

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Guardians and Community Members,

As we embark on a new school year, I extend a warm welcome to all the parents, students and staff of St. René Goupil Catholic School. To those of you who were here last year, I hope you had a relaxing and rejuvenating holiday and that you return to Saint René Goupil with a renewed sense of enthusiasm and energy. To those who are just beginning with us - parents, students and staff - I hope that you will quickly feel a sense of belonging within our Catholic education community. I wish you a rewarding and a successful experience here at Saint René Goupil. We are blessed with a terrific group of students, parents, and staff.

Yours in Catholic education

Jean E. Stépanian

Principal



**Meet the Teacher/Curriculum BBQ is on
Tuesday, September 29, 2015 - Start time:**



BBQ – 5:30pm – 6:15pm
Assembly (gym) – 6:15pm – 6:30pm
Curriculum Dialogues (gym) – 6:30pm – 7:00pm
CSPC SAGM & Elections (library) – 7:00pm
CSPC 1st meeting of the year (library) – 7:30pm

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School Hours:
9:00am – 3:30pm
Lunch Break:
11:45 – 12:45pm

**Catholic School Parent Council
2015-2016**



***Our first CSPC meeting will be
held on Tuesday, September
29th, in the Library, at 6:30 pm.***

Please Help Us in our effort to save trees and be ecologically friendly with our physical environment. Give us your e-mail so that the school newsletter and other pertinent information and news can be sent directly to you electronically. This will also help us save paper and the associated cost attached to it with regards to photocopying, toner, etc. Please communicate your e-mail address to Mrs. Sayegh in the main office. Thank you.



Child Care @ St. René Goupil

- Heritage Child Care and Early Learning is licensed by the Ministry of Education
 - Located in the St. René Goupil Catholic School (44 Port Royal Trail)
- Child Care Spaces available immediately for children 30 months to 12 years of age
- Brand new toddler room opening in the fall, available for children 18 months to 30 months
 - Fully Supervised by registered Early Childhood Educators
- Full day program includes catered snacks and lunches, local trips and educational activities
 - Fee subsidy spaces available

For more information, please come in or call (647) 436-6670

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH (SEPTEMBER): *Hospitality*

As we welcome our students back to school in September it seems fitting that this month's virtue is HOSPITALITY. Our teachers have been busy preparing their classrooms, gathering together resources, supplies and putting up bulletin boards that will invite the students back into a welcoming environment. But hospitality is more than just a welcoming back. Our quote for the month is from Matthew 25:40, "Whatsoever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto me".

According to Henri Nouwen, "the German word for hospitality is *Gastfreundschaft* which means friendship for the guest.... It means the creation of a free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy." In our school community and in our homes we can discuss the concept of the least of our people or the stranger who needs our hospitality, be it the newly arrived to Canada or the new student at our school. Today hospitality is more important than ever and it is only through a deep moral obligation to hospitality that we can transform our communities.

PRAYER:

Lord, give us the eyes of Jesus to see our neighbours and the strangers we meet.

Teach us what it means to love the stranger as we love ourselves.

Forgive us for our selfishness, for our silence, for not caring enough for the strangers who come to our communities.

Teach us to love and care for the stranger the way you do. **AMEN**

(Taken from TCDSB website: Rebeca Jiménez Yoder)

TCDSB Monthly Update September 2015



"Together with One Voice: Harmonizing Our Faith Through Family, Parish and School"

TCDSB has launched a new three year pastoral plan for 2015 through to 2018. The specific emphasis for 2015-2016 is on the **Family**. Stay tuned for more detailed information. The poster developed for the new plan, as well as other resources can be found on the board's website here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/TW1V>

Parent Engagement

TCDSB values the involvement of parents in the education of their children, and welcomes their participation in the lives of our school communities. Find out how you can get involved as a member of the **Toronto OAPCE** (Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education), or as a member of **Toronto CPIC** (Catholic Parent Involvement Committee). At the local level, check out the next meeting of your CSPC (Catholic School Parent Council).

Visit the Parent Portal to get all the latest news and information

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

CPIC elections

Interested in serving as a representative on CPIC? Elections are taking place October 5th and 7th. Get all the details here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/ParentInvolvement/CPICElections/Pages/Default.aspx>

Do not Miss Out On Important news and Information -

Follow us on Twitter @TCDSB

Or subscribe to our free digital Newsletter delivered straight to your email 1-3 times per week. <https://www.tcdsb.org/ENews> -

You are also encouraged to visit our website often:

www.tcdsb.org to get more information.

Registration for TCDSB Night School, Saturday Language Programs and eClass Courses starts September 3rd

Classes will run from September 28th/29th through to January 19th/20th. Specific schedule of dates, time and locations are on the website. EClass Courses start on October 5th and run through until January 20th. Saturday International Languages classes will begin September 26th and continue through to June 4th. For more information about class locations, course options and details about registration, visit: www.tcdsb.org/continuinged

Elementary International Languages Registration

Enrich your child's education through International Languages Instruction, Cultural Awareness and a Celebration of Traditions. The program is offered for Elementary-aged children and runs from Saturday September 19, 2015 to Saturday June 11, 2015.

Register online or in-person on Saturday September 19, 2015 at all locations.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/IntLang>

Learn More about Full-time Programs for Gifted Students

Parents of elementary school children who are gifted, are invited to attend an open house to learn more about the full-time program options in Toronto Catholic District School Board schools **Wednesday, September 9, 2015, 7:00 p.m.** at the Catholic Education Centre, 80 Sheppard Ave. East (Second floor Boardroom). Free underground parking is available.

Secondary School Open Houses

All Toronto Catholic District School Board secondary schools welcome grade 8 students and their families to open houses each fall. This is an opportunity to meet some of the staff, check out school facilities and learn more about the various programs, services and activities as you prepare for Catholic secondary school education. Visit the board's website at <https://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/Default.aspx> to confirm the dates and times.

Conflict Resolution Resources

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is a Catholic educational community committed to the creation of an environment which fosters mutual respect for the dignity and well-being of all stakeholders including but not limited to students, staff, parents and volunteers and focuses on working towards mutually acceptable solutions that are consistent with relevant Board policies.

At the TCDSB, staff work diligently to ensure concerns are addressed in a respectful and professional manner that is consistent with the Education Act and all other relevant legislation and Board policies. Members of the TCDSB community are offered a variety of options to ensure their concerns are addressed appropriately. Visit the board website for details: <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Pages/Conflict-Resolution-Resources.aspx>

In addition, as of September 1, 2015, the Government of Ontario has granted new powers to the Ontario Ombudsman's Office to investigate complaints against school boards. The Office of the Ontario Ombudsman now has the responsibility to oversee school boards and address matters brought to its attention by members of the general public. [Ombudsman Ontario Brochure](#) - For more information on the role of the Ontario Ombudsman go to: www.ombudsman.on.ca

Catholic School

STUDENT AGENDA BOOKS for G1 to G8 students

Catholic School Planners/Agenda Books are valuable learning tools as they are very useful in helping children to develop organizational skills. In addition, they are a great and effective medium to develop communication between home and school. It is our policy that each of our grade 1 to 8 students receives a copy. The agenda books are paid by the Student Activity Fee. Every student in G1 to G8 has received his/her agenda book.

