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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. We appreciate your on-going support and interest in your child's education.

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.

In December, we had our Family Gingerbread Night. It was a big success and we hope that you enjoyed it as much as we did. We also collected over \$1200.00 for the Covenant House in Toronto. Thank you again for your warm generosity. Covenant House was thrilled with the donation.

By now, you are aware that the TCDSB and Sts. Cosmas and Damian have changed the method of reporting student absences by implementing **School Messenger**. 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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Principal

January 2019

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CPIC (PARENT ENGAGEMENT - TCDSB)

www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto

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 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7 Return to School	8 Rosary Lunch Lady	9	10	11 Pizza	12
13	14	15 Lunch Lady	16  Begins at 10:00 Scientist in the School Grade 1: AM: Costa PM: Cimicata	17 Pizza	18 PA Day: Assessment and Reporting	19
20	21	22 Lunch Lady OLSAT Grade 4 testing AM Junior Boys Soccer	23 Grade 7/8 Market Gallery Trip	24 Junior Girls Soccer	25 School Mass 9:00 Pasta (Volunteers needed for pasta Distribution)	26
27	28	29 Lunch Lady	30 CSPC meeting 7:00pm Intermediate Boys Basketball	31 Virtue Awards	1 Pizza	2

Upcoming Dates:

February 11th: first term report cards go home

February 14th: Parent Interviews

February 15th: Parent Interviews and PA Day

February 18th: Family Day (no school)

Imagine the Possibilities

Kindergarten Registration in Toronto Catholic Schools begins January 16, 2019

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 for kindergarten begins **Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 10 a.m. EST.**

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.

In Person: Parents can register at their local school with the required documents beginning January 16, 2019 at 10 a.m. EST.

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

Learn More About French Immersion and Extended French

Information nights are underway. Check here for dates, times and locations

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

Special Education and Community Resources Fair: February 2, 2019

Please join the Special Services Department on **Saturday, February 2, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** at the Catholic Education Centre Atrium (2nd floor, 80 Sheppard Avenue East, North York) for the annual Special Education and Community Resources Fair. The

day provides families with an opportunity to engage with Board staff and community organizations and learn more about the services available to them. [Click here for more information about the Fair.](#)

Scholarship Opportunities for Portuguese Canadian Students

The Federation of Portuguese-Canadian Business & Professionals will be awarding deserving candidates a scholarship in amounts between \$1,500 and \$2,500 to study abroad at the NOVA School of Business and Economics, Carcavelos Campus - Lisbon and the University of the Azores, São Miguel or Terceira Campuses. **Registration deadline: January 18, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.** Click here for more information:

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

University Application Deadline

Deadline for Ontario high school students to submit their completed application to the OUAC is January 16, 2019. Note: OUAC processes applications received after this date & distributes them to the universities; however, specific university deadlines apply.

<https://www.ouac.on.ca/>

Summer Jobs for Students

The City is currently accepting summer job applications for positions supporting camps, aquatic programs and various recreation programs until early February. More information about recreation recruitment is available on the City's website at <https://www.toronto.ca/home/jobs/information-for-applicants/recruitment-initiatives/recreation-jobs/>

CSPC Executive Workshop

Topic: The Role and Responsibility of the Treasurer & Fundraising in Schools
January 29th @ 7:00 p.m.
at the Catholic Teachers Centre, 3rd floor
CEC, 80 Sheppard Avenue East
Watch for more details in the new year.

Registration for Night School and EClass Starts January 9th

Class begins February 20th
<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/ContinuingEducation/Pages/default.aspx>

Latest Updates on Weather Related Cancellations or Closures

To get the latest information about school bus transportation, see

<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/Subscription/Login.aspx>

Cancellation of school bus transportation will also be reported via ENews

(<https://web1.tcdsb.org/InterestSubscription/subscription.aspx>), Twitter @TCDSB, and the 24 hour telephone information line 416-222-8282, extension 2873, and posted to the Board's website at www.tcdsb.org

January's Virtue is Courage

Find all the resources related to the monthly virtue, as well as other resources to support faith development and Religion and Family Life on our website here:

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

Calendar of Board and Committees

The new calendar of meetings for 2018 has been added to our website. Visit

<https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2019/pages/board-meetings.aspx> for details.

Other Dates to Note:

January 18-25, 2019—[Week of Prayer for Christian Unity](#)

January 18, 2019—PA Day for Elementary Schools

January 27, 2019—International Holocaust Remembrance Day

January 27—Family Literacy Day

January 30 2019—Bell Let's Talk Day

February 1, 2019 - Flip the Switch Friday:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/environment/energymonth/Pages/default.aspx>

February 6, 2019—[Winter Walk Day](#)

February 8, 2019 - African Canadian Mass and Cultural Exposé, Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts:

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