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

Virtue of the month is **Courage**

Isaiah 41:10, "Do not fear; for I am with you" is also what the angel tells Mary at the annunciation.

This month at Sts. Cosmas and Damian, we will demonstrate our courage to live our faith by practicing the virtue of Courage and standing up for the truth.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year and welcome back. I hope that everyone enjoyed the holiday with family and friends. The school family/community is very important to us at Sts. Cosmas and Damian.

As winter officially begins, we turn once again to the curriculum and our school improvement plan which includes helping our students improve their understanding and application of mathematics skills. Literacy is also very important. Please continue to read daily with your little ones and encourage older children to read as well. Talk to your children about school and ask them about their day.

Sincerely,

C. Profiti
Principal



— HAPPY NEW YEAR —

January 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.

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

January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 	2	3 Pizza	4
5	6 Return to School	7 Lunch Lady	8	9	10 Pizza	11
12	13	14 Lunch Lady	15  Kindergarten registration Begins at 10:00am Soar.tcdsb.org	16 Pizza	17 PA Day: Assessment and Reporting	18
19	20	21 Lunch Lady OLSAT-8 grade 4 assessment morning	22	23 School Mass 12:30	24 Pizza	25
26	27	28 Lunch Lady	29	30 PASTA lunch	31 Pizza Virtue Awards	1

Upcoming Dates:

February 10th: first term report cards go home

February 13th: Parent Interviews

February 14th: Parent Interviews and PA Day

February 17th: Family Day (no school)



Monthly Update from the Board January 2020

Important Information for Parents

Labour Update

Throughout the days and weeks ahead, we encourage everyone to watch for regular updates on our website at <https://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2020/Pages/LabourUpdate.aspx>, and to follow @TCDSB on Twitter, check the 24-information line at 416-222-8282, extension 2873 or sign up for E-News (for email notifications) at <https://web1.tcdsb.org/InterestSubscription/subscription.aspx>.

Kindergarten Registration Starts January 15, 2020

TCDSB looks forward to welcoming new students for September 2020. Registration for kindergarten begins **Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 10 a.m. EST.**

Apply online: **SOAR.tcdsb.org**. Details:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/kindergartenregistration>

Registration for Extended French:

www.tcdsb.org/extendedfrench

Registration for French Immersion:

www.tcdsb.org/frenchimmersion

Registration for Night School Credit Classes

Registration begins January 8th. Classes begin February 24th and 25th. For detailed information, see

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/ContinuingEducation/Pages/Default.aspx>

Parent & Community Reps Needed:

TCDSB Advisory Committee for Spanish-Speaking Communities

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is pleased to invite members of the community to consider serving on the Advisory Committee for Spanish-Speaking Communities. Interested applicants are invited to indicate their interest by completing the online [application form](#) and submitting it by **January 15th, 2020** to the attention of David Letra by email at:

david.letra@tcdsb.org or regular mail: David Letra, Community Relations Department, 80 Sheppard Ave. E., Toronto, ON, M2N 6E8. More info: [click here](#).

Special Education Advisory Committee

The Special Education Advisory Committee is seeking representatives from the community and from local associations dedicated to supporting students with special needs. Details:

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

Automated Speed Enforcement Systems to be Installed in School Zones

The City of Toronto has announced the installation of Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) systems across the City of Toronto. ASE is intended to enhance road safety in Community Safety Zones near schools. The system captures any vehicle travelling in excess of the posted speed limit. This includes emergency vehicles and municipal fleet vehicles.

Transportation services is installing 50 portable ASE systems near schools, and it is anticipated that they will rotate every three to six months within city wards.

An educational campaign will be launched to inform drivers of the presence of an ASE system. During the initial period, the plate owner will simply be issued a warning letter to confirm that the vehicle was moving faster than the posted speed limit. No response to these warning letters is required.

The City expects to move to issuing tickets in spring 2020. No demerit points will be issued nor will the registered owner's driving record be impacted. For more information, please visit toronto.ca/ASE or contact the ASE team at ASE@toronto.ca.

Updates on Weather Related Cancellations or Closures

Traffic congestion and varying road conditions can impact the flow of traffic in Toronto, and this is particularly true during the winter months when snow and ice can be a major factor. The Toronto Student Transportation Group provides information about school bus delays digitally through [their website](#). Update on

delays: <https://busplannerweb.torontoschoolbus.org/Cancellations.aspx>. Parents are encouraged to subscribe to the transportation portal to get real time information about any transportation issues:

<https://busplannerweb.torontoschoolbus.org/Subscriptions/Login.aspx> and to follow @TCDSB and @TOSchoolBus on Twitter.

General Information

Caucus Results

- Ward 1 Trustee Joseph Martino was elected Chair
- Angela Kennedy, Trustee for Ward 11 was elected Vice-Chair.

More:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/News/NewsReleases/newsrelease20182019/NewsRelease-Nov29-2019.pdf>

Financial Statements

The Audited Financial Statements for 2019 have been posted to the board's website:
https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BudgetandFinance/Documents/Toronto_Catholic_District_School_Board_08312019_FINAL_FS.pdf

Director's Annual Report

Check out some of the many highlights from the past school year in the 2019-2020 Annual Report:
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BoardAdministration/DirectorsEducation/Pages/AnnualReport-2018-2019.aspx>

Rooted in Christ: we Believe

You are invited to explore the resources and information relating to our pastoral plan at
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/rooted-in-christ/webelieve/Pages/weBelieveResources.aspx>
Suggested Activity for the Year: Consider who inspires you, who nurtures your faith, who acts as a mentor and role model of Catholic living. Is it your school chaplain? A parent or other family member? Your pastor or other member of your parish? A teacher or other staff at your school? A colleague or friend? Share your stories through a STEAM project, written work (poem, story, article), a short video, art, music or technology. Celebrate those who have guided you on your own journey of faith. Share your ideas and initiatives on social media (@TCDSB #TCDSBelieves). Send your submissions to ncc.team@tcdsb.org.

TCDSB Working Towards Net Zero Status

The Toronto Catholic District School Board believes in the critical role that our Catholic schools and facilities play in promoting environmental responsibility and providing leadership and direction for the protection and conservation of the environment. The TCDSB's Environment Committee is committed to working with all TCDSB stakeholders in their continued efforts to create a culture of conservation at TCDSB, consistent with the ideas expressed in Pope Francis' 2015 *Laudato Si*. More:
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/environment/NetZero/Pages/default.aspx>

Nominations are Invited for the 2020 TCDSB Awards

Awards Night is our traditional celebration to launch Catholic Education Week and an opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of our alumni, students, staff and friends of Catholic education. Nominations are invited for the following awards:

- [Download the TCDSB Alumni Award Nomination Form here.](#)
- [Download the TCDSB Award of Merit Nomination Form here.](#)
- [Download the TCDSB Friends of Catholic Education Award Nomination Form here.](#)

The deadline for all nominations is January 31.

Calendar of Meetings for 2020

Click here
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Calendar/Documents/AnnualCalendarOfMeetings2020.pdf> for the draft calendar of board and committee meetings. Please note that dates and times of meetings are subject to change.

Events/Meetings:

- January's Virtue is Courage
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/VirtueoftheMonth/Pages/Default.aspx#January>
- January is Tamil Heritage Month
- January 1, 2020 World Day of Peace
- January 6, 2020 Epiphany
- January 7, 2020 Eastern Rite Christmas
- January 7, 2020 Governance and Policy Committee Meeting
- January 7, 2020 Portuguese Advisory Committee Meeting
- January 9, 2020 Student Achievement Committee Meeting
- January 13-24, 2020 EQAO-Grade 9 Assessment
- January 14, 2020 Eastern Rite New Year
- January 15, 2020 Filipino Advisory Committee Meeting
- January 16, 2020 Corporate Services Committee Meeting
- January 17, 2020 System-wide PA Day (elementary schools only)
- January 20, 2020 Dr. Martin Luther King Day
- January 20, 2020 Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting
- January 22, 2020 Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting
- January 23, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
- January 27, 2020 Family Literacy Day
- January 27, 2020 International Holocaust Remembrance Day
- January 27, 2020 Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education Meeting
- January 30, 2020 Bell Let's Talk Day

For more information, visit www.tcdsb.org.