 2018**

Easter Monday

#### **Tuesday, April 3, 2018**

April is Autism Month: all classes gathered in the front of the school by the flag post for the raising of the Autism Flag

#### **Wednesday, April 4, 2018**

School mass at St. James (10 – 11)

M. Tavares: Grade 5 & 6 students – Excursion – Structures in Public Places

J. Saragosa and L. Cellucci: Resurrection Gardens

#### **Thursday, April 5, 2018**

M. Tavares: Grade 7 & 8 students – Excursion – Structures in Public Places

Peer Leadership Group: lunchtime meeting

#### **Friday, April 6, 2018**

Toronto Public Health World Changers: presentations to grades 4/5 and 6/7

### **Monday, April 9 – Friday, April 13, 2018 – Spirit Week**

#### **Monday, April 9, 2018**

Spirit Week: Hat Day

M. Mazza, G. Zamrij, S. Costanzo, T. Barber and D. Servello: Ballroom Dance # 2

Peer Leadership Group: lunchtime meeting

#### **Tuesday, April 10, 2018**

Spirit Week: Cultural Day

School Yard Renewal Project Committee Meeting @ 11:45 in room 207

#### **Wednesday, April 11, 2018**

Spirit Week: Crazy Hair Day

CSPC Meeting 6 – 7:15 pm in room 207

#### **Thursday, April 12, 2018**

Spirit Week: Pajama Day

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Pep Rally & Autism Awareness Assembly

**Friday, April 13, 2018**

Spirit Week: Canadiana Day

Fr. Ignacio Visit

S. Costanzo and J. Schneider: Ottawa Choir Excursion

CSPC Movie Night @ 6:30 pm – in the gym

**Monday, April 16, 2018**

M. Mazza, G. Zamrij, S. Costanzo, T. Barber and D. Servello: Ballroom Dance #3

Peer Leadership Group: lunchtime meeting - Library

Intermediate W5H: Round 1 – St. James Hosting in Room 207

**Tuesday, April 17, 2018**

Grade 7 Students: vaccination clinic – room 207

C. Costanzo: Scientist in the School

Junior Boys Volleyball Tournament: St. James Hosting

**Wednesday, April 18, 2018**

S. Costanzo: Girls in Non-Traditional Trades – BMTM

Junior Girls Volleyball Tournament: St. James Hosting

**Thursday, April 19, 2018**

Edge Imaging: School Panoramic Photo

**Friday, April 20, 2018**

Fr. Ignacio Visit – 11:15 – 11:45

**Monday, April 23, 2018**

M. Mazza, G. Zamrij, S. Costanzo, T. Barber and D. Servello: Ballroom Dance #4

Intermediate W5H: Round 2

**Thursday, April 26, 2018**

J. Bugeja: Scientist in the School (a.m.)

**Friday, April 27, 2018**

Fr. Ignacio Visit (11:15 - 11:45 pm)

**Monday, April 30, 2018**

M. Mazza, G. Zamrij, S. Costanzo, T. Barber and D. Servello: Ballroom Dance #5

Grades 2, 5, and 7: CAT/4 Begins

W5H: Round 3

**TESTING DATES CAT/4**

Grades 2, 5 and 7 classes

Begins April 30 – Tuesday, May 8, 2018

**EQAO**

Grades 3 and 6 classes

Tuesday, May 22 – Friday, June 1, 2018

## April Message from Trustee Poplawski



Easter Blessings! As we celebrate Easter and greet the coming of spring, we are provided with a much-needed opportunity to recharge spiritually and refocus on the important aspects of our lives.

The Board of Trustees has begun the budget setting process for the 2018-2019 school year. As always, I encourage parents and CSPCs to review the budget documents and let me know what your priorities are. For more information please visit, <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BudgetandFinance>.

Looking forward to seeing you at the TCDSB/OAPCE Annual Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grant event April 30<sup>th</sup> 6pm-9pm at the CEC. <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/OAPCE-Toronto>

Sincerely,  
Barbara Poplawski  
Trustee Ward 11  
Chair of the Board

### TCDSB SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2018-2019

Number of school days	194
Number of Professional Activity Days	7
Labour Day	September 3, 2018
First Instructional Day	September 4, 2018
Thanksgiving Day	October 8, 2018
Christmas Break	December 24, 2018–January 4, 2019
Start of second semester for secondary schools	February 4, 2019
Family Day	February 18, 2019
Mid-Winter Break	March 11–15, 2019
Good Friday	April 19, 2019
Easter Monday	April 22, 2019
Victoria Day	May 20, 2019
Last day of classes for elementary students	June 27, 2019

#### **Seven (7) Professional Activity (PA) Days for ELEMENTARY schools:**

October 5, 2018	Provincial Education Priorities/Faith Development
November 16, 2018	Parent-Teacher Conferences
December 7, 2018	Provincial Education Priorities
January 18, 2019	Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting
February 15, 2019	Parent-Teacher Conferences
June 7, 2019	Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting
June 28, 2019	Provincial Education Priorities

#### **It's vaccination time again!**

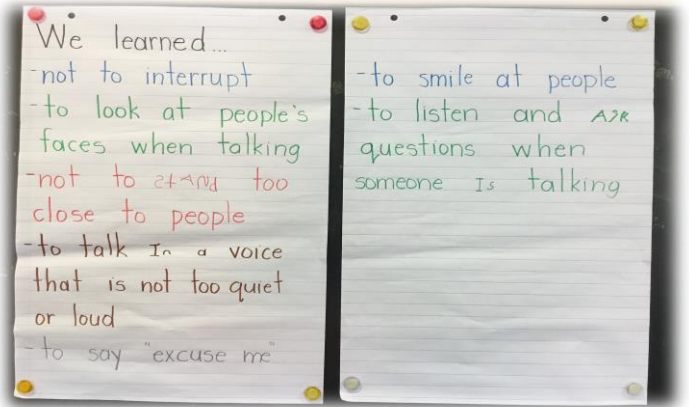
Nurses from Toronto Public Health will be here on April 17, 2018 to give Grade 7 students their next dose of the Hepatitis B and HPV vaccines. To be protected from Hepatitis B and HPV, you need two doses.

If you missed any vaccines from the first clinic you can still catch up. Please wear a loose sleeved top and eat a nutritious breakfast and lunch on the day of the clinic.

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## ST. JAMES TORONTO PUBLIC HEALTH WORLD CHANGERS PEER LEADERSHIP GROUP

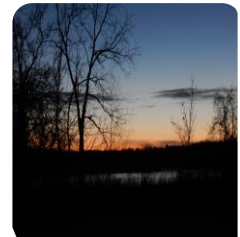
In March, our Peer Leaders organized and presented to the Junior Kindergarten, Senior Kindergarten and Grade 1 students. Here's what Ms. Pacheco and Ms. Remondini's students had to say:



(This writing sample includes both teacher and student writing. The strategy used is called "Sharing the Pen" and is a form of shared writing.)

## GRADE 7 AND 8 LAKE ST. GEORGE EXCURSION

On March 5, 6, and 7 our Intermediate students attended an overnight excursion at Lake St. George Conservation area. Students took part in various engaging learning opportunities related to nature and self-help skills. Thank you to all who helped make this trip a success!



## GIFTED CLASS AT ST. JAMES CS

I am pleased to announce the St. James Gifted Centre Debate Team did us proud on Friday February 2nd at the TCDSB Annual Debate Competition. Our amazing team finished Second overall out of all the participating Gifted centres in the TCDSB!

Special mention goes out to: Julia P Grade 7 student from St. Vincent De Paul, Reid K Grade 7 student from St. Cecilia, Honora M Grade 7 student from St. Cecilia and Isabelle T Grade 7 student from St. Cecilia. It should be noted that Isabelle T also won first place out of all participating TCDSB Gifted students in the Affirmative category.

It was an absolutely rousing and inspirational experience to watch these amazing young people perform with such commitment and passion. An unbelievable job all around, Congratulations to you all!



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## INSPIRATIONS



Roderick (Gr. 4 student) holds up an Andy Warhol inspired likeness of himself.

## SOCCER AT ST. JAMES CS

Over the past couple of days, the boys' and girls' soccer teams played at their respective Junior Soccer Divisional Tournaments. The boys and girls played with enthusiasm, dedication, sportsmanship and great teamwork. The girls finished second, only losing 2-1 in the finals after playing back to back games. They represented St. James proudly. We'd like to congratulate the following athletes for their effort and dedication over the past month.

Congratulations to Gift, Naima, Kayla, Stephanie, Thalia, Chloe, Senniyah, Alena and Larissa and Joseph, Joshua, Henrik, Benjamin, Taydon, Matias, Pedrito, Tyresse, Jason and Tevon.



**Monthly Update from the Board**  
**April 2018**

**Elementary International Languages After-Hours Program**

**Online Registration Starts May 12, 2018**

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

### **Event Reminders:**

#### **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<sup>nd</sup> is World Autism Awareness Day Special Event for Students, Families and Staff 8th Annual Autism Awareness Evening**

Featuring Aspie Comedian Michael McCreary

**Monday, April 9, 6:30 PM - 9:00PM**

Catholic Education Centre, 80 Sheppard Avenue East, 2nd floor

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## Angel Brigade Week

April 16-23, 2018

In support of the Angel Foundation for Learning

<http://www.angelfoundationforlearning.org/>

## Earth Day

April 22, 2018

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

## Staff Arts Production: "Curtains"--The Musical Comedy Whodunit

2018 Performance Dates: April 13, 14, 19, 20, and 21

In the theatre at Cardinal Carter Academy of the Arts (36 Greenfield Avenue Willowdale)

Order tickets online and save \$2.00: <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?ticketing=tcdsb>

For a manual ticket order form visit:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/affiliates/StaffArts/PastSeasons/20172018/Documents/Musical/TicketOrderFormCurtains2.pdf>

## CPIC - OAPCE PARENT SUMMIT

*Helping Parents Get to Know*

Saturday, May 5th, 2018

At the Catholic Education Centre

Get to know...Parent Engagement, Special Education, Math, Internet Safety, Positive Parenting, 21st Century Learning

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/ParentInvolvement/News-and-Events/Pages/cpic-parent-conference.aspx>

## Coming Soon:

- Catholic Education Week May 6-11, 2018
- Respect for Life Week May 13-18, 2018

## Opportunities for Students

### Student Trustee Elections

April 24, 2018

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/NewsAndEvents/2017-2018/Pages/electionofstudenttrustees.aspx>

## STUDENT JOB FAIR MAY 2, 2018

Ontario Science Centre

770 Don Mills Road, North York

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/Job-Fair.aspx>

## Autism Awareness School Bus Contest

Classes have the opportunity to WIN a FREE school bus for a class trip of their choice, just by demonstrating how their class is using the resources available on the Autism Services Portal. The winning class will be selected by way of random draw that will be taking place at the Autism Awareness flag raising event at the Catholic Education Centre on **Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. All entries must be received by **Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. [Click here for more information.](#)

## 11TH ANNUAL KIDS' WORLD OF ENERGY FESTIVAL

Relay Education is recruiting volunteers for the 11th annual Kids' World of Energy Festival.

[I want to volunteer!](#)

From **April 28 – May 3, 2018**, 1,600 students (ages 9-13) will participate in our children's education festival that focuses on energy and the environment.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/Kids-World-of-Energy-Festival.aspx>

### **KIDS: HELP NAME UP TO 12 RCMP FOALS!**

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) has a contest just for kids! The RCMP needs names for up to 12 foals born this spring at the RCMP breeding farm in Pakenham, Ontario. Individual winners and one school class will be selected from across Canada.

Online entries must be received no later than **April 30, 2018**;

Mail-in entries must be postmarked no later than **April 26 2018**.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/Help-name-RCMP-Foals.aspx>

### **Alliance of Jamaican Alumni Associations Bursary, Essay Writing Competition & Luncheon**

The bursary is open to all graduating Ontario High School students of Jamaican descent who are accepted into a post-secondary education program.

*THE ESSAY WRITING CONTEST IS OPEN TO ALL GRADUATING STUDENTS OF JAMAICAN DESCENT (WHETHER THEY APPLY FOR THE BURSARY OR NOT). THE DEADLINE FOR THIS IS MAY 18, 2018. DETAILS FOR ALL THREE OPPORTUNITIES*

*HERE:* [HTTPS://WWW.TCDSB.ORG/FORSTUDENTS/OPPORTUNITIESFORSTUDENTS/PAGES/ALLIANCE-OF-JAMAICAN-ALUMNI-ASSOC.ASPX](https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OPPORTUNITIESFORSTUDENTS/PAGES/ALLIANCE-OF-JAMAICAN-ALUMNI-ASSOC.ASPX)

**More opportunities for students here:**

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

**Information about Awards scholarships and bursaries:**

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



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May 9, 2018 @ 6:00 pm and learn about family  
activities that will help your child have a successful  
transition to kindergarten.

