



FEBRUARY 2018

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)

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www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto

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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.

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 17, 2018**. 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

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 to Gr. 8 will go outside for recess.

Cold Weather

We have had a lot of snow this year! 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, snow pants, 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.

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.



Morning Meal Program

As we are all aware that the Morning Meal program provides the students with a daily nutritious meal. This valuable nutritious program can only run with your support! Envelopes were sent out in January for parent financial contribution towards the program. Envelopes should be returned to the office to ensure the continuation of the program. We would like to extend our gratitude to Ms. Borres again for all her dedication and hard work in preparing the Morning Meal. We would also like to thank Ms. Michalik who helps with the preparation of all the delicious fruit that is served, and to Ms. Estrela and Mr. Correia for volunteering to pick up the groceries at the different grocery stores.

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. 8 and Feb. 22.**



Subway Day

Subway Lunch Day is on **Thursday, February 15.**



Junior Boys' Indoor Soccer

Our Junior Boys' competed at St. Nicholas of Bari C. S. on January 30th. Congratulations to the boys' team for trying their best, and reaching the semi-finals. **Joshua E, Tyler D, Jacob B, Abel G, Jorge M, Dylan C, Nathan D, Vobien T.** A special thank you goes to Mr. J. Borg and Ms. Dolcetti 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 **\$32.00.** We would like to thank parents, students, and staff for their generous support and helping to teach the children about the importance of charity.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences is an important component on going home-school communication and involvement in your child's learning. The purpose of Term 1 conferences is to gain a deeper understanding of progress to date and to devise an action plan to ensure students reach their full potential. Interviews will be held on two evenings, first one is on Tuesday, February 13th and the second one is on Thursday, February 15th. Please return the interview forms by February 5th.



Winter Carnaval

St. Rita will be celebrating winter with ‘Carnaval’ activities during the week of February 5th to February 9th.

Let’s hope that these festivities, inspired from the traditional Quebecois way of life, will help us forget the harsh winter and warm your children’s hearts during this cold season.

Drop off and Pick up

When you drop off your child, please park your vehicle, turn off the engine and walk with your child to the gate adjacent to the school yard. At dismissal time, please follow the same procedure with your vehicle. Park your vehicle in an available parking spot. (not the middle of the parking lot or in front of the dumpster). Another option is to park your car on the West side of Edwin Street, north of the school’s bus zone. PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR CAR AND WALK TO THE SCHOOL YARD TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD.

We would like to remind you that supervision of the students in the yard takes place between 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. and between 3:30 - 3:45 p.m.

Please contact the school if you require any further clarification.



Immunization Winter 2018 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.



Rory McGuckin, Director of Education

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