



St. Simon CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Principal's/Vice-Principal's Address

January was a wonderful start to the New Year. It was a shortened but busy month at St. Simon. We participated in 2 successful soccer tournaments and enjoyed a festive "Twinsies" Spirit Day.

The virtue of the month of February is Love. In the Spirit of St. Valetine's day, we remember the love we have for each other in the community. As well, we remember the infinite love that God has for us.

May the love that we have for each other spread generously and shine brightly. May the love that God has for us, blanket us with warmth always, but expecially when we need it most.

Please take some time to read through our newsletter and review our school guidelines and policies. We have many exciting events planned for this month. Please review these with your children as well. As always, we thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours in Partnership



Mr. M. Boccia
Principal

Ms. T. Silva
Vice-Principal

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

MONTH & YEAR

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OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS)

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ENROLLMENT	HOURS OF OPERATION	LUNCH HOUR
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NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: soar.tcdsb.org

Call 416-393-Phone# or the TCDSB
Admissions Department at
416-222-8282, ext. 2383.

For general information about the
Toronto Catholic District School
Board, please visit the website at
www.tcdsb.org

Stay in touch with the latest news
throughout the school year:
Follow @TCDSB on Twitter.

Marlies Game

On Friday February 1st the students and families of St. Simon made their way down to the Ricoh Coliseum and enjoyed a Marlies game. It was a fun filled day where we got to cheer this Toronto Team together as a school family.

Spirit Day Thanks

Thank you to all who donated to our Twinsie's Spirit day. The students had a wonderful time. The proceeds of this Spirit Day helped to pay for your African Heritage Cultural Presentation which will be taking place on Friday February 8th. In total we raised \$417.25. Thankyou tremendously for your generosity.

Junior Boys Soccer Team

The Junior Boys Soccer Team had a wonderful tournament at St. Conrad. They displayed excellent Sportsmanship and played with their best efforts. We thank their coaches for their dedication and hard work. Congratulations to: Luca, Franco, Jordan, Michael, Alessio, Christopher, Ademide, Michael J., and Pablo.

Junior Girls Soccer Team

The Junior Girls Soccer Team had a wonderful tournament at St. Conrad. They displayed excellent Sportsmanship and played amazingly well. We are grateful for the dedication of their coaches. Thank you to these hardworking girls: Chelsea, Maria, Emily, Mariarenee, Kierstyn, Valentina, Nella, Katarina, Lily, Emmely, Karen, Karyssa, Yosan, Vanessa.

HOZA

Students will be enjoying an engaging presentation from the group Hoza. This is a group that celebrates diversity and inclusivity through storytelling, drama, dance and drumming. It is sure to be a wonderful performance that will inspire and motivate students to change the world for the better.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews will take place on Wednesday, February 13th, and Thursday, February 14th, 2019. Please take this opportunity to come and meet with your child's teacher and discuss his or her growth through the year thus far. The interviews will run from 5:30PM to 8:30 PM.

Valentine's Dance

Students will be celebrating Valentine's Day with a dance on February 14th. Please have the students wear red or pink on this day so that they may enjoy this occasion. There will be no cost to this spirit day. We will also be selling Valentine-a-Grams. Please wait for more details in the upcoming days.

PA-Day- February 15th

The school will be closed on Friday, February 15th, 2019.

Apparel for the Winter Months

Please ensure that children come prepared for out door recesses with boots, hats, scarves, and gloves/mittens, snowpants when necessary. Also please ensure that students have indoor shoes. Slippers will not be permitted as indoor attire as they pose a tripping hazard.

Virtue of the Month: LOVE

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

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

CSPC Meetings

Our next CSPC meeting will be help on Wednesday, February 6th at 6:30PM. Please attend if you are available as all our parents are welcome.

Sacraments

Preparations for sacraments are well under way. Please visit St. Jude's Parish for further information.

Pizza, Snack and lunch programs

All students will continue to enjoy a healthy snack each day. For students who prescribe to Lunch Programs, the schedule will continue as follows: Tuesday will continue to be Subway Lunches, Wednesday Lunches will be provided by Lunch Ladies and Thursday will be Pizza Days.



Morning drop off and start

In the morning, students should arrive at school after 8:15am and no later than 8:30am. Students should not be arriving before 8:15 as there is no supervision within the school or the school yard. Upon arrival students should make their way into the school yard to join their respective class lines. Students will not be permitted to enter the main entrance of the building before school starts. We appreciate that occasionally students arrive at school late but we ask that you try to ensure punctuality as consistently as possible. As well, for those of you dropping students off by car at the school, we ask that you avoid stopping in the school bus loading zone as this area much flow as safely and quickly as possible. *****Parents are not permitted in the yard in the morning. If you do come into the yard, you will be asked to leave by staff.**

*****Please be mindful of all traffic laws when dropping students off in the morning. We ask that you take care and caution when dropping students off by car and that all traffic laws are obeyed.**

Lunches

If your child stays at school for lunch, we strongly encourage you to pack a healthy lunch for them to help reinforce the healthy living curriculum that is taught at the school. We appreciate that there are exceptional circumstances that may require you to drop off a lunch at school.

*****PLEASE NOTE: Under no circumstances will students who normally stay at school for lunch be allowed to sign out to go pick up lunch unless they are signed out and accompanied by an adult that is authorized to pick them up. Notes or phone calls will not be accepted under any circumstances. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this regard so as to ensure the safety of your children while they are in our care.**

Allergen sensitive school

St. Simon is an allergen sensitive school. Several of our community members have severe sensitivities to a variety of food. As such, to ensure everyone's safety, **we ask that when packing lunches, you avoid including any nut products, peanut products.** We also ask that students avoid sharing snacks at school to avoid any issues.

Birthdays and celebrations

Birthdays and other special occasions are announced over the PA system on a daily basis. **Under no circumstances should food be brought to the school to distribute to a class (cake, candy, pizza, etc.).** As we are an allergen sensitive school, we cannot verify the contents of food that parents may send to school for distribution. If food is sent to the school, parents will be called and asked to come pick up the food as it **will not be distributed.** Although we appreciate that the thought is well intentioned, we must work together to ensure the safety of each student. Instead of food, feel free to send grab bag items such as pencils, erasers, stickers, etc.

Monthly Update from the Board February 2019

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

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<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-Statments-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/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: 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/specialeducation/newsevents/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/specialeducation/newsevents/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>

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>

FOR OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS INCLUDING COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS, EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING AND CONTESTS, SEE [HTTPS://WWW.TCDSB.ORG/FORSTUDENTS/OPPORTUNITIESFORSTUDENTS/PAGES/DEFAULT.ASPX](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

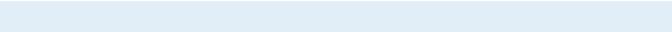
Secondary students from the *Toronto Catholic District School Board* are once again invited to participate in the annual *Ordinandi Youth Event*. This event is being held at the Pearson Convention Centre in Brampton on **Wednesday, March 5th**, from 9:30 am until 1pm. The Ordinandi Youth Event offers 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>



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