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PRINCIPAL'S AND VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

April began with the celebration of the Holy Triduum, the most important celebration of our Catholic faith. We celebrated Easter and Christ's resurrection; symbolizing a new beginning with renewed faith and hope. We continued the month with province wide transition to online learning for all students. We are very proud and grateful of our SJE community and their ability to transition smoothly to remote learning.

During the month of May, we have much to celebrate. We will celebrate Mother Mary, all mothers and mother figures, Catholic Education Week: Nurturing Hope, Asian Canadian Heritage Month, Polish Canadian Heritage Month, Children's Mental Health Week, and the virtue of Compassion. All of these offer us the opportunity to deepen our awareness and understanding of both the gift and responsibility of Catholic Education. We are invited to pray the rosary on May 7, 2021 from 10:30-11:00 from our NCC Team: Mary at [NCC YouTube Channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXUahTw6s4jhFaQXcYjSgaw). We are also invited by Father Maderak to pray the rosary on Fridays with our school parish at : <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXUahTw6s4jhFaQXcYjSgaw>. During the month, our classes will be participating in many different activities to celebrate this month.

The virtue of Compassion is about caring deeply and wanting to help, even when we do not know the person. Compassion also enables us to be kind and forgiving to those who have hurt us. Being compassionate helps us to have a greater understanding of others and being of service to people in need. Finally, compassion will also inform our witness to the sacredness and dignity of life during Respect for Life Week and Share Life Week (May 9-15, 2021)

On behalf of the staff at St. John The Evangelist Catholic School, we wish you a May filled with many blessings and pray that, as Resurrection people, we will enable others to see and meet Jesus Christ through our work. May God also bless the mothers and mother figures of the St. John The Evangelist Catholic School community.

Yours in Christ,
Antonietta Grossi
Principal

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Vice Principal

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

May 2021

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OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS)

527 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 @SJECS

Virtue of the Month - Justice

Congratulations to the following recipients of the April Virtue of the Month award for recognition of Forgiveness:

Ms. Green/Ms. Manimtim: Nathan/Angel
Ms. Violo/Ms. Machado: Jaxon
Ms. Toth/Ms. Pinto: Charlotte
Ms. Da Silva/Ms. Paun: Khloe/Bridget
Ms. Serrao/Ms. Loduca: Thiago
Ms. Mesic: Sophie
Ms. Carbone: Sylvie
Ms. Buccitti: Guilherme
Ms. Porretta: Ademola
Ms. Waslenko: Melael
Ms. Tanga: Maya
Ms. Decassan: Levon/Adaoha
Ms. Del Zotto: Jayzen
Ms. Giovenco: Abigail/Antonio
Ms. Tropea: Daniel
Ms. Amaral: Bien/Nyah
Mr. Veleno: Elvia
Ms. Renda: Benjamin/Blessing
Ms. DiCesare: Michael
Ms. Manuel: Samson
Mr. Vossen: Emma
Mr. Perri: Olansile/Jayde
Ms. Pasquali: Sonia
Ms. Picarelli: Alex

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 our Twitter account: [@TCDSB_NCC](https://twitter.com/TCDSB_NCC).

Autism Awareness Day

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a neurological disorder that affects the development of the brain in the areas of social interaction and communication. Autism is one of the most common developmental disabilities and it impacts everyday life. In Canada, one child in 94 will receive a diagnosis of ASD. It is a lifelong disability. With proper support and coping strategies, people with autism can lead productive and fulfilling lives. On April 6, St. John The Evangelist Catholic School marked World Autism Awareness Day by sharing information about ASD with the school community during morning announcements to



increase awareness about the autism spectrum and building a more welcoming environment for all students who attend our school. Some classes participated in the We Are Stars, Autism Dance for Autism Awareness and had a virtual dance party. At SJE, we also participated in the Autism Flag Raising and wore blue.

Angel Foundation Donation

The Angel Foundation for Learning is the charitable organization that serves the needs of students in the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB). In April, St. John The Evangelist presented a cheque to The Angel Foundation for Learning in the amount of \$488.00. Ms. Gioveno's and Ms. Tropea's class donated \$264 as part of their Lenten Almsgiving journey. The SJE brick and mortar students also donated the \$224 raised from the March civvies day.



Earth Week and Earth Day

St. John The Evangelist students and staff took part in Earth Week and Earth Day activities to promote environmental responsibility and protect and conserve our world.



How To Speak To Your Kids About Race

On Wednesday April 7, 2021, Kirk Mark, President of Canadian Alliance of Black Educators and Dr. Beverly-Jean Daniel hosted a presentation and discussion for our parents/guardians and staff with strategies to address the subject of race and racism, utilizing an Anti-Racist Education framework. The discussions were very engaging and informative. Thank you to all those who attended. A special thank you to Superintendent Bria and Superintendent Chen who also participated.

Volunteer Appreciation Week

During the week of April 5th, St. John The Evangelist Catholic School acknowledged the contributions that volunteers, who give their time and talents, make in the lives of our students and our school community. We recognize the kindness and generosity of our Parent Council members. Thank you for your energy and dedication in supporting student achievement and well-being and being caring adult role models by putting your faith into action and answering the Gospel call of service to our school community.



Asian Canadian Heritage Month

In May, St. John The Evangelist and TCDSB celebrates Asian Canadian Heritage Month and 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. At SJE, we have many activities planned to celebrate this month.



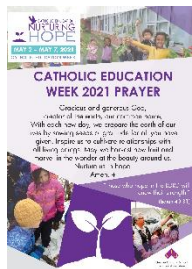
Polish Canadian Heritage Month

In May, we also celebrate Polish Canadian Heritage Month. Please follow this link for additional information about Polish Canadian Heritage Month.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/polish-canadian-heritage/Pages/default.aspx>

Catholic Education Week

St. John The Evangelist Catholic School will join Catholic schools and Catholic school boards across the



province in celebration of Catholic Education Week and all those who contribute to the success of Catholic education from May 2-7, 2021. This year's theme, "Nurturing Hope" reminds us that publicly funded Catholic education is our call to service. In this year of *we Become*, we maintain our role as **nurturers of hope**,

living in faith and encouraging environments that reflect our shared Catholic values and traditions. We will be having virtual activities to celebrate this week.

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 is happy to participate in this important week. With different activities, we will help increase awareness of the signs of child and youth mental health problems, decrease stigma, and understand that help is available and it works! For more information on Children's Mental Health Week please see www.kidsmentalhealth.ca

Digital Literacy Week

Toronto Public Library is participating in Digital Literacy Week during the week of May 25-May 31, 2020. [Digital Literacy Week](#) is a collaboration with the City of Toronto

and the Toronto District School Boards. Come and join the many free programs that are being offered around the city.

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 after lunch every day.

General Student Behaviour Expectations During Online Learning:

- be respectful and considerate.
- prepared, be punctual, be dressed for learning for every class/teacher/staff.
- 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



CSPC NEWS:

Parent Council Meeting:

Our next CSPC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 12, 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.

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**

PARENT WORKSHOPS

We thank our CSPC for sponsoring a parent workshop called Managing Meanness by Cultivating Kindness from Arts Express. This workshop was informative and provided many tips for helping our children and adults manage inappropriate behaviour. We were also provided with some resources to help us. If you missed the presentation and would like a copy of the resource shared, please contact the school office and we will email you the information.



Monthly Update from the Board May 2021

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Information and Resources for the 2020-2021 School Year

- [Virtual Learning Resources](#)
- [Equity Student and Family Community Resources](#)
- [Supporting Students' Mental Health During a Pandemic \(COVID-19\)](#)

Catholic Education Week: May 2 – 7, 2021

Catholic Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate the significant contribution that Catholic education has made to the community, the province and to Canada. The theme for Catholic Education Week 2021 is Nurturing

Hope. For information on events and resources, visit the [CEW website](#).

Children's Mental Health Week: May 2 – 7, 2021

This important week is about:

- Increasing awareness of the signs of child and youth mental health problems
- Decreasing stigma
- Understanding that help is available and it works!

Visit TCDSB's Mental Health webpage for resources and activities for the week:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/specialeducation/mhs/news/mhw/pages/childrens-mental-health-awareness-week.aspx>

Live Province-Wide Catholic Education Mass: May 5, 2021

Students, families, staff and the broader Catholic community are invited to view the province-wide virtual Mass with His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins to celebrate Catholic Education Week. Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. EST. Visit <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live> to view the Mass.

FAMILY OPPORTUNITIES & INFORMATION

Jean Augustine Centre: Spring After-School Programs (Online)

A variety of FREE after-school programs for girls ages 7-17 living in South Etobicoke.

Register now for Spring Session 2: May 24 - June 25, 2021!
<https://jeanagustinecentre.ca/programs/online-programs/>

EarlyON Centres ONLINE Programs

TCDSB Early ON Child & Family Centres - located at 19 TCDSB schools - are currently offering ONLINE programs & services to families, including interactive fun, stimulating early learning activities to do at home, provided by qualified ECEs. Contact your nearest EarlyON Centre for details:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/EarlyYears/EarlyON/Pages/default.aspx>

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

Focus On Youth: Student Summer Employment

Opportunities for students from July 5th – August 13th, 2021 in the following placement areas:

- Training: June 28-June 30
- In-person placement: July 5th – August 13th (depending on restrictions: custodial, counsellor)
- Placement Virtual Camp: July 5th – August 13th (sports, art, leadership or STEAM camps)

Deadline: Students must apply by Friday, May 7, 2021.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/StudentsArchives/FocusOnYouth/Pages/employmentApplication.aspx>

2021 AFL Bursaries & Awards: Submit Your Applications!

The Angel Foundation for Learning strives to provide the opportunity for all students to pursue their post-secondary educational dreams through eight bursaries. AFL also offers four awards annually that aim to enhance school literacy programs. **Deadline to apply is May 14, 2021.**

<https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/bursaries-awards/>

Polish Heritage Month Poster Competition: Entries Due MAY 16

The Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Toronto is calling for entries for the "Painting the History of Poland: May 3 Constitution" Poster Competition. Submit your entry by May 16th!

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/polish-canadian-heritage/Pages/PolishHeritagePosterCompetition1.aspx>

"Way to Go! Pinoy" Video Competition

The Filipino Heritage Council of Canada (FHCC) is calling for entries for its video competition. Only the first 1000

entries qualify or until **May 30, 2021** (whichever comes first).

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/FilipinoHeritageMonth/Pages/essay-video-competition.aspx>

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

May is...

Speech, Language and Hearing Month

[Asian Canadian Heritage Month](#)

[Polish Canadian Heritage Month](#)

[Virtue of the Month: Compassion](#)

Important Dates in May

May 1: **World Principals' Day**

May 3 - 7: [Catholic Education Week](#)

May 3 - 7: [Children's Mental Health Week/CMHA Mental Health Week](#)

May 3: [TCDSB Polish Canadian Heritage Day](#)

May 3: [World Day of Prayer for Vocations](#)

May 3: [TCDSB Awards Announced](#)

May 5: **ProvinceWideMass**

May 9: **Mother's Day**

May 9 - 15: [Respect for Life Week](#)

May 9 - 15: [ShareLife Week](#)

May 13: **Ascension Day**

May 13: **World Catholic Education Day**

May 12: [Day of Action on Litter](#)

May 14: **ShareLife Wear Green Day**

May 15: [UN International Day of Families](#)

May 16: **Toronto Newcomer Day**

May 23: [Pentecost](#)

May 24: **Victoria Day**

May 24 - 28: [Digital Literacy Week](#)

May 27: [Brain Cancer Awareness Grey Day](#)

May 30: Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

May Meetings

May 4: Governance & Policy

May 6: Student Achievement & Well-Being

May 13: Corporate Services

May 17: Catholic Parent Involvement Committee

May 19: Special Education Advisory Committee

May 20: Regular Board Meeting

May 26: Audit Committee

May 27: Student Achievement & Well-Being

All Agendas and Minutes:

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

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- 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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