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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

January 2021

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I hope that you have all had some time to enjoy this winter break with your family, as well as to rest and recharge. As I am sure you are aware the Government of Ontario has advised all School Boards to move to remote learning for the week of January 4th to January 8th. All staff from St. Leo will be using Google Classroom to communicate with students. Students and parents should expect the use of Google Meets and possibly Zoom for synchronous learning that will take place during that week. If your family is in urgent need of a device for remote learning please contact myself, Ms. Bonnici or your child's teacher to let them know. We will have devices available beginning January 4th.

Thank You

I would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to all the students and families for living out the Virtue of the Month of Charity for December by generously supporting not only the students within our school but the larger community as well. We once again collected numerous hats, mittens and scarves for our mitten tree which were donated to Women's Habitat. In addition, our CSPC collected funds to ensure that all homeroom classes are now equipped with an air purifier.



Upon returning to school please review the following with your child:

Passport

Please encourage your child to use the passports provided within their agenda or communication book. This is a great way to keep the passport organized as well as for us to track signatures. When students enter the gate, they should already have their agenda out and ready to show the staff member at their entrance door. For our younger students, I am asking that parents assist with the removal of gloves/mittens prior to entering the yard. This will ensure that hand sanitizer can be provided and will decrease the time it takes to enter the building.

Robert Rivers

PRINCIPAL

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SUPERINTENDENT

Teresa Lubinski 416-512-3404

TRUSTEE

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PARISH

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CSPC CHAIR

www.tcdsb.org/cpic

CPIC (PARENT ENGAGEMENT - TCDSB)

www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto

OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS)

390	8:30 am- 4:30 pm	11:45-12:45
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ENROLLMENT	HOURS OF OPERATION	LUNCH HOUR
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NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: soar.tcdsb.org

Call 416-393-5333 or the TCDSB Admissions Department at 416-222-8282, ext. 2383.

For general information about the Toronto Catholic District School Board, please visit the website at www.tcdsb.org

Stay in touch with the latest news throughout the school year: Follow @TCDSB on Twitter.

Masks

Students continue to do a great job wearing their masks. However, please remind your child that proper mask wearing covers their nose as well as their mouth. This is especially important for our youngest students. Parents you are encouraged to pack at least **two** masks a day if not three. Students should be changing their mask after lunch and if possible after each nutrition break.

Fanny Pack/Lanyard/Reusable Container

A reminder to parents that students are encouraged to have a fanny pack, a lanyard and possibly a reusable container to put their masks in. This is especially needed during outdoor play time. All classes are outside between two and three times a day. Since this is a time for a mask break many students have been removing their masks and putting them in their pockets or around their wrist. Both of these are not recommended.

Finally, on behalf of the staff at St. Leo Catholic School we would like to wish you a safe, healthy and happy New Year! I am sure I speak for everyone when I say that I am looking forward to 2021 and a return to normalcy at some point.

Robert Rivers
Principal

PARENT INFORMATION FRENCH IMMERSION VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

On Wednesday January 6th, 2021, St. Leo will be hosting a Virtual French Immersion Open House at 6:30PM via Zoom for parents interested in having their child enter the French Immersion Program.

If you are interested in learning more about our French Immersion Program and would like to attend, please email Mr. Rivers at robert.rivers@tcdsb.org. The link will be shared with all those who have e-mailed at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 6th.



CSPC

Our next CSPC meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 13th at 6:30 p.m. virtually through Zoom. If you are interested in attending please e-mail robert.rivers@tcdsb.org. The link will be shared with all those who have e-mailed at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13th. All are welcome to attend.

2021 REGISTRATION DATES AND PROCESS

Children born in 2017, are eligible to attend Junior Kindergarten in September 2021.

The Elementary Student Online Application for Registration (S.O.A.R.) for enrolment September 2020 will be available beginning: **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20th, 2021 at 10:00 AM EST.**

- ✓ Parents are to log into soar.tcdsb.org to submit applications online, and upload documents for review.
- ✓ The COVID-19 acceptance of terms for registration will continue to be included on the application and must be accepted.



Kindergarten Registration
for September 2020* begins: January 15, 2020 at 10 a.m. EST
Register online at soar.tcdsb.org
For more information call 416 222 8282 or visit tcdsb.org

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We currently have a VIRTUAL Scholastic Book fair that is scheduled to start on February 8th and will run until February 12th. While we regret that we cannot facilitate a traditional In-Person Book fair this year- we still want to let the students have an opportunity to purchase books and share in the love of reading! *More info will be provided closer to the fair!*



FundScrip - SUPPORT OUR CSPC

St. Leo's parent council is running a contactless gift card fundraising program this year and we need your help!

FundsScrip is an established, Canada-wide fundraising program in which supporters purchase gift cards and each gift card purchase automatically includes a donation to St. Leo. Purchasers receive the full value of the gift card – there is no catch! FundScrip has gift cards from over 250 retailers available for purchase, including Loblaws, Metro, Sobeys, major gas stations, Amazon and Walmart. A complete list of retailers is available on our website - <http://www.stleoparentcouncil.org/>. We are running the program entirely online.

Here are the steps we are asking you to take to support St. Leo's goals to increase technology in the classroom, provide cultural events for students and begin saving up for resources for our new school building; all without any additional cost to you!

1. Go to <https://www.fundscrip.com/support-a-group/MTK6VA>
2. Create a user name and password for yourself.
3. Select your desired gift card value and quantity of gift cards you want to order and click on "Add to cart." You can shop by categories and type of cards.
4. Click the checkout button and edit your order if needed. Select a shipping and payment method, and then click on "Checkout." The first time you place an order you need to set up a payment method. We are encouraging everyone to use an Electronic Funds Transfer with a link to your online banking account, as this gives St. Leo the best donation rate by avoiding credit card charges.
5. Place your order and St. Leo will automatically receive a percentage of the gift cards you order!

The gift cards will be sent directly to your home by mail (unless you purchase the eGift cards which are available for some retailers). There is currently no shipping charge for orders over \$200; for smaller orders the shipping charge is approximately \$1.

However, the best way for our St. Leo community to benefit from FundScrip will be if our community begins paying for their own everyday purchases by first purchasing gift cards.

When families use gift cards purchased through FundScrip for everyday purchases, our school community benefits from the funds generated.

Another important way to contribute to our campaign is by sharing this message and our link (<https://www.fundscrip.com/support-a-group/MTK6VA/>) with your network (family, colleagues, friends)!



MABELS LABELS- SUPPORT OUR CSPC

With the colder weather upon us, we already have a growing "lost and found" collection of unclaimed clothing. This is a reminder to please LABEL ALL ARTICLES OF CLOTHING. Looking for labels? Click on the link below. Be sure to select "Support a School". Our parent council will receive a percentage of all purchases made through Mabel's Labels! https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/



KEY

Our school continues to use online banking! In order to participate, you must register your child online first. Once you register, you will begin receiving emails about upcoming events involving your child- *this means safe, fast and easy transactions.*

If you have not registered, please go to the *School Cash Online* home page

<https://tcdsb.schoolcashionline.com> and select the **“Get Started Today”** option. Please contact the school office should you require any further assistance.

SAFE ARRIVAL

Parents are encouraged to use our new safe arrival messenger to report absences. Absences can be reported in the following ways:

- Call 1(833)251-3286 (toll-free)
- Online go.schoolmessenger.ca
- SchoolMessenger Mobile App



Welcome to St. Leo Catholic School



EarlyON

Child and Family Centre

St. Leo Catholic School
165 Stanley Avenue
Etobicoke, Ontario
M6V 1P1



We are currently **ONLY**
providing **Virtual Services** at this time!

Re-opening Date of the EarlyON Centre is **to be determined!**

More Information to come!

EarlyONAMILIES

who use our Child and Family Centre and would like
more information about our services:

please e-mail Mary-Joe DaCruz-Neiva at Mary-Joe.DaCruz-Neiva@tcdsb.org

SAFE AND HEALTHY SCHOOLS

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH AWARDS

December – Charity

Ms. Carnovale/Mr. Bruno	JK/SK	Beyah Tan and Kassius Karabin
Mme. Aumeer/Mlle. Currie	FI JK/SK	Dennis Dajti, Frankie Conlon, and Connor O'Hea
Mme. Campeau/Mme. Vrpoljac	FI JK/SK	Kai Santiago and Zafira Arolambo
Mr. Palka	Gr. 1/2	Jacob Blanchard and Alyxandra Villisanta
Ms. Ryan	Gr. 2/3	Hanna Jaworski
Ms. Cheira	Gr. 4/5	Carolina Wiegand and Ethan Furtado
Ms. Figueiredo	Gr. 5/6	Amare Bent and Anderson Van Veldhuysen
Mrs. Gouveia	Gr. 7/8	Michael Machado and Alvin Thomari
Ms. Lehane	Gr. 8	Taylor Costa
Mlle. Hennessy	FR Gr. 1	Victoria Bailey and Maya Sosnowski
Mlle. Hunter	FI Gr. 1/2	Will Janzen and Liam Bowler
Mme. Padovani	FI Gr. 2	Ella Suisham and Maya Ciosek
Mme. Rego	FI Gr. 3	Luke Burleigh
Mlle. Bolduc	FI Gr. 3/4	Adriana Mendonca and Enkel Sanaj
Mlle. Rocca	FI Gr. 5/6	Isabella Larsen and Isabella Finn

GUIDANCE CORNER



High School Applications – What’s Next

On Tuesday, January 7th, 2021, students who successfully applied to a TCDSB school will be receiving a message confirming placement to the parent’s email that was used to create the SOAR Secondary account. No further action is required at this time, however, in February, the secondary school will invite you to officially register and select courses.

Students who applied to a school that was out of their area may receive a redirection notice. Your child will be offered a position at a feeder school that has spaces available. If this is the case, between January 8 and 12, you must decide between three choices:

1. Accept the redirection.
2. Reject the redirection and request to be placed on a priority 1 waitlist of their first choice.
3. Accept the redirection, but ask to be placed on a priority 2 waitlist of their first choice.

You can see detailed instructions along with a sample of the emails that you will be receiving on January 7th by visiting the [SOAR Secondary Parent Guide](#) on the TCDSB Admissions page. Instructions begin on page 41. If you do not receive an email by the end of the day on January 7th, check your Junk Mail Box first and then please contact the Admissions Department (416) 222-8282 ext. 5320 to inquire.

Change Your Mind?

If you no longer want your child to attend the school in which you currently have a spot, you may request a change of school. Simply inform the elementary school principal of your intentions. Please keep in mind that these are only requests. Any requests can only be accepted based on the availability of space in the school.

Mental Health

[Mental health can sometimes become an issue over the Holidays. I am reposting the link to School Mental Health Ontario below as well as a link to the Kids Help Phone where your child can access counselling anonymously over the phone, on a computer or using an app.](#)

[Please follow these links for some amazing resources from SMHO. https://smho-smso.ca/covid-19/parents-and-families/](https://smho-smso.ca/covid-19/parents-and-families/)

Explore the Kids Help Phone site for some other wonderful resources. <https://kidshelpphone.ca/>

Skills Ontario Presentations

In December, many of the grade 6, 7 and 8 classes were able to attend a virtual presentation from a Skills Ontario representative, where opportunities in a variety of pathways were discussed. Students learned about workplace, apprenticeship and college opportunities that they can explore as they consider future pathways. For more information, click on <https://www.skillsontario.com>.

For some fun activities to do at home and opportunity to win prizes, please consider encouraging your children to participate in the #SkillsAtHome Challenge series. <https://www.skillsontario.com/skillsathome> Past activities include building roller coaster, funky make-up and hairstyles, and building structures using materials you can find in your own home.

Skills Ontario also provides free live sessions for grade 7-12 students. Learn more about them on this link. <https://www.skillsontario.com/liveskillsathome>

The Merriest of Christmas to Everyone

Myself, the TCDSB Elementary Guidance Counsellors, and the Student Success team would like to wish the school community a Blessed Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Mr. F. Amato

TCDSB Elementary Teacher-Guidance Counsellor
Zone 3

St. Leo, St. Louis, The Holy Trinity
Holy Angels, St. Josaphat, St. Ambrose
St. Marcellus, St. Cecilia, James Culnan,
St. James, St. Pius X



TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2020 - 2021

Wards

1. Joseph Martino, Chair	416-512-3401	8. Garry Tanuan	416-512-3408
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