



**JANUARY 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)  
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### Principal's Message:

Welcome back and Happy New Year to everyone! I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas Holiday with family and friends. We have a lot for which we are grateful! It is very fitting as we celebrate the Epiphany this week to be welcomed at the front door of our school by the Nativity of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

While January sees the beginning of the New Year, many of us also regard it as the true beginning of the long hard winter. In this sense, it is apt that the virtue for January is COURAGE. The quote for this month is from Isaiah 41:10, "Do not be afraid; I am with You." "Be not afraid!" is also what the angel tells Mary at the annunciation (Lk 1:30) and at the resurrection, another angel uses the same words to tell the women at the tomb that Christ has risen (Mt 28:5). Jesus himself uses these words to strengthen his apostles (Jn 6:20). It takes a lot of courage to practice and be true to our Catholic faith. This month, at St. Rita Catholic School, we will demonstrate our courage to live our faith.

The winter months are an important learning period for all students. Classroom routines and expectations have been established over the fall, areas for improvement have been identified and now children have a great opportunity to focus and apply themselves to achieve their true potential. Please continue to monitor and support your child's learning by checking their homework, reading with them and engaging with them in their studies whenever possible.

Respectfully,

*Mr. W. Aristizabal*



### **Kindergarten Registration**

Registration for Kindergarten begins **January 18, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.** Parents are invited to complete their application via the Board's Online Registration Website:

<https://soar.tcdsb.org/Login.aspx>. There will be a Kindergarten Registration Evening on **January 25, 2017, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** for children registering for the 2017/2018 school year. 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 for details:

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

### **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](http://www.tcdsb.org). Stay in touch with the latest news throughout the school year: Follow @TCDSB on Twitter**

## Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC)

Thank you to our CSPC for paying the TTC fare for our teacher and supervisor to participate in the Primary Mixed Indoor Soccer Tournament. Thanks also to the CSPC for all the time and commitment in our fundraisers for the month of December. In the true spirit of Christmas, the St. Rita Catholic School Community came to the assistance of eight families this year in our school community. These families received food, including a turkey, a chicken, and a ham as well as fresh fruits and vegetables! These donations were made possible thanks to the **Dovercourt Boys and Girls Club.**

**The next CSPC meeting will be on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the staffroom. Please join us!**

## Cold Weather

As the cold weather and snow approach, we remind parents to send an extra pair of shoes for your child(ren) to wear indoors. Also, please ensure students come to school properly dressed with snowpants, hats, boots, gloves and winter coats for outdoor play. Get all the latest information about cancellations and closures throughout the winter months, and all year long by following @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 will go outside for recess.



## Snowballs and Inappropriate Schoolyard Play

Now that the snow will arrive, students are reminded that throwing snowballs is inappropriate and unsafe play in the schoolyard. We remind the students on a daily basis, but sometimes students forget when they are playing at recess. The students are allowed to play with the snow, but they are **not allowed to kick the snow or throw it at someone.** Parents, we ask for your support in this matter and please remind your child that inappropriate schoolyard play will have consequences from detentions, community service, or resulting in a suspension. Once again, the school and the home are partners in ensuring safety for all.



## Pizza and Subway Lunches

The pizza lunches for January will be held on **Thursday, Jan. 26.** Subway lunch will take place on **Thursday, January 19.**



## Lunch Lady and Pita Pit Lunches

Lunch Lady will be held on **Thursday, January 12.** Pita Pit lunch will be held on **Tuesday, January 31.**



## Student Safety

St. Rita is an Allergen Aware School. Some children in our school have a severe life threatening food allergy to peanuts and nuts (anaphylaxis). This is a medical condition that causes a severe reaction to specific foods and can result in death within minutes. In order to ensure that our school is a safe environment for all students, **we ask that you only send foods with your children that are free from peanuts and other nut products.** Also, kindly avoid sending food for special occasions (i.e. birthday etc). There is no other way of controlling food which comes from home other than the specific and diligent awareness and action by parents. **Please help in ensuring the safety of our children by helping to keep St. Rita Catholic School a peanut and nut free zone.**



## 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 and office staff or administration will supervise ELP students as they go to their classroom.



## St. Rita C. S. Christmas Concert

Bravo to all the teachers, support staff, and students for sharing their talents at the Christmas Concert on December 22. Thank you to all the parents and family members who filled the gym and supported this event! Thank you to everyone who contributed baked goods, organized the bake sale tables and to all those who purchased baked goods. It was truly a successful evening! A special thank you to everyone who provided gifts for our Christmas Raffle: **World's Finest Chocolate, Dupont Barbeque, Subway at Islington and Bloor, Brazil Bakery & Pastry, O Bairradino, Fernanda Domingues, Ms. Estevao and Shopper's Drug Mart, Bright Pics, Ms. Oppedisano, Ms. Dos Reis, Younique Cosmetics & Skin Care & Scentsy, Maria Bettencourt, Debbie Carneiro, Alana Strebinger, Yadhira Guarneros, Cabin Country Design, Mary Mizuyabu, Custom Shirt, Caldense Bakery, Ms. Barbara Alvarez, Marshalls and the Dias Family.** Congratulations to all the Raffle winners too! All proceeds will go towards student activities.

**Christmas Bake Sale—\$294.60**

**Christmas Raffle—\$568.00**

**Santa Pictures—\$255.00**



## Movie Night

Thank you to all the students who came out to enjoy our Movie Night on December 16<sup>th</sup>. This fundraiser earned **\$241.95.** This money will go towards student activities.



## ME to WE Team

Me to We is a year-long program created to celebrate the power of young people to create positive change in the world. Students learn about social issues and discover how they can be part of the solution to both local and global challenges. Through our Dress Down Day in December we earned **\$37.95**

**Our next DRESS DOWN DAY is Friday, January 23.**

## Primary Indoor Mixed Soccer

A dedicated group of primary students began practicing in November for the soccer tournament that was held on Wednesday, December 7th at St. Raymond C. S.



At the tournament, the students played with all their hearts and placed second. They represented St. Rita C. S. very well. Way to go, team!

**Congratulations to: Eric M, Laura A, Alakii M, Cody T, Alexander C, Kylie D, Vobien T, Lucia V, Jacob B, Aaliyah C, Brittany C, Jorge M, Isaiah F, Davin S, Joshua E.**

A special thank you to Mr. Koka for his time and dedication to coaching the team. Thank you also to Ms. Lopes who helped supervise the team on the TTC and at the tournament.



Parents are required to report their child's immunization to Toronto Public Health. If you got a letter, our records show you still need to report. Visit [toronto.ca/health](http://toronto.ca/health), to update and report your child's immunization.

No health card? Toronto Public Health offers free immunization clinics.

Book an appointment online  
[www.tphbookings.ca](http://www.tphbookings.ca)

416.338.7600 [toronto.ca/health](http://toronto.ca/health) |  **TORONTO** Public Health

## Cold Alerts and Weather-Related Cancellations/Closures

With the approach of winter weather, Twitter and the board website are the best sources of the latest information relating to cold weather alerts, cancellations and closures. Get all the information here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/HealthandSafety/Pages/Weather-Related-Safety-Concerns.aspx>

And remember to check the Toronto Student Transportation Group website for any school bus delays throughout the year.

<http://www.torontoschoolbus.org/>



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