



FEBRUARY 2017

ST. RITA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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School Hours:
9:00 a.m. Entry
10:42 a.m. Recess
11:45 a.m. Lunch Hour
12:45 p.m. Entry
2:10 p.m. Recess
3:30 p.m. Dismissal

CPIC (Parent Engagement--TCDSB)
www.tcdsb.org/cpic
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www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto

Adult ESL:
Kathy McCabe



St. Rita Catholic School Newsletter

Principal's Message:

Chocolates, flowers, valentines, and red hearts, what would the month of February be without the celebration of Valentine's Day? While the rest of the world may choose to celebrate the ideal of romantic love on February 14, TCDSB schools will be focusing on the virtue of LOVE as expressed in the gospels: "For God so loved the world, He gave His only son." (John 3:16) As we focus on the virtue of love at St. Rita Catholic School this month, let us remember that love not only inspires the practice of all other virtues, it is the foundation and completion of all the other virtues. We will not limit our celebration of the virtue of love to February 14th, but demonstrate this virtue through many activities that celebrate continued student improvement in learning and some great mid-winter fun such as the Valentine Dance & Family Bingo Night.

God of love, help us to always treat others with love and respect for we know that Jesus calls us to love others as we love ourselves. May He walk with us every day and guide us in our relationships. May we always appreciate the wonderful gift of our family and friends.

Respectfully,

Mr. W. Aristizabal



Kindergarten Registration

Registration for Kindergarten began **January 18, 2017**. Parents are invited to complete their application via the Board's Online Registration Website: <http://soar.tcdsb.org>
The following documents are required for registration:

1. Child's Birth Certificate (Certificate of Citizenship or Landed Immigrant Status)
2. Child's Catholic Baptismal Certificate (or other proof of Catholicity)
3. Child's Immunization Record
4. Proof of residency in Toronto

General information is available by telephone at 416-222-8282, ext. 5314 or via the board's website at www.tcdsb.org



REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Call 416-393-5216 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.

**Stay in touch with the latest news throughout the school year:
Follow @TCDSB on Twitter**

Class Bake Sale

Our Gr. 5/6 Class Bake Sale on January 30th was a success! Thank you to the parents and students who donated their baked goods to support this fundraiser. Next class bake sale will be the Kindergarten class on February 13th.



Cold and Flu Season

If your child(ren) needs to stay in for recess due to a cold or illness, we encourage you to keep them at home. There are no supervisors to watch over these students. Fresh air is healthy and unless it is just too cold, everyone from ELP Gr. 8 will go outside for recess.



Cold Weather

We have been very fortunate with regards to snow this year! However, it is winter and we do have cold weather. Parents are reminded to please send an extra pair of shoes for their child(ren) to wear indoors if you have not already done so. Also, please ensure students come to school properly dressed with hats, boots, gloves, snowpants, and winter coats. Get all the latest information about cancellations and closures throughout the winter months, and all year long by following @TCDSB on Twitter.

Bussing Concerns

The school is always willing to share information that has been provided by the bus company regarding bus delays, when they arise. I would ask, however, that requests for clarification be shared directly with the bus company.

The numbers are:

Switzer Carty
(905) 361-1084

Attridge
(416) 255-5199

MCcluskey
(416) 246-1422



Attendance and Punctuality

Regular school attendance and punctuality are important for student progress. Children should be kept home only when they are ill. Appointments, whenever possible, should be arranged outside of school hours. Being on time for the start of class is important. The bell rings promptly at 9:00 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Your child/children should be in the school yard by this time so that they can assemble with their peers and be involved in all activities from the beginning of class. All children who arrive after the class has entered the school will be marked late. If dropping off your child late, please do so at the office.

Head Lice

Please be vigilant about checking your child's hair for nits or lice. Please contact the office if you find your child does have nits or lice. **ALL REPORTED CASES ARE CONFIDENTIAL.** Your cooperation will help ensure that we don't have an infestation of head lice among the children. Treatment is necessary. For more information, you can contact Toronto Public Health at (416) 392-1250.

Appropriate Dress Code

Our students' well-being will continue to be a priority for both myself and the staff as we continue to follow the TCDSB Dress Code based on the principles of respect, safety, and diversity. A reminder that the Appropriate Dress Code at St. Rita includes the use of a white or navy blue shirt/blouse and a navy blue pant/skirt, **no denim.** Students who are not following the Dress Code will bring home forms and/or you will be receiving a phone call. A formal incident report will be documented if there is a fourth incident. Parents' support of the Dress Code is much appreciated.



Supervision Hours

We have supervision in the school yard from **8:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. and from 3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.** Please ensure your child is not dropped off too early in the morning or left too late afterschool as there is no one here to supervise your child. **Students should not be dropped off between 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. to sit in the front hall without school staff supervision.** All students, including kindergarten students, should be in the school yard waiting for the morning bell and not waiting in the front entrance outside the office with a parent/guardian.



Pizza Lunches

The pizza lunches for February will be held on **Thursday, Feb. 2 and Feb. 16.**



Subway and Pita Pit Lunch Days

Subway Lunch Day is on **Thursday, February 23.** Pita Pit Lunch is on **Tuesday, February 28.**



Lunch Lady

Our next Lunch Lady is on **Thursday, February 9.**



Junior Boys' Indoor Soccer

Our Junior Boys' competed at St. Raymond C. S. Congratulations to the boys' team for trying their best and placing 3rd: **Joshua E, Gustavo A, Tiago P, John S, Tyler D, Jacob B, Joseff B, Javier V, Abel G, Jorge M.** A special thank you goes to Mr. J. Borg for coaching the boys' team.



ME to WE

The last Friday of every month will continue to be a **DRESS DOWN DAY** to raise funds for our ME TO WE initiatives. Students are asked to bring \$1.00 to participate in these days. January's Dress Down Day raised **\$62.00.** We would like to thank parents, students, and staff for their generous support and helping to teach the children about the importance of charity.

Guidance Corner

High School Applications – What’s Next?

During the week of February 6th, 2017, TCDSB Secondary Schools will begin to forward acceptance packages to elementary schools. They will not all arrive on the same date, so please do not panic if your child does not come home with a package on February 6. Once you receive your acceptance package, please read the instructions very carefully and take note of any important dates and forms that need to be submitted.

Most secondary schools require the classroom teacher or principal to sign the course selection sheets. Try to remember that grade 8 teachers are extremely busy and may require time to complete forms for your child. Please be respectful of this and submit your requests early, thereby giving the teachers enough notice.

What if my child did not get into their school of choice?

Students who were redirected to an alternate school because their choice(s) were oversubscribed, can do one of three things:

1. Accept the redirection, thereby securing themselves a spot in a secondary school in September.
2. Accept the redirection but ask to be placed on a Priority 2 waiting list at their original school of choice. This student will have a spot in the redirected school in September and if a spot becomes available in his/her first choice, s/he may be offered that position.
3. Turn down the redirection and be placed on a Priority 1 waiting list at their original school of choice. If this option is chosen, then your child will not have a spot in any school for the time being. If spots do not become available in their first choice school by the start of the year, then the student will have to register at a school where spots may still be available.

Change Your Mind?

If you no longer want your child to attend the “first choice” school, you may request a change of school using the Change Form. This form becomes available in the **beginning of March**. Please ask your child’s teacher for a form at that time. Please keep in mind that any requests can only be accepted based on the availability of space in the school.

TCDSB 2017-18 Program and Course Calendar

The TCDSB's 2017-18 Program and Course Calendar is now available on the TCDSB website. Copies will no longer be made available to all Grade 8 students as in the past, but can be found online by going to:
<http://www.tcdsb.org> - Programs and Services - School Programs K-12 - Guidance and Career Education. Or by the following link:
<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/GuidanceCoopEd/Documents/TCDSB-ProgramAndCourseCalendar-2017-2018.pdf>

Immunization Winter 2017 from Toronto Public Health

Students must be up-to-date with their immunization or have a valid exemption form to attend school in Ontario. The required immunizations protect against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, and rubella, meningococcal and varicella. Important boosters are given to children in kindergarten and again during the high school years.

Please note that your doctor does not send the information to Toronto Public Health.

Every time your child has an immunization, report the information to Toronto Public Health by one of the following ways:

- Online at www.toronto.ca/health and click on "Report your school-aged child's vaccine"
- Fax: 416-338-2487
- Mail a copy to:
Toronto Public Health, Immunization
235 Danforth Avenue, 2nd Floor
Toronto, ON
M4K 1N2

For more information, visit our website at Toronto.ca/immunization or call us at 416-392-1250.

Interpreters are available Monday to Friday
8:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.



Angela Gauthier, Director of Education

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