



Blessed Sacrament Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we enter March, we reflect on the virtue of forgiveness, a fundamental value in our faith, especially during the Lenten season. This year, Ash Wednesday falls on March 5, 2025, marking the beginning of Lent—a time of reflection, prayer, and renewal. Lent calls us to follow Jesus' example of mercy and compassion, reminding us that forgiveness is an act of grace and a path to personal freedom from resentment.

Jesus demonstrated the power of forgiveness through His life, death, and resurrection, teaching us to release grudges and seek reconciliation. Throughout March, we will emphasize to students that true forgiveness goes beyond words—its sincerity is reflected in our actions. We encourage families to model this virtue at home, reinforcing the importance of genuine apologies and the responsibility to make amends.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. May this Lenten season be a time of growth, reflection, and renewed faith.

R. Agostino & R. Rego
School Administration Team



A LOOK AHEAD ...

- Mar 3 Education Support Staff Appreciation Day
- Mar 4 Shrove Tuesday
- Mar 5 Ash Wednesday Mass
- Mar 7 World Day of Prayer
- Mar 8 International Women's Day
- Mar 10-14 Mid-Winter Break
- Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 21 World Down Syndrome Day
- Mar 21 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- Mar 21 School Crossing Guard Appreciation Day
- Mar 22 Earth Hour
- Mar 22 World Water Day
- Mar 25 Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
- Mar 26 Purple Day—Epilepsy Awareness

KISS N RIDE

Volunteer Call-Out!!!

Our morning drop-off program runs Monday – Friday!

We have an **urgent need** for additional help.

Any support you can provide (**even one shift**) is greatly appreciated.

We need two volunteers each day and it only takes 20 minutes:
8:10–8:30a.m.

Grab a friend and sign up here: [Kiss n Ride](#)

See page 10 for more volunteer opportunities.



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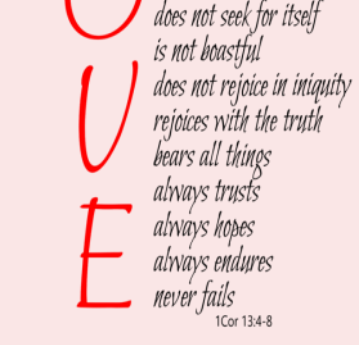
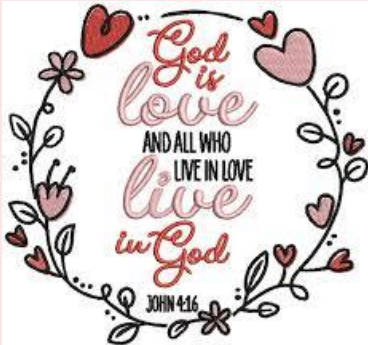
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Love February Award Recipients

ELP Mia S. Annie L. Nathan K. Ava K. Victoria D. Kiana G. A.	Grade 1 Mia A. Lyla M.	Grade 1/2 Asher S. R. Chloe Y.	Grade 2 Daniella C. Andrew C. Valentina B. Nicholas P.	Grade 3 Cooper J. Makenna G. Telfer C. Georgia L.
Grade 4 Hannah M. A. Floria R. Sofia V.	Grade 4/5 Neriah S. Tea R. Abby S. Aulden A.	Grade 5 Remy D. Jessica L. Lino W.	Grade 6 Keisha L. B. Sophia S. Elisa P. Emelia T.	
Grade 7 Sky T. Sebastian L. Xavier D.	Grade 8 John F. Victoria D. Gabriel G. Hugo G. Aidan M.	ME Mason S.	<p>L is patient is kind O has no envy is not proud has no pride is fair U does not seek for itself is not boastful does not rejoice in iniquity rejoices with the truth bears all things always trusts always hopes always endures E never fails 1Cor 13:4-8</p>	



OCTOBER: GRATITUDE
NOVEMBER: PEACE
DECEMBER: CHARITY
JANUARY: COURAGE
FEBRUARY: LOVE
MARCH: FORGIVENESS
APRIL: JUSTICE
MAY: COMPASSION
JUNE: FAITHFULNESS

MARCH VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: FORGIVENESS

Criteria for the Virtue of Forgiveness Award

- Students who demonstrate acceptance of others, their ideas and differences;
- Students who express sincere apology or remorse for their actions;
- Students who resist judging others;
- Students who are open and seek remediation for conflicts;
- Students who are willing to repair damaged relationship.





School Access Guidelines

To maintain a safe school environment, only students and staff are allowed in the schoolyard before the start of the school day. If you need to speak with a teacher in the morning, please arrange an appointment in advance.

Only staff and parents signed in at the office may enter the hallways and classrooms during school hours. At the 3:00 PM dismissal, parents are welcome in the schoolyard to pick up their children. Teachers escort students to the yard to ensure a safe dismissal.

We encourage students to take responsibility for bringing home all necessary belongings at the end of the school day, as this is an important habit to develop. If your child forgets an essential item that cannot wait until the next day, please check in at the office before going to the classroom. For safety reasons, access to hallways and classrooms after school should be limited and not a regular practice.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and welcoming school environment.



WINTER BREAK *Safety Tips*

As we head into the mid-winter break, we want to remind students of some important safety tips to keep in mind:

- * **Dress for the Weather** – Bundle up with warm layers, hats, gloves, and waterproof boots when spending time outdoors. Watch out for icy sidewalks and roads.
- * **Stay Active Safely** – Whether you're skating, sledding, or playing in the snow, always be aware of your surroundings and use proper safety gear. Stick to designated areas and avoid playing near roads or frozen bodies of water.
- * **Online Safety Matters** – Be mindful of what you share and who you interact with online. Never share personal information; always talk to a trusted adult if something feels wrong. Remember, online behavior has real-life consequences—any online actions that negatively impact students will be taken seriously by the school. Treat others with kindness and respect, both in person and online.
- * **Be Aware of Your Surroundings** – When out and about, travel with a friend or family member, stay in well-lit areas, and be cautious of traffic when crossing streets.
- * **Take Care of Yourself** – Get plenty of rest, eat well, and take breaks from screens. Use this time to relax, recharge, and enjoy time with family and friends.

We hope everyone has a fun and safe mid-winter break!

We look forward to welcoming students back, refreshed and ready for the rest of the school year.

Stay safe and enjoy your break!



MARCH IS
CELTIC
CANADIAN
HERITAGE MONTH

Celtic Canadian Heritage Month has been celebrated at the TCDSB every year in March since 2008. Irish immigration to Canada is remembered through several pivotal episodes in Canadian history:

- The Robinson Settlement in the 1820s
- The Irish Potato Famine in the mid-1800s

Another wave of emigration to Toronto is remembered by today's families whose parents or grandparents came during the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s. A great number of men worked on the Toronto Transit building the subway tunnels, with many more on construction sites building roads and railways.



The St. Michael's College Awards for Irish Heritage

In anticipation of Canada's Irish Heritage Month in March and in acknowledgement of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Thomas D'Arcy McGee, the University of St. Michael's College in the University of Toronto, in collaboration with the Embassy of Ireland and Consulate General of Ireland, Toronto, announces awards celebrating the important historic and continuing contribution of the Irish in Canada. Ontario Elementary and Secondary school students are invited to submit projects that explore and celebrate Irish heritage in our city, province and country.

CRITERIA: Projects may offer one or a combination of the following in response to the theme of the competition: visual interpretation (e.g. painting, photography), literary interpretation (e.g. short story, poem, journal article, essay), multi-media interpretation (e.g. digital, video, recorded performance), or musical interpretation. Submissions are expected to explore the rich and lasting realities of the Irish experience in Canada, and will be judged on originality, creativity, and quality. Projects will be adjudicated by a panel from the University of St. Michael's College.

All award recipients will receive a certificate of achievement at a presentation ceremony at St. Michael's in April. Each Award of Merit recipient will also receive a \$300.00 honorarium. **SUBMISSION DATE:** March 26th, 2025



Mathematics: Family Math Newsletters

The purpose of the Toronto Catholic District School Board Mathematics Family Newsletter is to keep families informed about mathematics education at the TCDSB. Read and discover how you can help make math a positive and enriching experience at home by visiting the [TCDSB Teaching and Learning Mathematics webpage](#).



Oral Health Month Colouring Contest

Open to students from **SK to Grade 8**

[Download the colouring sheet](#)

The deadline for submissions is **May 1**.

Prizes: Toys R Us gift cards and prizes from GUM®.

1st prize \$75

2nd prize \$50

3rd prize \$25





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TCDSB Education Support Staff Appreciation Day is March 3

The first Monday of March marks TCDSB Education Support Staff Appreciation Day, a time to recognize and celebrate the invaluable contributions of our dedicated support staff. Their impact extends beyond assisting individual students daily—they play a vital role in fostering a nurturing, inclusive, and faith-filled school community.

This special day honors the diverse professionals who support student success and well-being, including Child and Youth Workers (CYWs), Education Assistants (EAs), Instructional Assistants, Library Technicians, Job Coaches, student Supervisors, Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Support Staff, and many others. Their commitment to equity, mentorship, and encouragement profoundly enriches our schools.

We extend our deepest gratitude to all our support staff, with special appreciation for Education Assistants Ms. Allain, Ms. DiLauro, Ms. Durante, Child and Youth Worker Ms. Freire, and Library Technician Mr. Huang. Your dedication, compassion, and unwavering support make a lasting difference in the lives of our students and our entire school community.



Thank you for all that you do!

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL (CSPC) UPDATES

Condo Development at 3180 Yonge Street—Update

The developer has appealed the Committee of Adjustment's August ruling. The appeal will now be heard by the Ontario Land Tribunal next month. They are again asking for an additional 4 storeys, which would bring the total height to 15 storeys. Based on input from Councillor Mike Colle's office and other research, it is likely the OLT will approve the developer's request based on the province's clear mandate to build additional housing, particularly along the subway line.

We still plan to oppose the request. We will continue to make the arguments that proved successful at Committee of Adjustment:

- The application does not constitute a minor variance. It is a complete departure from what was approved at the Ontario Land Tribunal on October 7, 2022.
- It is not inside the intent of the city's Official Plan and zoning by-law. In fact, the 11 storeys approved by the Ontario Land Tribunal were already the result of a zoning by-law amendment. In fact, the approved 11 storeys is 6 storeys higher than the average height along the Yonge-Lawrence corridor.
- It is not appropriate development for land and buildings in this area, and is completely out of character with the area's existing and planned context.
- Approval of this application would set a negative precedent in the neighbourhood in the absence of comprehensive review and consideration.

We are also consulting a professional planner for advice and guidance. Thank you to Jason MacDonald for coordinating this. Our School Trustee, Maria Rizzo, continues to be very supportive of our efforts and we will continue to seek her counsel.

Danielle Riposati



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BSCS FUN FAIR 2025



Save the date!

May 24, 2025 | 12 pm to 3:30 pm



We are looking for sponsors to help support the Fun Fair!

Sponsors are key to ensuring an exciting and fun day! Promote your company and get exposure to over 500 people! We are looking for:

- Dentists
- Home Renovation
- Medical Practices
- Real Estate Agencies
- Landscaping Company
- Florist
- Financial services
- Catering
- Other!

For your sponsorship of \$500-\$1,000 you receive logo placement in all marketing outreach including the Buzz, community poster and social media posts, and banner placement day of!

Please reach out to confirm your interest:
Silvana Raviele - sraviele@eleccustom.com



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CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL (CSPC) UPDATES

COMING SOON

BSCS UPPER JR PLAYGROUND



CSPC is thrilled to announce that the upper Jr. playground project is officially underway. The parent-raised funds will cover the cost of the structures and the TCDSB will cover the new base, the edging and drainage issues. We are so very grateful to all the parents and supporters over the past few years who helped us build the reserves to be able to fund this project. We are equally excited to share that the “butterfly garden” will also be upgraded and will have a fun, interactive climbing element!

Installation is set for **summer 2025!!**

THANK YOU!



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**BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH
HOSTS YOUTH NIGHTS FOR
STUDENTS FROM GRADES 5-12.**

**FOR INFORMATION ON THE NEXT
EVENT, PLEASE VISIT THEIR
WEBPAGE.**



PRAYER FOR THE HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Loving God, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Your love endures forever. The Holy Father, Pope Francis, Successor of St. Peter, is unwell and facing serious challenges to his health. We ask your presence of healing, strength, encouragement, and patience for him and for all who are unwell in any way.

Jesus. Divine Physician, you have the power to comfort and to bring hope. Give Pope Francis the courage and belief in you that he needs, particularly in moments of stress and anxiety. Grant to doctors and all care-givers the wisdom and continued compassion they need in their ministry of healing and restoring to health. May our faith and trust in you be strong and unfailing, knowing you are doing the best things for us, according to your good will. Hear our prayers O Lord, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



SACRAMENT DATES

First Reconciliation:

Thursday, May 22, 9:45a.m.

First Communion:

Sunday, May 25, 2:30p.m.

Confirmation Retreat:

Wednesday, May 21, 2:30p.m.

Confirmation:

Thursday, May 29, 7:00p.m.

WORLD PRAYER DAY: MARCH 7

World Day of Prayer (WDP) is traditionally observed on the first Friday of March, but communities can choose other dates. This year, it falls on March 7, 2025. WDP is a global ecumenical movement uniting Christians of various traditions to pray for issues affecting women and children.





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TCDSB Purple Day for Epilepsy – Show Your Support!

On March 26, the TCDSB will recognize Purple Day for Epilepsy, a global initiative dedicated to raising awareness about epilepsy and supporting those affected by it. Students are encouraged to wear purple to show solidarity, promote understanding, and help break the stigma surrounding epilepsy.

Classroom activities and discussions will provide opportunities to learn more about epilepsy and the importance of inclusion. Let's come together as a school community to support this important cause!



Shrove Tuesday – March 4

There will be pancakes for morning snack to support the
Angel Foundation for Learning

Donations can be made through School Cash Online.





VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Kiss n Ride:	The morning drop-off program that keeps our kids safe. Volunteers are needed for 20 minutes from 8:10–8:30a.m. Program runs daily. Sign up for a shift or two at Kiss n Ride .
Lunch Box:	Help distribute Lunch Box (hot lunch orders). Volunteers are needed Tuesday–Friday from 11:00–11:30a.m. Sign up or learn more at Lunch Box .
Lunch Time Supervision:	The school is always looking for parent volunteers to supervise the schoolyard during lunch between 11:35 and 11:55a.m. If interested, please email Mr. Agostino.
Pizza Lunch:	Volunteers are needed to hand out pizza to a class, usually Mondays from 11:10-11:30a.m. Volunteers needed for all grades: JK–Grade 8. Sign up at Pizza Lunch .



For questions or to participate, please email [Heather Lannigan](#), BSCS Volunteer Coordinator.

Thank You

Thank you to ALL our volunteers this month!
Each one of you is making a difference to our school and we are so grateful.

THIS MONTH WE HIGHLIGHT OUR VOLUNTEERS FOR CARNAVAL HOT CHOCOLATE, COMMUNICATIONS (NEWSLETTER, WEEKLY BUZZ, WEBSITE), AND KISS N RIDE.

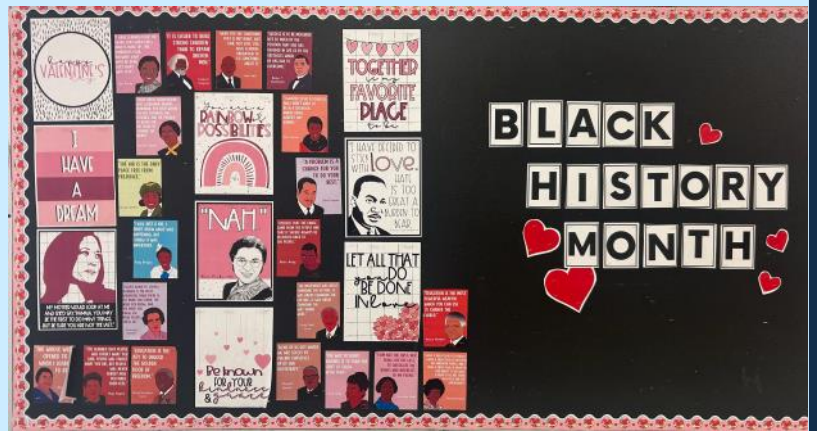
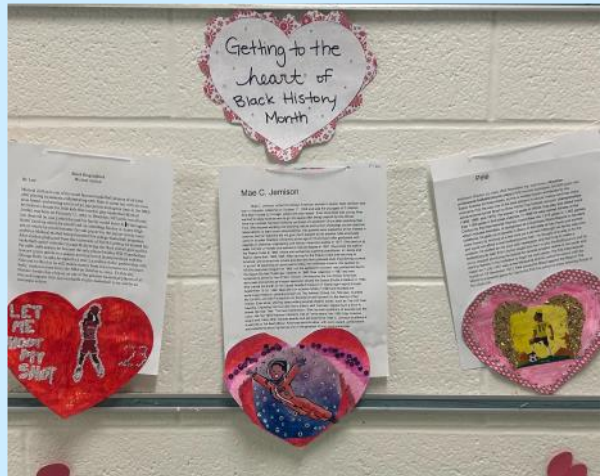
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Did we miss anybody? If you know of someone who is volunteering in the initiatives above but wasn't mentioned, please let [Heather](#) know!



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STUDENT ARTWORK





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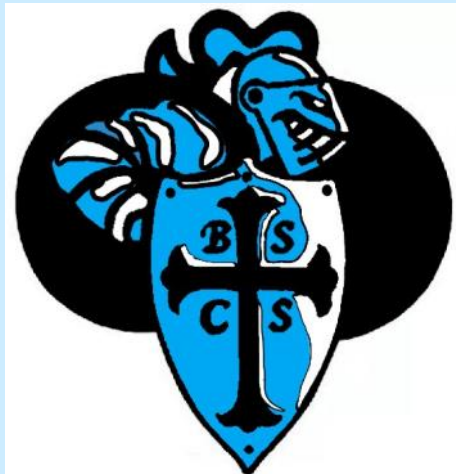
ATHLETICS



Intermediate Girls' Basketball Tournament February 27



Junior Boys' Soccer Tournament January 28



Junior Girls' Soccer Tournament January 30



Intermediate Boys' Basketball Tournament February 25



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February Highlights





TCDSB 2024 - 2025 Remaining School Year Calendar

The following chart lists school holidays, Professional Activity (PA) days, and other key dates for the remainder of the school year. More details can be found on the [TCDSB site](#).

Mid-Winter Break	March 10-14, 2025
Good Friday	April 18, 2025
Easter Monday	April 21, 2025
Victoria Day	May 19, 2025
PA Day: Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting	June 6, 2025
Last Day of School Year	June 27, 2025

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