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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 a school wide presentation by POR AMOR entitled, "The Journey for NIA". (NIA means purpose) is a passionate display of African Roots, the Legacy of these cultures in our lives today. Incorporating music, dance, interactive segments through a theatrical assembly. POR AMOR & P.E.A.C.E. deliver an inspirational message that will empower students and staff to discover their own unique purpose

First term report cards will be sent home on February 10th with an opportunity for parent teacher interviews on either Thursday, February 13th in the evening from 6:00-8:30 or Friday, February 14th in the morning from 9:00-11:00am. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to meet with your child's teachers.

We will also be having our Scholastic Book fair during reporting week from February 10-14th. Students will celebrate Valentine's Day on Thursday, February 13th.

Our French teachers will be organizing a French Carnival Day on Friday, February 21st. Students should be dressed for outdoor activities.

The season of Lent begins on February 26th which is Ash Wednesday. The students will receive ashes at mass that day.

Teachers continue to work on our school improvement plan as second term begins. We are working on creating clear learning goals and co-created success criteria. We are also working on problem solving skills in mathematics as well as developing common math vocabulary from K-8.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely

C. Profiti
Principal

February 2020

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OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS) ↗

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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.

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February 2020

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 2 | 3 OLSAT test gr4 Morning Dental Screening | 4 Skills Canada PM Intermediate Dental Screening | 5 | 6 Intermediate skating Baycrest Dental Screening | 7 School Choir to sing at mass at CEC 11:00 Dental Screening Pizza Lunch | 8 |
| 9 | 10 Report Cards sent home  Scholastic Book Fair to Friday Intermediate Boys Basketball | 11 | 12 CSPC Fundraiser begins  Intermediate Girls Basketball | 13 Pizza Lunch Parent Interviews 6:00-8:30pm Valentine's Day Wear Red and White suggested donation \$2.00  | 14 PA Day: Parent Interviews 9:00-11:00 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 Family Day  No school today | 18 Gr 6 Scientist in the School | 19  POR AMOR African History Presentation | 20 Northern Spirit Games Gr 6 Junior W5H Tournament | 21 Carnaval Day  Pizza Lunch | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 Shrove Tuesday  | 26 Ash Wednesday Mass at 1:00  | 27 Pasta Lunch | 28 Pizza Lunch Intermediate classes to Snow Valley | 1 |

Upcoming Dates:

March 16-20th: 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!

Valentine's Day Dance, Thursday, February 13th

We will be having a school dance for Valentine's Day on Thursday, February 13th. Students are invited to wear red, white if they wish. A suggested donation of \$2.00 will be collected for ME to WE

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 February 3,4 and 6,7th to screen our students.

Scholastic Bookfair

Scholastic Book Fair will take place in the school library during the week of February 10-14th; including the evening of parent-teacher interviews.

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>

TCDSB Is Hiring!

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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.

Special Education Advisory Committee Seeks Community Representatives

SEAC is statutory Committee that makes recommendations to the Board on matters affecting the establishment and development of special education programs and services for exceptional pupils of the Board. SEAC membership includes three Elected Officials of the Board, up to 12 Members of Local Associations and one or more additional members from the community. Learn more:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Pages/SEACSeeksCommunityRepresentatives.aspx>

February is...

- **African Canadian Heritage Month**

For a list of events and resources, visit:

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

- **Psychology Month**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/specialeducation/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**

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

Other Dates to Note for February:

Winter Walk Day 2020

Winter Walk Day will be taking place this year on **February 5, 2020**. 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.](#)

Interfaith Harmony Week – February 1-7

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/news/2019-2020/pages/interfaithharmonyweek.aspx>

Canadian School Counsellors Week - February 3-7

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

International Day of the Girl in Science - February 11

<http://www.un.org/en/events/women-and-girls-in-science-day/>

St. Valentine's Day - February 14

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

System-wide PA Day - February 14

Family Day - February 17

TCDSB Northern Spirit Games - Feb 18-21

[Click here for more information.](#)

World Day of Social Justice – February 20

February 21 – International Language Instructors' Appreciation Day

Shrove Tuesday - February 25

Ash Wednesday - February 26

Lent Begins:

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

February Meetings

- Thursday, February 6, 2020 - Student Achievement Committee
- Tuesday, February 11, 2020 – Governance and Policy Committee
- Thursday, February 13, 2020 – Corporate Services Committee
- Wednesday, February 19, 2020 – Special Education Advisory Committee
- Thursday, February 20, 2020 – Regular Board
- Monday, February 24, 2020 – Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education

Important Information for Parents

Labour Update

Find the latest news and information about negotiations on the Board's website at <https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2020/pages/labourupdate.aspx>

Coronavirus

Stay up to date on the information shared by the Province of Ontario and Toronto Public Health <https://www.tcdsb.org/forstudents/healthandsafety/pages/coronavirusinformation.aspx>

Reminder: Registration for Kindergarten, French Immersion and Extended French for September 2020 is OPEN

Visit the Board's website for information at <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/AdmissionsandRegistration/Pages/Default.aspx>

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.

TCDSB Mental Health Newsletter-Winter 2020 Issue

https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SpecialEducation/mhs/newsletters/2020_Winter_Newsletter.pdf

Opportunities/Information for Students

Toronto Zoo Career Fair

February 8, 2020

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

Transition Fair for Students with Diverse Abilities

February 22, 2020

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

Leacock Foundation Seeks Volunteers for Math and Literacy Programs

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

Toronto Crime Stoppers School Action Program Poster Contest

Deadline: April 2, 2020

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

Summer Jobs for Students with the Government of Ontario

Jobs will be posted February 10th

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/Ontario-Summer-Employment-Opportunities.aspx>

City of Toronto Parks Forestry and Recreation Summer Recruitment

Application deadline: February 16, 2020

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

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