



ST. JOACHIM CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The best month of the year has arrived! T'is the season to be jolly and full of hope. This year the season of Advent starts this Sunday, December 1, and continues for three weekends until Christmas Eve. Advent is both a commemoration of Christ's first coming as a baby, and an anticipation of His second coming. Our weekly Advent liturgies are on Monday afternoons from 12:50-1:05 in the gym. Please join us if you are able.

As well, to prepare us for Advent, Fr. Dominic will be administering the sacrament of Reconciliation on December 2 in the morning at school and will be celebrating our Advent Mass on December 12 in our school gym.

Save the date! Our Christmas concerts are on Thursday, December 19 in the gym; the two Kindergarten classes will perform at 11 am and Grade 1 to Grade 4 at 1pm. More details will follow with your child's teacher.

Our School Learning Plan has been posted on our portal, along with our newsletters, calendars and agendas for all P.A. Days.

Thank you all for your participation in Movie Night and our fundraiser. As well, we also raised over \$600 for Charity from our cookie sales. Please look for our flyers on items needed by Good Shepherd and Rosalie Hall. We really appreciate your support of our school and local community.

If I do not see you before the Christmas holidays, I wish you and your families all the peace, joy and love this holy Christmas season brings. May our Lord Jesus Christ keep you safe until we see you all back at school on Monday, January 6, 2020.

Yours in Catholic Education,
Nicole Peres

The Virtue for December is *Charity*

Peace I leave you, my peace I give to you

John 14:27

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

December 2019

Nicole Peres

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300	9:00-3:30	11:45-12:45
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ENROLLMENT HOURS OF OPERATION LUNCH HOUR

NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: soar.tcdsb.org

Call 416-393-5292 or the TCDSB Admissions Department at 416-222-8282, ext. 2383.

For general information about the Toronto Catholic District School Board, please visit the website at www.tcdsb.org

Stay in touch with the latest news throughout the school year: Follow @TCDSB on Twitter.

CSPC

Our CPSC Fundraiser – Cookie Dough by Macmillan, was not successful. The cookie dough company we used last year left Canada and Macmillan took over. We will research another company if we decide to do it again next year.

We are also doing a battery collection. Bring your batteries in. The more we have, the more money we get! Our grade 7s will be working to help motivate the student body to bring in batteries.

The last week of December is a 'dress down week'. It will cost \$5 to wear clothes other than your uniform for the whole week.

Please join your parent council who work to support our students' achievement. Share your ideas and your time at the next CSPC meeting on Wednesday, January 15 in the Library to discuss our next fundraiser.

The St. Joachim CSPC

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

It is with continued pleasure that we keep introducing to you "School Cash Online". Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE for all school activities, including pizza day, spirit wear, and class trips. It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Start by clicking on the link below and then "Get Started Today" <https://tcdsb.schoolcashonline.com>

Please follow these step-by-step instructions, so you will begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your children. In the event that assistance is required, select the SUPPORT option in the top right hand corner of the screen.

Housekeeping

Please make sure to give us your preferred email address as we will be communicating with you via email, including the monthly newsletters and calendars, and all important information from the school. We also need an update phone number so that the system can call you when your child is absent. You all should be signed up on School Messenger and on the Transportation Portal.

If you are bringing lunch for your child, please bring it by 11:40. Students eat their lunch from 11:45-12:05 then they go outside to play. Students are unable to eat late deliveries until recess time so please bring the lunches in a timely manner. See the school schedule below.

Bell Times

9:00	Arrival (there is supervision from 8:40 to 9:00 in the backyard)
10:42-10:57	Recess
11:45-12:45	Lunch (students eat their lunch from 11:45-12:05 inside, then go out to play from 12:05-12:45)
2:10-2:25	Recess
3:30	Dismissal

**Please note that your child should not be in the school yard before 8:40am as there is no supervision.*

Student Nutrition/Snack Program

Parents your children continue to receive fresh, healthy snacks every day that Miss Rosemarie prepares for us. We will send home a paper copy for December's donation. Thank you to all who have donated. Please continue to donate or begin donating if you haven't already. We truly need and appreciate your generous support for this healthy program. Best of all, you can now donate online using Cash Online. Choose "Nutrition" and donate online with tax receipts available. If you have not yet registered on Cash Online, please read the section above which explains how to register.

Allergy Alert

Please note that we have a number of students who have dangerous, life-threatening allergies to certain foods. For that reason, we expect that students will not bring any food items that contain peanuts or nuts.

This policy extends to bringing food items for the whole class for birthdays and holidays. If you would like to purchase a small token for the children, cute erasers, pencils or anything that is not edible would be acceptable.

Sports

Our boys and girls volleyball teams played in their divisional meets and both did well. This year, for the first time in many years, the girls brought home the pennant! Good job girls. Both teams played well, represented our school well, and enjoyed their day of volleyball.

Our Primary soccer teams will be playing on December 3 and 5. We wish them luck!
Get ready for basketball in January.

Our November Empathy Award Winners:

We are happy to announce our November Empathy Award winners...

Mrs. Wigglesworth and Ms. Villamora: JK/SK – Jason
Mrs. Dodge: Gr 1 – Yegerm
Mrs. Totten: Gr 2 – Michael P
Mrs. Penafiel: Gr 3 – Joshua B
Mrs. Zutautas: Gr 5 – Nebyu
Mr. Cotton: Gr 6/7 – Rishawn
Mr. Bryce: Gr 8 – Jeffery

Mrs. Buonaiuto and Mrs. Bolos-Kirby: JK/SK– Austin
Mrs. Knutson: Gr 1 – Ajay
Mrs. Robinson: Gr 2 – Hadassa
Ms. Coccimiglio: Gr 4 – Isaiah
Ms. Strucchelli: Gr 6 – Mariana
Mr. Murphy: Gr 7 – Justin
Ms. So and Mrs. Amaral - Justin

Virtue Awards

Virtue of **Peace** – November

We are happy to announce our November Virtue Award winners...

Mrs. Wigglesworth and Ms. Villamora: JK/SK – Arabella
Mrs. Dodge: 1 – Anthea
Mrs. Robinson: Gr 2 – Jada
Mrs. Penafiel: Gr 3 – Gabie
Mrs. Zutautas: Gr 5 – Carren
Mr. Cotton: Gr 6/7 – Hannah
Mr. Bryce: Gr 8 – Louise

Mrs. Buonaiuto and Mrs. Bolos-Kirby: JK/SK – Amelia
Mrs. Knutson: Gr 1 – Caitlin
Mrs. Totten: Gr 2/3 – Aniyah
Ms. Coccimiglio: Gr 4 – Sessen
Ms. Strucchelli: Gr 6 – Seira
Mr. Murphy: Gr 7– Seira

Thanks to the Safe School Team for their announcements on mindful breathing and for leading our whole school meditation. Look for their next set of announcements on 'Getting Enough Sleep'. 10 hours per day are recommended.



**Have a very Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!**

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