

Blessed Sacrament Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

"If you want peace, work for justice." (Paul VI)

We continue our jubilant celebration of our Lord's resurrection and await the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles until Pentecost Sunday. During Easter, we are encouraged to delve deeper into the Paschal mystery—the profound journey of Jesus Christ, encompassing his passion, death, and resurrection.

This season offers us a precious opportunity for contemplation as we reflect on the significance of Christ's resurrection for our salvation. Much like Lent is a period of fasting and penance, Easter invites us to elevate our prayer life and nurture spiritual growth.

In the spirit of Easter, Catholics are called to emulate Jesus by demonstrating love and compassion towards others. This may entail acts of charity, kindness, and service to those in need, reflecting the transformative power of Christ's resurrection.

The Easter season aligns closely with our focus on the virtue of justice this month. Through the celebration of Christ's resurrection, we are reminded of God's perfect justice, evident in the sacrifice and redemption of humanity. It beckons us to examine our relationships with God and others, emphasizing forgiveness, reconciliation, and solidarity with the marginalized.

As we teach our students, justice entails treating others fairly and acknowledging the equality and dignity inherent in each individual. It compels us to strive for equal opportunities for all, especially the disadvantaged. At the heart of Catholic social teaching lies the principle of human dignity; we are all created in God's image and thus possess inherent worth. This justice extends beyond humanity to encompass all living beings and the environment.

We sincerely appreciate your ongoing support and collaboration in your child's educational journey.

Warm regards,

R. Agostino & R. Balik

BSCS School Administration Team



A LOOK AHEAD ...

April 1	Easter Monday		
April 1	Volunteer Appreciation Month		
April 2	World Autism Awareness Day		
April 2	CSPC Meeting- at 6:45 pm in the library		
April 4	Grade 2 First Reconciliation and First Communion Retreat-		
April 8	PA Day		
April 9 & 12	Dental Screening-		
April 11	St. Michael's College School Robotics & 3D Printing for Grades 7 & 8		
April 12	Nashville North Spring Social		
April 16	Boys' Junior Volleyball Tournament		
April17	School Mass led by Ms. Coulter's and		
	Ms. Montealto's classrooms		
April 18	Girls' Junior Volleyball Tournament		
April 22	Earth Day/School Clean-Up Day		
April 23	Grade 1 & 2 Harbourfront Trip		
April 24	Administrative Professionals Day		
April 24	Graduation Photos		
April 30	Volunteer Appreciation Day at 12:45 pm		
May 5	First Communion		
May 6-10	Track and Field Divisional Week		
May 9	Grade 4 Medieval Times Trip		
May 25	Fun Fair		

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Forgiveness

March Virtue Award Recipients

ELP Zara A. Isabella B.	Arthur P. Mia A.	Grade 1 Emma R. Wyatt F.	Alyssa L. Zayne O.	Grade 1/2 Isla O. Torino S.	
Grade 2 Alexander S. Sophia E.		Grade 3 Sofia V. Julia C.	Milena R. Alexandra N.	Grade 3/4 Valentino M. Vida O.	
Grade 4 Victoria C	Lucas M.	Grade 4/5 Keisha B.	Nora M.	Grade 5 Theodore L.	Andrew M.

The virtue award recipients will be acknowledged at the next monthly school mass.



Max M.

Jackson G. Sarah I. Leonardo M. Declan O. Benjamin D.

Evan V.

Bernjammi

Grade 7

Grace W. Braeden B. Anneleh A. Mia S.

Federica B.

Grade 8

Lyonne M. Daniel Z. Cole K. Emma S.

Andrew G.



March Virtues of the Month Recipients

APRIL VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: JUSTICE

Criteria for the Virtue of Justice Award

- Recognizes there is more grace in our world than sin and that hope is essential in facing all challenges.
- Creates, adapts, and evaluates new ideas in light of the common good.
- Thinks reflectively and creatively to evaluate situations and solve problems.
- Makes decisions in light of gospel values with an informed moral conscience.
- Adopts a holistic approach to life by integrating learning from various subject areas and experience.
- Examines, evaluates and applies knowledge of interdependent systems (physical, political, ethical, socio -economic and ecological) for the development of a just and compassionate society.
- Students who are willing to repair a damaged relationship.





WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024

On World Autism Awareness Day, we will educate our students about autism by sharing some essential facts.

Autism is a condition present from birth, affecting approximately 1 in 50 Canadian children and youth. This statistic underscores the likelihood that each of us knows and cares for someone autistic. Children with autism exhibit diverse behaviours and traits, reflecting their unique gifts, talents, and challenges. While some prefer solitude, others enjoy social interactions with friends and family.



Communication styles among autistic individuals also vary widely. Some possess extensive vocabularies, particularly when discussing their interests, while others may rely on nonverbal communication or repetitive phrases. Moreover, some autistic individuals may prefer direct communication, while others find joy in providing detailed descriptions.

The rainbow-coloured infinity symbol with some gold in it has been created especially for the TCDSB to represent our neurodiverse community based on relevant discussions and research about symbol use for Autism. Two commonly used symbols have been combined to represent the uniqueness of our autistic community. The first is the rainbow infinity symbol, and the second is the colour gold. The rainbow-coloured infinity symbol represents a neurodiverse spectrum, diversity, and difference.

The colour gold is in the symbol because on the periodic table, gold is represented by the letters "Au," which are the first two letters in Autism. To show the Blessed Sacrament School community's commitment to the inclusion of all students, we will be wearing rainbow colours on April 2.

The navy blue and white dress code is optional on Autism Awareness Day. However, the TCDSB-appropriate dress code is always in effect and includes (but is not limited to) no spaghetti straps, racer-back tops, midriff revealing tops, short shorts, and biking shorts. Logos/comments/pictures that address or display sexual content, substance abuse, violence, profanity, inappropriate references to nationality, race or gender, or articles of clothing in serious disrepair are not permitted.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS AT LUNCHTIME

Please contact Principal Riccardo. Agostino@tcdsb.org if you would like to volunteer during the lunch hour.



ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL PREMISES

Only students and staff are permitted in the schoolyard in the morning. If you wish to speak with the school administration or teachers before the beginning of the school day, please visit the office through the front door. Only staff and parents who have signed in at the office are permitted in the hallway and classrooms. At the 3:00 pm dismissal, parents are permitted in the yard to pick up children. Teachers accompany students to the yard at the end of the day for safe dismissal.



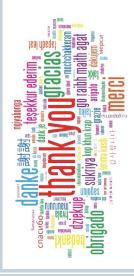
APPLICATION TO REGISTER FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Applications for registration to schools in the Toronto Catholic District School Board can be made online on the Student Online Application for Registration (SOAR) at http://soar.tcdsb.org.

Online Application

Please complete the <u>form</u> if you expect your child to transfer to another school before the next school year commences in September 2024. Also, if you are planning an extended summer vacation, whereby your children will not return until after the first week of September 2024, please let us know as soon as possible.

Staffing and classroom organization are directly related to student enrolment. Therefore, we must have the most accurate information possible for next year.



BSCS VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION CELEBRATION APRIL 30 AT 12:45 PM IN THE LIBRARY

We look forward to honouring and celebrating our wonderful parent volunteers who have contributed their time and energy in many ways to enrich the student experience at Blessed Sacrament! Parent volunteers and parent council are invited to our Volunteer Appreciation in the library on April 30 at 12:45 pm.

To best prepare for this event, we ask that you complete the <u>form</u> if you will be attending. We will have a special recognition for the contributions of parent volunteers who have volunteered in the past and have a child graduating or a child transferring to another school.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS' DAY ON APRIL 24

We want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to our school's unsung heroes: our dedicated secretaries, Ms. Liotino and Ms. Zaghloul.

Our secretaries are the backbone of our administrative team. They embody professionalism, efficiency, and kindness in everything they do. They handle countless tasks with grace and skill, always going above and beyond to assist students, parents, and staff alike.

On April 24, let's take a moment to thank Ms. Liotino and Ms. Zaghloul for their hard work, dedication, and positive impact on our school community. Whether it's a friendly greeting in the hallway or a heartfelt note of appreciation, let's show them how much they mean to us.





BSCS FUN FAIR 2024

May 25, 2024 | 12 pm to 3:30 pm

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Please join Blessed Sacrament Catholic School for a day of so much fun! All are welcome!

- Tons of Inflatables
- Jr. Fun Fair for the little ones
- Games
- Face painting
- So many Games & Prizes
- Cotton candy & Sno Cones
- Food Truck
- Pet room
- Candy room
- Ice cream truck
- Fun Photo booth
- DJ



Sponsor call out!

We need your support to ensure the day is the best it can be! Have your business profiled in our our communication materials, social media and community posters! Plus bring your business banner to showcase your company the day of the Fun Fair!

Contact Wendy Abbott-Serroul to confirm your sponsorship! abbottserroul@yahoo.com





Attention baseball fans!

Students from **JK to Grade 6** are invited to sign up to play in the Blessed Sacrament T-ball / Softball House League this spring.

T-ball is offered to students in JK & SK, Softball is offered to students in grades 1 to 6. Students are generally organized on the same team as their classmates. Games will be played on **Wednesdays at 6:30 pm from May 15th until June 19th** (6 game days in total).

All games are played at the Bannockburn Field (corner of Kelso and Bannockburn). Children must bring their own baseball glove, team t-shirts are provided. There is also a need for volunteer coaches – please think about coaching your child's team.

The registration fee is \$40 per child for the season. To register your child, please access the <u>cashless</u> registration system used for school related activities: The deadline to register by is Friday, April 5.

Anyone with questions or those wishing to sign up for coaching can contact us at: cbaryliuk@kingsettcapital.com.

Lastly, after 13 years, this will be my last year organizing this event. When I took over from the previous Convenor, my oldest son, Adam, was in Senior Kindergarten, and now he's in his last year of high school. And my youngest son, Dylan, is off to grade 7 next year. I'm so grateful to have had the opportunity to be involved with this program, to have received so much help from all the parent volunteers, and to be part of something that brought joy to our kids and their school.

I'd be grateful if someone could take over as Convenor so we can keep this great tradition going. Please reach out to me if you would like to take up the torch.





NASHVILLE NORTH

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THE CRICKET CLUB APRIL 12, 2024 7:00 PM

TICKETS ON SALE VIA CASH ONLINE!

Get your tickets before April 1st to be entered to win a \$25 Ambrosia gift card! Get them before they sell out - Ticket sales end April 8th.

Ticket information

- \$75 per ticket
- Includes hors d'oeuvres, 1 drink ticket (with cash bar to follow), live and silent auctions, 50/50 draw, a western-themed photobooth, live DJ and dancing
- · It's a cashless event bring your credit card!

Auction information

Starting April 4th at 10:00 AM, our online auction goes live! Stay tuned for more information about how to login!

- Bid on more than 175 items valued from \$25 to \$1,000
- Restaurant gift cards, kids camps and lessons, TFC tickets, rounds of golf, ROM family membership, fine wines, massages, facials, manicures, and one-of-a-kind student art!
- Bidding will continue at the event on April 12th



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NASHVILLE NORTH

THANK YOU SO MUCH TO OUR CURRENT SPONSORS









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We asked; You responded.

So much appreciation for the amazing volunteerism at the school.

<u>Carnaval</u> – kudos to program coordinator – Heather Lannigan! Much appreciation is extended to the hot-chocolate station volunteers: Wendy Abbott-Serroul, Tristin Carter, Peter Casciato, Shannon Doyle Raffoul, Elizabeth Duncan, Chrissy Gamble, Christine Grabowski, Erin Jackson, Eunice Kidd, Kaitlyn Leeb, Johanny Lopez, Daniela Metyas, Tarra Miller, Carla Nichols, Roberta Piola, Teresa Trudel, Stephanie Turner, Nadina Vanden Hoven & Cynthia Zeemel.

Did we miss anybody? If you know of someone who is volunteering in the initiatives above but wasn't mentioned, please let Nadina know



Volunteers Needed for the Following

Fun Fair: Sat May 25 12 - 3:30 p.

Super exciting community day featuring inflatables, games and so much more.

Mark your calendar for any of the three volunteer time slots that will be available: 12 – 1:15 p.m.; 1:15 – 2:30 p.m.; 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Stay tuned, sign-up details coming soon

Kiss 'N Ride:

The morning drop-off program that keeps our kids safe.

Volunteers are need from 8:10 – 8:30 AM. Sign-up for a shift or two at Kiss N Ride.

Pizza Lunch:

Volunteers distribute pizza to their child's class on Mondays (JK/SK to grade 4). Approx. 20 minutes during the lunch hour. Sign-up on SignUpGenius.

Project Library:

Help needed to revitalize this space by organizing & sorting on Friday's. Sign-up at Project Library.

For questions or to participate email: Nadina Jamison Vanden Hoven, BSCS Volunteer Coordinator

in advance for your participation!



NAVY BLUE AND WHITE DRESS CODE

This a reminder that students are to wear the navy blue and white dress code. The dress code is expected for excursions (except for overnight trips) and during gym classes. Inappropriate dress may not be worn, including spaghetti straps, racer-back tops, midriff revealing tops, short shorts, and biking shorts. Logos larger than a Loonie size, sayings and pictures that address or display sexual content, substance abuse, violence, profanity, inappropriate references to nationality, race or gender, or articles of clothing in serious disrepair are not permitted.







SAVE THE DATE! PARENT/GUARDIAN 2SLGBTQ+ **LEARNING SESSION**

On Monday, June 3, from 7-8 p.m., we will be hosting a TCDSB community webinar intended for staff and parents to hear more about how the 2SLGBTQ+ community strategy aligns with our Catholic faith. Roman Catholic clergy and members of the Equity Resource team will be presenting. We welcome all to attend, as education is always the best way forward to understanding. Please register here:

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