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8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Lunch Hour

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

School Website:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/schools/stjohntheevangelist>

## VIRTUE OF THE MONTH – COMPASSION

MAY NEWSLETTER 2019

*"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around." Leo Buscaglia*

### The Virtue for the month of MAY is **COMPASSION**

For the month of May we will be focusing on the virtue of **COMPASSION**. Our quote is from John's Gospel, "Jesus saw her weeping...his heart was touched, and he was deeply moved." *John 11:33* True compassion is not always easy to practice as in the words of Jean Vanier "Compassion asks us to go where it hurts, to enter into places of pain, to share in brokenness, fear, confusion, and anguish." Who wants to go there when spring has finally arrived and the sun is shining. This is the more reason to show how compassion for those who cannot share in the light.

### Catholic Education Week May 5-10

Please feel free to drop in on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> in the morning to visit the library with our student work. This year we are featuring young authors. Every class created either individual or class books.

### Volunteer Appreciation Tea

The Volunteer appreciation tea will be held on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> in the library we look forward to celebrating all the efforts of the volunteers who have given of their time to support the SJE community.

### EQAO & CAT 4

May also brings the EQAO test for Gr. 3 and 6 students and the completion of CAT 4 test for grades 2, 5 and 7 students. These assessments will provide a snapshot of how our students are performing. We encourage parents to make sure their children are prepared for learning by arriving to school well rested and ready to take on new challenges.

### Bussing & Student Drop off

From time to time the bus may be late arriving at your stop in the morning. If this occurs, we ask that you contact the bus company directly (416-244-5341) to inquire about the bus as they will have information on all their routes. If your child is not coming by bus, the student must be dropped off in the yard after 8:15. **Please note that there is no supervision prior to 8:15 a.m.**

### Supervision

Our students arrive, by bus at 8:15 am. Therefore, there is no supervision prior to that time. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CHILD UNATTENDED AT THE BUS STOP, PRIOR TO BUS ARRIVAL, OR IN THE SCHOOL YARD. NO ONE WILL BE ON DUTY AND WE CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR SAFETY.**

### **REGISTRATION is underway.**

For more information, call 416-393-(your school phone number here) or the TCDSB Admissions Department at 416-222-8282, ext. 5320.

For general information about the Toronto Catholic District School Board, please visit the website at [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org)



### Parking At School

When dropping off or picking up your child/ren at school please **DO NOT PARK IN THE SCHOOL BUS LOADING ZONE OR IN THE STAFF PARKING LOT**. We must keep the School Bus Loading zone free in order to ensure the safety of all students boarding the buses. You may park in the east end of Seneca parking lot and bring your child across to the school yard. Please do not drop them off to run across the street, they could be hit by oncoming cars.

### ECO-CERTIFICATION

SJE is now a **GOLD** certified eco-school. As a community, we will continue teacher supervised and student led activities. Some easy things we have implemented that make a significant difference: Litterless lunches; No plastic water bottles; an electronic version of the newsletter, and other timely correspondence, can reduce photocopying by at least 50%. We also compost daily and our eco-rangers go class to class to gather green pails to deposit the contents in our compost bins. This is yet another way that we promote excellence in our school and practice the **COCGS** expectations of Responsible Citizenship.

### Electronic Devices

**Please do not allow your children to bring electronic devices to school unless they have been requested for educational use.** We have no way of ensuring that they will not be stolen, damaged or lost. The school cannot be responsible for student's electronic devices.

### GUIDANCE CORNER

#### **Children's Mental Health Awareness**

During the month of May, there is a focus on Mental Health Awareness and the Virtue of Compassion. The first week of May is typically known as Children's Mental Health Awareness week. Take the time to help your child understand that talking about our feelings and getting help when something is bothering us, is the healthy way to approach fear, anxiety, worry or depression. As we are still in the Season of Easter, we are called to be people of hope. Helping children develop a hopeful outlook on life, can foster resilience and coping during difficult

times. Also, trying to understand another person's feelings and wanting to help them, can go a long way in responding compassionately to those who may need our friendship and support. Help your child develop positive coping strategies when facing difficult situations.

I have included a parent fact sheet from the Canadian Psychological Association:

[http://www.cpa.ca/docs/File/Publications/FactSheets/PsychologyWorksFactSheet\\_ParentingChallenges.pdf](http://www.cpa.ca/docs/File/Publications/FactSheets/PsychologyWorksFactSheet_ParentingChallenges.pdf), and a link to parent resources from the Psychology Foundation of Canada: <https://psychologyfoundation.org/Public/Parents/Content/Parents/Parents.aspx?hkey=eba1572a-bff7-41fc-b74a-dca79be49c2b>.

This article from Psychology Today magazine, offers insights into helping children develop compassion:

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/ca/blog/the-power-prime/201407/5-ways-instill-compassion-in-your-children>

### **Grade 8 Exit Survey**

In an effort to align with the Board Learning Improvement Plan and the mandate of implementing *Creating Pathways to Success* (2013), all grade 8 students will be completing an Exit Survey on myBlueprint, as they work towards fulfilling the expectations of their Individual Pathways Plan (IPP). Ask your child to show you their Individual Pathways Plan and become familiar with it, as the use of it will continue in high school.

Frank Amato

Elementary Guidance Teacher Counsellor  
Area 1 & 2

St. Leo, St. Louis, Holy Trinity, Holy Angels,  
St. Marcellus, St. Mark, St. Eugene, St. Stephen,  
St. Roch, St. Bernard, Santa Maria, Our Lady of  
Victory, St John the Evangelist

### **Monthly Update from the Board May 2019**

#### **Important Information for Parents Budget Consultation Ends May 10th**

All parents, staff, students and stakeholders are reminded that the deadline for submitting completed surveys is May 10<sup>th</sup>. To learn more about the budget, to complete the online survey, or

download a pdf copy of the survey, please visit:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Budget-2019-2020>

### **Reminder to Sign Up for School Messenger**

New reporting system for student absences, as well as critical news and information including bus cancellations, school closures, safety concerns etc. Sign up here <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>).

### **CSPC EXECUTIVE TRAINING WORKSHOPS - SCHOOL BY-LAWS & CSPC ANNUAL YEAR END ACTIVITY & FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Date: May 13th, 2019 6 - 8pm**

Catholic Education Centre, Quigley Hall, 1st Floor

**Town Hall consultation sessions on the following**

**TCDSB Policies:**

- S 10 - Catholic School Parent Councils
- P 04 - Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
- A 33 - Guidelines For Trustees, Parents and Staff In addressing School Related Concerns

**May 13, 2019 5-6 pm and 8-9 pm**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/CSPCTrainingWorkshop>

### **WARD 2 TOWN HALLS HOSTED BY TRUSTEE MARKUS DE DOMENICO**

**May 23, 7-9 pm**

All Saints Catholic School, 1435 Royal York Road, Etobicoke

**May 30th, 7-9 PM**

[Opportunities for Students](#)

### **CONNECTING STUDENTS WITH CAMPUS MINISTRY**

It's that time of year when Grade 12 students are finalizing which university or college they will attend in September. To assist them and their families in making choices that include a supportive Catholic community, Chaplaincy Connect is a tool to personally connect students with campus ministries across Canada in a way that is intentional, invitational and informative. Students and chaplaincy leaders have reported high rates of retention and involvement resulting from these connections. Please help spread the word to students or their families!

To connect with the Campus Ministry at their chosen institution, students simply enter their contact information in the [Google form](#). Someone from the Campus Ministry staff will be happy to get in touch with them. For more information or to

receive Chaplaincy Connect cards, email Eliza Trotter, Diocesan Coordinator of Campus Ministries at [etrotter@archtoronto.org](mailto:etrotter@archtoronto.org).

### **EQAO'S 2019-2020 STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE--CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

The call for application for the 2019-2020 EQAO Student Advisory Committee is open until May 10th. This committee will be one of our key sources for student voice in the agency's activities. We also meet with student trustees, and staff engage student focus groups from time to time. This will be the second year of the Student Advisory Committee. The other committees within our governance structure are the EQAO Advisory Committee, the Modernization in Measurement Advisory Panel and the Equity Council.

They seek students who demonstrate a passion for effecting change in their communities and who have a desire to make a difference—either through their actions or through their ideas.

To learn more about the previous committee's work, visit [EQAO's website](#).

### **CONTESTS/SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS**

#### **REMINDER: HISTORICA CANADA ME, MOI + CANADA**

**Deadline for submissions is November 1, 2019**

More information can be found here:

<https://historicacanada.wishpondpages.com/memoicanada/en/>

#### **BREAKTHROUGH JUNIOR CHALLENGE**

<https://breakthroughjuniorchallenge.org/>

**June 15, 2019 deadline**

#### **Toronto Police Service 42 Division Scholarship**

**Deadline May 25<sup>th</sup>**

Details:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/TPS42Scholarship>

**Check here for more:**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/AwardsScholarshipsBursariesContests>

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 4TH ANNUAL TORONTO CARNIVAL RUN**

The Toronto Carnival is looking for volunteers who would like to help with the 4th Annual Toronto Carnival Run taking place on **Saturday July 27, 2019**. This Caribbean inspired charity fun run is one of Toronto's most spirited runs.

The organization provides volunteer hours and reference letters if required and a yummy breakfast for all our volunteers! Students and staff are invited to consider supporting this event.

To register: <http://torontocarnivalrun.com/volunteer>

### **Nurturing our Catholic Community**

#### **Catholic Education Week 2019**

**LIVING AS JOYFUL DISCIPLES / VIVRE EN DISCIPLES JOYEUX**

**MAY 5 - 10, 2019**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/catholiceducationweek>

#### **TCDSB Celebrates Respect for Life Week**

**MAY 12-17, 2019**

As a Catholic community, every week is Respect for Life Week as we work together to nurture and empower our students and one another to stand up for those who are most vulnerable: the unborn, the elderly, the sick, those with mental health issues, those who suffer poverty, injustice, violence, abuse and who are marginalized in other ways. All life is sacred, and we are called to serve and to love one another.

[HTTPS://WWW.TCDSB.ORG/RESPECTFORLIFEWEEK](https://www.tcdsb.org/respectforlifeweek)

#### **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT CONFERENCE-- "REFRESHED & RENEWED"**

Free Admission

**May 4-5, 2019 9 am - 4 pm**

St. Mary's Catholic Academy, 66 Dufferin Park Ave.

[HTTPS://WWW.TCDSB.ORG/LIFEINSPIRITCONFERENCE](https://www.tcdsb.org/lifeinspiritconference)

#### **We Belong Celebration Coming May 21<sup>st</sup>**

Check out the many submissions received:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/WeBelongSubmissions>

### **FaithTalk**

Tune into Radio Maria during Catholic Education Week to hear Dante Alighieri student Marcia Dubsy share her views on living her faith. Watch for our digital scrapbook with all the student submissions for FaithTalk.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/RadioMaria>

### **May Events and Observances:**

- **MAY IS ASIAN CANADIAN HERITAGE MONTH**

This month acknowledges the long and rich history of Asian Canadians and their contributions to Canada. It also provides an opportunity for Canadians across the country to reflect on and celebrate the contributions of Asian Canadians to the growth and prosperity of Canada.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/AsianCanadianHeritage>

- **May is Also Speech, Language and Hearing Month**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SpecialEducation/Speech/Speech,%20Language%20and%20Hearing%20Awareness%20Month/Pages/default.aspx>

- **MAY 1 WORLD PRINCIPALS' DAY**

- **May 3 Polish Heritage Day**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/PolishCanadianHeritage>

- **May 3 Board-wide Civvies Day** in support of the Angel Foundation for Learning

[https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/?page\\_id=6193](https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/?page_id=6193)

- **May 6-10 Festival of the Arts at Woodbine Centre**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FestivalOfTheArts>

- **May 8 Post 21 Transition Fair** at Msgr Percy Johnson

<https://www.tcdsb.org/TransitionFair>

- **MAY 16 TORONTO NEWCOMER DAY**  
11:30 AM-3:30 PM AT NATHAN PHILLIPS SQUARE, 100 QUEEN ST W  
All Torontonians are invited to join us in welcoming newcomers in Toronto with activities and entertainment at this showcase of Toronto's diverse communities.  
Information: [Toronto Newcomer Day](#).
- **May 20 Victoria Day**
- **May 27-31 Bike to School Week**  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/BikeToSchoolWeek>
- **May 27-June 1 Digital Literacy Week**  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/DigitalLiteracyWeek>
- **High School Athletics:** Softball, Baseball, Rugby, Cricket and more.  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Athletics>

#### **May Meetings:**

- May 2 Student Achievement and Well-Being Committee
- May 7 Governance and Policy Committee
- May 9 Corporate Services Committee
- May 13 Bylaws
- May 13 Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
- May 15 Board
- May 28 Student Achievement and Well-Being

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