



St. John The Evangelist CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S AND VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

During the month of December, we continued to work together as a community of believers committed to putting the values of our faith into practice in the daily life of the school, the home, and in all of society by practicing kindness and charity. We focussed on the birth of our saviour, Jesus Christ. We were blessed to have Mr. McKeever work with us and thank him for his leadership. The students also enjoyed celebrating a Christmas inspired spirit week dressing up in Christmas colours, wearing pyjamas, and different hats.

In January we focus on the virtue of courage. Isaiah, 41:10 states, "Do not be afraid, for I am with you." We know that our Lord is with us and will guide us.

On behalf of the St. John The Evangelist staff, we wish everyone a very Happy New Year filled with many blessings for a healthy, safe, happy, and peaceful 2021.

Antonietta Grossi
Principal

Elizabeth Russell
Vice Principal



CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

January 2021

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523 8:30am-3:00pm 11:15am-12:15pm

ENROLLMENT HOURS OF OPERATION LUNCH HOUR

NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: soar.tcdsb.org

Call 416-393-5244 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 and @SJECES

Christmas Inspired Spirit Week

From December 16 to December 20, the school community enjoyed many activities. Some of the activities included green day, red day, pyjama day, Christmas Hat/headband day, to build school spirit and celebrate the Christmas Season.

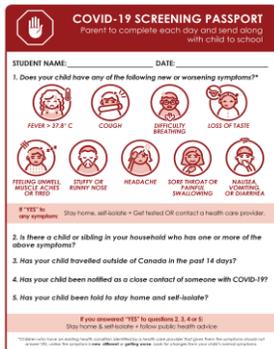
Recipients of the Virtue of the Month:

We congratulate the following monthly virtue award recipients who demonstrated the following virtues:

November – Peace: Lydia V., Gabriel P., Lillian B., Nicole & Samuel, Daliah S., Bennett P., Layla E., Kamsi A., Claire K., Praise J., Jeremy F., Kalani W., Santiago S., Nicolas P., Brooklynn H., John Oliver T., Arianna K., Sheiloh Q., Juliette O., Christian C., Anisa B., Diola V., Brianah K., Alex T.

December – Charity: William R., Jaxon P., Jason F., Muna E., Massimo, Khloe, Jacob, Sarah L., Julian D., Isaiah M., Jason I., Godswill C., Osasogie O., Antonio S., Cole W., Precious A., Jason B., Melvin S., Vanessa R., Claudio F., Logan B. Leona J., Betanya E., Bridget P., Alexandro Q., Olivia D., Noah

COVID-19 Student Passports



The image shows a 'COVID-19 SCREENING PASSPORT' form. It includes fields for 'STUDENT NAME' and 'DATE'. The form contains several questions with icons representing symptoms: 1. Does your child have any of the following new or worsening symptoms? (Fever > 38°C, Cough, Difficulty Breathing, Loss of Taste, Feeding Issues, Irritability or Runny Nose, Headache, Sore Throat or Runny Swallowing, Nausea, Vomiting, or Diarrhea). 2. In the last 14 days, has there been a child or sibling in your household who has one or more of the above symptoms? 3. Has your child travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days? 4. Has your child been notified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19? 5. Has your child been told to stay home and self-isolate? There is a 'YES' box for 'any symptoms' and a 'Call Health Care provider' instruction.

Families are reminded to screen their children's health each morning and sign the Covid-19 each morning for students to attend in-school learning. Please do not sign the passports days in advance. Passports for January will be emailed later in the week. The screening Passport is also available at the website below.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/back-to-school/Documents/tcdsb-covid-19-checklist.pdf>.

Kindergarten Registration for Enrolment September 2021

JK registration will launch on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021 at 10:00 AM EST.

Children born in 2017 are eligible to attend JK in September!

Important Information and Process Details:

- Parents to submit applications online, and upload documents for review at: <https://soar.tcdsb.org>
- The COVID-19 acceptance of terms for registration will continue to be included on the application.

COVID-19 Mental Health Resources

It's OK not to feel OK - COVID-19 Mental Health Resources (Ctrl+click to follow this link)

The City of Toronto has partnered with ten organizations to help connect residents to free telephone, text and online mental health support during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additional Financial Support for Young Learners (Ctrl+click to follow the link above)

Families residing in Ontario can complete a simple online application through the Support for Learners web page. Applications will remain open until **January 15, 2021**.

Reminders

Winter Clothing

Winter is a fun season for students that allows them to experience and enjoy a variety of outdoor activities and sports if they are dressed appropriately. During the winter months, **students should be wearing coats/jackets, mittens/gloves, hats, scarves, and boots** when they go outside to play at the recesses. It is also important that coats/jackets are buttoned or zipped up. Please take the time to work with your child to ensure that he/she knows how to button/zip up his/her coat/jacket.



Also, all students **must have a pair of indoor closed toed shoes at school**. Boots are for outdoor use and not to be worn in the classroom. Students need to have closed toed shoes on at all times, especially when going to the washroom, changing classrooms, or participating in emergency drills for fire or evacuation. It is also a good idea to have your child carry a clean pair of socks in his/her backpack in case of wet feet.

Thank you for your co-operation in ensuring your children are coming to school dressed properly.

Inclement Weather

With the approach of winter, please note that should it become necessary to cancel school bus transportation or close schools due to inclement weather, the Communications Department and the Toronto Student Transportation Group will endeavor to provide announcements and updates by 7:00 am through the following vehicles: News releases to radio and television outlets in Toronto, the Board's 24 hour information line at 416022208282, Ext. 2873, the

Board's website at www.tcdsb.org, and the Toronto Student Transportation Group at <http://www.schoolbus.to/home.asp>. Get all the information all year long by following Twitter @TCDSB.

SUPERVISION

A reminder that supervision in the school or yard begins at 8:15 am. **Supervision in the yards is available from 8:15 a.m. onward.**

STUDENT PICK UP

If you normally pick up your child up at the end of the day, please remember to remain to stay safe especially in the church parking lot with students and families walking and driving.

FOOD ALLERGIES



As in the past, please note that we have a growing number of students in our school that have severe, life-threatening allergies to peanuts, nuts, eggs and/or

fish. This is a medical condition that may cause a severe anaphylactic reaction to specific foods that can be fatal. Although this may not affect a student in your child's class directly, we ask that you **DO NOT SEND ANY PRODUCTS THAT MAY CONTAIN PEANUT, NUT, EGG AND/OR FISH PRODUCTS TO SCHOOL**, as children can come into contact with one another elsewhere in the school. For this reason and for current health and safety protocols due to COVID-19, students are not allowed to share food at school. **Please note that if a student has another kind of food allergy, you will receive a note home informing you to refrain from sending in foods containing said allergen (ex. coconuts).**

We are also requesting that "fast food" not be sent with your child as many of the food items at these locations contain these food products; we encourage you to take your child out to enjoy these foods together.

We thank you in advance for your support in helping to keep every child in our care safe.

Celebrations

For birthday celebrations, due to COVID-19 health and safety protocols, we are requesting to NOT send anything to school.

Student Absences



Please remember to call in student absences on Safe Arrival by 8:30 am.

Student Behaviour:

The TCDSB is committed to ensuring that all schools focus on the building of healthy relations, a safe, inclusive, and accepting learning environment rooted in the Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations. A positive school climate is established when all aspects of the Code of Conduct Policy is respected. The enforcement of the Code of Conduct Policy, including suspension, referral to the Board for expulsion and intervention/support programs, contributes to the development and maintenance of a positive school climate. As a result, at SJE, we request that you please review the student behaviour expectations frequently with your child(ren). Expectations are found in student agendas, on our school website:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/schools/stjohntheevangelist/AboutUs/SchoolHandbook/Pages/default.aspx>, and/or our board website:

https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/Policies/Documents/S.S.%2009%20Code%20of%20Conduct_NOV08.pdf and

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/Policies/Documents/SS01.pdf>

Additionally, our daily announcements remind all students to keep hands and feet to oneself, always use respectful language, practice physical distancing always, keep masks on, and stay in their class cohorts at all times. Our staff also provide reminders as required to address/prevent inappropriate behaviour. Guidelines and procedures to address inappropriate behaviour will be followed to ensure that processes and outcomes are fair, equitable, and just. As eagles, together we will soar!

Students on School Bus

The school bus is a service that is provided, and as a result it is an extension of the school. Therefore, students on the school bus are expected to follow school bus rules for the safety of all. Students are always to remain in their seats (no moving seats), keep their hands and feet to themselves, do not eat nor drink on the bus, and do not shout on the bus.

CSPC NEWS:

Parent Council Meeting:

Our next CSPC Meeting is January 12, 2021 at 6:30 pm. It will be virtual. Please join us!

Jersey Day

CSPC is having a JERSEY DAY on Friday, January 29, 2021. Please support this initiative by wearing your favourite jersey and donating \$2.00.

St. John The Evangelist Parish News:

Happy New Year from St. John the Evangelist Church! We begin the New Year on January 1st by celebrating Mary, the Mother of God. Let us entrust ourselves, our families and our year to her intercession and put ourselves in her Son Jesus' care as we begin 2021. Please join us on Saturdays and Sundays for our livestreamed Masses on our Facebook page, St. John the Evangelist - Weston. While it is not the same as attending Mass live, it is a way to keep connected to the parish and a way to remember to give God the worship owed to Him on the Lord's day. Also, we have been given permission by Cardinal Collins to have 10 minute Communion services on weekends in the Church. In order to book one of the time slots for Communion, please visit our Eventbrite page, which can be linked from our webpage, <https://stjohntheevangelistwe.archtoronto.org> and clicking on the icon "Register for Mass" at the top of the page. Please read instructions carefully before registering.

Though this New Year begins strangely, with us still in lockdown, let us make sure that our hearts are not locked down to the Lord. Let us continue to turn to Him to ask for blessings upon the world, ourselves and our school and parish community of St. John the Evangelist. Please know that I continue to pray for you in front of the Blessed Sacrament. May God bless you.

Virtue of the Month
COURAGE

**DO NOT BE AFRAID,
I AM WITH YOU.**

~ ISAIAH 41:10 ~

- LET YOUR ACTIONS BE GUIDED BY THE IDEA THAT GOD IS INSIDE EVERYONE.
- KNOW THAT SOMETIMES DOING THE RIGHT THING IS VERY TOUGH BUT WITH COURAGE YOU CAN DO THE RIGHT THING.
- STAND UP RESPECTFULLY WHEN YOU SEE SOMETHING WRONG THAT IS BEING DONE.
- LIVE YOUR LIFE IN A WAY THAT MAKES OTHERS KNOW YOU ARE A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST.



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