



ST ANNE CATHOLIC ACADEMY SCHOOL OF VIRTUAL LEARNING

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K-8 NEWSLETTER

October 2021

OCTOBER'S VIRTUE IS GRATITUDE

“Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.” ~St. Francis of Assisi

Checkout the Nurturing our Catholic Community Gratitude Resources by clicking [HERE](#)

ADMINISTRATORS' MESSAGE

Dear St Anne Family,

We hope that everyone has settled into a routine by now thanks to the tireless efforts of our TCDSB staff. A big thank you to our students, parents, and guardians for connecting with St Anne staff so that in partnership we can plan for a successful school year.

From Vice Principal Ms. Chalabi: As we continue to “Walk with Christ” this month of October, the journey brings many notes of Thanks and Giving. Thanks to God for the blessings that we receive every day. Thanks to each member of the TCDSB community including students, parents, guardians, and all staff of St. Anne and the TCDSB. The current circumstances call us to remain Giving to support each other so that we do not let the unknown be the enemy of the known. In this season of Thanksgiving, we are called to remember that if we want to go fast, we might go alone, but if we want to go far, we go together. May this Thanksgiving bring us all gratefulness, hope, light, and togetherness as a community of believers.

Wishing everyone a wonderful October!

Sincerely,

Joe Russo ~ Principal

SCHOOL INFORMATION

- Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC) Meeting and Election – An invitation was shared with parents and guardians via email during the week of September 20th and again during the week of September 27th. Just in case you missed the opportunity to register to attend the AGM and Inaugural Meeting, as well as self-nominate and/or nominate others please click [here](#).
- CSPC Meetings: October 5th and October 6th
- [Autism Awareness Month](#)
- [Child Abuse Prevention Month](#)
- [Learning Disabilities Month](#)
- October 5: World Teachers Day
- October 11: Thanksgiving (No school)
- October 21: Early Childhood Educator and Child Care Worker Appreciation Day [LINK](#)

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2021-2022

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SPECIAL EDUCATION INFORMATION & WEBSITES

Our St Anne special education teachers are working closely with St Anne teachers, designated early childhood educators, administrators, and special services staff to support student needs.

- [Autism Awareness Month](#)
- [Learning Disabilities Month](#)

The following websites may be of interest for those looking to learn more about Autism.

- [Autism Ontario](#) [Autism Canada](#) [Ontario Autism Program](#)

The TCDSB Speech and Language Department has created a Parents' Corner where you can find a variety of handouts, demonstration videos and links to help support the development of oral language, speech, literacy, and self-regulation skills at home.

Please have a look at [Parent Resources Google Site](#).

Students can access sites by logging in with their TCDSB Google Account

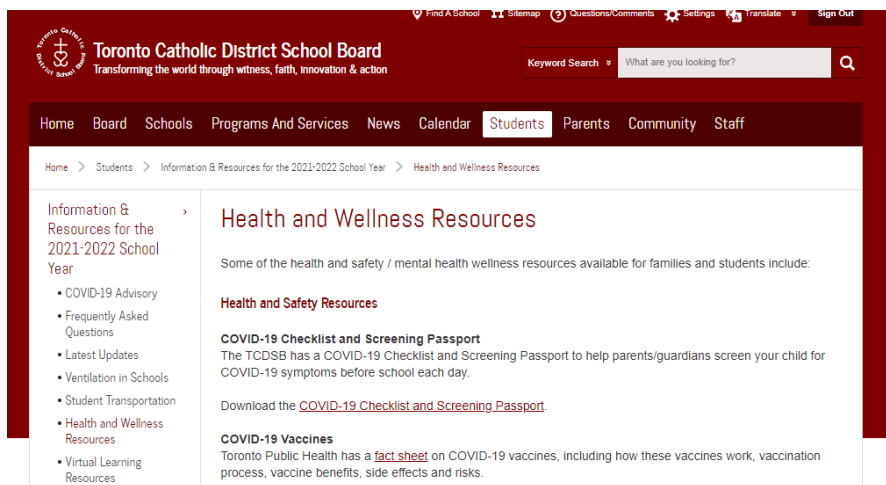
- [TCDSB Assistive Technology Site for Parents](#)
- [TCDSB Assistive Tech YouTube Channel](#)
- [TCDSB Assistive Tech Elementary Student Site](#)
- [TCDSB Assistive Tech Secondary Student Site](#)
- [Information Pamphlet from SMHO for Parents](#)

PARENT COMMUNICATIONS SHARED VIA SCHOOL MESSENGER

- [Sept 3](#)
- [Sept 8](#)
- [Message to families about the code of conduct](#)
- [Student Attendance and SafeArrival FAQ](#)

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

- October 10: World Mental Health Day [LINK](#)
- <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/back-to-school/Pages/resources.aspx>



- Supporting Your Child as They Return to School: Infographic for parents at St. Anne: [here](#)
- Tip sheet for parents on How to Support a Mentally-Healthy Return to School for Your Child from School Mental Health Ontario that is referenced in the Infographic above: [here](#)
- CMHO: [Your Child's Mental Wellness and Remote Learning](#)
- City of Toronto: [COVID-19: Mental Health Resources: It's OK not to feel OK](#)
- Ontario: [Mental health services for children and youth](#)
- Need someone to talk to?
 - Kids Help Phone is there for you with 24/7 confidential support. Counsellors can be reached by phone at 1-800-668-6868 or by texting CONNECT to 686868. <https://kidshelpphone.ca>
- LGBT YouthLine offers confidential and non-judgemental LGBTQ+ peer support through telephone, text and chat services. <https://www.youthline.ca>

PARENT RESOURCES & WEBSITES

- [Parent/Guardian Tips – Supporting Student Safety in a Virtual Environment](#)
- [Student Tips-Supporting Student Safety in a Virtual Environment](#)
- [Virtual Learning Resources](#)
- [Equity Student and Family Community Resources](#)
- [Upcoming Board and Committee Meetings](#)
- [TCDSB Race Relations Committee: Applications for Membership](#)
- [Rogers Connected to Success: Low-Cost Internet](#)
- [Sign Up for School Messenger for Absence Reporting and More](#)
- [IT Support for Students & Instructional Videos](#)
- <https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/>

NURTURING OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY (NCC)

Our Daily Nurture and Our Weekly Broadcasts

The NCC Team is providing daily reflections and weekly liturgies as a resource for spiritual help and hope during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Visit our NCC YouTube Channel. [LINK](#)
- Click [Here](#) for Daily Reflections on the TCDSB website.

Significant Religious / Theme Days

Latin Hispanic Heritage Month
Islamophobia Awareness Month
October 2nd International Day of Non-Violence
October 4th Murdered & Missing Indigenous Women and Girls
October 5th World Teacher's Day
October 7th Rosary Day, World Habitat Day
October 10th World Mental Health Day, World Homeless Day
October 11th Thanksgiving, International Day of the Girl
October 16th World Food Day
October 17th International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
October 31st Halloween

Walking with Christ

Pastoral Plan Prayer

+In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Ever-present God, we always walk in your light and love, surrounded by your care and concern. Our life is a journey with the many choices we make along the way. Grant that we may follow the way of Jesus with eyes of faith and hope, hearts of kindness and love, and minds of justice and peace, always supported by your guidance, your strength, and your safety. May we discover your presence in the people and events we encounter each day as we try to proclaim the Good News of the Gospel by walking and acting justly, walking and loving tenderly, and walking humbly with you and with one another. Together we ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, who walks with us each day.

Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

TCDSB VOCE Choir: Now Accepting New Choir Members: Students in grades 4 – 8 are invited to virtually audition September 27 – 30. Book your audition by emailing mark.huang@tcdsb.org [Poster](#)

REMINDER:

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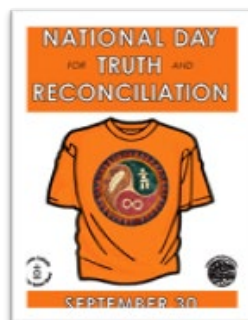
CSPC Meetings: October 5th and October 6th



EQUITY, DIVERSITY, INDIGENOUS EDUCATION EVENTS AND OBSERVANCES

- [Latin Hispanic Canadian Heritage Month](#)
- Islamophobia Awareness Month
- October 17: International Day for Eradication of Poverty [LINK](#)

Orange Shirt Day also known as the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**, It was created as an observance in 2013, and is designed to educate people and promote awareness in Canada about the residential school system and the impact it has had on Indigenous communities for over a century. The colour of the shirt is connected to the experience of Phyllis Webstad who was sent to Cariboo Residential School near Williams Lake, BC, in 1973. The shirt has since gone on to become a symbol of a national movement that recognizes the suffering of Indigenous children at residential schools across the country and to show a renewed commitment to ensure that every child matters. Our St Anne students and staff are encouraged to participate in activities in their classes during September and leading up to **September 30, 2021**, in addition to wearing Orange, to recognize the resiliency and bravery of Residential School Survivors



Our students and staff also have access to a virtual assembly that is pre-recorded: The Ultimate Virtual Orange Shirt Day Assembly Event Description: Join thousands of students across Canada for this powerful experience to learn the true meaning of Orange Shirt Day from the actual founder Phyllis Webstad herself and some of the best entertainers/youth speakers in the country. Joining together on my home reserve The Six Nations of the Grand River to amaze your students will be:

- First Nation NBA Entertainer Q-MACK (hired by 4000 schools)
- Guinness Record Setting Rapper DUANE "D.O." GIBSON (hired by 3000 schools)
- #1 Slam Dunker in the world JORDAN KILGANON (over 100 million views on YouTube!)
- Canada's Got Talent Finalist Beatboxer SCOTT JACKSON

211 ONTARIO

Do you need help finding food, housing, financial assistance, mental health support, employment support, support for seniors, winter clothing and/or shelter? For information and referral to government, health, community and social services, call 2-1-1, search 211Central.ca, text 21166, live-chat at 211Ontario.ca/chat or email gethelp@211Ontario.ca. 211 is free, confidential, and available 24/7 in 150+ languages to connect you to local community supports.

PARENT REMINDERS

Teachers will be sharing for your review and sign-off:

- TCDSB Acceptable Use of Technology Policy

- STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CONSENT FORM

Please return completed forms to your child's teacher.

[School Messenger - Verify Your Contact Information](#)

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to ensure that their school has their most up to date phone and email contact information on file. Contact information that is in the database is used to push out important notifications to families.

Please log on to [School Messenger](#) to verify your contact information in the system is correct. If you require assistance updating your contact information, please email your school for assistance.

ST ANNE SPIRIT WEAR

We are pleased to announce the opportunity to purchase St Anne Spirit Wear through McCarthy's. For more information, please click [here](#)

DAILY SCHEDULE

Punctuality is Important! Punctuality is a life skill that is valued by school, employers in the workforce, and society. Regular attendance ensures continuity of program and assists students in achieving academic success as well as maintaining social ties. Students can enter the building between 8:15 and 8:30am. The instructional day begins at 8:30 am sharp. Please help your child start each school day prepared to learn! Our school day ends at 3:00 pm.

Elementary School Year Calendar 2021-2022

The following chart lists school holidays, Professional Activity (PA) days, and other key dates for the 2021 - 2022 school calendar year of the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB).

Important Dates for 2021 - 2022 School Year	
Number of school days	194
Number of Professional Activity Days	7
Number of Exam Days (Secondary Only)	10
First Three Days of the School Year (Staff Only)	September 2, 7, 8, 2021
Labour Day	September 6, 2021
First Day of Classes for Students	September 9, 2021
Thanksgiving Day	October 11, 2021
Christmas Break	December 20 - 31, 2021
Family Day	February 21, 2022
Mid-Winter Break	March 14-18, 2022
Good Friday	April 15, 2022
Easter Monday	April 18, 2022
Victoria Day	May 23, 2022
Last Day of Exams for Secondary Students	June 28, 2022
Last Day of Classes for Elementary Students	June 30, 2022
Last Day of School Year	June 30, 2022

PA Days for Elementary Schools

There are seven (7) PA Days for elementary schools, and they are as listed below.

- September 2, 2021 | Provincial Education Priorities / Faith Development
- September 7, 2021 | Provincial Education Priorities / Faith Development
- September 8, 2021 | Provincial Education Priorities / Faith Development
- November 19, 2021 | Parent-Teacher Conferences
- January 14, 2022 | Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting
- February 18, 2022 | Parent-Teacher Conferences
- June 3, 2022 | Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting

Secondary School Open Houses

Schools have begun open houses for **grade 8 students!** A complete listing will be shared in the coming weeks, please note these upcoming September Open Houses:

- **Wednesday, September 22:**
 - [Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts: Music & Visual Arts Programs](#)
 - [St. John Paul II: International Baccalaureate Program](#)
- **Wednesday, September 23:**
 - [Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts: Drama & Dance Programs](#)
- **Wednesday, September 29:**
 - [Notre Dame High School](#)

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 - Follow us @TCDSB_StAnne on Twitter and Instagram
 - Visit www.tcdsb.org
- Follow @TCDSB on Twitter and @torontocatholicdsb on Instagram

For a full list of Secondary School Virtual Open House Events please visit:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/forschoolparents/news/pages/secondary-school-virtual-open-house-events.aspx>