



**JANUARY 2019**

## **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

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[www.tcdsb.org/cpic](http://www.tcdsb.org/cpic)  
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(416) 397-6350



### **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! The importance of being grateful on a daily basis can improve physical health as well by improving quality of sleep, cardiovascular (heart) health and immune function. Let's start the New Year in being grateful for our family, our friends, our teachers and school.

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 fear, for I am with you: do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous hand.* Jesus himself uses these words to strengthen his apostles (John 6:20) But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid." It takes a lot of courage to practice and to have the 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 16, 2019 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 31, 2019, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** children registering for the 2019-2020 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 **TCDSB Admissions Department** at 416-222-8282, ext. 5320 or via board's website for details:

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

### Dovercourt Boys and Girls Club

Thank you to Dovercourt Boys and Girls Club who came to the assistance for ten families this year in our school community. These families received food, including a turkey, as well as fresh fruits and vegetables!



### Cold Weather

As the cold weather and snow approaches, 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 has arrived, 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, January 31.** Subway lunch will take place on **Thursday, January 24.**



### Dominos Variety Day

The Dominos Variety Lunch Day for January will be held on **Thursday, January 17.**



### Dress Down Day

**Our Dress Down Day is Friday, January 25.** Please remember to bring **\$1.00** in for this fundraiser.

### 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 bell the student will be marked late. If dropping off your child late, please do so at the office.



### 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 13. 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! Congratulations to all the Raffle winners too! All proceeds will go towards student activities.

**Christmas Bake Sale—\$398.55**

**Christmas Raffle—\$310.00**

**Santa Pictures—\$185.00**



## 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/>



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)

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