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8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Lunch Hour:
11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

February 2016

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School News

Virtue of the Month Love

This month's virtue is Love. As we focus on the virtue of love for the month of February let us remember that we are called by God to support and look after each other. Let us not limit our celebration of the virtue of love to February 14th but strive to demonstrate this virtue always and let it be the thread that binds our school community.

ELP (JK/SK) Registration

Please note that we are continuing to register students for the Early Learning Program for the 2016-2017 year. You may register on-line by using SOAR. To access SOAR please use the following link: <http://soar.tcdsb.org>.

Try This Math Link With Your Child

The EQAO site has Math practice questions for students in K-12. It is a well presented and user friendly site, that covers all of the Math strands by grade. Additionally, the explanations for deriving an answer are very thorough. I would enjoy hearing your feedback. The site may be found through a search for EQAO Math Practice. Although not indicated in the title, there are also Language Activities.

Inspiring Your Child to Learn and Love Math

"Parent engagement matters. Study after study has shown us that student achievement improves when parents play an active role in their children's education, and that good schools become even better schools when parents are involved..."

Ministry of Education, "Parent Engagement"

A Parent Tool Kit was created specifically for parents of children in the elementary grades in Ontario. The goal of the resource is to provide parents with the most essential, research-based information to help them be the best, most knowledgeable and most confident supporters for their child's mathematics education.

The Tool Kit is unique because it provides facts and strategies not found in other parent resources in Ontario. It includes a number of distinct elements: print resources, fact sheets, workshop materials, and videos organized into modules based on grade levels.

How you use this Tool Kit is up to you. You might choose to read the print materials in the five stand-alone modules from front to back. Perhaps you will use them as a reference guide to answer specific questions. Or maybe you have time to read only the fact sheets, which highlight key information from each module. A visual learner might begin by watching the overview videos that feature highlights from each module.

The contents of this Tool Kit are available online. They can be reviewed and downloaded by going to ontariodirectos.ca/parent_engagement.html

Catholic School Advisory Council

The next CSAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 3rd at 7:00 pm. Looking forward to seeing you then.

Budget

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| Full Year Plan | \$39,218.50 |
| Year to Date | 16,632.09 |
| Year to Date | |
| Commitments | 12,038.26 |
| Year to Date Actual | |
| & Commitments | 27,688.46 |
| Available Balances | 10,568.15 |

Please note that \$13,337.21 was carried over from the previous year's budget.

St. Vincent de Paul Civics Budget

An update will follow later in the month.

FRENCH INFORMATION SESSION

Our very first French Presentation Night for Parents of students in grades 4 to 8 was held on Tuesday, February 2nd. The celebration of French Language and French Culture was received very warmly by the audience. Congratulations go out to students in the Extended French Program for a most enjoyable show. A thank you is extended to the teachers who made the evening possible, and to staff members who came out to lend a helping hand. We look forward to making this a yearly event.

W5H

- Who** was the father of our current Prime Minister?
- What** is the name of the process through which plants create their own food?
- When** was the first Star Wars movie released?
- Where** was Jesus baptized?
- Why** are Canadian oil field employees losing their jobs?
- How** many numbers less than 100 are considered prime numbers?

The St. Vincent de Paul Junior W5H Team can answer all of these questions and hundreds more! There was an incredible turn-out at the team tryouts this month and after much deliberation, the following students were chosen to represent our school: Kingslee, Matthew, Clare, Matthew, Simun, Beatrice, Maia, Angus, Calum and Elias.

The Preliminary Tournament is set for Tuesday, February 27, 2016. Keep posted for results!

Yours in trivia, Ms. Green and Ms. Martin

JUNIOR SOCCER

On Wednesday, January 27th, the Junior girls participated in a soccer tournament at Holy Family. They fought hard winning all of their games to make it to the final. They showed respect, team work and great school spirit! In the finals they got a phenomenal second place win! A huge thank you to our #1 Coach Oliwia in Grade 8!

After an exciting and memorable soccer tournament at Holy Family on January 26th, the junior boys' soccer team celebrate a first place win! The boys were undefeated throughout the tournament, winning all of their games as well as a shootout. They all showed tremendous sportsmanship and excellent school spirit while working together and cheering each other on. A big thanks to all the parent volunteers who attended and assisted the boys.

The team includes Simun (the captain), Julian, Joshua, Allston, Angus, Petter, Matthew, Newkoo, Callum, Jonathan, and Elias.

Ms. Cimicata & Ms. Perez

ECO TEAM

Every Thursday the Eco Team meets with Ms. Strong to discuss ways we can spread knowledge around our school and community about how to be more eco-friendly! Part of our goal this year is to reduce waste that goes to landfills. Students in the Eco club walked around the school inspecting our recycle bins, compost and waste bins for contamination and our school is doing OK! Our goal is to spread awareness around the proper disposal of waste.

Congratulations to "the twins" (Maia and Julia), Kylie, Finnia, Krista, Julia P., Elicia, Beatrice, Andrea, Molly, Kingslee, Madeline, Claire, and Gaia.

Guidance Corner

High School Applications – What's Next?

During the week of February 8th, 2016, TCDSB Secondary Schools will begin to forward acceptance packages to the elementary schools. They will not all arrive on the same date, so it is important not to panic if your child does not come home with package on February 8th. Once you receive your acceptance package, please read the instructions very carefully and take note of any important dates and forms that need to be submitted.

Most secondary schools require that the classroom teacher or principal sign the course selection sheets. Try to remember that grade 8 teachers are extremely busy and may require time to complete forms for your child. Please be respectful of this and submit your requests early, thereby giving the teachers enough notice.

What if my child did not get into their first choice?

Students who were redirected to an alternate school because they're choice(s) were oversubscribed, can do one of three things:

1. Accept the redirection, thereby securing themselves a spot in a secondary school in September.
2. Accept the redirection but ask to be placed on a Priority 2 waiting list at their original school of choice. This student will have a spot in the redirected school in September and if a spot becomes available in his/her first choice, s/he may be offered that position.
3. Turn down the redirection and be placed on a Priority 1 waiting list at their original school of choice. If this option is chosen, then your child will not have a spot in any school for the time being. If spots do not become available in their first choice school by the start of the year, then the student will have to register at a school where spots may still be available.

Change Your Mind?

If you no longer want your child to attend the 'first choice' school, you may request a change of school using the Change Form. This form becomes available in the **beginning of March**. Please ask your child's teacher for a form at that time. Please keep in mind that any requests can only be accepted based on the availability of space in the school.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Confessions: Monday, February 8, 2016 at 1:00 pm

Parent/Teacher Interviews: February 11 & 12^t, 2016

Report Cards go Home: the week of February 11, 2016

PA Day – No School: Friday, February 12, 2016

Family Day: Friday, Monday, February 15, 2016

Mid-winter break: Mar 14-18, 2016

Good Friday: March 25, 2016

Easter Monday: March 28, 2016

STAY CONNECTED

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Award Recipients:



PRIMARY DIVISION

VIRTUE Isla Madden
ACHIEVEMENT: Tyler Sociedade
COMMITMENT: Braydon Lamb
VIRTUE: Benjamin Biasucci
ACHIEVEMENT: Mary Grace Maguire
COMMITMENT: Elliot Shaw
VIRTUE: Joel Goncalves
ACHIEVEMENT: Calvin Ferlejowski
COMMITMENT: Stella Reynolds
VIRTUE: Nathan Neroni
ACHIEVEMENT: Karina Ulicki
COMMITMENT: Tobias Siket
VIRTUE: Joshua Esperitu
ACHIEVEMENT: Clelia Venturini
COMMITMENT: Simon Carolan
VIRTUE: Jarvis Salvagio
ACHIEVEMENT: Callum Cassidy
COMMITMENT: Augustine Skiba

JUNIOR DIVISION

VIRTUE: Gwen Heffernan
ACHIEVEMENT: Nate Stewart
COMMITMENT: Aaron Rodger
VIRTUE: William Sherlock
ACHIEVEMENT: Rosemary Ostrowski
COMMITMENT: Sarah Resendes
VIRTUE: Newricca George
ACHIEVEMENT: Audrey Henderson
COMMITMENT: Krystofer Terka
VIRTUE: Julian Wroblewski
ACHIEVEMENT: Mitzi Parsons
COMMITMENT: Connor Machado
VIRTUE: Oliwia Luczycka
ACHIEVEMENT: Elias Van Gageldonk
COMMITMENT: Allston Ferrez

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

VIRTUE: Justine Terka
ACHIEVEMENT: Emily Zalewski
COMMITMENT: Agata Bembenek
VIRTUE: Agatha Czyzo
ACHIEVEMENT: Karol Lukowski
COMMITMENT: Emma Burnham
VIRTUE: Michael Cotter
ACHIEVEMENT: Isabella Dee-Narduzzi
COMMITMENT: Tomislav Filipovic

The Junior Soccer Team





PROCLAMATION

February 8 to 11, 2016

**as
THE ANGEL
FOUNDATION FOR
LEARNING**

Believe in Angels Week

WHEREAS the Toronto Catholic District School Board celebrates a student-focused equal opportunity school system rooted in Gospel Values, which proudly advocates a safe and welcoming learning environment, it recognizes the vital support The Angel Foundation for Learning provides to vulnerable TCDSB students.

WHEREAS the Foundation shares the same TCDSB values in fostering a community of faith, anchored in hope, with heart and charity, it provides financial assistance in four areas: 1) support for student nutrition, 2) support for educational experiences and student leadership, 3) support for poverty relief and emergency needs, and 4) by administering bursaries and awards. This work helps



to ensure all TCDSB students are *equally* able to participate in life-altering learning opportunities.

WHEREAS an alarming 1 out of every 4 children in the City of Toronto lives in poverty, the Foundation works diligently to meet shared TCDSB goals - enabling students to: pursue academic excellence, display self-esteem and self-respect, demonstrate skills for personal and family wellness, and demonstrate a global perspective with community responsibility.

NOW THEREFORE, The Toronto Catholic District School Board, hereby proclaims February 8 to 11, 2016 as "The Angel Foundation for Learning - Believe in Angels Week" within the Toronto Catholic District School Board.

Angela Gauthier
Director of Education
Toronto Catholic District School Board

Angela Kennedy
Chair of the Board
Toronto Catholic District School Board