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OUR SCHOOL
Hours of Operation
8:30 am—3:00 pm

Morning Recess
10:12 am—10:27 am

Lunch Hour
11:15 am—12:15 pm

Afternoon Recess
1:40 pm—1:55 pm

St John Catholic School News

APRIL 2018

VIRTUE OF MONTH: JUSTICE



Dear Parents & Guardians:

“April showers bring May flowers”, is the saying, and after the very interesting winter we just had, we are all ready for Spring. This month, we focus our attention on the virtue of Justice. With the Resurrection in mind, we recall Jesus who died for the sake of the unjust, that He might lead people back to God. Justice is important in our Catholic tradition not just for the Resurrection however, but also because of our obligation to respect the dignity of every human person. This dignity comes from being created in God’s image. Failing to respect human dignity, including failing to do justice, is a failure to respect the image of God in others. As in this month’s quote, “Let justice flow like a stream, and righteousness like a river that never goes dry.” Amos 5:24, I am certain that our students will work diligently to demonstrate justice in their everyday acts as Jesus calls us to do.

We encourage parents to visit the St. John Parent Council website at: <http://www.stjohnparents.ca/> on a regular basis as there is some very useful information regarding the St. John school community. Thank you again to the St. John CSPC members and all the many volunteers that help with the numerous programs and initiatives for the students at St. John Catholic School.

Wishing you and your families many blessings during this Easter season.

D. Comacchio
Principal



LET JUSTICE FLOW
LIKE A STREAM,
AND RIGHTEOUSNESS
LIKE A RIVER THAT
NEVER GOES DRY.

~ AMOS 5:24 ~

- THE FIRST STEP TO ACHIEVING JUSTICE IS TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT AND STAND UP FOR WHAT WE KNOW GOD WANTS.
- LET YOUR ACTIONS BE GUIDED BY THE IDEA THAT EVEN IN THE FACE OF INJUSTICE (DEATH ON THE CROSS) JESUS ALWAYS ACTED WITH DIGNITY.
- EVERYONE WANTS TO BE TREATED FAIRLY; WE NEED TO REMEMBER TO TREAT OTHERS FAIRLY.
- REMEMBER THAT JESUS WAS ALWAYS AN INSTRUMENT OF JUSTICE IN HIS WORK WITH PEOPLE.

JUSTICE





**We invite families and staff to our
8th Annual Autism Awareness
Evening**



Autism Program and Services
Presents Aspie Comedian:

Michael McCreary

aspiecomic.com



Hilarious



Funny



Entertaining

**Monday
April
09
6:30 PM - 9:00PM**

**Catholic Education Centre
80 Sheppard Avenue East, 2nd floor
Free underground parking, and TTC nearby**

**Please RSVP to Franca Dellorso at franca.dellorso@tcdsb.org
or by calling 416-222-8282 ext.2799**

**Student artwork on display ~ Refreshments and
light snack provided**





OAPCE Toronto & TCDSB Parent Engagement Dept.

Annual Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grant Workshop



Apply for a Grant of \$1000 for Parent Engagement at your school!

Audience: Parent Councils, Administrators & all Parents are welcome

Content: Guest speakers from the Ministry of Education, OAPCE and TCDSB. Interactive workshop to kick start the application process. Sharing of resources to run PRO Grant events.

Date: Monday, April 30, 2018

Time: 6:00 Light Refreshments and Networking
7:00 Workshop

Location: Toronto Catholic District School (CEC) Board
80 Sheppard Avenue East, 2nd Floor Atrium
(CEC: Free Parking Available Underground /Yonge & Sheppard Subway Station)



The International Day of Pink

April 11th, 2018

*It's Time to Talk About
Bullying, Homophobia & Transphobia*





CPIC - OAPCE PARENT SUMMIT



HELPING PARENTS BE IN THE KNOW

WHEN

Saturday, May 5th, 2018

WHERE

Catholic Education Centre

80 Sheppard Ave. E.

Workshops:

- The ins and outs of Special Education
- School Cash Online Workshop for Parents
- 21st Century Learning at the TCDSB
- Positive Parenting
- Internet Safety
- Jump Math
- Youth Speaks

Register online at:

www.parents-at-tcdsb.ca

AGENDA

REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

9:00 am - 9:30 am

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Paul Davis - Social Networking Safety

9:30 am - 10:30 am

RESOURCE FAIR

10:30 am - 11:00 am

WORKSHOP #1

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

LUNCH & RESOURCE FAIR

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

WORKSHOP #2

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

**Bring the kids!
Childing minding
is available for
children 4-12.**

Celebrate the
resurrection of
our Lord!

Happy
EASTER



**Stand up for
what is **right**,
even if you're
standing
alone!**



The students of **Me to We** are organizing a new campaign this year that is coming soon. **WE Give Health Day** will be happening on April 27th, with the **kick off on April 12th**. On WE Give Health Day, and every other day, we are to remember the importance of us having a vast and helpful healthcare system in Canada, which some other countries do not possess. The day will raise funds for Health initiatives in India. We help because we believe that we have the ability to make change. Look out for more details regarding this event and the Health initiatives we are supporting.

Thanks,
St. John Me to We Team



Welcome to Kindergarten™
THE LEARNING PARTNERSHIP

TOGETHER, LET'S MAKE YOUR CHILD'S START TO KINDERGARTEN A BIG SUCCESS!

Join us for a Welcome to Kindergarten™ orientation and learn about family activities that will help your child have a successful transition to kindergarten.



For other early learning resources please visit our website at: www.thelearningpartnership.ca

You and your child are invited to our school's Welcome_to_Kindergarten™ orientation on:



Date: **MAY 9, 2018**
Time: **6:00 – 7:00 P.M.**
Place: **St John Catholic Elementary School**
Contact info: **Ms James (Secretary)**
RSVP: # **416-393-5220**

School personnel and community partners will share fun activities that you can do at home with your child.

You will receive a Welcome to Kindergarten™ bag with magnetic letters and numbers, books, crayons, scissors, glue, playdough and more!

We Family Weekend **May 19th - 21st, 2018**

Bring yourself and loved ones to Camp Olympia in beautiful Muskoka May 19, 20, & 21, 2018 and take part in a fun weekend of celebrating, empowering and inspiring local change-makers. You'll hear from inspirational speakers, enjoy workshops and musical acts, as well as learn how you can change the world alongside your loved ones.

- **\$200** per person for Coaches Cabins
 - **\$175** per person for Camper Cabins
 - **\$150** per person for onsite Camping (bring your own tent)
- Each registration includes a \$25 donation to WE Charity's WE Walk for Water initiative.
Youth ages 6-12 will receive a \$25 discount.
Children under 6 years of age are free! Space is limited, so please register early

To register: <http://www.olympiasportscamp.com/outdoor-ed/we-family-weekend/>



Curtains the Musical



April 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 2018

It's the brassy, bright, and promising year of 1959. Boston's Colonial Theatre is host to the opening night performance of a new musical. When the leading lady mysteriously dies on stage, the entire cast & crew are suspects. Enter a local detective, who just happens to be a musical theatre fan! A hilarious journey for both performers and the audience, the original Broadway production garnered 8 nominations at the 2007 Tony Awards including Best Musical.

In the theatre at Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts

36 Greenfield Ave.

Director: Anthony Cavaiola
Music Director: Anne Bolger
Choreographer: Stefanie DiCosmo



Fundraiser

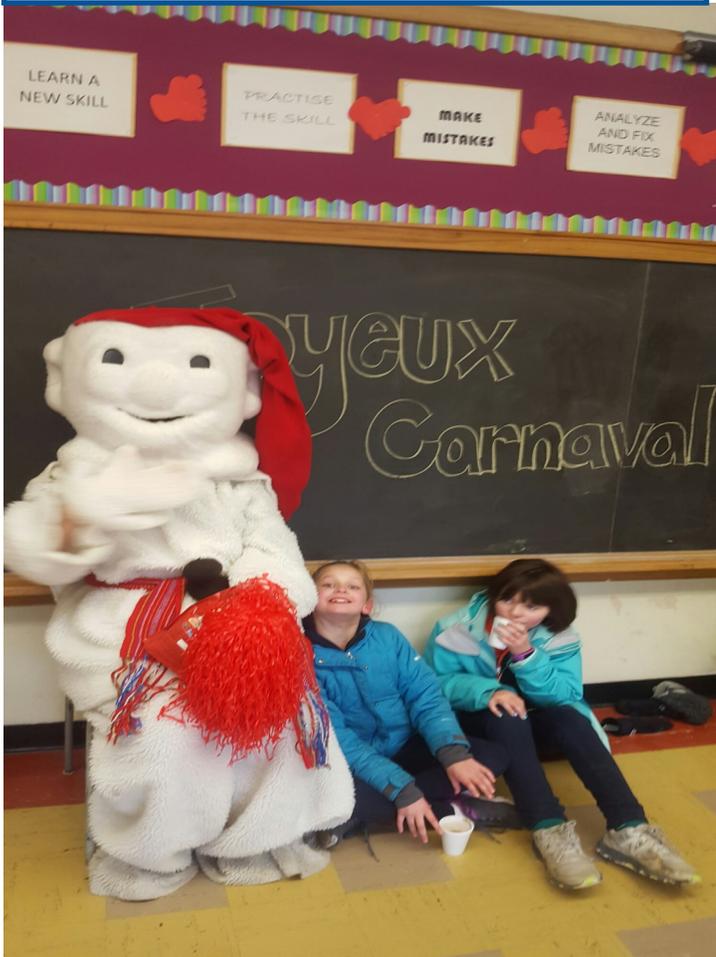
Congratulations St. John for raising \$643.15 for the ShareLife Fundraiser event on March 23/18

Thanks to the families of St. John School, the first annual Textile Drive was a huge success! We managed to keep 1785 pounds of textiles out of the garbage dump.



Bags2School collected all the donations, weighed them and wrote us a cheque for \$160! Ms. Christie's class discussed and brainstormed

worthy causes and decided that the money we raised should be donated to The Toronto Humane Society. A big thank you to Ms. Christie's grade 2s for educating the school about diverting textile waste and advertising for the drive with their posters and announcements. Maybe start a textile bin at home where you place items unfit for donation. See how much your family can keep out of the landfill and save it for our drive next year!



A big THANK YOU to all St. John Staff for another SUCCESSFUL Carnaval



HEY! THE BEACH



WE HAVE A FREE TREE FOR YOU!

MAY 12, 2018

Sign up during the month of April

www.treeforme.ca

For info: friendsofglenstewartravine@gmail.com



Tree for Me Event

April 1 – 30: Registration dates for Tree for Me. Toronto residents can obtain a free tree for their yard. Friends of Glen Stewart Ravine and Pegasus Community Project are partnering to bring this program to the Beach at an event on May 12th. Sign up: www.treeforme.ca starting April 1. For more info: watch the Friends of Glen Stewart Ravine's Facebook page or email friendsofglenstewartravine@gmail.com. This Tree for Me event is supported by funding from Every Tree Counts, a partnership between Toronto Parks and Trees Foundation and the City of Toronto.



SAFE SCHOOL ARRIVAL PROGRAM

Please leave a message by calling the school at **416-393-5220** when your child will be absent or late. **Please make sure that all students who arrive late check in at the front office.**



STUDENT INFORMATION

Please ensure that all information regarding your child is up-to-date. We need to have the correct home telephone numbers, work numbers, home address and emergency contact. If these numbers change please let the school know promptly, IN WRITING.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

A reminder that **all parents and visitors must enter the school building through the front doors and report to the front office.** We ask that in the interest of safety for all students and to ensure that classes are uninterrupted, please do not walk your child to the class. **We need everyone's total co-operation and understanding on this matter.**

Adults are reminded that for safety reasons, while students are in the yard, only staff should be in the yard.

If you need to speak with your child's teacher, kindly call and make an appointment. Your child's teacher will be happy to meet with you at a mutually convenient time.

The buzzer in the Kindergarten area is for after-school daycare. Please do not use it to access the building after 3:00 pm. ONLY parents picking their children up at daycare are to use the buzzer.



APPROPRIATE DRESS CODE POLICY

All students are expected to come to school daily appropriately dressed and in a manner that reflects the aims and atmosphere of a Catholic school. Please refer to the St. John dress code policy as outlined in your child's agenda.



DROPPING OFF & PICKING UP STUDENTS *** (Updated)

For the safety of all students, we ask that in the mornings you drop off your children in the appropriate sections of the school yard and leave them with our staff. **Please make sure that your child is dropped off no earlier than 8:10 a.m. Supervision in our school yard begins at 8:10 a.m.** This will help the students develop routines and it will also help our staff ensure a safe school yard. [

Parents are asked NOT TO LEAVE YOUR CAR PARKED ON KINGSTON ROAD when picking up or dropping off your child(ren). Please utilize parking lot at West side of school.

If you are picking up your child(ren) early from school, please come to the office and sign out your child. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



For supervision and safety reasons, students are NOT to use the front entrance of the school to **ENTER & EXIT**. Front doors are only to be used by students boarding buses at the end of the day. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



ANAPHYLAXIS ALERT

We would like to inform you that we are an **allergy aware school**. There are students in attendance who suffer from severe and life threatening allergies to certain foods such as **peanuts, nut products, bananas, sesame seeds, eggs, seafood and shell fish**. **Anaphylaxis is a severe and life threatening allergic reaction.**

We are asking that you be mindful of this when sending lunches or snacks that may contain peanuts, nuts, bananas, eggs, seafood, shell fish and sesame seeds. As well, please check prepared foods for traces of peanut oil or nut products. These items could potentially harm a child. **We would also ask that you please do not send food for birthdays or special occasions.** There are many other alternatives such as stickers and pencils. Please remind your children not to share food in the classroom.



Thanks for remembering
this is a



Peanut/Nut
Free School

We thank all of you for being diligent in following this request. We must maintain as safe an environment as we possibly can for our students. Since all our students share the school building space in their daily activities, we need to take precautions to minimize any cross contamination issues.

Cutlery for Student lunches



Thank you parents for providing your children with healthy snacks and lunches.

Please be advised that the school is not able to provide cutlery for student lunches or heat food for the children,



Thank you for your cooperation.

We fully respect and understand why some families may choose to give their child a cellular phone for emergency use when traveling to and from school. While on school property and on the school buses, there are sufficient telephones for use in cases of emergency.

As such, we require students to turn off their cell phones once they enter onto school property or onto a school bus, and not turn the phone back on until the student has left school property or disembarked from the school bus and begins walking home.



This policy will help prevent temptation for abuse of cell phone technology (including cameras built into some phones) by the owner of the phone and/or other students. If you need to contact your child, please call the school directly.

Google TCDSB Students

now have a Google account.

Students can make excellent use of Google Apps for Education and their email accounts, even if it is not being used in their classes.

Students can use the apps for document creation, collaboration and for communication.

Most importantly it provides them unlimited free cloud storage for their documents.

Your Google account includes an email address, an unlimited storage drive and access to docs, sheets, slides, forms, calendar, contacts and classroom.

To log on to your account go to: google.tcdsb.ca and use your board username and password to login.



St. John Crests on sale

1 for \$3.00

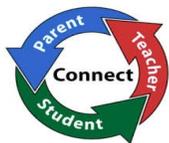
4 for \$10.00

If you are interested in purchasing a crest, please come to the main office.

PARISH WEBSITE: To contact the church office or to view the weekly bulletin of church schedules, news and events go to: www.stjohnsrc.ca



St John Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC)



Message Board / Website

<http://www.stjohnparents.ca/> "N E W as of April 2018"

Upcoming CSPC Meetings

WED. MAY 9TH @ 7:00 PM

Useful Websites

Parents are encouraged to visit the following websites for additional information

PARENT ENGAGEMENT

<http://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Pages/default.aspx>

Helping your child learn & love Math

<http://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/schoolprograms12/numeracy/thinkmath@home/Pages/default.aspx>

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!



Catholic School

Parent Council (CSPC)

2017— 2018 Council Members

Welcome to the
Parent Council

Executive	Position
Corbin Tomaszeski	Chair
Nadia Niccoli	Secretary
Claire O'Shea	Co-Treasurer
Emanuela Verzella	Co-Treasurer
CSPC Members	Position
Jacky Arminen	Non Teacher Rep, Special Events and Sponsorships & Grants
Evangeline Diez	Fundraising Lead
**Carmen Vanderreest	Parish Rep – St. John
Kim Cho	Communications & Website
Tanya Bismayer	Fundraising and Special Events
Jenny Gaffney	Fundraising
Rosa Morphy	OAPCE Rep
*Kelly James	St. John School Secretary
*Angie Mangano	St. John Admin Support
* David Comacchio	St. John Principal
*Elisha Horaby	Teacher Rep
*Ann De Agazio	Teacher Rep

School Year Calendar 2017 - 2018

Last Day of School June 28/18

Professional Activity Days 2017-2018

June 8/17 Assessment, Evaluation & Reporting

June 29/18 Provincial Education Priorities

TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2017-2018

Wards

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Joseph Martino | 9. Jo-Ann Davis |
| 2. Ann Andrachuk | 10. Barbara Poplawski, Chair |
| 3. Sal Piccininni | 11. Angela Kennedy |
| 4. Patrizia Bottoni | 12. Nancy Crawford |
| 5. Maria Rizzo, Vice-Chair | Rhea Carlisle |
| 6. Frank D'Amico | Joel Ndongmi |
| 7. Michael Del Grande | Student Trustees |
| 8. Garry Tanuan | |