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February 2019

Follow us on Twitter @Stscosmasanddam.
This is a great way to find out what is happening in our school.

Virtue of the month is **LOVE**

*Love is patient, love is kind.
It is not jealous, it is not pompous,
It is not inflated, it is not rude,
and it does not seek its own interests,*

*It is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury,
it does not rejoice over wrongdoing
but rejoices with the truth.
It bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.*

Love never ends.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Dear parents and guardians,

February is African Canadian Heritage Month. Our staff will be exploring the contributions of African Canadians both historical and current with our students. We will also have an African Drumming Presentation for all students on the 6th.

First term report cards will be sent home on February 11th with an opportunity for parent teacher interviews on either Thursday, February 14th in the evening from 5:30-8:00 or Friday, February 15th in the morning from 8:30-11:00am. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity.

We will also be having another Scholastic Book fair during reporting week from February 11-15th.

I would like to sincerely thank those families that are making an effort to use **School Messenger**. <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/#/home>

Call the toll-free number **1 (833) 251-3286** to report an absence using the automated phone system.

It is necessary that we use this new form of reporting student attendance as it is much safer. Letters and fridge magnets were sent home before school ended in December.

We also encourage you to register for school cash online to pay for school based events. <https://tcdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>. This is a perfect way for parents/guardians to pay for school events without having to send money to school with their children. We are hoping to get full enrolment by all families by June 2019.

Sincerely,

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

February 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Pizza Wear your Summer hats & T-shirts Day suggested \$2.00 donation ME to WE 	2
3	4 St. Blaise Blessing of throats	5 Rosary Lunch Lady	6 HOZA: African Drumming Presentations for all students K-2 8:50 3-8 10:00 	7	8 Pizza Dental Screening K-8 Scientist in the school Gr 2/3, 3	9
10	11 Report Cards sent home  Book fair till Friday	12 Lunch Lady Dental Screening K-8	13	14 Pizza Parent Interviews 5:30-8:00pm Valentine Dance Wear Red and White suggested donation \$2.00 @To Spread Love 	15 PA Day: Parent Interviews 8:30-11:00	16
17	18 Family Day  No school today	19 Lunch Lady Dental Screening K-8 Intermediate Boys Basketball	20 Intermediate Girls Basketball Junior W5H Tournament	21	22 Pasta (Volunteers needed) Mass 1:00 	23
24	25	26 Lunch Lady	27 Marlies Game gr4-6 Ski Trip gr 7,8 	28 Virtue Awards	1 Pizza	2

Upcoming Dates:

March 6-8th: Carnival Week

March 6th: Ash Wednesday

March 11-15th: March Break: NO School

Junior Boys and Girls Soccer

Congratulations to our Boys and Girls Junior Soccer teams who represented our school with respect and team spirit in January. They practiced many long hours and did their very best at the tournaments in January. Well done teams!

Summer Fun Day:

Friday, February 1st.

Students are invited to wear sunglasses, summer hats and t-shirts on Friday for Summer Fun Day. A donation of \$2.00 is suggested for ME to WE.

Valentine's Day Dance, Thursday, February 14th

We will be having a school dance for Valentine's Day on Thursday, February 14th. Students are invited to wear red, white if they wish. A suggested donation of \$2.00 will be collected for @To Spread Love. Please be reminded that sending chocolate and treats to school is discouraged as we have many children with peanut allergies.

Dental Screening for all students

City of Toronto, Public Health provides dental screening for all children in Kindergarten to grade 8. The nurse will be at the school on the 8, 12 and 19th to screen our students.

Monthly Update from the Board

February 2019

Imagine the Possibilities

Kindergarten Registration in Toronto Catholic Schools

Junior Kindergarten in the Toronto Catholic District School Board provides children with a variety of learning experiences in a caring, faith-based environment. TCDSB looks forward to welcoming new students for September 2019. Children born in 2015 are eligible for kindergarten.

Registration options:

Online: Parents can complete their application online beginning at 10 a.m. EST on January 16, 2019, at SOAR.tcdsb.org, and follow up with a visit to the school to present the required documents. The online application is available 24 hours.

Registration documents:

- Child's Birth Certificate or Passport/Immigration documents if child was not born in Canada
- Child's Catholic baptismal certificate (or proof of Catholicity of parent)
- Proof of residency in Toronto (some examples: a lease agreement, utility bill)
- Immunization Record

Information is available by telephone at 416-222-8282 ext. 5320, or by visiting www.tcdsb.org/kindergartenregistration

about the services available to them. [Click here for more information about the Fair.](#)

TCDSB Is Hiring!

Join the dynamic team at the Toronto Catholic District School Board where academic success and well-being go hand in hand with nurturing Catholic faith and values. TCDSB is currently seeking:

- Supply Secretary
- Supply Educational Assistant
- Occasional Designated Early Childhood Educator
- Occasional Library Technician (certified and uncertified)
- Supply Caretaker
- Occasional Teacher
- Occasional French Teacher (certified and uncertified)
- Occasional Music Teacher (certified and uncertified)

Interested in exploring a career with TCDSB? Visit www.tcdsb.org/careers or contact hr.recruitment@tcdsb.org. Applications are being received at www.applytoeducation.com.

Registration for Kindergarten, French Immersion, Extended French and Night School as well as eClass continues during February.

Visit the Board's website for information www.tcdsb.org

February's Virtue is Love

Please visit our website for the monthly resources connected to the virtue of the month.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/VirtueoftheMonth/Pages/Default.aspx>

Director's Annual Report 2017-2018

Check out some of the highlights of the past school year in the newly published edition of the Director's Annual Report.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BoardAdministration/DirectorofEducation/Pages/annual-report-2017-2018.aspx>

Audited Financial Statements 2017-2018

The audited financial statements for the past school year are available online:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BudgetandFinance/Documents/Audited-Financial-Statements-2017-18-TCDSB.pdf>

New Location: English Courses for Adults

Coming in February to 270 Cherokee Boulevard, North York (former Our Lady of Mount Carmel school site)

- ESL (full and part-time classes available)
- Essential skills training
- ESL for Health Care Professions (March-May)

www.tcdsb.org/adulted for information or 416-397-6600 contact.adulted@tcdsb.org

Winter Weather Has Arrived

Don't miss out on information relating to cancellations or delays in school bus service. Sign up to receive alerts through the TSTG parent portal

<https://www.torontoschoolbus.org> or follow @TCDSB on Twitter for the latest updates.

- **February is... African Canadian Heritage Month**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/AfricanCanadianHeritage/Pages/default.aspx>

The African Canadian Heritage Month Mass will take place at Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts on **Friday, February 8th from 10 am – 1:30 pm**, and will feature special guest poet, speaker, and author Nadine Williams.

- **Psychology Month**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/special-education/psychology/psychologymonth/Pages/Psychology-Month.aspx>

- **National Inclusive Education Month**

Learn more about the TCDSB's Catholic Equity and Inclusive Education Policy:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/Policies/Pages/hm24.aspx>

- **TCDSB Energy Conservation Month: 4 Days - 4 Themes - One Month:**

Join the TCDSB throughout February to save on energy:

- Flip the Switch Friday – Feb 1, 2019
- National Sweater Day - Feb 8, 2019
- Energy Education Day - Feb 14, 2019
- Phantom Friday - Feb 22, 2019

[Click here for more information about Energy Conservation Month.](#)

Other Dates to Note for February:

Winter Walk Day 2019

Winter Walk Day will be taking place this year on Wednesday, **February 6, 2019**. Winter Walk Day is an opportunity for all of us—students, staff, families—to focus on improved health and well-being, active lifestyles and building safer communities for everyone. [Click here for more information.](#)

SUPPORTING ALL STUDENTS...JOIN US!

TCDSB SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES FAIR 2019

Hosted by the Toronto Catholic District School Board Special Services Departments and Special Education Advisory Committee

February 2, 2019 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/special-education/new-sevents/pages/special-education-and-community-resources-fair.aspx>

Transition Planning Workshop for Parents of Children with Autism in Grades 7 & 8

February 2, 2019 10 a.m. to 12 noon

<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/special-education/new-sevents/pages/transition-planning.aspx>

February 2, 2019: World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

Pray for our Cardinal, Bishops, pastors, priests, deacons, sisters and other religious who provide spiritual support, leadership and guidance to our school communities and Catholics throughout the City of Toronto.

February 4-8, 2019 Canadian School Counsellors Week

<https://www.ccpa-accp.ca/chapters/school-counsellors/>

Lunar New Year February 5, 2019

Angel Foundation For Learning's Curiosities Art Show
February 9 and 10

Featuring artwork created by TCDSB students, TCDSB graduates and local artists
https://www.angelfoundationforlearning.org/?page_id=7725

February 11th is International Day of the Girl in Science
<http://www.un.org/en/events/women-and-girls-in-science-day/>

February 14, 2019 St Valentine's Day
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/News/2014-2015/Pages/St.-Valentine's-Day.aspx>

System-wide PA Day February 15, 2019

Family Day February 18, 2019

February 20, 2019 World Day of Social Justice
<http://www.un.org/en/events/socialjusticeday/>

Feb 22-March 1, 2019 TCDSB Northern Spirit Games

As part of the TCDSB's Indigenous Education programming initiatives, the annual Northern Spirit Games will once again take place in February. This year the games will take place at four locations:

- **St. John Paul II – February 22**
- **Bishop Marrocco/Thomas Merton CSS - February 25**
- **St. Patrick's CSS - February 28**
- **Msgr. Percy Johnson – March 1**

Since 2002, over 22,000 students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 have participated in these annual athletic, cultural and spiritual celebrations. [Click here for more information.](#)

February 27, 2019 Pink Shirt Day

Opportunities/Information for Students

FaithTalk—Radio Maria Contest

Grade 7 – 12 TCDSB students are invited to submit a two-page (500 word) proposal (in any format) about how they are 'living their faith' today! If selected, a student will be on air, at Radio Maria Canada for a 30 minute segment speaking about their faith during Catholic Education Week May 5-10, 2019!

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/rooted-in-christ/pages/radio-maria.aspx>

For other opportunities for students including community service hours, employment, training and contests, see

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/default.aspx>

Coming Soon

Lift Jesus Higher Rally March 2, 2019

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/News/2017-2018/Pages/lift-jesus-higher.aspx>

March 5, 2019 Ordinandi Youth Event

Secondary students from the *Toronto Catholic District School Board* are once again invited to participate in the annual *Ordinandi Youth Event*. This event is being held at the Pearson Convention Centre in Brampton on **Wednesday, March 5th**, from 9:30 am until 1pm. The Ordinandi Youth Event offers a fun and interactive program that includes lively music and exciting activities. Students will also hear the unique vocation stories of religious sisters and the Ordinandi Class. There is also an opportunity for attendees to ask questions – gaining additional insight into the lives and spiritual journeys of the speakers, particularly on how each has been able to overcome difficulties when responding to God's call to love and serve. This year Cardinal Collins will again be present to speak to the young people and then lunch will be served. The function ends at 1 pm. At that time students will be transported back to their schools.

This is the 7th year for the Ordinandi Youth Event and with the help of the Catholic Boards in the Archdiocese of Toronto it continues to be a great way for young people to learn about Vocations and connect with their peers. Their participation in this event assists them in gathering a sense of fellowship and belonging that comes from being part of the larger Catholic Youth Community.

March 6, 2019 Ash Wednesday; Lent Begins

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Lent-and-Easter-Resources.aspx>

March 8-12, 2019 ShareLife Week

Never Miss Out on Important Information

- Visit www.tcdsb.org for regular updates.
- Follow @TCDSB on Twitter.

Subscribe to E-news, and receive news and information sent right to your email.

<https://web1.tcdsb.org/InterestSubscription/subscription.aspx>

We Belong Submissions

In celebration of our pastoral plan, all schools are invited to share the ways in which they celebrate belonging in their communities. We invite you to submit student artwork, written work, videos/slideshows, songs or any other creative expressions of belonging to ncc.team@tcdsb.org by no later than **Friday, March 22, 2019**.

[Click here for more information and to check out other submissions.](#)

COSTI's Refugees & Human Rights Child & Youth Poetry Contest

Student in Grades 4 to 12 are invited to write a poem on the theme of "Refugees and Human Rights." The deadline for entries is **March 29, 2019**.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/AwardsScholarshipsBursariesContests/Pages/COSTI-Poetry-Contest.aspx>

Friars' Writing Contest 2019

Contestants must be 14-18 years of age, and currently enrolled in an Ontario secondary school or equivalent program. Essays must be no longer than 500 words in length and submitted on or before the contest closing date. **Deadline to enter: Monday, February 18, 2019.**

[Click here for more contest details.](#)

Investing in Our Diversity Scholarship Program

Applications are now open for the IIOD scholarship. Toronto Community Housing tenants or persons living in the Scadding Court Community Centre (SCCC) catchment area who are 29 years old or younger and entering any year of post-secondary study are eligible to apply. **Applications are due Thursday, March 28, 2018 at 5pm.** [Click here for more information and the IIOD application.](#)

Government of Canada Job Bank

www.jobbank.gc.ca

Apprenticeship Incentives and Completion Grants

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/apprentices/grants.html>