



# Blessed Sacrament Newsletter

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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

As we look forward to the Easter season in April, we reflect on the blessings of the Lenten journey. It is a time to celebrate all that God has done for us and to thank our risen Lord. It is also a moment to reflect on how we treat one another, strengthening and nurturing our relationships.

This month, we focus on the virtue of Justice—the obligation to respect the dignity of every human being created in God's image. Respecting human dignity is to honour the image of God in others. Throughout April, we will encourage students to take the lead in social justice initiatives, recognize and name injustices when they see them, and speak out boldly in the name of justice.

We wish you and your family a joyful Easter season and thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education.

R. Agostino & R. Rego

BSCS School Administration Team



## Season of Lent and Easter | Nurturing Our Catholic Community

The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) looks forward every year to celebrating the Season of Lent and Easter as a faith community.



### A LOOK AHEAD ...

April 2	World Autism Awareness Day
April 2	Saint John Paul II Day
April 2	CSPC Meeting at 6:45 pm
April 3	Grade 8 Graduation Photos at 9 am
April 9	International Day of Pink- Antibullying Awareness
April 11	TCDSB ShareLife Wear Green Day
April 13	Palm Sunday
April 17	Holy Thursday
April 18	Good Friday
April 20	Easter Sunday
April 21	Easter Monday
April 22	Earth Day/School Clean-up Day
April 23	Administrative Professionals Day
April 23	Grade 6-8 Dance Performance at 6:00 pm
April 25	Grade 2 First Reconciliation and First Communion Retreat
April 27-May 3	National Volunteer Appreciation Week
April 29	School Mass at 1 pm
May 2	AFL Civvies Day Fundraiser- 'May the 4th Be with You'
May 5-9	Catholic Education Week
May 5-9	Divisional Track and Field Week
May 5-7	Grade 7 Muskoka Woods Overnight Trip
May 7	Harbourfront Trip- Grades 1 & 2
May 7	Volunteer Appreciation Event at 10:30 am
May 11	Mother's Day
May 24	Fun Fair

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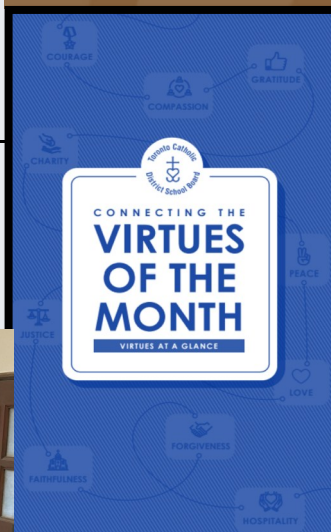
## Forgiveness: March Virtue Award Recipients

<b>ELP</b> Thomas C.      Millie B. Ingrid Tamara L.    Anthony D.	<b>Grade 1</b> Marianna T. Annabel H.	<b>Grade 1/2</b> Luke D. Zayne O.
<b>Grade 2</b> Dylan M.      Cayson C. Gabriel C.      William C	<b>Grade 3</b> Natalia S.      Gabriel O. James S.	<b>Grade 4/5</b> Gianluca G.    Massimo G. Nicholas C.    Grayson T.
<b>Grade 4</b> Oliver M.      Matias R. Chloe M.      Alexia H. Katie F.	<b>Grade 5</b> Theodore L. Andrew M. Audan M.	<b>Grade 6</b> Marlowe T.      Nora M. Eleanor H.      Noa J. Cristian B.      Gwen F.

**Grade 7**  
Qhyle B.  
Alexandre D.

**Grade 8**  
Santiago G.  
Abigail G.  
Johann D.  
Kaitlyn O.

**ME**  
Keira L.



SEPTEMBER: HOSPITALITY

OCTOBER: GRATITUDE

NOVEMBER: PEACE

DECEMBER: CHARITY

JANUARY: COURAGE

FEBRUARY: LOVE

MARCH: FORGIVENESS

**APRIL: JUSTICE**

MAY: COMPASSION

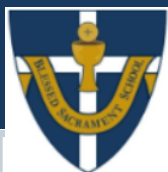
JUNE: FAITHFULNESS

## 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 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025



On World Autism Awareness Day, we will educate our students about autism by sharing key facts and insights.

Autism is a lifelong condition present from birth, affecting approximately 1 in 50 Canadian children and youth. This statistic highlights the strong likelihood that each of us knows and cares for someone autistic. Children with autism display various behaviours and characteristics, reflecting their unique strengths, talents, and challenges. While some prefer solitude, others enjoy engaging socially with friends and family.

Communication styles also vary greatly among autistic individuals. Some have extensive vocabularies, especially when discussing their interests, while others may use nonverbal communication or repeat phrases. Additionally, some prefer direct communication, while others enjoy providing detailed descriptions.

To represent our neurodiverse community, the TCDSB has introduced a special symbol: a rainbow-coloured infinity sign with gold accents. This design combines two widely recognized autism-related symbols—the rainbow infinity symbol, which signifies neurodiversity, and the colour gold, which is represented by "Au" on the periodic table, the first two letters in "Autism."

To show the Blessed Sacrament School community's commitment to inclusion, we invite everyone to wear rainbow colours on April 2nd.

## EARTH DAY/SCHOOL CLEAN-UP DAY APRIL 22, 2025



The TCDSB celebrates Earth Day on April 22 to raise awareness about the accelerating extinction of millions of species and the causes and consequences of this environmental crisis. On this day, we aim to achieve significant policy victories that protect both individual species and their habitats while also supporting broader efforts to conserve biodiversity. Additionally, we seek to build and activate a global movement that values and embraces nature. We encourage individuals to take action, such as adopting a plant-based diet and reducing the use of pesticides and herbicides, to positively impact the planet. Classes are also encouraged to clean up our school property and/or visit nearby parks, like Woburn Park, to participate in a clean-up effort, helping to keep our local environments litter-free.



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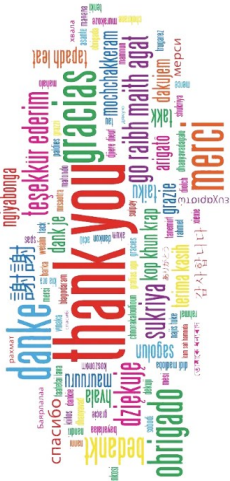
## APPLICATION TO REGISTER FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

For students new to our school in September 2025, parents are to complete school registration applications for our school online through the [Student Online Application for Registration \(SOAR\)](#).

**Online Application**

If your child will be transferring to another school before the start of the new academic year in September 2025, kindly complete this [form](#). Staffing and classroom organization depend on accurate enrolment. If you know your child will not return until after the first week of September 2025, please let us know as soon as possible.

## BSCS VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION CELEBRATION MAY 7 AT 10:30 AM IN THE LIBRARY



We are excited to celebrate and show appreciation for our dedicated parent volunteers who generously give their time and effort to enrich the student experience at Blessed Sacrament.

As part of National Volunteer Appreciation Week (April 27 – May 3), we invite all parent volunteers and members of the parent council to a Volunteer Appreciation event in the library on May 7 at 10:30 AM.

**Thank you for all that you do to support our school community!**

## APPRECIATING OUR OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS

Our school relies on the hard work and dedication of Ms. Liotino and Ms. Zaghloul, who help keep things running smoothly every day. From managing daily tasks to assisting students, parents, and staff, they play a vital role in our school community.

On April 23rd, let's take a moment to show our appreciation for their efforts. A simple thank-you, a kind word, or a small gesture of gratitude can go a long way in recognizing their contributions!







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# BSCS FUN FAIR 2025



**May 24, 2025 • 12:00 to 3:30 PM**

**Inflatables, food, games, pet room and  
so much more!**

**We need volunteers! Go to Sign Up Genius and pick your event!**

**Thank you to our sponsors!!**



There is still plenty of time to support the Fun Fair sponsorship!

Contact [sraviele@elecustom.com](mailto:sraviele@elecustom.com)





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# March at a Glance...







# *BSCS Baseball league*

**VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED!**

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**JK-  
GRADE 6**

**T-BALL &  
SOFTBALL**

**MAY 21-JUNE 25**

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**BANNOCKBURN FIELD**

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**WEDNESDAY'S 6:30 PM**

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| **SIGN UP THROUGH CASH ONLINE** |



## CONDO DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

As we communicated in the March newsletter, the developer of the condo at 3180 Yonge Street adjacent to the school (NYX Yonge LP) was scheduled to have their appeal for an additional 4 storeys heard by the Ontario Land Tribunal on March 25. In consultation with a professional planner, the parent community had prepared a letter opposing the developer's request.

Leading up to the hearing, we were informed that:

- The developer amended their proposal to include an additional 3 storeys instead of 4, as well several additional elements to make the building better suited to the surrounding neighbourhood, which the City of Toronto approved.
- The TCDSB and the developer were negotiating a lump sum payment to implement improvements at Blessed Sacrament to protect the health and safety of students and mitigate adverse impacts from the construction process.

In a letter dated March 24, the TCDSB confirmed they had agreed with the developer on a payment of \$250,000.

We are hopeful the TCDSB will work with BSCS to implement the required improvements and protocols to mitigate any adverse impacts from construction and ensure the safety and well-being of students and staff. These could potentially include cooling mechanisms such as ceiling fans and solar window film, air quality improvements, and improvements to outdoor recreational spaces.

The letter also outlined steps the developer has agreed to take to address the risk mitigation requirements we articulated to the TCDSB and the developer as far back as June 2023, and that we continue to assert. The letter notes that the support and dedication of the BSCS parent community have made a significant impact.

Our focus now shifts to ensuring our risk mitigation requirements are met throughout the construction process and working with the Board to implement school improvements. Currently, we are not aware of specific timelines as to when construction might begin.

Danielle Riposati will be available at the April 2 CSPC meeting to answer any questions parents may have. We will continue to share new information as it becomes available.



March 24, 2025

**ATTN: Blessed Sacrament School Community**

**RE: Ontario Land Tribunal Appeal of 3180 Yonge Street Development**

We are writing to share an update following discussions with the Developer, NYX Yonge LP, to resolve shared concerns regarding the proposed development at 3180-3202 Yonge Street. As you are likely aware, the TCDSB has requested party status to the Developer's appeal at the Ontario Land Tribunal to ensure that the interests of the Blessed Sacrament students and community would be voiced and protected.

**Updates:**

- The TCDSB has secured the following:
  - \$250,000.00 in compensation funds as the development application proceeds, to implement improvements and protocols at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic School to protect the health and safety of the students and mitigate adverse impacts resultant from the construction process.
  - No crane swinging over the school site.
  - Involvement in the creation and implementation of a construction management plan that will address and enforce several construction risk mitigation measures.
  - The Developer's agreement to provide communication and relevant updates to the Blessed Sacrament community, which will be secured in the construction management plan.

**How does this impact you?**

The Developer will be addressing a number of risks identified by the TCDSB together with the Blessed Sacrament school community, including the following:

- the mitigation of environmental and vibration damages;
- the creation of robust traffic management and pedestrian safety plan;
- enforcement and generation of a fire safety plan; and
- the management of hazardous material.

Thank you to the parent committee for their continued efforts throughout this process to protect the health and safety of our students. Their support and dedication have made a significant impact. We will continue to provide updates as they become available and we look forward to our continued work together as the development application continues through the process. Please contact Principal Agostino if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Regards,

Michael Loberto  
Superintendent, Planning and Development Services





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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING

<b>Fun Fair:</b> <b>May 24, 2025</b> <b>12 – 3:30pm</b>	Super exciting community day featuring inflatables, games and so much more! Mark your calendar and volunteer if you can. Sign-up at <a href="#">Fun Fair</a> .
<b>Kiss n Ride:</b>	The morning drop-off program that keeps our kids safe. Volunteers are needed for 20 minutes from 8:10 – 8:30 am. Program runs daily. Sign-up for a shift or two at <a href="#">Kiss n Ride</a> .
<b>Lunch Box:</b>	Help distribute Lunch Box (hot lunch orders). Volunteers are needed Tuesday – Friday from 11:00 – 11:30 am. Sign-up or learn more at <a href="#">Lunch Box</a> .
<b>Pizza Lunch:</b>	Volunteers are needed to hand out pizza to a class, usually Mondays from 11:10 – 11:30 am. Volunteers needed for all grades: JK – Grade 8. Sign-up at <a href="#">Pizza Lunch</a> .

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

*Thanks in advance for your participation!*

*Thank You*

## THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH!

This month we highlight our Pizza Lunch helpers from February and March. That snow was no match for these volunteers! Thank you to Estelle Gorby (program coordinator) and the Pizza Committee (Enza Giordano, Kate McKenna, Allison O'Connell and Cynthia Zeemel) for their weekly leadership running this program! We also thank the many class pizza distributors, including those who answered our last-minute calls for help. Thank you to: Korinna Azreiq, Anessa Bailey, Susan Baker, Nigel Bastiampillai, Gillian Bayko, Pamela Bebee, Barbara Bokodi, Clémence Bouffier, Nadia Bucciarelli Mari, Anita Budzilo, Tristin Carter, Lydia Chan, Angel Charlesworth, Katie Cheevers, Beatriz De La Cuadra, Shannon Doyle Raffoul, Deirde Durieu, Chrissy Gamble, Michelle Gaudon, Lesley Goode, Christine Grabowski, Kevin Ing, Erin Jackson, Aris Karras, Eunice Kidd, Mi Kim, Joanna Kimont, Jennifer Lam, Heather Lannigan, Laura Laudadio, Kaitlyn Leeb, Mark Look-Yee, Johanny Lopez, Scott Lutz, Ada Maxwell-Alleyne, Robyn Meredith, Daniela Metyas, Marisela Navarro, Nancy Nikolakakos, Gel Ogues, Natalie Orellana, Ela Pagacz, Elena Pugliese, Marisol Rubio, Daniela Saldias-Rocha, Frances Salvaggio, Bianca Pamela Sanchez, Kelsey Schram, Tiffani Steer, Rachelle Tsotos, Juliet Villagaray, Tiffane Wang, Vivian Wong, Barbara Yang, Andrew Yeung

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

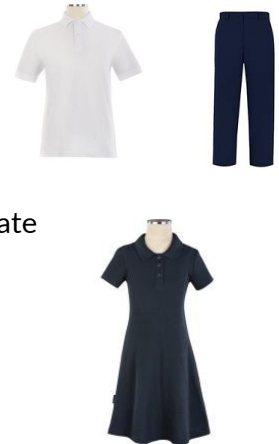


## DRESS CODE REMINDER

Students are required to wear navy blue and white dress code on regular school days, excursions (except for overnight trips), and gym classes.

The following attire is not permitted:

- Spaghetti straps, racer-back tops, midriff-baring tops, short shorts, and biking shorts.
- Clothing with large logos (larger than a loonie), slogans, or images that reference sexual content, substance abuse, violence, profanity, or inappropriate depictions of nationality, race, or gender.
- Clothing that is excessively worn or in serious disrepair.



### TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2024 - 2025



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Please send submissions for the **May 2025** Newsletter to [bscs.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:bscs.newsletter@gmail.com) by **April 23, 2025**.

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