



THE HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2019

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

In the spirit of hospitality, our Virtue of the Month for September, it is my great pleasure to welcome back all students, returning and new, to a fresh and exciting school year! I sincerely hope and trust that our Holy Trinity families had an enjoyable and restful summer filled with exciting activities and new memories. Our 2019-20 school year is off to a smooth and exciting start and I look forward to working collaboratively with our students, staff, parent/guardian members and parish staff to help your child(ren) develop their academic, physical, emotional and spiritual potential.

As your new school principal, I would like to take this opportunity to thank The Holy Trinity staff and parent/guardian community for their warm welcome and for their sincere support during this time of transition. As a Catholic educator and leader, I am committed to providing a safe learning environment where your child(ren) can strive to do their very best on the academic, athletic, artistic and spiritual fronts. As we enter into the second year of our Pastoral Plan, aptly named *Rooted in Christ*, we focus on the theme that *we Believe*, an inspiring message that instills hope, courage and faith in all who belong to the greater TCDSB community. We carry this message throughout the halls of The Holy Trinity to inspire all students in our care. As you can imagine, The Holy Trinity staff is committed to the same purpose and they play a vital role in providing an engaging Catholic-centred curricular program as well as rich and diverse opportunities for artistic expression and athletic activity. We also work with the pastors and staff from St. Teresa and Christ the King Catholic Parishes to nurture the spiritual development of each child by modelling and instilling the Catholic virtues and best social teaching practices.

I look forward to an engaging and fruitful year for all, one filled with fun and learning for all students. 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

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580	8:30am- 3:00 pm	11:15am- 12:15pm
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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.

Mr. P Fietta	Acting Principal
Ms. M. Tecimer	Vice-Principal
Ms. K. Karazinoff	Head Secretary
Ms. M. Santos	Clerk Typist

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)
- **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**. These forms were distributed to respective students by classroom teachers on the first day of school. Please return these forms to the office as soon as possible.

CROSSING GUARDS (NEW!)

I am excited to report that there will be three crossing guards at and near Col. Samuel Smith Park Dr. & Lakeshore Blvd. W. starting September 3 from Mondays to Fridays for 7 hours per day. These locations are: Birmingham St. & Kipling Ave., Kipling Ave. & Lakeshore Blvd W. and Lakeshore Blvd W. & Twenty Second St.

This new safety measure is most welcome and will go a long way to help keep any students who walk to/from school safe. I would like to extend our gratitude to Councillor Mark Grimes and his office staff for securing these crossing guards. Their commitment to community safety is much appreciated!

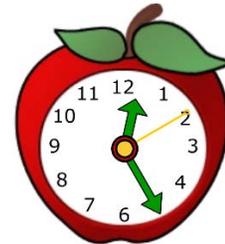
PARKING

Parents/guardians are kindly asked not to park in the staff parking spaces along the north wall of the school nor in the bus loop. For parents of children who attend the YMCA, please drop off your children as quickly as possible and use the rearmost spots of the lot. We recognize the challenges faced by anyone who needs to park while visiting our school, but these spaces are reserved for staff and the bus loop must remain clear for the various buses who drive in/out throughout the day.

PARENT INFORMATION

THE SCHOOL DAY

8:30am	Entry
10:12-10:27a.m.	Recess
11:15a.m.-12:15p.m.	Lunch
1:40-1:55p.m.	Recess
3:00p.m.	Dismissal



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.

SAFE ARRIVAL

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.

AGENDAS

Agendas have been ordered for students in Grades 1-8, as requested by the classroom teacher. The cost of the agenda is \$5.00. Please kindly pay in cash as soon as possible.

CURRICULUM NIGHT

Parents/guardians are invited to attend our Curriculum Night on Thursday, September 26th from 6:30-7:30p.m. to meet their child(ren)'s teacher(s) and learn about the curricular programming planned for the 2019-20 school year. We will begin promptly at 6:30PM in the school gym with a brief welcome and then breakout for two 20-minute sessions to allow parents with more than one child to rotate. These sessions are not meant for discussion of student achievement.

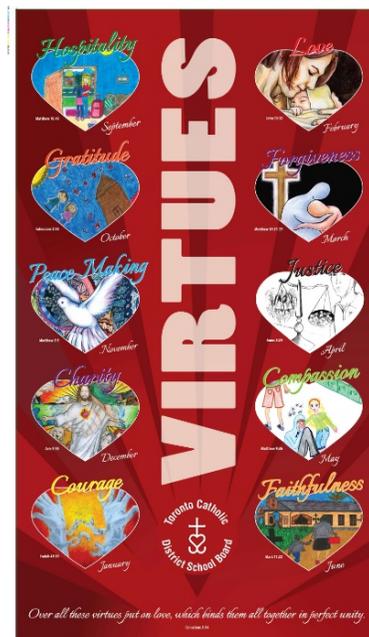
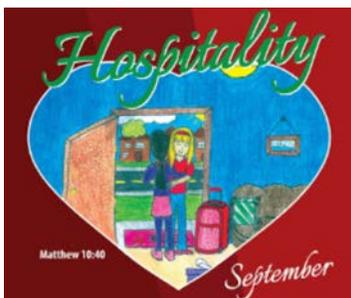
CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL (CSPC)

The Catholic School Parent Council plays a vital role in the life and well-being of our school community. Please consider participating, if you do not already. The first CSPC meeting will take place on Monday, September 16th from 7:00-9:00p.m. in the school library. All are welcome to attend and participate. We are grateful for all your support and assistance!

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: SEPTEMBER - HOSPITALITY

Loving God,

You are caring and kind, You are wonderful and wise,
You are our friend and guide, You are our deepest truth.
You bring us together to learn, to play, to worship together.
Be with us and guide us today and every day
As we welcome back old friends and greet new ones with hospitality.
Amen.



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.



LUNCH TIME SUPERVISORS

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

GUIDANCE CORNER

My name is Mr. Amato. I support 13 schools in Areas 1 & 2 including this one. Unfortunately, due to the large number of schools that I service, I am only regularly available to this school once every two weeks for half a day. During my school visits, I work with students, school staff and administrators. Together our goal is to continue to foster a happy and safe environment by strengthening **learning skills and study habits, healthy relationships, career exploration and educational planning, and student safety and well-being.**

That being said, a large part of my focus will be in assisting with the transition of grade 8 students into grade 9 and working with intermediate teachers to encourage their students to complete their Individual Pathways Plan and helping the younger students work on their All About Me portfolio on www.myBlueprint.ca. Individual and small group counselling is available to your children through a referral process. I look forward to working in your school throughout the year.

Frank Amato

Elementary Guidance Teacher Counsellor

Area 1 & 2 (St. Leo, St. Louis, Holy Trinity, Holy Angels, St. Marcellus, St. Mark, St. Eugene, St. Stephen, St. Roch, St. Bernard, Santa Maria, Our Lady of Victory, St John the Evangelist)

MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE BOARD

Update on the School Crossing Guard Program for the 2019-2020 School Year

Please be advised that starting in September 2019, the City of Toronto will be assuming full responsibility of the School Crossing Guard Program. The locations of the school crossing guards have not changed. Each school can expect the same school crossing guard locations to be served. To view the citywide map and list of school crossing guard locations, please visit: www.toronto.ca/schoolcrossingguard.

Important Reminder About Liability Insurance

All parents are reminded to consider checking the adequacy of their liability insurance through their homeowners'/tenants' insurance policy to cover claims arising out of injuries caused by their child at school. Student Accident Insurance application forms are forwarded to schools for distribution, and can also be purchased on-line at www.insuremykids.com. TCDSB's Risk Management continues to strongly promote this product as an inexpensive form of dental, disability and life insurance.

Register Now: School Cash Online

Parents/guardians are reminded to create their School Cash Online profile, in order to receive updates and information on upcoming school activities, including pizza lunches, civvies days, field trips, and much more. Paying through School Cash Online offers a safe and convenient payment option that eliminates the need to send cash or cheques to school. For more information and to create your account visit www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/schoolcashionline

Bus Transportation Information and Updates

Communications with parents regarding bus transportation for students is a priority. In order to stay informed, parents are encouraged to register on the Toronto Student Transportation Group (TSTG) portal today by visiting www.torontoschoolbus.org. This portal provides TCDSB parents with online access to their children's transportation information and up to the minute email notifications regarding school bus cancellations or delays. If you have any issues

signing up on the portal, please contact support@torontoschoolbus.org and staff will assist you with the registration of your account.

Safe Arrival

Parents are encouraged to sign up for the School Messenger app. This will allow parents and the school to stay in touch to report absences quickly and easily, and also for the school to communicate to parents about important information throughout the year including cancellations, closures and other critical issues.
<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/safeschools/newsandevents/pages/signupschoolmessenger.aspx>

September's Virtue is Hospitality

All resources for the month of September, and for the monthly virtues throughout the year can be found on our website at
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/VirtueoftheMonth/Pages/Default.aspx>

Pastoral Plan: This Year we Focus on "Rooted in Christ: we Believe"

In the second year of our pastoral plan, "Rooted in Christ, we Believe" our focus turns to what we believe in as a Catholic education community. Resources for the Year: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/rooted-in-christ/webelieve/Pages/weBelieveResources.aspx>

Consider who inspires you, who nurtures your faith, who acts as a mentor and role model of Catholic living.

Is it your school chaplain? A parent or other family member? Your pastor or other member of your parish? A teacher or other staff at your school? A colleague or friend?

Why not sit down to have a chat with them, and interview them about their experiences of living their faith. Write an article or create a video of your interview. Write a short story, a poem, or create a piece of artwork, music or video that pays tribute to those who guide you on your own journey of faith.

Share your stories on social media (@TCDSB #TCDSBelieves)

Send your submissions to ncc.team@tcdsb.org

Night School Registration

Registration for evening credit courses, Saturday language programs and eClass has begun. Please visit the website for details: <https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2020/pages/nightsschool.aspx>

International Languages After Hours Program Registration

Registration for the elementary IL After Hours Program continues through to September 21st.
<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/InternationalLanguages/Pages/Saturday-School-Registration.aspx>

Open Houses

Students in grade 8 and their families are reminded that TCDSB secondary schools are hosting open houses this fall—a great way to meet staff and students, check out the school facilities and learn about the programs and services being offered at each location. The complete schedule will be available online:
<https://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/default.aspx>

September Events and Meetings

- September is Ukrainian Heritage Month
<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/Ukrainian-Canadian-Heritage-Month/Pages/default.aspx>
- September 1—Day of Prayer for Care of God's Creation
- September 4—Open House for Parents of Elementary Students Identified as Gifted, 7-9 PM
<https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/news/pages/giftedopenhouse.aspx>
- September 5--Student Achievement Committee Meeting, 7 PM

- September 8--International Literacy Day
 - September 8--Grandparent's Day
 - September 9—Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day
<https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2019/pages/fasd.aspx>
 - September 10--Governance and Policy Committee Meeting
 - September 12—Corporate Services Committee Meeting
 - September 14—Talking Faith—Hindu and Catholic Youth Event
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/News/2019-2020/Pages/HinduCatholic.aspx>
 - September 16—Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
 - September 18—Special Education Advisory Committee
 - September 19—Board
- For details about these and other events and meetings, visit www.tcdsb.org

Student Leaders Invited to Help Build Accessible Country

The Government of Canada seeks youth leaders to help build a more accessible Canada. Apply online at https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/enabling-accessibility-fund.html?utm_campaign=EnablingAccessibilityFund&utm_source=SocialMedia\Ddn\Banners&utm_medium=VanityUrl&utm_term=en&utm_content=canada-ca_accessibility-fund by **October 31, 2019**.

Congratulations to Kathy Nguyen, Student Trustee for 2019 - 2021

Kathy Nguyen, a student at Madonna Catholic Secondary School took her oath of office and seat in the horseshoe alongside the TCDSB Board of Trustees at their meeting held August 22, 2019. Elected by her peers, Kathy was declared the Student Trustee-elect at the CSLIT general assembly meeting at the Catholic Education Centre on April 30th. Kathy often utilizes opportunities where she can network with like-minded leaders and make a difference in her community. She is a member of St. Jane Frances Parish in North York and is an active volunteer in her community. During her leisure time, she regularly volunteers at student leadership events. As a Student Trustee, Kathy will represent the interests of all TCDSB students during deliberations of the Board and will communicate Board decisions to students. She joins Student Trustee Taylor Dallin who will act as her mentor during her second term of office. You can visit Kathy's student trustee page [here](#) and Taylor Dallin's page [here](#).

General Information To Note:

- The School Year Calendar for 2019-2020 is posted on the board's website at <https://www.tcdsb.org/calendar/pages/schoolyearcalendar.aspx>
- The remaining Board and Committee meetings for the 2019 calendar year are also on the website <https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2019/pages/board-meetings.aspx>
- For information specifically for students including scholarships, contests, job and community service opportunities, visit <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/default.aspx>
- For information specifically targeted for parents, including information about the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee and the Ontario Association for Parents in Catholic Education, see <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Pages/default.aspx>
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