



ST ANNE CATHOLIC ACADEMY SCHOOL OF VIRTUAL LEARNING

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K-8 NEWSLETTER

November 2021

NOVEMBER'S VIRTUE IS PEACEMAKING

Catholic teaching promotes peace as a positive, action-oriented concept. "Peace is not just the absence of war," said St. John Paul II, "it involves mutual respect and confidence between peoples and nations. It involves collaboration and binding agreements." Check out the Nurturing our Catholic Community Peacemaking Resources by clicking [HERE](#)

ADMINISTRATORS' MESSAGE

Dear #TCDSBVSFAM,

I am sure we all can't believe how quickly November has arrived. But since the start of the school year many emails, phone calls, and video conferences have taken place as evidence that we are a connected community. The partnership between parents/guardians and staff has led to a remote learning experience that keeps getting better for our students!

The administration team has had the pleasure of joining students and staff during synchronous learning sessions and we saw so many happy faces. We recognized that our students can manage their technology well, present their work and explain their thinking, ask questions, and remain organized and engaged.

This month we look forward to observing and celebrating many themes and events with our staff and students. Please visit our school website and look at the amazing moments of learning taking place in our virtual classrooms.

Sincerely,

Joe Russo ~ Principal

SCHOOL INFORMATION

- CSPC Meeting: November 3rd
- CSPC: For a list of our council members click [here](#)
- Parent-Teacher Interviews: November 16th and 18th from 6:00-8:30 pm
- Parent-Teacher Interview Sign-Up Instructions click [here](#)
- Progress Reports: Will be shared in the middle of November, prior to parent-teacher interviews. More information is forth coming.

Reflection shared by a Kindergarten student:



PRINCIPAL

Joe Russo

SUPERINTENDENTS

Lori DiMarco

Michael Caccamo

TRUSTEES

2021-2022

Wards

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(Vice Chair) | 416-512-3412 |

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SPECIAL EDUCATION INFORMATION & WEBSITES

The hard work, commitment, and expertise of our staff in collaboration with parents and guardians has allowed for IEPs to be completed.

A collective thanks you to all that have made a difference in the preparation and completion of each IEP.

Our staff is dedicated to getting to know students more and more so that learning needs are better understood and supported.

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

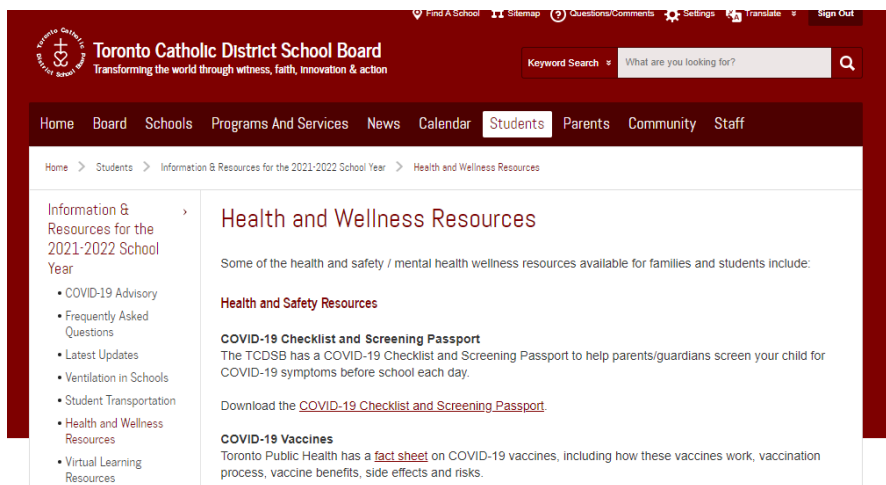
- [TCDSB Assistive Technology Site for Parents](#)
- [TCDSB Assistive Tech YouTube Channel](#)
- [TCDSB Assistive Tech Elementary Student Site](#)
- [TCDSB Assistive Tech Secondary Student Site](#)
- [Information Pamphlet from SMHO for Parents](#)
- [The Parent Guide to The Individual Education Plan](#)

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

- October 31: All Hallows Eve
- November 1: All Saints Day
- November 1-5: Treaties Recognition Week
- November 1-5: English as a Second Language Week
- November 1-7: Holocaust Education Week
- November 2: All Souls Day
- November 3: Take Our Kids to Work Day
- November 4: Diwali
- November 8: National Indigenous Veterans Day
- November 11: Remembrance Day
- November 16: Louis Riel Day
- November 20: National Child Day
- November 21: Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
- November 21-27: Bullying Prevention & Awareness Week
- November 25: International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
- November 26: National Holodomor Memorial Day
- November 28: Advent Begins
- November 29: Hanukkah (Judaism - Festival of Lights)

MESSAGE FROM ST ANNE CSPC

Hello and welcome to the first ever Parent Council message from our school's monthly newsletter.

The role of the council is to advise the principal and to act as a liaison between the school and the parents.

For a full list of names of parents/guardians that are part of council please visit the school website at stanne.tcdsb.org.

Our next meeting is on November 3 at 7:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you there as all voices are welcome.

To register for the upcoming CSPC meeting please complete this form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/YGjA3giMVm>

Sincerely,

CSPC Co-Chairs

Mr. A. Pugh and Ms. M. Calamia



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.

REMINDER:

NEXT CSPC Meeting
November 3rd @ 7:30 pm

2021-2022 CSPC Team

Marianna Calamia - Co-Chair
Ash Pugh - Co-Chair
Elisa Roberts - Treasurer
Agata Edwards - Secretary
Lesley Acquah-Harrison - Regional Representative (CENTRAL)
Julita Tolentino - Regional Representative (EAST)
Valentine Afolabi - Regional Representative (WEST)
Paolo De Buono - Teaching Representative
Ashley Kostopoulos - Non-Teaching Representative
Amanda Glean - Special Needs Interest Representative
Taihisa Hill-Guye - OAPCE Representative
Shelly Paradis - Community Representative

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

Newcomer Day Video Competition

TCDSB celebrates Newcomer Day on October 28. Newcomer students are invited to participate in the *‘I am a Newcomer: The Gifts I Bring to Canada’* video competition, focusing on the skills, talents, culture, language and positive contributions of newcomers. Submission deadline: November 19, 2021 at 5 PM.

Tutorials @ FCT

The Filipino Centre Toronto (FCT) is offering tutoring services for students in Grades 1 to 12 in Math, Science and English.

.OSCA Logo Design Contest

Students are invited to design a logo for the Ontario School Cricket Association for a chance to win \$5,000.

.HearNowON Student Mental Health Engagement Opportunities

Students are encouraged to participate in these upcoming School Mental Health Ontario and Wisdom2Action activities:

Student Mental Health Engagement Survey

Share your ideas and priorities when it comes to student mental health at school.

.Student Mental Health Forums

Registration required. Each session virtually from 1 – 4 p.m.:

- Oct. 30: [Equity in Mental Health](#)
- Nov. 6: [Student Leadership Opportunities in Mental Health](#)
- Nov. 13: [Knowing When to Reach out for Help \(For you and your friends\)](#)

The Transition to High School

TCDSB's Transition Guides for Parents/Guardians and Grade 8 Students may help with the transition to secondary school and identify the many opportunities available:

[2021-22 Transition Guide for Parents and Guardians](#)

[2021-22 After 8 Student Transition Guide](#)

.St Anne School Photos

For the first time ever, our school will arrange school photos. There are two opportunities to participate:

Class Photo and Individual Student Photos

For more information, please click [here](#).

.Sacraments

For students in grade 2 and grade 7 wishing to receive Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion, and Confirmation this year, families are advised to connect and register directly with their own local parish. Parents and guardians can choose to advise the parish what their child's previous in-person school was so that the parish may include the children in the same ceremonies as the in-person school.

Reporting Your Child's Absence/Late

Thank you to all who have activated and are utilizing their School Messenger account. This assists our Safe Arrivals attendance processes to accurately record your child's attendance. If you have not already registered an account, we highly encourage you to do so. The *Safe Arrivals FAQ* can be found by clicking on this [link](#). **Kindly report your child's absence or late by 8:30 am**, as this will avoid unnecessary calls made to you by our automated notification system. We extend our gratitude for your partnership in assisting our efforts to ensure your child's safety.

EQUITY, DIVERSITY, INDIGENOUS EDUCATION EVENTS AND OBSERVANCES

- November 1-5: [Treaties Recognition Week](#)
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Orange Shirt Day artefacts from students:

Orange Shirt Day: Truth and Reconciliation



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:

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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/orparents/news/pages/secondary-school-virtual-open-house-events.aspx>