

St. Rene Goupil Catholic School

September 2017



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From the principal...

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year at St. Rene Goupil Catholic School! We are pleased to see our returning students and we also welcome new families and staff to our school. Through continued partnership between home, school and parish, we will work together to provide your children with a safe, respectful and engaging learning environment.

Principal

J. Pasia

We are committed to continuing standards of excellence and providing your children with every opportunity to learn, grow, achieve and celebrate in all that our school has to offer! We take pride in the many ways that we strive to enhance your child's experience here at St. Rene Goupil. We will keep you updated on upcoming events through our monthly newsletters and calendars.

Administrative Assistant

P. Plishka

Superintendent

K. Malcolm

We are entering the third year of the TCDSB pastoral plan aiming to enhance the faith life of students, staff, and community members. Our focus is Together With One Voice: Harmonizing our Faith through Family, Parish and School. In the third year of the plan, we focus on the School, which guides us in our connection with the community.

Trustee

G. Tanuan

We welcome back Mr. Mogavero to our school. We bid goodbye and good luck to Mr. Dou-
ris, Mr. Aaron, Ms. Soo, Mr. Aceto, and Ms. Van Gramberg who have moved on to other schools. We would like to welcome Ms. Shaloufe our new vocal music teacher and Mr. MacIsaac our new Physical Education teacher.

Parish

Prince of Peace Church

Fr. Lorenzo

CSAC Chair

K. Teed

School Hours

9:00a.m.-3:30p.m.

Lunch Hour

11:45-12:45



School Year Calendar 2017-2018

Labour Day	September 4, 2017
First Instructional Day	September 5, 2017
Thanksgiving Day	October 9, 2017
Christmas Break	December 25, 2017—January 5, 2018
Family Day	February 19, 2018
March Break	March 12—16, 2018
Good Friday	March 30, 2018
Easter Monday	April 2, 2018
Victoria Day	May 21, 2018
Last day of classes	June 28, 2018

School Hours and Safe Arrival

Parents are asked to call the school at 416-393-5408, press 1 and leave a message if a child is going to be late or absent from school. Please state the date, your child's name, their grade and the reason for the absence. This is an important safe arrival routine that assists us in knowing who is absent. Our school bell rings at 9:00a.m. to start the day. It is very important that students arrive on time daily to begin each day at school. Late arrivals disrupt the learning of your child and others in their class. Thank you for your continued cooperation in establishing punctual routines for your children. Any student leaving the school during the day due to appointments must be signed out at the office. This ensures that our staff is aware of when and with whom your child is leaving the building with for safety reasons.

If you arrive after the 9:00 am bell, please go to the office and receive a late slip

Lunch at School



Students are not permitted to leave the school at lunch without supervision. We ask that you help to enforce this important rule by encouraging children to bring lunch to school daily. Safety of the students is paramount. If you have made arrangements for your child to go home for lunch, please communicate this with the school. Thank you for your cooperation.



Nutrition Program

Our fabulous nutrition program will continue again this year! Thank you to Ms. Yu for facilitating this program for our students. The program has been very popular among students and staff and we look forward to continuing to provide nutritious and delicious snacks throughout the year. There is a \$5.00 dollar monthly donation asked of all the students to help fund the program.

Visitors to the School

Please begin your visit to the school by reporting in at the main office. We ask that you sign in using the visitors binder. Thank you for your cooperation of our Safe Schools initiatives and our ongoing commitment in providing a safe and welcoming learning environment for your children.

St. Rene Goupil Dress Code



Thank you to all parents for your continued support of the TCDSB Appropriate Dress Policy.

St. Rene Goupil's school uniform consists of navy bottoms and white or navy collared shirts.

White or navy blue tops must have sleeves and collars and indoor sweaters must be navy or white with no large logos.

Please note that jeggings, leggings, skinny jeans, and denim are not permitted as school dress code. Please keep this in mind when shopping for navy bottoms as they are not dress code and should not be worn to school. Navy uniform pants, or sweatpants without large logos are acceptable navy bottoms.



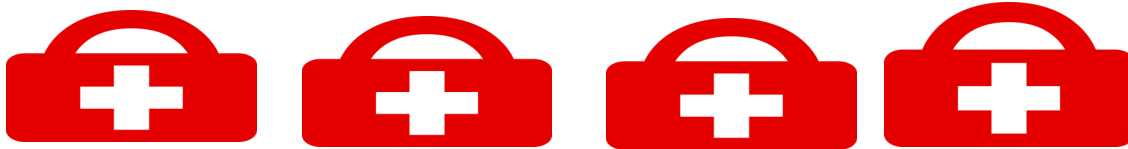
Thank you for your cooperation.

Agendas

Agendas will be used by students in Grade 1-8 as an excellent communication tool for parents, students and teachers to follow. It is key that parents check their child's agenda each night and feel free to communicate with the teacher via this important tool. We also respectfully request that all parents read through the opening pages of the agenda with your children. These pages cover essential school information such as our code of conduct, lunch time and bus expectations to name just a few topics. The cost for the agenda is \$5.00.

Medical Allergies—Anaphylaxis Alert!

St. Rene Goupil is a nut free school. There are a number of students who with allergies to peanuts and other nuts. Please be respectful of this serious condition and do not send any peanut/nut products to school. If your child has an anaphylactic allergy to peanut/nut or other foods, it is ***imperative*** that the school is informed. The medical information form sent home the first week of school must be returned as soon as possible. Epi pens need to be kept with the children at all times and a second Epi pen is to be kept at the office. We appreciate your cooperation in working together with us to keep our students safe.



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Vision & Hearing Test: Monday, September 18, 2017



Photo day: Thursday, September 21, 2017



Curriculum Night & CPSC Meeting: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 @ 5:45PM

Special Services Department at the TCDSB

As part of the TCDSB's goal of Fostering Student Achievement and Well Being, the Special Services department endeavors to support our special education students in achieving academic excellence and meeting the Ontario Catholic Graduate School Expectations. The department offers a variety of supports to students based on their need(s) and/or identification(s). For further information please visit the Special Services department link:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SpecialEducation/Pages/default.aspx>

Parents/caregivers are reminded that if they require support in accessing the Special Services department link, they may ask the school principal for assistance. Alternately, for families who require access to a computer to visit the site, they may access an electronic device through the Toronto Public Library.

TCDSB Launches School Cash Online Phase 1

TCDSB will be implementing the School Cash Online Payment option in all schools, in 5 phases throughout the 2017/2018 school year. Phase 1 launches today, June 21st.

Phase 1 – June - September

Phase 2 –end of September/beginning of October

Phase 3 –November

Phase 4 – December/January

Phase 5 – January/February



School Cash Online is an application that offers parents the convenience of paying online for school activities. Details about the application's benefits and registration process can be found at:

<http://www.kevsoftware.com/movies/ParentRegEnglish/>

For more information about School Cash Online in TCDSB schools, including complete lists of the schools included in each phase, visit:

www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/schoolcashionline/

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Improving Access to School Bus Information for Toronto Parents

Toronto Student Transportation Group and Boards Launch Transportation Portal

Toronto District School Board and Toronto Catholic District School Board parents are now able to access their children's transportation information online and receive email notifications if there are any school bus cancellations or delays, thanks to the launch of a new online transportation portal.

Parents with children who are transported by school buses can register for the new Transportation Portal by visiting

www.torontoschoolbus.org

Created by the Toronto Student Transportation Group, which oversees bussing for the TDSB and TCDSB, the portal is one of several improvements being made to ensure an effective start to the 2017-18 school year, including:

Installing GPS on all buses for the 2017-18 school year so that the school boards and bus operators can track the status of buses and improve the timeliness and accuracy of communication to parents. Efforts are underway to integrate the GPS with the Transportation Portal so that in the future, parents will be able to track their children's buses in real time.

Increasing call center staff during peak times, such as the start of school, to improve responsiveness and communication to schools and parents.

Assigning all Principals from special needs congregated schools to a bus operating division to provide advice and insight on school issues with transportation and assist with driver training.

Providing bus operators with routes earlier in the planning process to give them enough time to match all routes with drivers.

Improving collaboration and communication with the bus operators on route planning, which will continue throughout the summer to provide additional time to address any driver coverage issues that may arise.

Establishing the Transportation Working Group, comprised of central and school-based staff from the TDSB and TCDSB, to assist in identifying bus service issues and develop solutions.

