



December 2007



# Sts. Cosmas and Damian

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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parent/Guardian,

It has been a very busy time and we have already reached the end of November. The staff have been busy teaching curriculum expectations, planning trips and enrichment activities, preparing for report cards and for the end of Term One.

During the Parent/Teacher interview periods, the school will be hosting the annual school Book Fair in the gymnasium. There will also be an opportunity for the school community to purchase our school spirit attire that was designed by our students. This newsletter contains a copy of the order form and what is available. We have some stock to give immediately, however, any outstanding orders will be placed, and hopefully, received from the supplier by early January.

We hope to see you sometime this week, and of course, at the Sts. Cosmas and Damian community mass at St. Charles Church on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm.

Yours in Partnership,

Ms. M. Bernardi  
Principal



## PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEW INFORMATION



*\*\*\*Please review the following to confirm the location and timing of staff availability for the interview process.\*\*\**

### KINDERGARTEN:

Ms. Cuccurullo available on THURSDAY evening  
Ms. Scorsolini available on THURSDAY evening  
Ms. Falone available on FRIDAY morning

### LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT:

Madame Roy available on THURSDAY evening between 5:15pm – 7:15pm  
Signora F. Di Nardo NOT AVAILABLE  
Signora A. De Feo available on THURSDAY evening

### MUSIC DEPARTMENT:

Ms. Marra NOT AVAILABLE  
Mr. Russo NOT AVAILABLE

### HOMEROOM:

Ms. R. Di Nardo NOT AVAILABLE

*\*\*\* Language interpreters are available at your request. Please inform the school as soon as possible.*



Principal:  
Ms. M. Bernardi

Secretary:  
Ms. F. Lima

Clerk Typist:  
Ms. C. Savino

Superintendent:  
Ms. J. Nespolo

Trustee:  
Ms. M. Rizzo

Parish:  
Father Michael D'Cruz  
St. Charles Borromeo Church  
416 787-0369

Enrollment: 312

## SCHOOL HOURS



8:30 AM – Playground supervision begins  
8:45 AM – Entry Bell  
10:15 to 10:30 AM – Recess  
11:45 AM to 12:40 PM – Lunch  
12:50 PM—Afternoon Kindergarten class begins  
2:10 PM to 2:20 PM— Recess  
3:05 PM— DHH students dismissal  
3:35 PM— Dismissal for all other students  
3:45 PM - Playground supervision ends

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

## MORNING



### Safe Arrival Procedures

When a student is reported absent by the teacher, but not by the parent/guardian, the **Safe Arrival Program** (Secretary) phones the home and/or the emergency contact to determine the child's whereabouts.

**It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to inform the school that their child is going to be absent or late.** The school will also call to determine why the child is absent.

In order for the Safe Arrival Program to operate properly, the parent/guardian must contact the school **BEFORE 9:00 a.m.** to report that their child will be absent or late that day. A message can be left on the answering machine before 8:15 a.m.

If there is no call from the parent/guardian, then we assume that the child will be present and on time on any particular day.

If there has been no phone call and the child is reported absent by the teacher, then we may believe that the child is in some kind of danger. It is, then that a phone call is made to the parent/guardian to inform them that their child is not in school. In most cases, we discover the parent/guardian is aware of the absence, but has neglected to inform the school.

For the sake of your children's safety, you **MUST INFORM** the school of your child's absence or lateness **BEFORE 9:00 a.m.**, otherwise unnecessary phone calls will be made and this defeats the real purpose of the Safe Arrival Program.

We would like to ask you for your continued support and cooperation.

## Important New Information



### Sentinel schools absenteeism pilot project



Letter to parents



Dear parents/caregivers,

As a new school year begins, we are launching some changes to the process for reporting your child absent from school due to illness.

The Toronto District Catholic School Board (TDCSB) and Toronto Public Health are partners in a pilot project to monitor absences due to illness in our school. Our school is one of twenty that will be a partner in this pilot project. The information collected will help us monitor illness in Toronto. The TDCSB will not send individual level data to TPH. The privacy of your child will be secure.

If your child is sick and will be absent from school please;

1. As always, phone the school to inform them of your child's absence.
2. When leaving a message or speaking directly to a school secretary, please describe your child's illness as:
  - a. Breathing-related (persistent cough, sneezing, and/or congestion)
  - b. Stomach-related (vomiting and/or diarrhea) or
3. An other type of illness

If you have any question, please call Toronto Public Health at 416-338-7890.

## RECESS



It is a general rule that if a child is well enough to attend school, she/he is well enough to take outdoor recess and participate in all regular programs. However, if there are legitimate reasons why your child must be exempted from certain activities, please send a written request and appropriate **medical certificate** to your child's classroom teacher.



# MASS DATES

<b>December</b>	Community Mass	Tues. Dec.18th 7:00 pm
<b>January</b>	Mass	Mon. Jan. 21st 2:30 pm
<b>February</b>	Paraliturgy Ash Wednesday	Wed. Feb. 6th 9:00 am
<b>March</b>	Mass Stations of the Cross	Tues. Mar. 18th 9:30 am
<b>April</b>	Mass Easter <b>First Communion</b>	Fri. Apr. 4th 10:45 am <b>Sun. Apr. 20th 2:30 pm</b>
	Communion Rehearsal at Church (Parent Volunteers Needed )	Tues. Apr. 15th Fri. Apr. 18th 1:30 pm
	<b>Reconciliation</b> at school	Thurs. Apr. 17th 1:30 pm ( Paraliturgy)
	<b>Confirmation</b> (with St. Charles students) Confirmation Rehearsal	<b>Tues. Apr. 22nd 7:00pm</b> Wed. Apr. 16th 7:00pm
<b>May</b>	Rosary Celebration	TBA
<b>June</b>	<b>Graduation</b>	<b>Thurs. June 19th 6:00pm</b>
	Graduation Practise at the Church	Wed. June 18th 1:30pm
	Year End Mass	Tues. June 24th 1:30pm



## CSAC CORNER



**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**  
December, 4 7:00pm

### ***ELECTED MEMBERS FOR 2007-2008:***

*Mr. J. Pisani CSAC Chair*  
*Mr. D. Fragale Co- Vice-chair*  
*Ms. E. D'Andrea Co- Vice-chair*  
*Ms. R. Ficara Treasurer*  
*Mr. T. Dias Secretary*  
*Ms. D. Bonanno Councillor*  
*Ms. M. Perrella Councillor*  
*Ms. M. Severino Councillor*  
*Ms. L. Silva Councillor*

### **A Message from CSAC**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

If you have any suggestions or concerns please fill in this form and return to the CSAC mailbox located near the main office. This form **must** be received by CSAC at least **one week** before the regularly scheduled meetings.

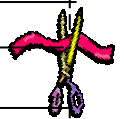
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name/Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Suggestions/Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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### **TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2007-2008**

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Student Trustee 416-512-3413

## **Please Note**

*From time to time, the school will send home information from non-profit and for-profit organizations. We remind parents and guardians to exercise caution any time they participate in or enrol their child in an outside organization's event after school hours. The school and the TCDSB are not liable for the quality of service these organizations provide or for the safety of the participants. We forward this information to keep our parent community informed of the wide variety of opportunities available within our local community.*