



# St. Gregory Catholic School Newsletter

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TCDSB

## FROM THE OFFICE



Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we begin this month of February, we find the school year already half finished. It has been a busy five months, and the next five promise to be even busier.

We look forward to sharing your child's achievement with you in the first Provincial Report that will be directed home to you on February 11.

Father John has been a regular visitor to our classes and we thank him for his leadership and guidance at our monthly Masses. Our next mass is February 11<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9:15 a.m. Parents are always welcome to attend.

As we begin to prepare for Lent please keep the following in mind as standards to live by:

- The TRUST of Abraham
- The JOY of Sarah
- The WISDOM of Solomon
- The FAITHFULNESS of Ruth
- The VISION of Moses
- The COMPASSION of Mary
- The RELIABILITY of Joseph
- The CONVICTION of John the Baptist
- The PERSEVERANCE of Paul

Sincerely,

Gabrielle Benedek



If I speak in the tongues of mortals and angels  
But do not have love,  
I am a noisy gong and a clanging cymbal.

And if I have prophetic powers and understand  
All mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have  
All faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have  
love,  
I am nothing.

If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over  
my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I  
gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or  
boastful or arrogant or rude, It does not insist on its  
own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not  
rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It  
bears all things, believes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends.

1 Corinthians 13:1-8

Virtue of the Month

LOVE



FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, HE GAVE IT HIS ONLY SON.

~ JOHN 3:16 ~

- LET YOUR ACTIONS BE GUIDED BY THE IDEA THAT GOD SAYS WE SHOULD LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS HE HAS LOVED US.
- JESUS SAID WE SHOULD LOVE OUR ENEMY.
- THE BIBLE SAYS THAT LOVE IS ALWAYS PATIENT AND KIND.
- LIVE YOUR LIFE IN A WAY THAT MAKES OTHERS KNOW YOU ARE A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST.

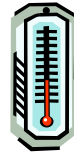
LOVE



UPDATE  
FAMILY INFORMATION

If there has been a change in address, phone number (home, business or cell), please inform us at the school. This information is vital to all of us as it pertains to the safety needs of your child.

TCDSB GUIDELINES  
FOR WEATHER  
CONDITIONS



In the interest of student and school performance, the TCDSB is in support of students being outdoors during recesses whenever possible. However, students will remain indoors during inclement weather. With a focus on winter conditions “students will remain indoors when the temperature or the temperature in conjunction with wind speed creates a wind chill factor that could possibly lead to frostbite”. Please know that we apprise ourselves of the weather conditions throughout the course of the day and base our decisions for recess on conditions and Board guidelines.

BUSSING CONCERNS

The school is always amenable to sharing information that has been provided by the bus company regarding bus delays, when they arise.

We would ask, however, that requests for clarification be shared directly with the bus company.

The number is:

**First Student:**  
**(905) 629-8200**



Please note that no students other than those noted on the bus lists provided to us by the Board are allowed to ride the busses.



CSAC  
MEETING

February’s CSAC Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 19. CSAC Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Staff Room. Child care is provided. All parents are welcome.

CSAC Sponsored  
Community Events

St. Gregory will be hosting two Community Events this month. On Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, St. Gregory will be holding the **5th Annual Family Fun Skate** at the Mastercard Centre, from 6:45 to 8:15 pm. The cost of \$2.00/person covers ice time and cookie snacks in addition to hot chocolate and coffee to keep you warm. Helmets are mandatory for children. Helmets are recommended for adults otherwise a waiver will be required to be signed at the rink. Should anyone require helmets or skates, please contact Angie Severino at (416) 788-7739. Please join us for a fun night of skating. On Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, Detective Glen McBryde will be delivering an educational talk entitled "*Internet Safety/Cyber Bullying*". Detective Glen McBryde is currently with Toronto Police Services and has been investigating computer related crimes since 2003. He will be speaking to parents about the risks of online activities, what precautions can be taken and providing guidance on how to help protect children from cyber bullying. Childcare will be available.

For more information on these events, please visit <http://school.stgregorytoronto.com>.

**CSAC Fundraising Event:**

On Wednesday, February 12th, St. Gregory will be holding the Much Video Dance-a-Thon. Funds raised from this event will support Scientist in the Classroom, the Book Club and other school programs. Further details can be found on the St. Gregory website <http://school.stgregorytoronto.com>.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2014-2015**

- Labour Day - September 1, 2014
- Thanksgiving Day - October 13, 2014
- Christmas Break - December 22, 2014  
January 2, 2015
- Family Day - February 16, 2015
- Winter Break - March 16-20, 2015
- Good Friday - April 3, 2015
- Easter Monday - April 6, 2015
- Victoria Day - May 18, 2015

TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2013-2014		
<b>Wards</b>		
1.	Peter Jakovcic	416-512-3401
2.	Ann Andrachuk, Chair	416-512-3402
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5.	Maria Rizzo	416-512-3405
6.	Frank D'Amico	416-512-3406
7.	John Del Grande	416-512-3407
8.	Garry Tanuan	416-512-3408
9.	Jo-Ann Davis	416-512-3409
10.	Barbara Poplawski	416-512-3410
11.	Angela Kennedy	416-512-3411
12.	Nancy Crawford	416-512-3412
	William Lawrence, Student Trustee	416-512-3413
	Enrique Olivo, Student Trustee	416-512-3417

**Student Awards**  
**Virtue of the Month**  
**JANUARY - COURAGE**

**Do Not be Afraid, I am with you.**  
 Isaiah 41:10

TEACHER	GRADE	STUDENTS			
T. Aceto /	JK/SK	Nicole P.	Katie A.	Ella C.	Mark G.
P. Santelli	JK	Keane B.	Renie P.		
L. DeFranco	SK	Leah S.	Hunter P.		
L. Pitoscia	1	Elizabeth S.	Christopher S.	Kayla R.	
C. Mulvihill	1	Analiese S.	Luca M.		
T. Roy	1	Ethan B.	Olivia Z.		
M. Alberton	2	Noah L.	Alexis C.		
O. Gentile	2	Wesley J.	Andrea H.		
N. Yetman	2	Isabella F.	Myles S.		
M. Ceddia	2/3	Charlize B.	Sarah S.		
K. Steponaitis	3	Zoey P.	Carson D.		
E. Brajuka	3	Kovas K.	Martina C.V.	Esrom A.	
A. Loughlin	3	Mya T.	Brian A.		
J. Henderson	4	Julieta C.D.	Veronica R.		
P. Zinko	4	Daniel F.	Lauren R.		
M. Micallef	4	Ivana C.	Katherine S.		
N. Hall	5	Christian S.	Natasia S.		
V. Andreacchi	5FI	Julia B.	Amy B.	Annie G.	
M. Quartarone	5/6	Joshua D.	Isabella M.		
R. Bottoni	6	Peter P.	Matthew C.		
D. Abboud	6FI	William O.B.	Caroline C.		
T. Botelho	6FI	Kleidi B.	Joseph M.		
D. Italiano/P. Carniel	7FI	Oles L.	Camila C.		
D. Italiano/P. Carniel	8FI	Kimberly M.	Dennis M.		
A. Natalino	7	Arianne D.	Julien D.		
C. Dalmau	7/8	Joseph S.	Alea A.		
A. Silvestre	8	Oliver C.W.	Matthew C.		



## Monthly Update from the Board February 2014

### **thinkMATH@home: Helping Your Child Learn and Love Mathematics**

Parents, school and the local community have the shared task of nurturing our students' confidence in learning mathematics and in applying their mathematical knowledge to solve real-life problems. The disposition of appreciating and enjoying mathematics is necessary for our students to persevere in learning mathematics with depth and precision and to continuously improve the clarity of their mathematical communication. It is common knowledge that parent's/guardian's attitudes toward mathematics has an impact on children's attitudes towards mathematics. In fact, students whose parents/guardians show an interest in and enthusiasm for mathematics around the home will be more likely to develop that enthusiasm themselves and persevere to learn and succeed in Mathematics. More info:

<http://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/Numeracy/thinkMATH@home/Pages/default.aspx>

### **Voter Look Up – New Website**

The Toronto Catholic District School Board has partnered with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) to launch a new website in support of this year's Municipal and School Board elections. Potential electors can visit [voterlookup.ca](http://voterlookup.ca) and confirm and update their information in a few easy steps. Updating this information will help to ensure Voters' Lists are accurate in preparation for municipal and school board elections occurring this Fall. Visit [www.voterlookup.ca](http://www.voterlookup.ca) today.

If you are not assessed as an English-Separate School supporter and wish to redirect your support to Catholic schools, please contact Sandra Vitale, Manager, Assessment Department at [sandra.vitale@tcdsb.org](mailto:sandra.vitale@tcdsb.org) telephone 416-222-8282 ext 2666.

### **Ignite: A showcase of student voices from across the TCDSB**

Starting Friday May 30, 2014, Ignite introduces the world to the collective voices of students from across the Toronto Catholic District School Board. Secondary school students enrolled in Media Arts, Photography and Communications Technology will have an opportunity to submit digital media and creative works that are reflective of their critical voice.

**Submissions accepted February 1-May 1, 2014**

Click here for details: <http://ignitetcdsb.wordpress.com/>

### **2014-15 Minister's Student Advisory Council**

Students in grades 7 – 12 are invited to apply

**Deadline is February 28<sup>th</sup>**

The **Minister's Student Advisory Council (MSAC)** is a group of approximately 60 students who come from public schools all across the province. Members share their ideas and advice with the Minister of Education on a variety of topics about our publicly funded education system.

For information, visit: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/students/speakup/msac.html>

### **February Events:**

- **February is African Canadian History Month**

To check out the online resources and information, or to find out what is happening in TCDSB schools to celebrate, visit

<http://www.tcdsb.org/forcommunity/heritagecelebration/africancanadianheritage/Pages/default.aspx>

- **February 17—Family Day**

- **February 20--World Day of Social Justice**

### **PanAm Games 2015**

Check out the Board's website at <http://www.tcdsb.org/pages/toronto-2015-pan-am-and-parapan-am-games.aspx> for information about volunteer opportunities, employment opportunities and other ways to get involved with the upcoming games.

## Overseas Credit Program—Study Semester in Italy

Information Meetings:

- **February 19, 2014 6:30 p.m.** at Father John Redmond Catholic Secondary School and Regional Arts Centre, 20 Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive, Etobicoke  
<http://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/ContinuingEducation/overseas/PublishingImages/ItalyNewsletterFJRFeb192014.JPG>
- **February 24, 2014 6:30 p.m.** at Chaminade College School, 490 Queen's Drive, North York  
<http://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/ContinuingEducation/overseas/PublishingImages/ItalyChaminadeNewsletterFJRFeb242014.JPG>

## Faith in our Future Video Series

The Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association has launched on social media a short-video series to help Ontarians better understand the Catholic segment of the province's unique public education system. The short-video series is part of the Catholic school system's province-wide social media campaign entitled "Faith in Our Future." The campaign is an invitation for all Ontarians to explore the distinctive value and contribution of Catholic education to the life of this province. For more than 170 years Catholic schools have been recognized by the government as an integral part of public education in Ontario communities.

All OCSTA's videos can be viewed at: <http://www.youtube.com/ocstavideo1>.

## Follow TCDSB on Twitter

Get all the latest news and information from the Board, including notifications of weather related cancellations and closures throughout the winter months by following @TCDSB on Twitter.

## New Publications Recently Added to the Board's Website

- **Director's Annual Report 2012-2013:**  
<http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BoardAdministration/DirectorofEducation/Documents/Final%20Director's%20Annual%20Report%20WEB%202012%20-%202013.pdf>
- **Audited Financial Statements for 2012-2013:** <http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BudgetandFinance/Documents/2013-08-31%20Toronto%20Catholic%20District%20Sch%20Brd%2018413%20AUD%20Cons.pdf>