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

Virtue of the month is **CHARITY**

“Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est: Where there is charity and love, God is there.”

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As we enter into the season of Advent, we begin preparation for the birth of our Saviour, Jesus, at Christmas.

Advent Prayer

*Our hearts desire the warmth of your love
and our minds are searching for the light of your Word.
Increase our longing for Christ our Saviour and give us the strength to
grow in love,
that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and
welcoming the light of his truth.
We ask this In the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen*

Please take time to make this season holy by spending time with family and friends. Keep in mind as well those who are less fortunate in our community and try to be as generous as possible.

As St. Thomas Aquinas described it best: “Charity is friendship first with God and secondly with all who belong to God.”

The Sts. Cosmas and Damian staff and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

C. Profiti
Principal



December 2018

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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

Stay in touch with the latest news throughout the school year: Follow @TCDSB on Twitter or Toronto Catholic DSB on Instagram

December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Advent 1 	3	4 Last Karate Lunch Lady	5 Grade 4-8 wear uniforms CSPC meeting 7:00pm 	6 Family Gingerbread Night 6:00-8:00pm Pizza Lunch 	7 PA DAY No school	8
9 Advent 2 	10	11 Lunch Lady	12 Advent Confessions 12:30pm	13 Grades 5-8 Skating Trip 	14 Advent Mass 9:00am XMAS Sweater/hat day \$5.00 donation to Covenant House DHH classes to Foodbank Pasta Lunch	15
16 Advent 3 	17	18 Rosary Apostolate Lunch Lady	19	20	21 Last day of classes Red & Green Day. special treats for the whole school	22
23 Advent 4 	24	25 Merry Christmas! 	26	27	28	29
30	31	1 January 	2	3	4	5

Upcoming Dates:

January 7th: Return to school

January 18th: PA Day

January 22nd: OLSAT testing all grade 4 students

January 25th: Mass 9:00am

Sick Kids VS Update

The final tally for Sick Kids Vs funds raised is \$6101.00. Thank you very much for your generosity and support.

Peace Garden

In November, Mrs. Faranda and Ms. Areias classes planted tulip bulbs in our Peace Garden at the front of the school. It's our hope that when spring returns, our garden will be vibrant with tulips and reminding us of Christ's resurrection at Easter

Girls and Boys Intermediate Volleyball Tournaments

Congratulation to the students who participated in the Intermediate volleyball tournaments. Both teams represented our school community with great Spirit determination and respect. Well done!

Remembrance Day

On November 9th, Mr. Montanari's grade 7 class put on a prayerful, solemn presentation for all students, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Great War. Ms. Angelosante's choir sang beautifully. Students were reflective and respectful during the presentation.

Father Michael Visits

Our dear Father Michael continued to visit our students this month with a focus on preparation for Advent confessions on December 12th.

Advent Charity Project

There will be more information to follow regarding our Advent Charity Project for Covenant House in Toronto.

Winter Dressing for Winter Weather

Please ensure that students have indoor shoes to wear at school in the winter months. Also, it is important that all students come to school ready for outdoor recess.



Monthly Update from the Board December 2018

ILE Survey Conducted in All TCDSB Elementary Schools

On July 12th, the Board of Trustees of the TCDSB approved a motion to survey parents, in all TCDSB Elementary Schools, from November 13th to November 27th, to determine whether parents wish to continue or initiate an International Languages program at their child's school.

We would like to thank everyone that was involved with the delivery, distribution and collection of the completed ILE survey. We would like to especially thank all families for providing your voice to the process by completing and returning the survey.

Results of the survey will be compiled and reported to the Board of Trustees in January 2019. This report will include a list of results by school, including the response rates for each school. However, only schools with the required threshold of 67% response rate will receive a detailed summary of parent responses.

For updated information regarding the International Languages Elementary (ILE) Program please visit: <https://www.tcdsb.org/programs/services/schoolprograms/sk12/internationallanguages/pages/change-to-international-languages-program.aspx>

Wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Latest Updates on Weather Related Cancellations or Closures

To get the latest information about school bus transportation, see

<https://busplannerweb.torontoschoolbus.org/Cancellation.s.aspx>

Parents are encouraged to subscribe to the transportation portal to get real time information about any transportation issues:

<https://busplannerweb.torontoschoolbus.org/Subscription.s/Login.aspx>

Information is also shared via Twitter. Follow @TCDSB.

For more information:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/forstudents/healthandsafety/pages/weather-related-safety-concerns.aspx>

French Immersion and Extended French Info Nights:

Dec. 5, 2018 – Feb. 20, 2019

Elementary Schools with French Immersion and Extended French programs invite their communities to attend Information Nights as we approach Kindergarten Registration, which begins Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. The following schools will host French Immersion Information Nights in December:

- St. Cecilia – December 5, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
- St. Benedict – December 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
- St. Cyril – December 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Click here for all French Immersion Info Night dates:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/FrenchImmersion/Pages/default.aspx>

Click here for all Extended French Info Night dates:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/Extended%20French/Pages/default.aspx>

Angel Foundation for Learning

Through the Loretto Fund and the Social Work Emergency Fund the Angel Foundation supports TCDSB students who are new comers to Canada by helping to offset the costs for items such as school supplies, uniforms, field trips, groceries or other necessities to help them settle into school and life in Canada. You can help support families who have come to Canada in search of peace donations to The Angel Foundation for Learning. To learn more about the work of the Foundation, visit

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

PA Day

Friday, December 7th is a system-wide PA Day (Check with your local school to confirm)

Christmas Holidays

The last day of classes before the Christmas break will be Friday, December 21, 2018. Schools will reopen on Monday, January 7th, 2019.

Administrative offices will also be closed starting Saturday December 22nd and reopening on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

SAVE THE DATE!

Kindergarten Registration Begins

January 16th at 10 a.m.

Visit www.tcdsb.org for details.

Apply online starting January 16th at

<https://soar.tcdsb.org>

Children born in 2015 are eligible for school in September 2019. Please let friends and neighbours know.