



**MARCH 2017**

## **ST. RITA CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

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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

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# **St. Rita Catholic School Newsletter**

## Principal's Message:

In the month of March, we begin our Lenten Journey of 40 days which leads to the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday. Lent is an opportunity to practise and deepen our faith through prayer/reflection, fasting/abstaining, and almsgiving/thinking of others. As a school, we are encouraging students to celebrate Lent by working hard to *change their hearts*. We are asking all students to offer their good works and behaviour to the Lord. Please support your child by reinforcing good behaviour. Our Winter Break is scheduled for the week of March 13-17. I hope that everyone in our school community is able to enjoy some quality family time. If you are staying in the city, consider all that the city has to offer: the Science Centre, the Zoo, or the local library. Come back to school rested and refreshed. The Dovercourt Boys and Girls Club is offering a Camp during the March Break! A separate flyer was sent home.

How timely that the virtue for this month is FORGIVENESS, not only because we are in the season of Lent, but also because it is an important cornerstone of our faith. Jesus modeled the virtue of forgiveness for us in his life and death. We are reminded that forgiveness is a gift to ourselves as we let go of the burden of resentment when we forgive another person. It is a gift to our children when we teach and model it to them. Since we are in the Lenten season, take some time to read the parable of the prodigal son with your child and focus on the theme of forgiveness. Let's remember that, *"To err is human, but to forgive is divine."*

May God continue to bless your Lenten journey. Have a great March Break!

Respectfully,

*Waldo Aristizabal*

### **Kindergarten Registration**

Registration for Kindergarten began **January 18, 2017**. Please complete the 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](http://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](http://www.tcdsb.org).

Stay in touch with the latest news throughout the school year: Follow @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:

*Attridge*  
(416) 255-5199  
*Switzer Carty*  
(905) 361-1084  
*Stock*  
(416) 244-5341



## School Lunches in March

The **Pizza lunch** for March will be held on **Thursday, March 2**. In observance of Lent, we will only be ordering cheese pizza.

**Lunch Lady** will be held on **Thursday, March 9**.

**Pita Pit** will be held on **Tuesday, March 28**.

**Subway lunch** will be held on **Thursday, March 23**.

## Class Bake Sale

Our Kindergarten Class Bake Sale on February 13<sup>th</sup> was a success! Thank you to the parents, students & staff who donated their baked goods to support this fundraiser.

Next class bake sale will be the Gr. 1/2 class on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

## March Break

There will be no school from March 13 to March 17.

The Dovercourt Boys and Girls club is offering a March camp. Please refer to the flyer that was sent home with all the students.



## 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.

## Railway Safety

Parents, please remind students to stay off of railway property/lands. When crossing at "railway crossings", wait for barriers to go up. For safety reasons, both adults and students should not be running across the tracks when the barrier is down, even though the train is stopped. As adults, let's set the example for our children and wait patiently for the barrier to go up before crossing. Remember not to hang or touch the railway barrier either. Thank you for your cooperation in these important safety measures.



## ME to WE Donations

Thanks to our February dress down day on February 24<sup>th</sup>, we earned **\$54**. St. Rita collected **\$82** for the Angel Foundation of Learning Dress Down day on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity.

## Ash Wednesday Mass

We will have our school mass on March 1<sup>st</sup> in the morning. This is the start of Lent and journey to Easter.

## 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.



## Guidance Corner – Mr. F. Amato

## High School Registration is Underway!

High school registration nights have begun and will continue into the month of March. Be sure to read through your child's acceptance packages carefully and complete all of the necessary forms before submitting them on the date of registration. Some forms require teacher or principal signatures.

## Exchange of Information Meetings

Representatives from all of the high schools will be in contact with teachers this month to discuss your child's progress and to ensure that the secondary school is prepared to receive their new grade 9 students. At the meeting, teachers will discuss proper placement (e.g. academic, applied or locally developed) for your child as well as any strengths or needs that they may have.

## Change of Secondary School Forms

Change Forms will become available early in March. Students who have moved into another area of the city or who have changed their minds about the school they would like to attend are asked to request a form from their teacher. Forms must be completed and submitted as soon as possible. **Please remember that submitting a Change Form does not guarantee your child a spot in a different high school. Admittance is still based on availability of space.** Please read your options carefully when receiving the form.

## Have a Wonderful March Break!

## Graduation Photos

On **Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** in the morning, the SK and Gr. 8 students will have their graduation photos taken. Please ensure that your child is dressed in appropriate dress colours on that day ie. navy blue and/or white. **It is not a dress down day.**

## Parent Involvement Night

On March 9th our Parent Council (CSPC) will be having a parent involvement evening. Reptilia activities will be taking place for parents & students from Kindergarten to Grade 4.

On March 10th the same activities will be taking place for parents & students from Grade 5-8.

Pizza & Beverages will be included on both evenings.

There is no cost to the parents for this fun evening. A separate letter will be sent home.

## Parent input being requested.

The TCDSB is considering implementing an online application that would permit parents to make payments electronically through two methods.

**Method 1:** Parents can securely transfer funds from their bank account directly to an online 'myWallet' account. When they wish to make a payment to the school, they simply add an item to their shopping cart and pay for the item from their 'myWallet' account.

**Method 2:** Parents can use a credit card such as VISA or MasterCard

Using this electronic payment application, for large payments such as overnight trips, parents would also be able to pay through installments.

In order to offer this application, the TCDSB would have to charge a 1% administrative fee to help offset the cost of the application. To do this schools would set their charges 1% higher.

For example, an item that costs \$9.90 would cost \$10.00.

At the time of the purchase, \$9.90 would remain in the school account to pay for the item and \$0.10 would go directly to the TCDSB central account to help offset the cost of the online application.

In order to gauge interest in such an online application, we are engaging in a consultation process, in the form of a short survey.

The survey is open now and will close on Tuesday 7 March at 12 noon.

To participate in the survey, please click on this link: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/Onlinepaymentconsultation](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Onlinepaymentconsultation)

Or scan this QR code using a QR code reader app on your phone or tablet:



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[www.tphbookings.ca](http://www.tphbookings.ca)

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

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