



St Martin De Porres Catholic School

December 2021 Newsletter



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Mr. D Mount Principal

Notes from the office...

From the Parish of St De Porres Church (416) 284 9192
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Superintendent: R. Peterson (416) 222 8282 Ext 2263
CSAC Chairperson: Ms. Davis Secretary: MS. Pagnello
Trustee: N. Crawford Vice Principal: Mr Miles

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Well Winter seems to be roaring in with a vengeance! Please make sure your child comes to school appropriately dressed as the temperatures continue to drop and we will continue to go outside for recess. Hats and gloves continue to be the most frequently forgotten items and I would ask that either last thing at night or before they leave in the morning, you check you child's bag to ensure they are there. Snow pants are also an essential item. Please remember the last day of classes before the Christmas break will be **Friday, December 17th, 2021**. School will reopen on **Monday, January 3rd, 2022**.

Please remember, the cold weather brings with it some bus delays. Please read the Weather related Cancellations section below to understand where to access up to date information. Equally, if buses are cancelled in the morning, there will be no buses in the afternoon. If in doubt, please call the bussing company. Other than that, on behalf of the Staff at St. Thomas More Catholic Elementary School can I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year!

D. Mount

Principal St. Martin De Porres Catholic School

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school @ (416) 393 5286.

Weather Related Cancellations or Closures

To get the latest information about school bus transportation, see <https://busplannerweb.torontoschoolbus.org/Cancellations.aspx>
Parents are encouraged to subscribe to the transportation portal to get real time information about any transportation issues: <https://busplannerweb.torontoschoolbus.org/Subscriptions/Login.aspx>
Information is also shared via Twitter. Follow @TCDSB.

SAVE THE DATE!

Kindergarten Registration Begins January 19th at 10 a.m.

Visit www.tcdsb.org for details.

Apply online starting January 19th at: <https://soar.tcdsb.org>

Any information/applications entered before this date and time will not be recorded as an application for the 2021/2022 school year.

Advent Begins December 1st

Visit the board's website for the latest news and information from TCDSB schools including food and clothing drives, Christmas baskets for needy families, Christmas concerts and other special events.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2018/pages/Advent-and-Christmas.aspx>

PARENTS ARE INVITED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR EXTENDED FRENCH PROGRAM

We will be having our annual information night for families interested on the program. This year we will continue with the online format for this meeting and a Zoom link will be posted closer to the time. Subject to change, our provisional date for this meeting will be 6pm on January 13th. There will be a short presentation and then the opportunity to ask any questions specific to the program.

The virtue of the month for December is "Charity"
"Ubi Caritas et amor, Deus ibi est – Where there is charity and love, God is there"

Throughout the season of Advent, students will learn to...

1. Remember that Charity starts from the home and moves forward in all they do
2. Let the Christmas season create Charity in their actions throughout the year
3. If students expect other people to do charitable acts towards them, they must first remember to show generosity towards others
4. We should always remember those less fortunate than us, especially in a season filled with giving

Thinking about a role in education? There are numerous employment opportunities available across the TCDSB. Follow the link below and see what is on offer...

<https://www.tcdsb.org/careers/pages/jobs.aspx>