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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

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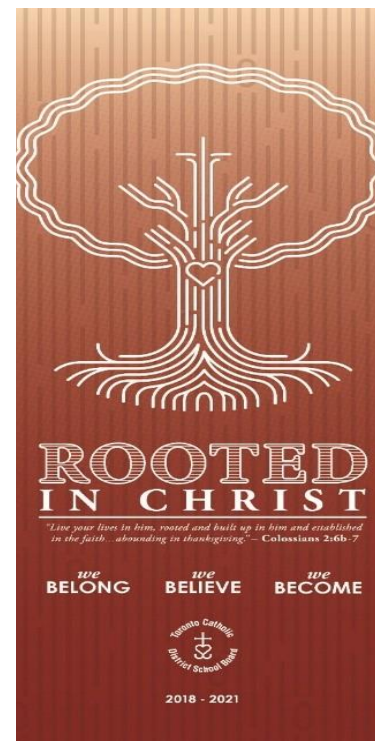
CPIC (PARENT ENGAGEMENT - TCDSB)

www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto

OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS)

186 9:00-3:30 pm 11:45-12:45

ENROLLMENT HOURS OF OPERATION LUNCH HOUR



Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the
difference.

Living one day at a time;

Enjoying one moment at a time;

Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;

Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it;

Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will;

That I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with
Him Forever in the next.

Amen.

Reinhold Niebuhr

TCDSB SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2019-2020

Number of school days	194
Number of Professional Activity Days	7
Labour Day	September 2, 2019
First Instructional Day	September 3, 2019
Thanksgiving Day	October 14, 2019
Christmas Break	December 23, 2019–January 3, 2020
Start of second semester for secondary schools	February 3, 2020
Family Day	February 17, 2020
Mid-Winter Break	March 16-20, 2020
Good Friday	April 10, 2020
Easter Monday	April 13, 2020
Victoria Day	May 18, 2020
Last day of classes for all students	June 25, 2020

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

November 15, 2019	Parent-Teacher Conferences
December 6, 2019	Provincial Education Priorities
January 17, 2020	Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting
February 14, 2020	Parent-Teacher Conferences
June 5, 2020	Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting
June 26, 2020	Provincial Education Priorities

ST. JAMES' CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

CSPC Upcoming meetings are scheduled for the following dates from 6:00-7:15 pm:

February 6, 2020
March 5, 2020
April 2, 2020
May 13, 2020
June 11, 2020

All are welcome to attend!

St. James Upcoming Dates:

Friday, January 24, 2020

New Year School Mass

CSPC Chicken Finger Lunch - cancelled

Saturday, January 25, 2020

First Reconciliation Meeting at St. James Church – 1 pm

January 27 – January 31, 2020

CSPC SPIRIT WEEK – details to follow

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Bell Let's Talk Day

Rosary Apostolate

CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS

Thank you to Loblaws Humber Market for making gingerbread people and gingerbread houses with our grades 1/2 and 3/4 classes. We had a great time.

Gingerbread Houses at Loblaws
On Thursday December 12,
Loblaws invited our class
to make gingerbread Houses.
I used candies and the
kind of candy that I use
was gum balls, spice candy,
small balls, and also long for
snow. I also used flat candy.
I also drank all the hot
chocolate but the hot
chocolate was hot too. I
ate chicken tenders, I
drank Apple juice. And the
hot chocolate was from
Starbucks. And I had lots
of fun! And I love it!



Gingerbread House
at Loblaws On Thursday
December 12, Loblaws invited
our class to make gingerbread houses.
It was so much fun and we
ate chicken tenders and juice.
We decorated gingerbread houses
with colourful candies. We
drank Starbucks hot chocolate.
We even decorated with
icing and it looked so
good to eat.
Ina

Gingerbread at Loblaws
On Tuesday December 17/19 our class
went to Loblaws. I would like to thank Loblaws
so much for inviting us. We had a great
time. I decorated my gingerbread, it was
delicious. I put so many marshmallows and
white chocolate chips with red icing,
it was so good! Lunch time was the best
party the chicken tender and wedges were
so good and the apple juice was good too.
The table was decorated so pretty and beautifully
with flowers. It was so nice, I'm sorry
we might have made a mess. Thank you
Loblaws! The parent volunteers were so
surprised at how we decorated our gingerbread
people. The cookies were covered with candy and
icing. Thank you Loblaws! written by Mary



Loblaws Class Visit
We went to Loblaws on Tuesday December
17 to decorate gingerbread cookies. My mom
came too. The tables were ready with candy and
icing. There were numbers under the plates. I
got the number 1, so I had to decorate
the gingerbread man and take a photo
for our gingerbread family. After
we got to decorate our own gingerbread
cookies! When it was lunch we got
chicken tenders and wedges from Loblaws.
It was so good! I had so much fun.
written by Oliver

HAT, MITTEN AND SCARF DONATIONS

A big thank you to all who donated hats, mittens and scarves to our St. James School Annual Mitten Tree. The items collected have been donated to Mary's Home Emergency Shelter. Wishing you all the best in the New Year!



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Raffle Prize Winners

On behalf of the St. James Catholic School Council, congratulations to the Grade 1/2 students in Mrs. James' class, for being our top classroom selling the most Holiday Raffle Tickets. Congratulations to the following three students who sold the most tickets: Nicole D., Isabella A. and Alicia C.

Thank You for Your Support: Families, Friends and Sponsors!

Thank you to all our families and friends who participated and supported this raffle.

On behalf of the St. James Catholic School Students, Parent Council, and Staff, a huge THANK YOU to all the noted sponsors for their support in making the Holiday Raffle a huge SUCCESS. With your support, our school successfully raised a total of \$3971.37 that will go towards meeting our CSPC goals this year such as Scientist in the Classroom program.

- Gotta Dance @ 3581 Dundas St W
- MPP Bhutila Karnoche
- Aquarius Scuba Diving Centre @ 4020 Dundas St W
- Flagship Property Ventures
- Food Basics @ Jane Park Plaza
- The White Room Spa Lounge @ 2843 Dufferin Street
- Daniel Le Chocolat Belge @ 4242 Dundas St W
- Five Guys @ Stockyards 70 Weston Rd
- Metro @ 2155 St.Clair Ave W
- Tim Hortons @ 3487 Dundas St W
- Swiss Chalet at Keele & St.Clair
- Loblaws @ 3671 Dundas St W
- Pizza @ Jane Park Plaza
- Edge Imaging
- Queen Margherita Pizza @ 785 Annette St.
- Moonbeam Books @ 335 Jane Street
- Starbucks @ Jane & St.Clair St W
- Cineplex Colossus, Woodbridge
- Happy Kingdom Entertainment @ Stockyards Village
- Massage Therapy @ 385 Jane St
- Tru North Orthodontics @ 3883 Rutherford Rd
- Osmow's Shawarma @ 2583 St.Clair Ave

HOMEWORK BASICS

In elementary school, homework is assigned to reinforce skills and concepts and to extend classroom learning.

A Parent's Supporting Role

When it comes to homework, be there to offer support and guidance, answer questions, help interpret assignment instructions, and review the completed work. Resist the urge to provide the right answers or complete assignments. It is important for your child to develop the skills and confidence to complete homework and projects independently.

1. Create a Homework-friendly Space

It is important that the workspace is:

- well-lit and comfortable
- stocked with school supplies (pens, pencils, paper, stapler, calculator, ruler, etc.) and references (dictionary, thesaurus)
- quiet and free from distractions, such as TV, video games, social networking, phone calls or other family members

Computers should be kept in a common space, rather than a bedroom, so that parents can monitor use. Parental controls are available through your Internet service provider (ISP), and software that blocks and filters inappropriate material can be purchased.

Younger children may prefer working at the kitchen/dining room table where they can receive encouragement and assistance from you. Older children may prefer to work in their rooms, but parents should check in periodically and review homework when it is completed.

2. Establish Homework Routines

Send the message that schoolwork is a top priority by establishing a regular time each day for homework to be completed. Some families do not allow TV, phone calls, video game-playing, social networking, etc., until homework is done and checked.

3. Supporting Homework and Study Habits

Help your child to assess their homework and what it involves on a daily basis. In this way, your child can develop strategies to manage the workload. Some students prefer to complete harder assignments first, while others prefer to start with the easier tasks. Individual learning needs, coupled with a plan for breaks, will determine which homework approach best helps your child to maintain focus and energy. Encourage your child to prepare for tests by scheduling study sessions well in advance, in order to avoid cramming or last-minute panic.

Parents should not hover at homework time but may need to monitor their child's frustration levels and comprehension. This will help you to communicate effectively with your child's teacher at parent-teacher conferences and throughout the year. Ongoing struggles with assignments or homework completion could indicate broader issues which may require investigation to ensure your child's success.

4. Instill Organization Skills

Organizational skills are essential for academic and personal success. Teach your child how to use their school agenda effectively, recording all assignments and due dates. Most school planners offer helpful suggestions for managing time and achieving goals. Many families also find a wall calendar useful to keep track of tests, assignments, extracurricular activities, rehearsals, special events, etc. Help your child organize and set out what they need the night before, e.g., homework, books, clothes, permission letters, etc. This practice builds important life skills and reduces family stress in the morning rush.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Make sure your child knows that you are there to listen to their feelings and concerns, and that you do not expect perfection – only that they try their best. Encourage effort and perseverance in all they do.

Working together to support your child's success, F. Amato, Guidance Teacher Counsellor



Monthly Update from the Board

January 2020

Important Information for Parents

Labour Update

Throughout the days and weeks ahead, we encourage everyone to watch for regular updates on our website at <https://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2020/Pages/LabourUpdate.aspx>, and to follow @TCDSB on Twitter, check the 24-information line at 416-222-8282, extension 2873 or sign up for E-News (for email notifications) at <https://web1.tcdsb.org/InterestSubscription/subscription.aspx>.

Kindergarten Registration Starts January 15, 2020

TCDSB looks forward to welcoming new students for September 2020. Registration for kindergarten begins **Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 10 a.m. EST.**

Apply online: **SOAR.tcdsb.org**. Details: <https://www.tcdsb.org/kindergartenregistration>

Registration for Extended French: www.tcdsb.org/extendedfrench

Registration for French Immersion: www.tcdsb.org/frenchimmersion

Registration for Night School Credit Classes

Registration begins January 8th. Classes begin February 24th and 25th. For detailed information, see

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/ContinuingEducation/Pages/Default.aspx>

Parent & Community Reps Needed:

TCDSB Advisory Committee for Spanish-Speaking Communities

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is pleased to invite members of the community to consider serving on the Advisory Committee for Spanish-Speaking Communities. Interested applicants are invited to indicate their interest by completing the online [application form](#) and submitting it by **January 15th, 2020** to the attention of David Letra by email at: david.letra@tcdsb.org or regular mail: David Letra, Community Relations Department, 80 Sheppard Ave. E., Toronto, ON, M2N 6E8. More info: [click here](#).

Special Education Advisory Committee

The Special Education Advisory Committee is seeking representatives from the community and from local associations dedicated to supporting students with special needs. Details:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Pages/SEACSeeksCommunityRepresentatives.aspx>

Automated Speed Enforcement Systems to be Installed in School Zones

The City of Toronto has announced the installation of Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) systems across the City of Toronto. ASE is intended to enhance road safety in Community Safety Zones near schools. The system captures any vehicle travelling in excess of the posted speed limit. This includes emergency vehicles and municipal fleet vehicles.

Transportation services is installing 50 portable ASE systems near schools, and it is anticipated that they will rotate every three to six months within city wards.

An educational campaign will be launched to inform drivers of the presence of an ASE system. During the initial period, the plate owner will simply be issued a warning letter to confirm that the vehicle was moving faster than the posted speed limit. No response to these warning letters is required.

The City expects to move to issuing tickets in spring 2020. No demerit points will be issued nor will the registered owner's driving record be impacted. For more information, please visit toronto.ca/ASE or contact the ASE team at ASE@toronto.ca.

Updates on Weather Related Cancellations or Closures

Traffic congestion and varying road conditions can impact the flow of traffic in Toronto, and this is particularly true during the winter months when snow and ice can be a major factor. The Toronto Student Transportation Group provides information about school bus delays digitally through [their website](#). Update on delays: <https://busplannerweb.torontoschoolbus.org/Cancellations.aspx>. Parents are encouraged to subscribe to the transportation portal to get real time information about any transportation issues:

<https://busplannerweb.torontoschoolbus.org/Subscriptions/Login.aspx> and to follow @TCDSB and @TOSchoolBus on Twitter.

General Information

Caucus Results

- Ward 1 Trustee Joseph Martino was elected Chair
- Angela Kennedy, Trustee for Ward 11 was elected Vice-Chair.

More: <https://www.tcdsb.org/News/NewsReleases/newsrelease20182019/NewsRelease-Nov29-2019.pdf>

Financial Statements

The Audited Financial Statements for 2019 have been posted to the board's website:

https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BudgetandFinance/Documents/Toronto_Catholic_District_School_Board_08312019_FINAL_FS.pdf

Director's Annual Report

Check out some of the many highlights from the past school year in the 2019-2020 Annual Report:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BoardAdministration/DirectorofEducation/Pages/AnnualReport-2018-2019.aspx>

Rooted in Christ: we Believe

You are invited to explore the resources and information relating to our pastoral plan at

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/rooted-in-christ/webelieve/Pages/weBelieveResources.aspx>

Suggested Activity for the Year: Consider who inspires you, who nurtures your faith, who acts as a mentor and role model of Catholic living. Is it your school chaplain? A parent or other family member? Your pastor or other member of your parish? A teacher or other staff at your school? A colleague or friend? Share your stories through a STEAM project, written work (poem, story, article), a short video, art, music or technology. Celebrate those who have guided you on your own journey of faith. Share your ideas and initiatives on social media (@TCDSB #TCDSBelieves). Send your submissions to ncc.team@tcdsb.org.

TCDSB Working Towards Net Zero Status

The Toronto Catholic District School Board believes in the critical role that our Catholic schools and facilities play in promoting environmental responsibility and providing leadership and direction for the protection and conservation of the environment. The TCDSB's Environment Committee is committed to working with all TCDSB stakeholders in their continued efforts to create a culture of conservation at TCDSB, consistent with the ideas expressed in Pope Francis' 2015 *Laudato Si*. More: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/environment/NetZero/Pages/default.aspx>

Nominations are Invited for the 2020 TCDSB Awards

Awards Night is our traditional celebration to launch Catholic Education Week and an opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of our alumni, students, staff and friends of Catholic education. Nominations are invited for the following awards:

- [Download the TCDSB Alumni Award Nomination Form here.](#)
- [Download the TCDSB Award of Merit Nomination Form here.](#)
- [Download the TCDSB Friends of Catholic Education Award Nomination Form here.](#)

The deadline for all nominations is January 31.

Calendar of Meetings for 2020

Click here <https://www.tcdsb.org/Calendar/Documents/AnnualCalendarOfMeetings2020.pdf> for the draft calendar of board and committee meetings. Please note that dates and times of meetings are subject to change.

Events/Meetings:

- January's Virtue is Courage
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/VirtueoftheMonth/Pages/Default.aspx#January>
- January 22, 2020 Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting
- January 23, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
- January 27, 2020 Family Literacy Day
- January 27, 2020 International Holocaust Remembrance Day
- January 27, 2020 Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education Meeting
- January 30, 2020 Bell Let's Talk Day

TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES - 2019-2020

Ward

1. Joseph Martino	416-512-3401	8. Garry Tanuan	416-512-3408
2. Markus de Domenico	416-512-3402	9. Norm Di Pasquale	416-512-3409
3. Ida Li Preti	416-512-3403	10. Daniel Di Giorgio	416-512-3410
4. Teresa Lubinski	416-512-3404	11. Angela Kennedy	416-512-3411
5. Maria Rizzo, Chair	416-512-3405	12. Nancy Crawford	416-512-3412
6. Frank D'Amico	416-512-3406	Taylor Dallin, Student Trustee	416-512-3413
7. Mike Del Grande, Vice-Chair	416-512-3407	Kathy Nguyen, Student Trustee	416-512-3417



Rory McGuckin, Director of Education

Maria Rizzo, Chair of the Board