

St. Vincent de Paul CS

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Trustee: Barbara Poplawski

March 2015

Lenten Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Church every Wednesday @ 8:00 am

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
2 Eco Team Mtg Ballroom Dancing Ms. Rajca & Ms. Martin St. Patrick HS Gr 7&8	3 Ballroom Dancing Gr 7 Peace by Peace	4 Ms. Eckert's JK/SK class High Park French Speeches CSAC 7:00 pm	5 Ballroom Dancing	6
9 Eco Team Mtg Ballroom Dancing Ms. Rajca & Ms. Martin	10 Ms. Fantetti's JK/SK class High Park Ballroom Dancing Gr 7	11 Music Champion Concert Ballroom Dancing Ms. Rajca & Ms. Martin	12 Ballroom Dancing Gr 7	13
16	17 MARCH	18 BREAK	19 NO SCHOOL	20
23 Confessions @9:15 am Eco Team Mtg	24 Annunciation Mass @ 12:45	25 Junior W5H regional round Movie Night for the SVDP	26	27 Scientist in the Classroom Ms. Rajca
30	31 HOLY	WEEK	MAR 29- APR 4/15	

CSAC
Rosa Milito, Chair



Principal's Message March 2015

Jesus said, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And the second is similar: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets” (Matthew 22:37B-40).

Every time we meet someone can we really see Jesus in their eyes? We may be tired, impatient or just in a hurry to really be present to the person who is speaking to us. The person may be irritating and testing our patience as well. To be fully present takes a real conscious effort and to feel love for them may even be asking too much.

God's love for us is unconditional and no matter how busy we get and how little time we have for God, God is always present and available for us 24/7. If we really believe and know in our heart that God first loved us, we are able to love one another. How do we know that God loved us so much? God loved us so much that He gave us his son so that we could have everlasting life. In our human frailty which one of us could ever imagine doing the same thing?

On Wednesday Feb. 18 we celebrated Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten season.

During Lent we come closer to God by spending more time praying, either with others or when we're alone, by *fasting*, which means eating less or giving up something that distracts us from knowing God, and by *giving alms*, which means giving money, time, or possessions to help people in need.

Will giving up candy for six weeks help us to love God more? Will putting a few coins aside help us to see and love Christ in the people who stand in front of us every day? Will eating fish on Fridays help us to meet God? Everything depends on our openness to God. God wants us to change the things we do so that our hearts, souls, and minds will overflow with divine love for God, our neighbors, and also for ourselves. Remember, we are to love others as we love ourselves. All of our work during Lent leads to Easter, when we will join in celebrating the Resurrection and the risen life that we receive in Baptism. Thank you God for loving me so much that you sacrificed your own beloved son so I could have eternal life!

Krystyna Schneider
Principal

NEWS

St. Vincent de Paul School enrollment has been slowly increasing however this year we are at par with last year. We are still under capacity for FDK (Full Day Kindergarten). Please promote our school to all your friends and neighbours. If you know of any full day kindergarten students who have not registered it is imperative that they do so ASAP.

New Teachers at St. Vincent de Paul School

We extend a warm welcome to Ms. Marie Garcia who started on February 2, 2015 and is the LTO for Ms. Choucair 5/6 classes. Ms. Jessica Wilson is our new LTO for Ms. Skoreyko- Sprules gr. 8 class and will be with us until the end of June.

Mr. Yannick Touassom, our core French teacher has increased his time from 80% to 100% at two other schools so he will be moving on to 50% at St. Benedict and 50% at Holy Child. We will miss him and wish him all the best in his future endeavors. We welcome Mr. Merlin Tchaptchet Tchemi who will be replacing Mr. Touassom.

Attention All Parents

This is an urgent request to all parents to monitor their child's cell phones and on line activities. There are inappropriate messages appearing on line about other students and inappropriate texting / pictures that your child may not find offensive or troublesome but truly is inappropriate if you were to read it or see it. Please make sure that you have their password access to their cell phone and on line activities. Please check in on a regular basis to see what is going on and have discussions with your child.

You'll find lots of good material at the site below for which I have provided the link. Look under the parent section and check the resources on the left side.

<http://www.thedoorthatsnotlocked.ca/app/en/>

Bowlerama was a huge success on February 21, 2015. What a great indoor activity this was on such a cold day. Thank you to Raylene Hogan for taking the lead in organizing this event and also to all our parent volunteers. We couldn't have done it without you! There were so many happy faces with all the prizes that the kids got to take home.

[https://drive.google.com/folderview?](https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0BxsUxG33RoICfk5sS2h5d3Fjdm16S21PMC0xs2dNMnA1RkhCNFppdXNuMmEyB3J1Ri05Q3c&usp=sharing)

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EcoSchool Representatives/Environmental Leaders

Please note that the St. Vincent de Paul CS will be participating in Earth Hour.

TCDSB GLOBAL EARTH HOUR EVENT

Friday, March 27th, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

<http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/environment/EarthHour/Pages/default.aspx>

NEWS Cont'd ...

MS. COUTO'S GRADE 3 CLASS

I will tell you about 4 events that happened in February in our class. The first event in February was our trip to the Toronto Archives and Tollkeeper's Cottage on February 11th. Next, was pancake Tuesday when we made and ate panckaes with syrup, chocolate chips and fruit. After, on Ash Wednesday we wrote our Lent promises and sealed them in a jar. Then on the first Sunday in Lent we went to Bowlerama and all the students who came had so much fun. Those are some of the events that happened in February. By Ania W

Here is what we did in February. First,we went to the Archives and Tollkeepers Cottage . At the Tollkeepers we made butter and at the Archives we made maps. Then,we met our student teachers. Their names are Mr.Crone and Mr. Valdoria. Next,we had Valentine's Day and gave out cards and received cards. After, we had Shrove Tuesday. We made pancakes and ate them. Lastly, we did Reader's Theatre or Dragion (I made up that name for when we do Religion and Drama at the same time). We presented our plays to the class. That is some of the things we did in February! By: Norah F

KEEP ENERGIZED FOR MARCH

A great article on exercise and working out. I have been trying to instill these motivations and thoughts in the kids right from kindergarten...working out and exercise for the love and enjoyment of it and not just to look good but to feel good and be healthy!

<http://wellfesto.com/2013/11/19/10-things-i-want-my-daughter-to-know-about-working-out/>

PSYCHOLOGY MONTH

as we conclude Psychology Month, the Psychology Department would like to share with all our teaching staff a **newsletter on learning skills and executive functioning** (attachment). It has been posted on the TCDSB Psychology Department website at <https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SpecialEducation/psychology/newsletters/Documents/Psychology%20Newsletter%2010%20Learning%20Skills%20Feb%202015.pdf>

NEWS Cont'd ...

Guidance Corner

High School Registration is Underway!

High school registration nights have begun and will continue into the month of March. Be sure to read through your child's acceptance packages carefully and complete all of the necessary forms before submitting them on the date of registration.

Pay particular attention to the Reach-Ahead course that is being offered by **some** schools in the TCDSB. Your child may be entitled to a credit for taking a four week summer school course. This course is a great opportunity for your child to become familiar with their new environment, to meet the new students with whom they will be attending school, and they will begin in September with one completed credit.

Exchange of Information Meetings

Representatives from all of the high schools will be in contact with teachers this month to discuss your child's progress and to ensure that the secondary school is prepared to receive their new grade 9 students. At the meeting, teachers will discuss proper placement (e.g. academic, applied or locally developed) for your child.

Change of High School Forms

Change forms will become available early in March. Students who would like to attempt to find a placement in a different TCDSB high school are to request a form from their teacher. Forms must be completed and submitted as soon as possible. Please remember that submitting a Change Form does not guarantee your child a spot in a different high school. Admittance is still based on availability of space.

Have a Wonderful March Break!

Mr. F. Amato

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Monthly Update from the Board March 2015 No Change to Secondary School Admission Policy At This Time

No changes to the policy will be implemented in the short term. Status quo remains until further consultations are conducted regarding any proposed recommendations arising from the first phase of parent input and the findings of first cycle of School Accommodation Reviews. For more information, see the letter from the Director on our website: <http://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2015/Pages/Letter-from-Director-of-Education-Regarding-Secondary-School-Admissions-Policy.aspx>

Voices of Charity

The Director of Education, Angela Gauthier, presents her latest webcast which focuses on the pursuit of innovation and excellence in TCDSB schools: <http://youtu.be/fD19Ff5ZaC4>

Special Events for March

March 2—School Support Staff Appreciation Day: <http://www.tcdsb.org/pages/support-staff-appreciation-day-2015.aspx>

March 7—Lift Jesus Higher Rally: <http://www.tcdsb.org/pages/lift-jesus-higher-rally.aspx>

March 8—International Women's Day

March 16-20—March Break

March 21—International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination: <http://www.tcdsb.org/pages/international-day-for-elimination-of-racial-discrimination.aspx>

March 21—World Down Syndrome Day: <http://www.tcdsb.org/pages/world-down-syndrome-day.aspx>

March 22—World Water Day: <http://www.tcdsb.org/pages/world-water-day.aspx>

Earth Hour—March 27th 10 a.m. (for school); March 28th 8:30 p.m. (at home) <http://www.tcdsb.org/board/environment/earthhour/pages/default.aspx>

Board and Committee Meetings

March 3—Budget Committee

March 5--Student Achievement Committee

March 9--Special Board

March 10--Governance & Policy Committee

March 12--Corporate Affairs Committee

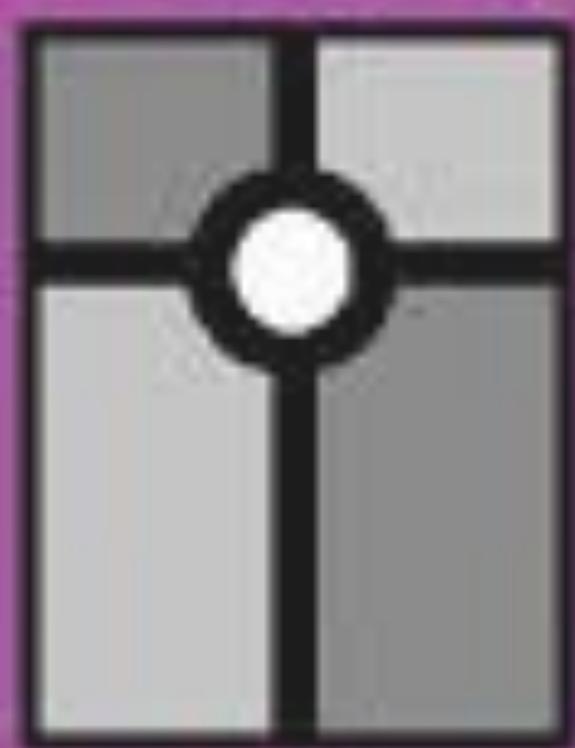
March 25—Special Education Advisory Committee

March 26--Board

March 30--OAPCE Toronto

(Meeting dates subject to change; check the website for the latest information: <http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TrusteesoftheBoard/boardmeeting/information/Pages/Meeting-Schedule.aspx>)

Gone for Lent.



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