



Sts. Cosmas and Damian CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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April 2019

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This is a great way to find out what is happening in our school.

“Let justice flow like a stream, and righteousness like a river that never goes dry.” (Amos 5:24)

Virtue of the month is Justice

Dear parents and guardians,

Happy Spring! It certainly seemed that winter would never leave us, but the birds are singing, the sun is warmer and the flowers are pushing up out of the ground. How beautiful that God gives us the gift of the seasons! As we prepare for the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday, let us be thankful for all of God’s Blessings.

An Easter Blessing

*Through the resurrection of Jesus
God has redeemed us and made us his children.
May God bless us with joy.
Our Redeemer has given us lasting freedom.
May we inherit everlasting life.
By faith, we rose with Jesus in baptism.
May our lives be holy,
so that we will be united with Jesus forever.
May almighty God bless us,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

On behalf of the staff of Sts. Cosmas and Damian School, we wish you a blessed Easter.

Sincerely,
C. Profiti
Principal



Catherine Profiti

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OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS) ↗

382 8:30-3:00 11:15 – 12:15

ENROLLMENT HOURS OF OPERATION LUNCH HOUR

NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: soar.tcdsb.org

Call 416-393-5398 or the TCDSB Admissions Department at 416-222-8282, ext. 5320.

For general information about the Toronto Catholic District School Board, visit www.tcdsb.org

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 Intermediate W5H | 2 World Autism Awareness Day Lunch Lady  | 3 Lent confessions 12:30  | 4 Grad t-Shirt presentation | 5 Brightpics Easter Photos  Gr8 Film Festival pizza | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 Lunch Lady | 10 | 11 | 12 ShareLife Civvies day, wear green \$2.00 or more donation pizza  | 13 |
| 14 Palm Sunday | 15 Holy Week  Holy Week | 16 Rosary Lunch Lady | 17 | 18 Holy Thursday Stations of the Cross  SWIM gr4, 4/5 pizza | 19 Good Friday  | 20 |
| 21 Easter Sunday  | 22 Easter Monday No school | 23 Lunch Lady Gr7/8 Toronto Archives | 24 Secretary's Day  Thank you Mrs. Lima! CSPC Meeting 7:00 | 25 SWIM gr4, 4/5 | 26 Easter Mass 9:00 Chocolate Prizes pasta | 27 |
| 28 | 29 Curling gr5-8 | 30 Curling grK-4 Lunch Lady | 1 May | 2 SWIM gr4, 4/5 | 3 pizza | 4 |

Upcoming Dates:

- May 9th is Confirmation at 7:00pm at St. Charles Church
- May 21-June 3rd
- May 14th Rosary Celebration
- May 6-10th Catholic Education Week



School Parking Lot

Again this month, the traffic in the parking lot is at a very dangerous level. Cars continue to block bus passage way. Cars are left unattended blocking routes and students are darting out to jump into moving cars. I implore you to please be careful otherwise we will have to close the parking lot gate to ensure safe passage for busses. The other concern is from our neighbours who live on Hillmount, who have called the school with concerns about cars blocking their driveways before and after school. I realize that everyone is in a hurry, but this situation is very serious. Please consider carpooling, walking to school and or parking on the side streets; then walking in to collect your child. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

School Dress Code

As the weather warms up, this is a reminder that the school Dress Code is still enforced.

For the younger students, navy blue walking shorts and skirts are acceptable along with navy blue pants/leggings. White or navy golf shirts, t-shirts, shirts or blouses are the only acceptable tops to be worn. No one should be wearing tank tops. Students should also wear running shoes as they can trip and get hurt with sandals on their feet.

Let's Help Catholic Charities by Supporting ShareLife

ShareLife's mission is to "Live the Gospel by providing for those in need" This is done through their support of many diverse [Catholic social service agencies](#) here in the GTA and beyond.

This year, ShareLife Week for Schools will be celebrated the week of April 8-12. All students and staff are invited **Board-wide Civvies Day on Friday, April 12, 2019** to raise funds for the ShareLife campaign.

Your donation of a loonie or a toonie will go a long way to supporting youth, the elderly, the marginalized and the vulnerable.

We thank everyone in the TCDSB community for all that they do throughout the year to help others—giving of their time and their resources to make a difference.

We applaud those efforts, and take great pride in the commitment to living our Catholic values and putting faith into action.

Monthly Update from the Board

April 2019

Budget Consultation

All parents, staff, students and stakeholders are encouraged to participate in the consultation regarding the 2019-2020 budget. By identifying your priorities for consideration, the Trustees of the Board will be better able to make decisions that reflect the concerns and interests of TCDSB stakeholders. The budget website will be available as of Wednesday, April 3rd. This website will include both video and printed materials outlining the budget, and the budget process, as well as a breakdown of the various ways that everyone can participate in the consultation process. An online survey will also be available through to May 3rd to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to share their views. https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TCDSB-Community-Consultations/Pages/budget_2019_2020.aspx

Sign Up for School Messenger

One of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely to school each and every day. To enhance our existing absence-checking procedure TCDSB has introduced *a new, more efficient* student absence reporting system called **SafeArrival**. This new system will reduce the time it takes to verify student attendance, making it easy for you to report your child's absence and easy for staff to respond to unreported student absences. With **SafeArrival**, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the **SchoolMessenger app** from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>). The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
2. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>. The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
3. Call the toll-free number **1 (833) 251-3286** to report an absence using the

automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time up to a maximum of 10 consecutive days. It is important to note that when setting up your account, you must register using the email address and phone number associated with your child's Trillium account. In addition, schools will use the **SchoolMessenger Communicate** automated notification system to contact parents whose child is absent when the absence was not reported in advance. The automated notification system will attempt to contact parents at multiple contact points until a reason is submitted for the absence. If our system is unable to reach the designated contacts, office staff will follow up.

Reminder: OAPCE's 80th Annual Parent Conference

Friday April 5th, 2019

OECTA Reception at Montecassino Hotel & Venue, Toronto 6:00-9:00pm

Saturday April 6th, 2019

All Day Conference at Madonna Catholic Secondary School, Toronto 8:00am-4:30pm

Mass with Cardinal Collins; Keynote Speaker: Greg Rogers; Parent Learning Workshops; Vendor Mall

Gala Dinner

Montecassino Hotel & Venue 6:30pm; Awards Ceremony

REGISTER AT: www.OAPCE.org

April Events and Observances:

- **April is Volunteer Appreciation Month**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Pages/Volunteer-Appreciation.aspx> April 7-13 is Volunteer Appreciation Week
- **TCDSB Music Festival April 1-26**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2019/Pages/TCDSB-Music-Festival.aspx>
- **Autism Awareness Day April 2**
https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/special_education/autism/autismawareness/pages/2019-events.aspx
- **ShareLife Week April 8-12** (Civvies Day for ShareLife, Friday, April 12th)
<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/news/2018-2019/pages/sharelife.aspx>

- **Holy Week:** Holy Thursday April 18; Good Friday April 19; Easter Sunday April 21
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Lent-and-Easter-Resources.aspx>
- **Earth Day April 22**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/environment/earthmonth/pages/earthday.aspx>
- **Administrative Assistants Day April 24**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2019/pages/administrativeassistantsday.aspx>
- **Earth Month Community Clean Up April 26**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/environment/earthmonth/pages/default.aspx> Angel Brigade Week
- **Angel Brigade Week April 29-May 3**
https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/?page_id=6189

April Meetings:

- April 4, Student Achievement and Well-Being Committee
- April 8 Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
- April 9 Governance and Policy Committee
- April 10 Safe Schools Advisory Committee
- April 11 Corporate Services Committee
- April 23 Special Education Advisory Committee
- April 24 Regular Board

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