



St. John The Evangelist CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S AND VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

In February, we enjoyed many activities at St. John The Evangelist. We include celebrating Canadian Heritage Month, the 100th Day of School, participating in Eco-School Initiatives like National Sweater Day and Flip the Switch Lunch Hour, and enjoying pancakes on Shrove Tuesday supplied by Parent Council. The Lenten Season also began in February with Ash Wednesday on February 26, 2020.

Lent is a time of journey with Jesus. It is a season of reflection and allows us to prepare our hearts for the celebration of Easter. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving of time and money to those in need, we become closer to God. As a school community, we will invite the students to pray, fast and give alms to help enrich their spiritual Lenten journeys.

During the month of March, we celebrate the Virtue of Forgiveness. Jesus asks us to model our forgiveness of others by the way God has forgiven us. Wounds can leave feelings of bitterness, anger, even vengeance. By embracing forgiveness, we can also embrace peace, hope, gratitude, and joy. As a school community, we will continue to instill this powerful message through prayers, lessons and by example.

On behalf of the staff at St. John The Evangelist Catholic School, we wish you a March filled with many blessings and the joy of forgiveness. May God bless us during our Lenten journey and provide us with the support necessary to participate in this season of penance, reflection, fasting, and almsgiving so that we may become Easter people.

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

March 2020

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Ash Wednesday Liturgy

On February 26, 2020, our school community gathered at the church for Ash Wednesday Service to mark the beginning of the forty-day season of Lent leading to the great feast of Easter. Superintendent Meehan joined our school community for the afternoon service. The students led the school community in prayers and songs focusing on Jesus' message of asking for forgiveness and forgiving one another. Father Maderak also shared the important message that by praying, by giving alms, and by repenting we become closer to Jesus and help him. The students and staff at St. John The Evangelist received blessed ashes on our foreheads as a sign of conversion, penance, fasting and human mortality and we were reminded that we wear ashes to show that we want to turn away from whatever keeps us from God.

Recipients of the Virtue of the Month for

February:

We congratulate the following monthly virtue award recipients who demonstrated the virtue of Love:

Ms. Green/Ms. Manimtim - Debora and Jennifer

Ms. Violo/Ms. Machado - Logan

Ms. Mesic/Ms. Alves - Mina and Claire

Ms. Toth - Testimoni

Ms. Neal - Yeimy

Ms. Buccitti - Lucas

Ms. Porretta - Michael E.

Ms. Waslenko - Santiago

Ms. Tanga - Nathan

Ms. Perruzza - Melina

Ms. A. Del Zotto - Liliana

Ms. Giovenco - Maria

Ms. Amaral-Nunes - Marjorie

Mr. Veleno - Magabella

Ms DiCesare - Dibora

Ms. Renda - Rubi

Mr. Vossen - Iaesah

Ms. Manuel - Gabriel

Mr. Perri - Rita

Ms. Pasquali - Jill Mei

African Canadian History Month:

During the month of February, we celebrated African Canadian History Month with different activities to learn and to celebrate the many achievements and

contributions of Black Canadians who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous nation it is today. Some of the activities included reading biographies over the morning announcements of some notable people who have helped shape Canadian heritage and identity from the Government of Canada website.

Intermediate Boys Basketball Team

On Wednesday, February 5, 2020, the Intermediate Boys Basketball Team competed in the Intermediate Boys Basketball Tournament. The boys played well and demonstrated teamwork and skill. Congratulations to Jerome I., Joel I., Nico G., Jabbari G., Emmanuel J., Michael N., Ovie B., Fayó F., Krispher P., Lucas G., and Avant T. Thank you to Coach Ast for all your efforts! Go Eagles!



Intermediate Girls Basketball Team

On Thursday, February 6, 2020, the Intermediate Girls Basketball Team competed in the Intermediate Girls Basketball Tournament. The girls played well and demonstrated teamwork and skill. Congratulations to Tatiana C., Phaylen T., Leah U., Jiselle D., Morelia A., Melanie R., Betanya E., Brianah K., and Osa. Thank you Coach Veleno and Coach Perri for all your efforts! Go Eagles!

100th Day Celebration

February 18th was Day 100! The Primary students participated in different activities. These included creating groups of 100 with objects and completed math activities with 100. We are more than half way there. Only 94 days to go!



Pink Shirt Day

Travis Price and David Shepherd started Pink Shirt Day in an attempt to stand up for a fellow student who was being bullied for wearing a pink shirt to school. Today this act of solidarity has become an international movement. Bullying affects everyone and can be extremely hurtful. St. John The Evangelist, staff work hard to build an inclusive and welcoming school



and not to have students engage in bullying but rather to be kind. On February 26th, we wore pink to symbolize that as a society, we will not tolerate bullying anywhere.

National Sweater Day

SJE Eco-Club under the guidance of Mme Wolk, observed National Sweater Day on February 7. This day was established to help raise awareness about renewable energy and energy consumption. Through PA announcements, the Eco Club reminded us about how we can play an important role in fighting climate change by using energy wisely. For example, if all Canadians lowered their thermostats by two degrees Celsius, it would reduce greenhouse gas emission by about four megatons, which is the same as taking almost 700,000 cars off the road. We also lowered the school thermostat two degrees Celsius.

Winter Walk Day

Thanks to everyone who participated on February 5th for Winter Walk Day at St. John The Evangelist. Classes took this opportunity to walk around the area on this day and focus on improved health and well-being, active lifestyles and building safer communities for everyone.

Dairy Farmers of Ontario



PROUDLY SERVING ONTARIO'S MILK PRODUCERS

On February 6, the grades 2/3, 3, 3/4, 4, and 4/5 classes attended an exciting and interactive presentation from the Dairy Farmers of Ontario. They learned how milk is processed into milk and milk products and about the people and jobs involved in the dairy industry. Students also discovered how a cow produces milk and the technology and tools involved. Finally, they were made aware of the knowledge and expertise needed to be a modern dairy farmer.

Leadership Team to E-CSLIT

On February 6, the Leadership Team traveled to the CEC to participate in the ECSLIT conference. They listened to inspirational guest speakers about leadership. One of the speakers, Sam Demma spoke about how small consistent actions can make an impact. Thank you to Ms. Pasquali, Ms.



Renda, and Ms. Neal for providing this worthwhile opportunity.

Junior Achievement

On February 19th, Ms. Giovenco's class participated in the Junior Achievement program. They learned about financial literacy, work readiness and entrepreneurship from a business leader.

Grade 8 class to PC Cooking

Ms. Pasquali and Mr. Perri's grade 8 classes received the opportunity to participate in a President's Choice Cooking Class at the Real Canadian Superstore. The students rolled up their sleeves and got their hands busy cooking a Mexican Fiesta three course meal. What a great opportunity for experiential learning.

Solemn Blessing and Official School Opening

Our new school's Solemn Blessing and Official School Opening is scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd, 2020 at 11:00 am. Details will follow shortly. Please join us and let the office know the number of guests in your party attending.

Student Safety Reminder

For safety purposes, we are requesting that parents/guardians/siblings picking up students at the end of the school day wait outside the school building or sign in when you enter the school.

Traffic Safety

A reminder to please not park/not stop your vehicle on George St. from 8:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. and 2:30p.m. to 3:20 p.m. for safety reasons. Our school buses are unable to safely drive through George St. during these times due to the many vehicles parked/stopped along George St.

CSPC NEWS:

FUN FAIR:

Parent Council will be hosting a Fun Fair Fundraising Event on Saturday, June 6, 2020 from 12:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.. Details to follow. If you are able to volunteer, please contact the office!

FUN FAIR Donations:

CSPC is currently accepting donations for fun fair, if you are able to donate, please contact the school

office. Examples of donations include: monetary, raffle items, etc.

Parent Council Meeting for Fun Fair:

Thank you to all parents who came out to the February meeting. Various topics were discussed. Our next CSPC Meeting is March 25, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room, babysitting is available. This meeting is to discuss Fun Fair on Saturday, June 6, 2020. Please join us!

CSPC - Chocolate Covered Almond Fundraiser

Chocolate Covered Almonds are still available. If you are interested in supporting this fundraiser, please contact the school office.

Macaulay Daycare

We welcome Macaulay Daycare at our site. The Centre opened on January 13, 2020 and provide care for children ages 0-12. Please contact Nicolle Paderes at 416-303-8422 for information.



Guidance Corner for March

In March, we celebrate the virtue of Forgiveness, to coincide with the holy season of Lent. You can help your children to continue to develop a forgiving nature and positive relationship skills. Using good manners, being respectful to peers, showing empathy, apologizing when necessary and resolving conflicts peacefully, go a long way in building healthy relationships with others. Some helpful websites are listed here:

<https://www.everydayfamily.com/blog/how-to-teach-your-children-to-forgive/>

<https://www.verywellfamily.com/how-to-encourage-good-sibling-relationships-620105>

<https://www.parentingscience.com/kids-make-friends.html>

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/behaviour/friends-siblings/supporting-friendships>

High School registrations are currently taking place for Grade 8 students. Please check the admission package that your child received to confirm how to

proceed. Signing your child up for the Summer Transition credit course is highly recommended. There are also a number of other forms that are required to be handed in on registration night, along with school fees.

It is important for students to experience the city they live in to gain an awareness of local culture and to have an opportunity to visit different neighbourhoods and communities. I have included a link here to some free March Break activities that you may wish to enjoy as a

family: <https://www.todocanada.ca/march-break-activities-toronto/>

Monthly Update from the Board March 2020

Important Information

Labour Update

Stay up to date with all the latest news here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2020/Pages/LabourUpdate.aspx>

Coronavirus

News and resources are on our website

here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/forstudents/healthandsafety/pages/coronavirusinformation.aspx>

TCDSB Budget Process Starts This Spring

Watch for detailed information on how you can provide your feedback on the draft budget, and identify your priorities. Visit www.tcdsb.org for more information coming soon.

Never Miss Out on Important Information

All parents/caregivers are reminded to ensure that your school has up to date telephone and email information on file for your child. This will enable the school to communicate with you about critical matters including student absences, and will also enable the Board to share

important information with you including updates on the status of labour negotiations via School Messenger.

Information for Parents

Guard Your Kids Online and Help Them Shine: Social Media Safety Presentation

Internet Safety Information Seminar for parents of tweens/teens (Grades 5-9)

A FREE multi-school parent event brought to you by the Parent Councils of: St. Agatha, St. Boniface, Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Nicholas, St. Rose of Lima, St. Theresa Shrine, St. Ursula & St. John Henry Newman CSS
Wed, April 15, 2020 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM at St. John Henry Newman Catholic High School, 100 Brimley Road South

Toronto Public Library: March Break Programs

Looking for something to do during March Break? The library offers more than 100 free activities for kids, teens, and the whole family. Browse the programs or use our search tool to find out what's happening at your local branch.

[Click here for other March Break programs at Toronto Public Libraries](#)

Save the Date: Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) Parent Summit and Annual General Meeting

Speakers: James T. Mulligan CSC, "A Pastor's Journal" and Rob Gallo "Living our Virtues in a Virtual World"
Saturday May 2nd, 2020 at Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School, Oakville. Registration Opening Soon summit.oapce.org.

Opportunities and Information for Students

Centreville Amusement Park Toronto Islands JOB FAIR

Friday March 20, 2020 and Saturday March 21, 2019 10 am – 3pm

Centreville Amusement Park (Head office), 84 Advance Rd, Toronto

Positions Available include... Ride Operator, Games Attendant, Retail staff, Facilities, Cashiers, Food Concessions, Line & prep cooks, Farm Staff & more

Please bring a copy of your resume. Interviews will be conducted on site. Drop ins welcome.

If you require accommodation due to disability during the interview and selection phase, please contact hr@centreisland.ca a minimum of 3 business days before the job fair.

Summer Student Jobs with the Ontario Government

Student job opportunities in Agriculture and Livestock, Business, Enforcement, Engineering, Environment, Information Management, Science, Social Services and more. All student jobs are now posted online at www.gojobs.gov.on.ca. Closing dates vary, depending on the job type. The first closing date is **February 28, 2020**, with closing dates staggered one week apart until **April 3, 2020**.

The University of Toronto Department of Philosophy presents

THE ARISTOTLE CONTEST

A high school philosophy essay contest recognizing the finest philosophical work by current Canadian high school students

First Prize: \$500

Deadline for submissions: May 25, 2020

For details on eligibility, submission guidelines, and prizes, please visit uoft.me/aristotle-contest.

The Rotary Club of Toronto 2020 Scholarship

The Rotary Club of Toronto Scholarship is a four-year tuition scholarship of up to \$10,000 a year. It is awarded to an outstanding student graduating from a Municipality of Toronto High School with an Ontario Secondary School Diploma. The applicant must demonstrate financial need, academic excellence, leadership, breadth, and depth of community service. Deadline: April 6, 2020. Details:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/Opportunities/ForStudents/Pages/RotaryClub.aspx>

Steubenville Toronto Registration Now Open

Catholic youth in grades 9-12 are invited to Steubenville Toronto, happening from July 3-5, 2020, at the Ontario Tech University in Oshawa, Ont. The Office of Catholic Youth, in partnership with the Franciscan University of Steubenville, is bringing some of North America's best Catholic speakers and musicians to the Ontario Tech University. [Click here to register](#)

Athletics

Find schedules, scores and standings

here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/schoolprograms12/healthoutdoorphysed/pages/tcdsbathletics.aspx>

For more news and information, visit www.tcdsb.org, follow @TCDSB on Twitter or subscribe to ENews <https://web1.tcdsb.org/InterestSubscription/subscription.aspx>

Events and Information

March is Celtic Canadian Heritage

Month <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/CelticCanadianHeritage/Pages/default.aspx>

March is Nutrition Month

March 2—Education Support Staff Appreciation Day

March 2-8 – National Social Work Week

World Day of Prayer March 6, 2020

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/pages/world-day-of-prayer.aspx>

Lift Jesus Higher Rally March 7, 2020

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/news/2019-2020/pages/lift-jesus-higher.aspx>

International Women's Day March 8, 2020

Winter Break March 16-20, 2020

International Day for Elimination of Racial

Discrimination March 21, 2020

<https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2019/pages/international-day-for-elimination-of-racial-discrimination.aspx>

World Down Syndrome Day March 21, 2020

<https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2019/pages/world-down-syndrome-day.aspx>

World Water Day March 22, 2020

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/environment/water/pages/worldwaterday.aspx>

Earth Hour March 28, 2020 (Schools recognize earth hour on March 27th)

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/environment/earthhour/pages/default.aspx>

ShareLife Week March 30-April 3, 2020

Civvies Day for ShareLife April 3rd

Board and Committee Meetings:

- Governance and Policy March 2, 2020
- Catholic Parent Involvement Committee March 2, 2020
- Student Achievement March 5, 2020
- Corporate Services March 12, 2020
- Filipino Advisory March 23, 2020
- Special Education Advisory March 25, 2020
- Board March 26, 2020

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