



THE HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

OCTOBER 2019

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

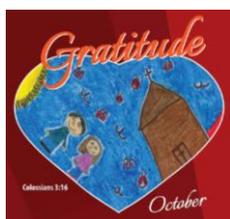
As September has come to a close and passed us by, we take this month of October as a special time to reflect on the many blessings extended to us by the grace of God. We therefore humbly give thanks for our families, friends, school, and parish as we work in partnership for the success of your child(ren). At our monthly Student Awards Assembly this week, we recognized those students who went over and above to be accepting and patient, as well as those who demonstrated the virtue of hospitality. These qualities go hand in hand as we welcomed all students back to The Holy Trinity, especially those who are new to our school community.

On behalf of all the staff and students of The Holy Trinity, I take this opportunity to extend my sincerest best wishes for a fruitful October and a Happy Thanksgiving Day weekend!

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or by telephone should you ever have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Paolo Fietta
Acting Principal



Lord,

Let me wake up every morning and be thankful for the wonderful life that you have given me.

Help me to see the good in things.

Help me to be happy with who I am and the life I am living.

Lead me down the path you have set for me.

Guide me in the way that I get to show the world my gifts.

I put all in your hands, Jesus, use me as your vessel.

I thank you for my health, love, abilities, family, friends, and most of all this life.

I will do great things in your name.

Amen.

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CPIC (PARENT ENGAGEMENT - TCDSB)		
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OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS)		
580	8:30am- 3:00 pm	11:15am- 12:15pm
ENROLLMENT	HOURS OF OPERATION	LUNCH HOUR



NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: soar.tcdsb.org
Call 416-393-Phone# or the TCDSB Admissions Department at 416-222-8282, ext. 2383.
For general information about the Toronto Catholic District School Board, please visit the website at www.tcdsb.org
Stay in touch with the latest news throughout the school year: Follow @TCDSB on Twitter.

SAFETY! SAFETY! SAFETY!

The safety and well-being of your child(ren) is the top-priority item at The Holy Trinity. To this effect, we would like to outline several key points and measures that are in place to ensure your children are as safe as possible while at school.

THE STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT - SCHOOL-WIDE EXPECTATIONS

- Always **be polite, mannerly and respectful** to others.
- **Treat and speak** to others **with care and kindness**.
- **Respect** the school and community property.
- **Refrain** from **physical aggression or violence** of any kind.
- **Refrain** from **any bullying of any kind** (i.e. physical, emotional, social, or cyber)
- **Follow** the **rules and routines** set by the teachers and administration.
- **Take responsibility** for individual actions.
- **Follow the gospel values** that are being taught in this Catholic school.

ALLERGY AWARENESS - LUNCH & SNACK REMINDERS

Please keep student lunches and snacks as **healthy and as waste-free** as possible. This practice is good for our students' health and it reinforces some of our teaching regarding healthy eating and environmental protection. We encourage the use of reusable containers, utensils and water bottles to reduce the amount of waste in the school. Most importantly, **all lunches and snacks must be nut-free** due to serious student allergies. Also, while we understand and support students celebrating their birthdays at school, we are asking that there be no food sharing or outside food delivered to the school due to the number of serious allergies. If you would still like to send something with your child(ren), please consider a non-food item (i.e., pencils). Your understanding and cooperation is appreciated in maintaining a safe space for all our students.



MEDICAL PERIL

If your child(ren) have any **critical medical conditions** such as **anaphylaxis, diabetes, asthma, epilepsy, etc.**, it is imperative that you submit to the office a fully-completed **Student Plan of Care Form** by **Friday, October 15th** (and don't forget to add your child's picture!). These forms were distributed to respective students by classroom teachers on the first day of school.

PARENT INFORMATION

PARKING

We recognize the challenges faced by anyone who needs to park while visiting our school, but these spaces are reserved for staff (we do not have enough parking spaces for current staff) and the bus loop must remain clear for the various buses who drive in/out throughout the day.

Parents/guardians are kindly asked to be considerate by parking on Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive (10 minute limit). If you must walk your child(ren) to the gate, please respect the 10-minute limit as posted.

For parents of children who attend the YMCA, please be considerate of the staff parking shortage and activate your hazard lights when dropping your child(ren) off so as to alert staff that a space will be available imminently.

SAFE ARRIVAL

Supervision begins in the yard at 8:05 a.m. Please drop your child(ren) off by the yard at one of the gates. As safety is our top priority, parents are not allowed to enter the yard to drop off their child(ren). Staff on supervision duty will direct all students (including Kindergarten) to their respective areas. Similarly, for pick up at the end of the day, parents should wait by the main gate on the eastside. Staff members will dismiss students from Kindergarten to Gr. 3 one at a time once they see the designated pick up adult. Students who take the bus will be brought to the bus loading area by a staff member at the end of the day.

Late Arrival – If your child is late to school we ask that you bring them in through the front doors of the school and sign them in at the office. A staff member will take them to their classroom. We also ask that you not walk your child to the classroom as this can present a safety concern.

Parents are encouraged to use our new safe arrival messenger system to report absences. Absences can be reported in the following ways:

- Call 1(833)251-3286 (toll-free)
- Online go.schoolmessenger.ca
- SchoolMessenger Mobile App

BUS CONTACT INFORMATION

- Transportation Portal: Access information specific to your child's transportation, including route number, stop location, times and bus company contact details. Signup for notifications when bus companies identify school bus delays at: <https://busplannerweb.torontoschoolbus.org/>
- Toronto Student Transportation Group: Phone: 416-394-4287 Fax: 416-394-3806 Email: transportation@torontoschoolbus.org Web: www.torontoschoolbus.org

DRESS CODE

As per TCDSB policy, students are required to wear navy blue and white clothing while at school. This includes a navy or white top and navy bottoms. Stripes and polka dots are not permitted, and tops and bottoms should be free of logos.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE (KEV)

Our school is pleased to continue with online banking. In order to participate, you must register your child online first. Once you register, you will begin receiving emails about upcoming events involving your child - this means safe, fast and easy transactions. If you have not registered, please go to the School Cash Online home page <https://tcdsb.schoolcashionline.com> and select the "Get Started Today" option. Please contact the school office should you require any further assistance.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES FOR GRADE 8 STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

High school information nights are being hosted at secondary schools around the City **until October 16th**. [Click here for a complete schedule of dates, times and locations.](#)

TERRY FOX WALK

On **Friday, October 4th** our school will be participating in the Terry Fox Walk/Run. Our walk will begin at the school at 9:00 am and proceed through the neighbourhood streets. Classroom teachers will walk with their classes and additional staff will be at assigned intersections/corners to safely direct our students. ELP students will be walking a modified route. As this is a neighbourhood walk, no permission forms are required in addition to the Student Information Update Form sent home at the beginning of the school year. Please ensure this form has been completed for your child(ren) and returned to their teacher.

TUTORING

In an effort to support student success and transition to high school, Father John Redmond is partnering with The Holy Trinity for an After School Tutorial Program. Please see the enclosed for more information. Space is very limited! Forms and payment are due by **October 9th!**

UPDATE RECORD FORMS

Student Update Record Forms have been sent home. Please verify that all of the information listed is accurate so we can ensure that our system files are up-to-date. Please correct any information that has changed and add any missing information (using a blue or red pen). Once complete (and even if there are no changes required), please sign the last page and return it to your child's teacher.

PA DAY AND HOLIDAY

Please note that **Friday, October 11th is a PA Day** and **Monday, October 14th is Thanksgiving**. There will be no school on those dates.

SEPTEMBER AWARDS ASSEMBLY

SEPTEMBER MONTHLY AWARDS	
ACCEPTANCE/PATIENCE	VIRTUE: HOSPITALITY
Daniel Z.	Ava C.
Gavin C.	Jayden D.
Maki M.	Waynelle S.
Franché J.	Hannah M.
Cianna S.	Alexia R.
Ronan W.	David O.
Damon Y.	Lilia M.
Sabrina P.	Raylee R.
Claire T	Abbey H.
Do Young G.	Izobelle H.
Mateo M.	Elle C.
Kayelee L.	Joven M.
Dylan N.	Mee Young G.
Angus H.	Carolina C.
Quinlan D.	Juliette A.
Eric S.	Sophie S.
Lucas L.	Noah C.
Lucas C.	Brianna M.
Winning O.	Grayson B.
Gabrielle B.	Jahmai M.
Paola Z.	Eilish C.
Isaac S.	Dominika W.
Caitlin A.	Natalia M.
Emma H.	Sophie M.
Congratulations to all!	

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL (CSPC)

The next CSPC meeting will take place on **Tuesday, October 8th from 7:00-9:00p.m.** in the school library. The CSPC plays a vital role in the life and well-being of our school community. We are grateful for all your support and assistance!

Here is a brief message from our Parent Council:

Hi THT families!

Just a friendly reminder that **Fresh From the Farm** orders are due next week (October 10th).

By purchasing and selling bundles of apples and vegetables, you are helping to enrich your child's academic life.

Some key benefits of this fundraiser:

- THT keeps 40% of sales! (This will go towards enrichment programs for our children.)
- Families enjoy value-priced Ontario-grown food
- Provides opportunities for students to learn about agri-food and healthy eating, creating a more supportive nutrition environment in schools
- Contributes to the local economy and supports our Ontario farmers
- Raises awareness about the important role good nutrition plays in the development and well-being of children and youth

So actively participate in this wonderful fundraiser, and submit your completed forms and return exact payment to the school **no later than October 10th.**

Thank you for your support!!

The Holy Trinity Parent Council

HALLOWEEN DANCE

The CSPC is hosting a Halloween Dance on **Friday, October 25 from 6:00-9:00PM** in the school gym. Please see the forthcoming flyer/order form for more details.

LUNCH TIME SUPERVISORS

We have some open positions for lunch time supervisors. If you are interested in applying for this paid position, please contact our Vice-Principal, Ms. Tecimer, through the school office.

ATHLETICS

Congratulations to our Boys' and Girls' Softball teams who played their best and represented THT so well. The Girls' team brought home the West Regional Division pennant! Many thanks to the coaches, Mr. Severino, Mr. Kucher, Ms. D'Agostino, and Ms. Ursini!

Our Intramural Program has started during our lunchtime break and students are enjoying it! Many thanks to all teachers who are supervising and organizing this great program!

GOOGLE CALENDAR

Parents/guardians are welcome to visit <https://bit.ly/THTCAL> for the school Google Calendar. This is updated regularly with new information about THT events and activities.

FOLLOW US

Please feel free to follow us on Twitter (@tcdsb_THT) or on Instagram (ththammerheads) for current news and updates on important dates and school activities.



GUIDANCE CORNER

Transition to Secondary School - SOAR

October will be a busy month for the grade 8 students as they begin the high school application process. The After 8 transition guides for both students and parents will be delivered to the school soon, so you can expect to learn more about the process when your child brings them home. Please note the following important dates:

- We're well into TCDSB Secondary School Open House Season continue. Please go to the link below for school specific information. <https://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/default.aspx>.
- Please ensure that you have updated your email connected to the TCDSB and set up your SOAR account. Click on this link for a guide to help you navigate through the on-line applications. <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/AdmissionsandRegistration/Documents/PARENT%20GUIDE%20-%20Secondary%20School%20Student%20Online%20Application%20for%20Enrolment%20September%202020.pdf>
- **Tuesday, October 15th, 2019** – Parents should check the email that you have connected with the TCDSB. You will be receiving an email containing a link to your child's application to high school. You may begin filling out secondary school applications at this time.
- **Monday, October 25th, 2019** – This is the application deadline. This is a hard deadline for regional program applications (Arts, AP, IB, and S.T.E.A.M.). Beyond this date, regular program applications will be directed to wait lists.

Creating Pathways to Success

Students from grades one to eight will be encouraged to use www.myBlueprint.ca/tcdsb as a tool to reflect on their growth throughout elementary school. Creating Pathways to Success asks that students think about: Who Am I? What Are My Opportunities? Who do I Want to Become? And What Are My Plans for Achieving My Goals? Throughout the year, Intermediate students will be required to work on their Individual Pathways Plans (IPP) while students from grades one to six may have the opportunity develop their All About Me online Portfolios. Encourage your children to share their accounts with you. The site is fully accessible from home using your child's TCDSB username and password.

Mr. F. Amato
Elementary Guidance Teacher Counsellor (Area 1 & 2)

MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE BOARD

Update on Negotiations with CUPE

The Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) is involved in province-wide, central collective bargaining with the Council of Trustee Associations and the provincial government.

At the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB), CUPE represents caretaking, maintenance and warehouse staff, office clerical and technical staff, school based support staff including Child and Youth Workers and Education Assistants, and secondary school supervisors as well as International Language Instructors- The TCDSB has been advised that the members of the CUPE may begin job action as early as Monday, September 30, beginning with work-to-rule sanctions.

The health and safety of students and staff is deeply important to us.

If there is any impact to regular school operations, parents will receive communications through the following methods:

- School Messenger (please ensure that your school has current and up to date telephone numbers and email addresses on file for your family)
- Twitter (follow @TCDSB)
- TCDSB website www.tcdsb.org
- 24-hour telephone information line 416-222-8282 ext. 2873

The Board wishes to assure parents and students that every effort will be made to ensure that all elementary and secondary schools, day care centres, before- and after-school programs and nutrition programs will continue to remain open as long as it is safe to do so.

School bus transportation for eligible students will continue.

Parents are encouraged to contact their local school principal with any questions or issues of local concern.

Introducing the Secondary School Online Application for Registration (SECISOAR.TCDSB.ORG)

We are announcing some exciting news regarding the Secondary School Application Process for enrolment in September 2020. On **Tuesday, October 15, 2019**, the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) will officially launch the new **Secondary School Online Application** website, **SECISOAR.TCDSB.ORG**.

Some exciting features of the online application include:

- easy tracking of the status of your child's application,
- complete the Specialty Program Application along with your regular program application through one application,
- email notifications for offers of placement,
- accept/decline offers of placement you receive electronically.

Important note: a current email address on file with your elementary school is required in order to create your child's application/account on October 15th, 2019. **If you do not have an email address on file, please be sure to submit this information to your elementary school office before Tuesday, October 8th, 2019.**

For a full guide to completing the on line application, please visit the TCDSB website at www.tcdsb.org → Admissions & Placement Department page, to view the "Parent Guide to Completing the Secondary School Online Application" information guide.

PARENT OPPORTUNITIES & INFORMATION

Safe Schools Advisory Committee: Parent Reps Needed

TCDSB Seeks 2 Parent Reps for Safe School Advisory Committee. **Application deadline October 18, 2019**. [Click here for an application and more information.](#)

TCDSB ENVIRONMENT STEERING COMMITTEE

TCDSB is seeking 2 community/parent representatives for its Environment Steering Committee.

All positions are voluntary and candidates must be parents who presently have children enrolled in TCDSB.

Applications are available at: <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Documents/Parent-%20Community%20Member%20Application%20Form-2016-R.pdf>

Completed applications can be sent via email to communityrep@tcdsb.org

Application deadline: **OCTOBER 25, 2019**

Toronto CPIC Annual Report 2018-2019

[Click here to access the Toronto Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Annual Report for 2018-2019.](#)

CPIC Elections

October 28 and 29, 2019

Nomination forms accepted until October 18, 2019

<https://www.tcdsb.org/CPIC-Elections>

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES & INFORMATION

TDCAA Athletics

Girls Basketball West and Girls Field Hockey Season are underway

Coming soon:

- Cross Country Championships: **Friday, October 25** at Etobicoke Centennial
- Golf Championship: **Thursday October 3** at Station Creek Golf Club
- Tennis Preliminaries:
 - Junior Tournament: **Thursday October 10** at Mayfair West
 - Senior Tournament **Thursday October 17** at Mayfair West
- Tennis Championship: **Wednesday, October 30** at Mayfair West

[Click here for a full list of upcoming TDCAA events.](#)

Elementary Athletics

October 16, 2019—Elementary Cross-Country Regionals (North and South)

October 17, 2019—Elementary Cross-Country Regionals (East and West)

October 22, 2019-- Elementary Cross-Country City Finals

High School Open Houses for Grade 8 Students and Their Families

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Ontario Colleges Information Fair

October 23-24 at the Enercare Centre, Exhibition Place <https://ocif.ca/>

TCDSB Newcomer Student Leadership Conference

TCDSB will once again welcome newcomer students at the annual **Newcomer Student Leadership Conference**, which will be held this year on **Wednesday, October 16**. TCDSB schools are invited to extend an invitation to at least two newcomer students from grades 7 to 12 (maximum of 10) to attend this free event. [Click here to complete online event registration on or before October 2, 2019.](#)

BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

OAPCE: Oct. 1

Student Achievement Committee: Oct. 2

Labour Relations Ad Hoc Committee: Oct. 3

By-Laws Ad Hoc Committee: Oct. 7

Governance and Policy Committee: Oct. 8

Corporate Services Committee: Oct. 10

SEAC: Oct. 16

Regular Board: Oct. 17

[Click here to review information and agendas.](#)

To view minutes or video broadcasts from previous meetings, select the **Past Meetings** tab on the page.

Policies Currently Under Review/Revision:

Update to Trustee Code of Conduct Policy T.04

Update to Awards Funds and Scholarships Policy FF.01

Update to Catholic School Parent Councils Policy S.10

EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **October is Hispanic Canadian Heritage Month**
- **October is also Principals' Month**
Recognition Days:
- **October 2, 2019 Custodial Workers' Appreciation Day**
- **October 5, 2019 World Teachers' Day**
- **October 25, 2019 Early Childhood Educators and Childcare Worker Appreciation Day**

Walk to School Day: October 2, 2019

Walk to School Day is an opportunity for all of us—students, staff, families—to focus on improved health and well-being, active lifestyles and building safer communities for everyone. Register your school for Walk to School Day and receive a Certificate of Participation from Canada Walks. [Click here for more information.](#)

Feast of Creation: An Ecumenical Gathering

Celebrate the Season of Creation with contemplative prayer and music. **Friday, October 4** from 6:30 – 8 p.m. at St. Basil's Church (50 St. Joseph Street, Toronto). [Click here for more information on this and other upcoming events at The Mary Ward Centre.](#)

World Mental Health Day

October 10, 2019

<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/world-mental-health-day.aspx>

System-Wide PA Day

October 11, 2019

Thanksgiving

October 14, 2019

International Day for Eradication of Poverty

October 17, 2019 <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/international-day-for-eradication-of-poverty.aspx>

Inaugural Rosary Bowl

The Toronto Rosary Bowl will take place **Saturday, October 19th** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Blessed Cardinal Newman (100 Brimley Road South, Scarborough). [Click here for more information about this family-friendly event.](#)

Federal Election

October 21, 2019

School Bus Safety Week

October 20-25, 2019

School bus driver appreciation day October 22, 2019

<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/international-day-for-eradication-of-poverty.aspx>

Mark Your Calendar!

Special Services Information Fair

November 9, 2019 (watch for details www.tcdsb.org)

TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES - 2019-2020

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