



# St. Simon CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Principal's/Vice-Principal's Address

As we begin this New Year, I'd like to extend my wishes of health and happiness in 2019. We have had an excellent start to our scholastic year and the second half is sure to continue in its positivity and excitement.

December was a wonderful month as we prepared for our Savior's Birth. We enjoyed two lovely Christmas presentations which parents, teachers and students enjoyed.

In January, we have many events in the coming weeks that are sure to bring us together as a community of learners. We will be enjoying the Marlies game together and enjoying some fun and festivities in the month of February.

In January we also celebrate the virtue of Courage. This offers us the opportunity to remind us that our actions are guided by the idea that God is inside of all of us. Doing the right thing can be tough but we must always strive to live our lives in a way that makes others know we are followers of Christ.

We hope this New Year is filled with the Grace of God in all its moments.

Sincerely

Mr. M. Boccia  
Principal

Ms. T. Silva  
Vice-Principal



# CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

## MONTH & YEAR

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[www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto](http://www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto)

OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS)

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ENROLLMENT    HOURS OF OPERATION    LUNCH HOUR



## NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: [soar.tcdsb.org](http://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](http://www.tcdsb.org)

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

### PA-Day January 18th, 2019

There will be a Ministry Professional Development Day on Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Teachers will be engaged in assessment and evaluation Activities.

### Marlies Game

We are very excited that our school has the opportunity to enjoy a Marlies game as a community on Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019/ Please note that tickets must be ordered by January 10<sup>th</sup>. Please support the school in this unforgettable experience.

### 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: Courage

### CSPC Meetings

Our next CSPC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019. All St. Simon parents are welcome to attend. We look forward to planning more exciting events throughout the year.

### Sacraments

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

### December Basket Fundraiser

Thank you to all the St. Simon families who contributed so generously to the various items to help those in need in our community. Collectively the Me to We student leaders prepared over 40 baskets to be distributed. We also wish to thank the teachers who took help to carry out this initiative.

### Kindergarten Christmas Concert

We enjoyed watching the festive efforts of our ELP students and staff who put on a purely entertaining show. We are so proud of the talents of all our students and staff.

### Christmas Para -Liturgy

Parents and guardians enjoyed the "Jesse Tree Musical and Prayerful celebration" which took place on December 20<sup>th</sup>. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together and prepare spiritually for the Christmas Season.

### 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**

**January 2019**

#### **Kindergarten Registration 2019**

**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](http://www.tcdsb.org/kindergartenregistration) documents beginning January 16, 2019 at 10 a.m. EST.

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### **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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.

at the Catholic Teachers Centre, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

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CEC, 80 Sheppard Avenue East

### **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](http://SOAR.tcdsb.org), and follow up with a visit to the school to present the required documents. The online application is available 24 hours.

Watch for more details in the new year.

#### **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>

#### **Registration for Night School and EClass Starts January 9<sup>th</sup>**

Class begins February 20<sup>th</sup>

<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/Subscriptions/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](http://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.

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**TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES  
2018 - 2019**

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