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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

October 2017

PRINCIPAL'S PRAYER

A Gratitude Blessing for Our Work

May the light of your soul guide you.

May the light of your soul bless the work You do with the secret love and warmth of your heart.

May you see in what you do the beauty of your own soul.

May the sacredness of your work bring healing, light and renewal to those who work with you and to those who see and receive your work.

May your work never weary you. May it release within you wellsprings of refreshment, inspiration and excitement.

May you be present in what you do. May you never become lost in the bland absences. May the day never burden you.

May dawn find you awake and alert, approaching your new day with dreams, possibilities and promises.

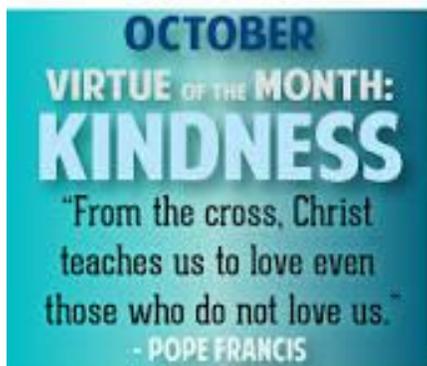
May evening find you gracious and fulfilled.

May you go into the night blessed, sheltered and protected.

May your soul calm, console and renew you.

-John O'Donohue

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible." -St. Francis of Assisi



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186	9:00-3:30 pm	11:45-12:45
ENROLLMENT	HOURS OF OPERATION	LUNCH HOUR



NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: 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

Stay in touch with the latest news throughout the school year: Follow @TCDSB on Twitter or Toronto Catholic DSB on Instagram

Guidance Corner – October

Transition to Secondary School

October will be a busy month for the grade 8 students as they begin the high school application process. The After 8 transition guides for both students and parents will be delivered to the school soon, so you can expect to learn more about the process when your child brings them home. Please note the following important dates:

- **Monday, October 23rd, 2017** – The applications will be available for printing at the school. Expect the application to come home on or just after this date.
- **Monday, November 6th, 2017** – Applications are due back at the School Board, therefore, they **must be returned to the school well before to ensure early arrival. Teachers will provide due dates to your child so please be sure to return the forms completed correctly and on time.**

Don't forget to visit prospective Catholic Secondary Schools. Open House dates have been posted in your child's class. Students are encouraged to note the dates and visit **your local secondary schools** to learn about the programs that they offer. Or you can access a list on line at the following link:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/default.aspx>.

Creating Pathways to Success

This year, students from grades one to eight will be encouraged to use www.myBlueprint.ca/tcdsb as a tool to reflect on their growth throughout elementary school. Creating Pathways to Success asks that students think about: Who Am I? What Are My Opportunities? Who do I Want to Become? And What Are My Plans for Achieving My Goals?

Throughout the year, Intermediate students will be required to work on their Individual Pathways Plans (IPP) while students from grades one to six will develop their All About Me online Portfolios. Encourage your children to share their accounts with you. The site is fully accessible from home.

The Nurturing our Catholic Community Team is pleased to provide you with information and resources relating to the Virtue of the Month as well as other significant events coming up for the month of October.

October's Virtue is Gratitude

Please visit our website for the monthly resources connected to the virtue of the month.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/VirtueoftheMonth/Pages/Default.aspx>

Tip of the Month:

Let's show gratitude for those we work with and those who support our students. And let's share what we have with those who have less.

Gratitude is a flower that blooms in noble souls. -- Pope Francis

Rosary Day- Thursday, October 5, 2017*

Rosary Day is celebrated on October 7th, or on the First Friday of October. Given that October 7th falls on a Saturday, and there is a PA day on October 6th, all schools are encouraged to celebrate Rosary Day on Thursday, October 5th.

The Rosary- Contemplative Prayer



The Word rosary is from the Latin rosarium, or “rose garden.” The Rosary is a prayerful reflection on the life of Jesus, which involves contemplating certain Gospel scenes, the “mysteries”, in the company of Mary. For Pope John Paul II, “The Rosary, precisely because it starts with Mary’s own experience, is an *exquisitely* contemplative prayer.” (Rosarium Virginis Mariae, 12).

The History of the Rosary

The Rosary is the most popular of all the Marian devotions. It was revealed to St. Dominic by the Blessed Mother in the 13th century and in 1470, Blessed Alan of Rupe, a Dominican preacher, founded the first Rosary confraternity. At Lourdes and Fatima, Our Lady encouraged the children to pray the Rosary often. The fifteen mysteries of the Rosary focused on incidents in the lives of Jesus Christ and Mary.

On October 16th, 2002, St. John Paul II marked the 24th anniversary of his election by signing the apostolic letter Rosarium Virginis Mariae, “The Rosary of the Virgin Mary” in which he suggested five new “Mysteries of Light,” or Luminous Mysteries as follows:

- The Baptism of Jesus
- The Wedding at Cana
- The Proclamation of The Kingdom of God
- The Transfiguration
- The Institution of the Holy Eucharist

The complete Rosary now consists of twenty decades divided into four distinct parts, the Joyful, the Luminous, the Sorrowful, and the Glorious Mysteries, each containing five decades and one mystery per decade.

- [How to Pray the Rosary](#)
- [Mysteries of the Rosary](#)
- [Prayers of the Rosary](#)
- [Mysteries of the Rosary and Scriptural Meditations](#)
- [How to use the Rosary on SMARTBoard](#)
- [Praying the Living Rosary](#)

ANGEL FOUNDATION FOR LEARNING

THE ANGEL FOUNDATION FOR LEARNING SUPPORTS SCHOOL TRIPS THROUGH THE SCHOOL ALLOCATION FUND. EACH SCHOOL CAN APPLY FOR UP TO \$500 TO OFFSET THE COSTS OF THESE TRIPS FOR STUDENTS THAT WOULD OTHERWISE NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE.

You can help by purchasing a ticket to the **Evening to Feed the Soul Gala**, celebrating 30 years of helping students in TCDSB schools. The event takes place **November 10th** and tickets are on sale now. www.aflgala.org. Visit the AFL website to learn more about the work of the Foundation.



The Pope App

An official mobile application launched by the Roman Catholic Church and the Vatican in 2013. This free app can be downloaded on any smart device and is available in 5 languages! Download the Pope App and read in English, French, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish!

Reminder: Nuit Blanche September 30-October 1, 2017 Features TCDSB Student Artwork

We Are/C'est Nous: TCDSB's celebration of Canada150 through art, culture, history and the environment using mixed media on tessellating tiles.

With themes reflecting Arts and Culture, History and the Environment, this artist collective will embrace the beauty of Canada by providing images from over 200 communities in Toronto celebrating *Canada150*. On display at Monsignor Fraser College, Isabella Campus, 146 Isabella Street (rear of the building).

Passage Into Light: Monsignor Fraser College focuses on Canada as a home to many migrants who escaped economic strife, war, and persecution. This interactive installation is a symbolic narrative on migration. It celebrates the history of Canadian compassion and acceptance. It also highlights how a tradition of acceptance can change lives and consequently transform a nation in profound ways. This red-and-white mosaic dwelling radiates a kaleidoscope of colours. The installation is indoors at 146 Isabella Street.

Celebrating TCDSB History--#Canada150TCDSB

As the celebration of Canada's 150th anniversary of confederation continues, the Board also continues to celebrate its place in Canadian history. Did you know that the history of Catholic education in the Toronto area predates confederation? We continue to celebrate our faith traditions, as we share some heritage moments through videos, images and text via twitter. Follow us on @TCDSB to get the whole story.

Reminder: Plan Ahead for Catholic Education Week May 6-11, 2018

Renewing the Promise

Find all the resources for the week from OCSTA here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/CatholicEducationWeek/Pages/Default.aspx>

And for Respect for Life Week May 13-18, 2018

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Respect-for-Life-Week.aspx>

OCSTA'S 2017 SHORT VIDEO YOUTUBE CONTEST

Stewards of Creation is the theme for OCSTA's 2017 Short Video YouTube Contest for students in grades 4-12 at Ontario's publicly-funded Catholic schools. This theme invites students to demonstrate in a 2-minute video how they are protecting and caring for the natural, living environment as good "Stewards of Creation." **Deadline for Submissions: November 27, 2017.** [Please click here for more details.](#)

Contest guidelines and submission forms are located at: <http://www.ocsta.on.ca/media-centre/2017-short-video-contest/>

Other Dates to Note:

October is Autism Awareness Month, Child Abuse Prevention Month, Hispanic Canadian Heritage Month, Learning Disabilities Month and Walk to School Month

October 1—International Day of Older Persons

October 2--National Custodial Workers Day

October 5—World Teachers' Day

October 9—Thanksgiving Day

October 10—World Mental Health Day

October 11—International Day of the Girl

October 17—A Catholic Call to Serve (which coincides with the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty)

October 25—Early Childhood Educator and Childcare Worker Day

October 26-28—[When Faith Meets Pedagogy](#)

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Reminder: Curriculum Night is Thursday, October 5, 2017 @ 7 pm serving complimentary pizza/beverage to parents and students at 6:30 pm. See you there!

If you haven't purchased an agenda, you can purchase one on Curriculum night directly from your teacher. The cost is \$10 and it goes towards student learning. Thank you for your support!

ALLERGIES

Parents of students with allergies please be reminded to return the forms you received at year end in June. It is vital for us to have up to date information regarding students with allergies. As well, not having this in place is delaying the safety assembly. Please make this a priority. Thank you.

Electronic communication includes but is not limited to Internet use, e-mail, and social media, browsing, publishing or posting on web sites, downloading, accessing or storing files and use of personal electronic devices.

The use of an electronic communication system within the Board has an educational and professional purpose. The term **educational and professional purpose** includes classroom activities and limited high quality, self-discovery activities.

The **TCDSB Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)** governs the proper use of technology and electronic communication in our schools. The purpose of the AUP is to provide students and their parents with a set of guidelines that outline the safe and appropriate use of technology within our Catholic School system. Included in the AUP is a definition of **electronic communication** to include social media, website publishing, and the use of **personal electronic devices (PED's)**. In addition, it addresses expectations surrounding the **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)** policy effective as of September 2012. While these devices are not mandatory for classroom activities, they may be included when there is a clear educational purpose that has been identified by the teacher.

All parents and students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the AUP. For parents, the full text of the TCDSB AUP can be found at: <http://www.tcdsb.org/board/policies/aup>

A summary of the AUP expectations for students in the TCDSB:

Welcome to Nicole Domondon!

Nicole is a third-year nursing student at Ryerson University and will be at the school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays until the end of November. Throughout her stay, she will be providing resources to help inform the students on ways to practice health promotion and protection. She will be collaborating with Public Health and the Primary grade teachers to develop a learning plan that will focus on teaching the students proper health promotion techniques to help decrease the spread of common sicknesses such as the flu. During her time at the school, she will be presenting a hand washing activity with the Primary grades and will be putting together a bulletin board that will include helpful tips on how to reduce the spread of germs. Her overall goal in the school community is to provide information and health services that will benefit the staff, students, and families.

St. James CS is pleased to be offering our Student Nutrition Program.



Each day we are preparing a healthy a morning meal snack for every student. It will consist of 2-3 food groups from grain products; milk and alternatives; vegetables and fruits.

The benefits of student nutrition are abundant:

- Students' academic and social outcomes are improved
- Encourages healthier food choices
- Students are able to role model healthy eating to their peers
- Creates a caring environment and adds excitement to the school
- Strengthens and engages the school community

There are currently over 800 Student Nutrition Programs operating each day across the city of Toronto that are participating in the movement of healthy school food.

Our program receives a small portion of Municipal and Provincial grant funding but it is not enough to cover the full cost of running the program. Parental contributions and school fundraising are an important part of sustaining the program and is a necessary criteria to receiving these grants. The reality is that our program will not survive without **your** help!

We are asking you to please contribute a suggested amount of \$20.00/per term. The first term is from October 10-December 22, 2017. This is a universal program where snack is made available to all students while contributions are made towards sustaining the program. These contributions can be made for any amount, at any time and as many times as desired. Tax receipts are available for donations of \$20 or more, please see the form on reverse.

We thank you for your continued support.

