



MARCH 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

Adult ESL
Francesca Ussia

St. Rita Catholic School Newsletter

Principal's Message:

In the month of March, 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 bible with your child and focus on the theme of forgiveness. Let's remember that, "To err is human, but to forgive is divine." 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*. May God continue to bless your Lenten journey.

March also marks the time of year that the Irish and Irish-at-heart, celebrate St. Patrick's Day. What began as a religious feast day for the Patron Saint of Ireland, has become a day of celebration around the world. During the month of March, the TCDSB acknowledges St. Patrick by designating March as Celtic Canadian Heritage month.

Lastly, our Winter Break is scheduled for the week of March 12-16. I hope that everyone in our school community is able to enjoy some quality family time. Come back to school rested and refreshed.

Have a great March Break!

Respectfully,

Waldo Aristizabal

Kindergarten Registration

Registration for Kindergarten began **January 17, 2018**. 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

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.

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School Lunches in March

The **Pizza lunch** for March will be held on **Thursday, March 8 & March 29**. In observance of Lent, we will only be ordering cheese pizza.

Subway lunch will be held on **Thursday, March 22**.

March Break

There will be no school from March 12 to March 16.



Support Staff Appreciation Day

On Monday, March 5th, we acknowledge EAs and CYWs for the amazing work. Thank you to Ms. Michalik and Mr. Carvalho for all of the love and support you demonstrate in the work you do for our students! You are the 'glue' that holds the school together!

Not Returning in September 2018

As you are all aware as a school community St. Rita's is starting French Immersion in Kindergarten. Planning for September 2018 is underway! We kindly ask parents to notify the office, if their child is not returning to school in September. This information is essential as plan class compositions for the upcoming year.

Student Records

Please make sure that your child's contact information is up-to-date with the secretary. It is imperative that we have the correct information on file in case of your child becomes ill or in case of emergency. Thank you for taking the time out in doing this task.

Morning Meal

Envelopes were sent out in January for the Morning Meal Program. We have not received all the envelopes back as of to date. If your child needs another envelope, please call the office and let the secretary know that you need one. The Morning Meal cost is \$40.00 per student with a maximum of \$80.00 per family for the remainder of the year. We would love to see the program continue, and we need your support with this. Thank you for all the support you have given and you will continue to give.



Please see the attached schedule regarding PA Days and Statutory holidays.

ME to WE Donations

Thanks to our February dress down day on February 23rd we earned **\$34.00**. **Our next dress down day is March 23rd**.

Ash Wednesday Mass

We had our school mass on Feb 14th in the morning. This was the start of Lent and journey to Easter.



Graduation Photos

On **Thursday, March 20th** 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.**



Rory McGuckin, Director of Education

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