



St. John The Evangelist CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S AND VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

During the month of May, as we continued remote learning, we had much to celebrate. The month began with the celebration of Catholic Education Week, where we participated in many events including a review of the Catholic Graduate Expectations, a Leadership presentation and workshop for our grades 4-8 students by poet and motivational speaker Greg Frankson, and a province-wide Mass. We reviewed strategies to help students achieve mental wellness and overall well-being, highlighted Respect for Life week and Share Life week through prayers and informing students how Share Life helps those in need. We also celebrated Asian and Polish Canadian Heritage Month by highlighting some famous Asian and Polish Canadians during morning announcements, and participating in different workshops, presentations and classroom lessons. Throughout the month of May, our lessons and activities focused on the virtue of Compassion.

In June, as the school year winds to an end, we will focus on the virtue of Faithfulness. Words synonymous with faithfulness include loyal, true and constant. These adjectives mean adhering to someone or something, such as a person, cause, or duty that prompts one's fidelity. We see faith as something you are in — a relationship. Practicing faith is like developing any relationship. You must give it time and attention. It requires you to see, hear, feel, and constantly remember your partner — God. A faithful life is one lived in the presence of God. It involves an awareness of God's presence in our everyday experiences. At St. John the Evangelist, we will encourage students to continue to put their faith into action by bringing the Gospel spirit into every aspect of their lives. We will be practicing this by standing up for people and ideas we believe in, being faithful through good times and in bad times, keeping our promises, abiding by the rules—even when no one is watching, and always doing our best and finishing what we start.

We would like to thank the St. John the Evangelist Catholic School community for a successful year despite the many challenges of a global pandemic. We have accomplished a great deal in a short time, while always adhering to safety protocols of officials. This feat was a result of the collaboration and dedication of our talented staff and families who have worked to teach every student to learn, to succeed, to dream, to love, to respect others, and to know the love of God. As we send off our students for a summer of fun and we send off our graduates into the world, on behalf of the staff at St. John the Evangelist Catholic School, we wish you a June filled with many blessings, and we have faith that we will all return safely in the fall to begin another year together. May God also bless the fathers of St. John the Evangelist Catholic School community. Happy Father's Day!

Yours in Christ,
Antionietta Grossi
Principal

Elizabeth Russell
Vice Principal

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

June 2021

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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

Virtue of the Month - Compassion

Congratulations to the following recipients of the May Virtue of the Month award for recognition of Compassion:

Ms. Green/Ms. Manimtim: Delilah/Jennifer
Ms. Violo/Ms. Machado: Jaxon/Joshua
Ms. Toth/Ms. Pinto: Reez
Ms. Da Silva/Ms. Paun: Nicholas/Ruemu
Ms. Serrao/Ms. Loduca: Daliah
Ms. Mesic: Kevin F. /Kaden H.
Ms. Carbone: Lawson
Ms. Buccitti: Rhea
Ms. Porretta: Evelyn
Ms. Waslenko: Sophia V.
Ms. Tanga: Oluwatoyin
Ms. Decassan: Laura/Enrique
Ms. Del Zotto: Gabriella
Ms. Giovenco: Noah/Naemi
Ms. Tropea: Jaydon/Malcolm/Yumi
Ms. Amaral: Chiamaka/Zachary
Mr. Veleno: Crista
Ms. Renda: Samikel/Shaden
Ms. DiCesare: Marjorie
Ms. Manuel: Osahenrumwen
Mr. Vossen: Sarah P.
Mr. Perri: Lakeia
Ms. Pasquali: Sophia R.
Ms. Picarelli: Jason

Our Daily Nurture

The Nurturing Our Catholic Community (NCC) Team continues to provide daily reflections as a resource for spiritual help and hope during the COVID-19 pandemic. To review these daily reflections on the TCDSB Website, please click on bit.ly/2ZZ1znH or see them posted daily on the NCC Twitter account: [@TCDSB_NCC](https://twitter.com/TCDSB_NCC).

Join the Nurturing Our Catholic Community Team on Tuesday, June 1, at **9:30am**, as they begin our month devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus by gathering for our **"we Become Culminating Event"**.

Our NCC Team is pleased to celebrate the third and final year of our Pastoral Plan, **Rooted in Christ: we Become**. Following the Great Commission of Christ in the Gospel of Matthew - 'Go and make disciples of all nations', we are called to Christian discipleship, to service and to mission. This virtual event will showcase all school and student submissions that pay tribute to those who model and live our Catholic faith teachings.



Our vocation is defined by our belonging as members of God's family and by what we believe. Our belonging and our beliefs define what we become in the world and in our environment and invite us to become all God has created us to be.

At the heart of our pastoral plan is Christ himself. We experience each aspect of this pastoral plan, belonging, believing and becoming. We gather as family, we celebrate our faith, and we are sent out into the world to "live the gospel by our very lives."

Our Pastoral Plan - Rooted In Christ: we Belong, we Believe, we Become - reminds us that we are called to continue to strengthen our sense of belonging to God and one another, to express our belief in God through our vision and mission, and to work to achieve our goals as people on a common mission.

Here is the link to the event: [NCC YouTube Channel](#).

Asian Canadian Heritage Month



In May, St. John the Evangelist and TCDSB celebrated Asian Canadian Heritage Month by acknowledging the long and rich history of Asian Canadians and their contributions to Canada. At SJE, we celebrated Asian Canadian Month by highlighting famous Asian Canadians during morning

announcements. Our primary and junior classes were invited to participate in a Chinese Brush Painting Art Workshop. Our intermediate classes were invited to attend a workshop and a presentation by Simu Liu, actor who plays **Shang-Chi**, the **first leading Marvel Asian superhero**, and **Jung** in **Kim's Convenience**. He spoke about Anti-Asian racism, his life growing up in Toronto, his obstacles breaking into the Hollywood scene as an Asian.

Polish Canadian Heritage Month

In May, we also celebrate Polish Canadian Heritage Month where we highlighted famous Polish Canadians.



Catholic Education Week



St. John The Evangelist Catholic School joined Catholic schools and Catholic school boards across the province in celebration of Catholic Education Week. We celebrated with many events including highlighting the Catholic Graduate Expectations with a focus on digital citizenship, and participation in a province wide mass.

Children's Mental Health Week

Each year, Ontarians mark the first full week of May as Children's Mental Health Week. St. John the Evangelist participated in this important week. Each morning, we highlighted important information about Children's mental health and discussed different activities/strategies to help to cope with anxiety and stress. For more information on Children's Mental Health Week please see www.kidsmentalhealth.ca

Welcome To Kindergarten Night



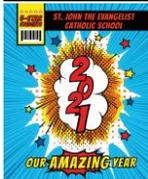
On May 20, 2021, families of new JK students were welcomed via zoom to the St. John the

Evangelist Catholic School Community. During the evening presentation, important information was shared with parents about the play/inquiry-based learning, school readiness skills, entry and dismissal times, appropriate dress code, nutrition program and helpful reminders for a successful year. Thank you to all ELP staff, for helping to organize and run this informative evening. Thank you to Ms. Starcevic, our Speech and Language Pathologist, Father Maderak, Pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Ms. Cesario, our CSPC Chair, Balsharn Heir, Librarian at TPL, and Nicole Paderas, Supervisor Macaulay Daycare who welcomed and presented to our families. Welcome to SJE, Eagles!

Grade 8 Graduation

Our grade 8 graduation will take place virtually on June 24, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.. The zoom link will be sent out the day of the graduation ceremony.

2020-2021 Yearbooks for sale



Our 2020-2021 Yearbook is for sale on our KEV system. The cost is \$20.00 per yearbook. Yearbooks should be ready for pick up on June 25, 2021. To order your yearbook please follow this link:

<https://tcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/33076/185/False/True>

COVID Testing Kits

In a partnership with Sick Kids Hospital, we have COVID testing kits available at the school. These saliva kits are available to use for students who are exhibiting a COVID symptom. The saliva testing kit can be completed in the comfort of your home and it comes with step-by-step instructions. Once your kit is ready, simply return it to the school and it will be picked up by a courier who takes it to the lab for processing. The testing results are confidential.

If you are concerned that your child has a symptom, please let us know if you would like a testing kit.

Message from St. John The Evangelist Parish

The following website/link to the Diocese provides different resources, information, and activities about the Sacred of Jesus, including colouring images. The website is: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/sacred-heart/sacred-heart-jesus/>

Filipino Heritage Month



June is Filipino Heritage Month at the TCDSB. This month acknowledges the long and rich history of Filipino Canadians and their contributions to Canada. It also provides an opportunity for Canadians across the country to celebrate the

contributions Filipinos have made in enriching the diversity and social fabric not only in this region of Ontario, but also areas across Canada. The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) has proclaimed June 12 as Filipino Heritage Day.

National Indigenous Month

June is National Indigenous Month. Indigenous people are one of many collective names used to refer to the original inhabitants of Canada and their descendants. The Canadian Constitution Of 1982 recognizes the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people as three distinct Indigenous groups within Canada. These groups have their own individual histories, traditions, languages, cultural practices, and spiritual beliefs. Approximately 1.4 million people identify themselves as Indigenous. It is important to remember those who originally occupied this land and pay due respect. As Canadians, we are encouraged to learn more about these people, and their communities we now share this land with.



First Nations is a collective term that recognizes countless and diverse Indigenous communities in Canada that were once referred to as 'Indian'. First Nations includes both status and non-status peoples.

Métis describes the descendants of the fur trade who are of mixed ancestry (i.e., Indigenous women and French, Scottish, and English fur traders who married). This term also acknowledges the will of the individual to self-identify as Métis

Inuit is a distinct group of Indigenous People mainly living in Nunavut, Northwest Territories, Northern Quebec and Northern Labrador.

Italian Canadian Heritage Month



The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) celebrates Italian Canadian Heritage Month each June - focusing on the Italian language, music, art and culture.

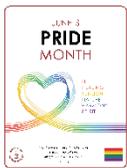
Portuguese Canadian Month

In June we celebrate Portuguese Canadian Month. June 10th is Portugal Day as it is the anniversary of the death of Luis Camoes, Portuguese poet who wrote the Lusiads epic poems narrating the history of Portugal.



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Pride Month



June is Pride Month at the TCDSB. There will be an inaugural virtual celebration at 9:00 am on June 1. Please join us. All are welcome. Here is the link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8-Ng5fGHnWY>

The Girls Code Summer Virtual Program (13+)

Please click on image below to connect to the Power to Girls Website.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Student Absences During Online Learning



Please remember to continue to call in student absences on Safe Arrival. During online learning we take attendance every morning and again after lunch every day.

If you receive a call that your child is late or absent and you do not believe they were late or absent, you can press "other" on the phone to have the system stop calling you.

Following this, please leave a message on the school phone line to let the office know that your child was incorrectly marked absent. The office will check with the classroom teacher and look into correcting the matter.

General Student Behaviour Expectations During Online Learning:

- be respectful and considerate
- be prepared, be punctual, be dressed for learning for every class/teacher/staff
- have a designated area in your home to sit and work, and be mindful of your surroundings
- remain muted when not speaking
- follow classroom rules, routines, and expectations for every class/teacher/staff
- have learning materials ready and homework completed for every class/teacher/staff

Expectations when learning online

- Come prepared to participate
- Behave appropriately
- Treat others with respect
- Join the meeting on time
- Follow your teacher's instructions
- Keep your password(s) private
- Recording the meeting is not permitted
- Submit your own work only

When engaging in video conferencing

- Find a quiet space
- Ensure no one else is on camera
- Keep meeting links private to the classroom
- Wear clothing appropriate to school
- If you are feeling shy or uncomfortable participating in a video conference, discuss options with your teacher

Remember self-care

- Take a 5 minute movement break every hour
- Try to take breaks away from the screen regularly
- Make sure you stay hydrated



Smoke and Vapour Free Space – Policy No: B.B. 04

The TCDSB recognizes the benefits of a smoke, vapour, cannabis, and tobacco free environment for learning, playing and working. This is achieved by prohibiting the smoking, vaping or usage of tobacco and cannabis products anywhere on



Board premises. This policy applies to all individuals on Board premises, including all students, employees and Trustees of the Board.

CSPC NEWS:

Parent Council Meeting:

Our next CSPC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 6:30pm. The meeting will be held virtually. Please join us! All are welcome! We value your support! An email form to sign-up to receive the CSPC meeting zoom link will be sent to all families via School Messenger.

The AGM and Election of Parent Representatives and Inaugural Meeting (Election of Executive and Appointments) has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be virtual. If you are

interested in an Executive position and/or would like to nominate someone for an Executive position, please contact the school for nomination forms before Sept 14, 2021.

CSPC Fundraising Initiative Reminder: FLIPGIVE!

This season, fundraising for St. John the Evangelist CSPC is going to be so much easier with **FlipGive**, a free team funding application.

Information/details about this program can be found in the URL below.

The school earns cash back on every purchase we make all year long! All you have to do is shop anytime with the brands you already love, like Home Depot, Walmart, Sport Check, Indigo, Old Navy, Apple, Esso, and Loblaws. No more going door-to-door selling chocolate bars - it's completely virtual and contactless with no added costs to purchases. Join our team and you'll get a \$5 bonus the first time you shop: <https://flipgive.app.link/teams/join?joincode= SXBNZ2>. Or enter this code: **SXBNZ2**



Monthly Update from the Board June 2021

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Vaccine Resources and Information

- [Ontario COVID-19 youth vaccine information](#)
- [Toronto Public Health Booking Information](#)
- [Child and Youth COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet](#)

June is Pride Month

TCDSB is proud to proclaim the month of June as Pride Month in solidarity with 2SLGBTQ+ students, staff and allies. As proclaimed across our province, country and around the world, the recognition of Pride Month and the ascent of the Pride flag across the TCDSB affirms a shared commitment to building and maintaining supportive environments founded on Catholic principles of inclusion, dignity and respect for all.

Sacred Heart of Jesus

At TCDSB, June is proclaimed to be a month of dedication to the Sacred Heart of Jesus with an annual celebration of the Solemnity of the Feast on the 2nd

Friday of June each year. For resources to support learning, prayer and reflection on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, visit:
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Sacred-Heart-of-Jesus.aspx>

FAMILY OPPORTUNITIES & INFORMATION

Update on September Learning Models

Families will receive a communication on July 16, 2021 with a link to select a learning model for their child(ren). The deadline is midnight on August 6.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/back-to-school/Documents/2021-05-28-Learning%20Models%20Update.pdf>

TCDSB Update Regarding TECT Work to Rule

Please see update to families from the Director and Chair:

https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/back-to-school/Documents/05-20-2021-Letter%20to%20families%20re%20WTR_FINAL%5b1%5d.pdf

Focus on Youth: FREE Virtual Camp Registration

Children ages 6-13 from July 5 to August 13, 2021, Monday to Friday from 10 AM to 3 PM:

<https://focusonyouthtcdsb.com/2021/05/18/summer-program-registration/>

The Girls Code Virtual Summer Program

FREE 5-week Virtual Summer Camp for girls aged 13+ provides a hands-on learning experience in digital and technical skills, including: Social Media, Online Safety, Coding, and personal branding: <https://www.powertogirls.com/programs-for-girls/>

July 5 - August 6 | 12:00 - 3:30 PM every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Registration required: <https://app.powertogirls.com>

Please note: Access to computers is required. Computers will be provided for students that need them on rental through the Power to Girls Foundation.

Mental Health Resources

- **CMHO: [Your Child's Mental Wellness and Remote Learning](#)**

- City of Toronto: [COVID-19: Mental Health Resources: It's OK not to feel OK](#)
- Ontario: [Mental health services for children and youth](#)

Sign Up for School Cash Online

Schol Cash Online is an easy to use, safe and convenient way for parents and guardians to pay for their children's school fees, including agendas and yearbooks. Register for School Cash Online by visiting the [TCDSB's School Cash Online website](#), selecting "Get Started Today" and completing the three registration steps.

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES & INFORMATION

OSAP Applications

[Ontario Student Assistance Program \(OSAP\) applications](#) for the 2021-22 school year are now open.

Need someone to talk to?

- **Kids Help Phone** is there for you with 24/7 confidential support. Counsellors can be reached by phone at 1-800-668-6868 or by texting CONNECT to 686868. <https://kidshelpphone.ca>
- **LGBT YouthLine** offers confidential and non-judgemental LGBTQ+ peer support through telephone, text and chat services. <https://www.youthline.ca>

EVENTS AND OBSERVANCES

June is

- [Pride Month](#)
- [Indigenous Heritage Month](#)
- [Sacred Heart of Jesus](#)
- [Filipino Heritage Month](#)
- [Italian Heritage Month](#)
- [Portuguese Heritage Month](#)
- [National Deaf Blind Month](#)

[Virtue of the Month: Faithfulness](#)^[06]

Important Dates in June

- May 30 - June 5: [National AccessAbility Week](#)
- June 2: [Red Shirt Day](#)
- June 3: [Clean Air Day](#)
- June 5: [World Environment Day](#)
- June 8: [World Oceans Day](#)
- June 12: [Filipino Heritage Day](#)

- June 20: [World Refugee Day](#)
- June 20: [Father's Day](#)
- June 21: [National Indigenous Peoples' Day](#)
- June 29: [Canada Day/Red & White Day](#)

June and August Board Meetings

June 1: Governance

June 8: Corporate Services

June 9: Student Achievement & Well-Being

June 10: Regular Board

June 14: Catholic Parent Involvement Committee

June 16: Portuguese Speaking Advisory

August 19: Regular Board

All Agendas and Minutes:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TrusteesoftheBoard/boardmeeting/Pages/BoardMeeting.aspx>

Don't Miss Out on the Latest News and Information:

- Visit the Board's website www.tcdsb.org
- Follow @TCDSB on Twitter, @TorontoCatholicDSB on Instagram, and visit Toronto Catholic District School Board on Facebook to get updates throughout the day.

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