



## Annunciation Catholic School

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**Enrollment:** 343

**Hours of Operation**  
Mon. – Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Lunch Hour**  
11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.



April 2018

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## *The Virtue of the Month Is Justice*

**April**, with its celebration of **Easter**, has been assigned the virtue of **JUSTICE**. At this time we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus who is the Just One who died for the sake of the unjust, that He might lead people back to God.

1. **The first step to achieving justice is to do what is right and stand up for what we know God wants.** Remember that when you act justly, you are doing what God wants.
2. **Let your actions be guided by the idea that even in the face of injustice (death on the cross) Jesus always acted with dignity.** Often times we complain how unfair life is to us. Accepting God's will is one of the most important (and toughest) things to do.
3. **Everyone wants to be treated fairly; we need to remember to treat others fairly.** The Golden rule applies to justice just like all the other virtues. Keep in mind how it feels when you're treated unfairly.
4. **Jesus was always an instrument for justice in his work with people.** God is forgiving and just to all – let's work towards being the same with our friends and family.

*“Let justice flow like a stream, and righteousness like a river that never goes dry.” Amos 5:24*

**School will be closed for families to celebrate Easter.**

***Good Friday is March 30***

***Easter Monday is April 2***

### WALK-A-THON Fundraiser

Our parent council and school staff are planning a Walk-A-Thon event on **Friday, April 27**. All funds raised from the event will be used for school initiatives to benefit students.

Walkathon letters and pledge sheets will be sent home in the near future to enable families to seek pledges through families and friends.

### Pizza Lunch and Dress Down Day

**Friday, April 20** is pizza lunch and dress down day. Enjoy!

### CSPC Meeting

Our next CSPC meeting takes place **Wednesday, April 25, 7 p.m.** in the school library. All interested parents are invited to attend.

**Please join us for our parent council meeting.**

### Administrative Assistants'

### Appreciation Day April 25, 2018

**THANK YOU to Mrs. Andrade and Mrs. Fotinakopoulos for your great care and administrative skill!**

### Thank you Volunteers!

On behalf of the staff and students at Annunciation Catholic School, **THANK YOU** to our volunteers for all that you do to support and build our school community. Your gift of volunteer service is a wonderful model of community service to our students. **THANK YOU!**

## ShareLife Civvies Day Gratitude

**Friday, March 23** was the ShareLife Dress Down Day for all students throughout our school board. **Thank you to our students and families who donated \$242.00 to the ShareLife campaign.**

### Student Safety Reminders

Parents are asked to review these reminders with their children.

1. Parents are reminded that school yard supervision **begins at 8:00 a.m.** Student supervision takes place in the school yard **between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m.** Students are always outdoors before school and during recesses unless poor weather does not permit. Students are not to be inside where there is no supervision.
2. Students must always to be visible to the yard duty adults during outdoor recess. **Students are not to enter our school parking lot.**
3. At bell times, **all students** must stop their games and move to their respective lines for entry in to the building. Students are to line up in an orderly fashion and enter the building quietly and respectfully under adult supervision.
4. **Students are to be on school property at all times during the school day. Students will only leave school property with a parent or guardian.**

*Thank you for reviewing student safety reminders with your children. We share the expectation for children to be safe and respectful.*

## **Toronto Police Service and Student Safety**

The Toronto Police Service encourage you to review some basic safety tips with your children, including the following:

**ALWAYS SAY NO** if someone asks you to go alone into their home, car or office unless a parent has said it is okay and they know where you are.

**STAY ALERT, STAY SAFE!** Always pay attention to your radar, even with people you know. If things don't feel quite right to you, get away fast.

**TALK ABOUT IT!** If you are looking for a job, talk to your parents first. Don't answer advertisements or go for interviews by yourself.

**DON'T BE TRICKED!** Some people may try to trick you into going with them by promising you something that would make you happy like candy, a toy or even money. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

### Student Safety Tip

As the spring time weather improves and children have more outside play time, parents are reminded to select a **code word that their child knows to use when an unknown adult seeks to pick up your child.** Practice the use of the prearranged code word with your child to help keep them safe from strangers.

### Annunciation Hockey

Congratulations to our school hockey team! They enjoyed the first tournament on Tuesday, March 20 and placed third overall on Wednesday, March 28. **We are very proud of your efforts. Way to do your best!**

Thank you to Mr. Mele, parent volunteers, and school staff who have contributed to and supported this extra-curricular opportunity.

#### TRUSTEES 2017 – 2018

##### Wards

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| 1. Joseph Martino   | 5. Maria Rizzo, <b>Vice Chair</b> | 9. Jo-Ann Davis                     |
| 2. Ann Andrachuk    | 6. Frank D'Amico                  | 10. Barbara Poplawski, <b>Chair</b> |
| 3. Sal Piccininni   | 7. Michael Del Grande             | 11. Angela Kennedy                  |
| 4. Patrizia Bottoni | 8. Garry Tanuan                   | 12. Nancy Crawford                  |

**Rhea Carlisle, Student Trustee**

**Joel Ndongmi, Student Trustee**

**Rory McGuckin, Director of Education** 80 Sheppard Ave. E., Toronto. Website: [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org)



## **OAPCE Toronto & TCDSB Parent Engagement Department Annual Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grant Workshop**

**Apply for a Grant of \$1000 for Parent Engagement at your school!**

Parent Councils, Administrators & all Parents are welcome

Guest speakers from the Ministry of Education, OAPCE and TCDSB. Interactive workshop to kick start the application process. Sharing of resources to run PRO Grant events.

**Monday, April 30, 2018**, 6:00 Light Refreshments and Networking; 7:00 Workshop

Location: Toronto Catholic District School Board (CEC)

80 Sheppard Avenue East, 2nd Floor Atrium

(CEC: Free Parking Available Underground/Yonge & Sheppard Subway Station)

## **Elementary International Languages After-Hours Program**

**Online Registration Starts May 12, 2018**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/InternationalLanguages/Pages/Saturday-School-Registration.aspx>

## **Award and Scholarship Opportunities for Students**

**Applications are now being accepted for:**

- **Catherine Temple Mathematics Award**

**Deadline: May 11, 2018**

The Catherine Temple Mathematics Award of \$4,000 is presented annually to an eligible female student graduating from a TCDSB secondary school to encourage and support her in her pursuit of studies in mathematics or a mathematics-related field at a Canadian post-secondary institution. [Click here](#) for an application form and for more information on the award.

- **Fintan Kilbride Memorial Scholarship**

**Deadline: May 11, 2018**

\$500 award open to eligible graduate students of a Toronto Catholic District School Board secondary school who are accepted into a recognized post-secondary institution. [Click here for more information.](#)

## **Event Reminders:**

**Easter Sunday April 1**

**Easter Monday April 2**

## **April is Volunteer Appreciation Month**

Let's show our appreciation for the many parent volunteers and other family members, as well as members of the community and our parishes who help out in our schools on a regular basis, and to the many students and staff who volunteer their time to countless worthwhile charities throughout the year. Thank you for all that you do!

## **April 2<sup>nd</sup> is World Autism Awareness Day Special Event for Students, Families and Staff 8th Annual Autism Awareness Evening**

Featuring Aspie Comedian Michael McCreary

**Monday, April 9, 6:30 PM - 9:00PM**

Catholic Education Centre, 80 Sheppard Avenue East, 2nd floor

## **Angel Brigade Week**

**April 16-23, 2018**

In support of the Angel Foundation for Learning

<http://www.angelfoundationforlearning.org/>

## **Earth Day**

**April 22, 2018**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2018/Pages/earthday.aspx>

## **Administrative Assistants' (Secretary/Clerical Staff) Appreciation Day Wednesday, April 25, 2018**

## **Staff Arts Production: "Curtains"--The Musical Comedy Whodunit**

2018 Performance Dates: April 13, 14, 19, 20, and 21

In the theatre at Cardinal Carter Academy of the Arts (36 Greenfield Avenue Willowdale)

Order tickets online and save \$2.00: <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?ticketing=tcdsb>

For a manual ticket order form visit:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/affiliates/StaffArts/PastSeasons/20172018/Documents/Musical/TicketOrderFormCurtains2.pdf>

## **CPIC - OAPCE PARENT SUMMIT**

*Helping Parents Get to Know*

**Saturday, May 5th, 2018**

At the Catholic Education Centre

**Get to know...Parent Engagement, Special Education, Math, Internet Safety, Positive Parenting, 21st Century Learning**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/ParentInvolvement/News-and-Events/Pages/cpic-parent-conference.aspx>

### **Coming Soon:**

- Catholic Education Week May 6-11, 2018
- Respect for Life Week May 13-18, 2018

### **Opportunities for Students**

#### **Student Trustee Elections**

**April 24, 2018**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/NewsAndEvents/2017-2018/Pages/electionofstudenttrustees.aspx>

#### **Student Job Fair**

**May 2, 2018**

**Ontario Science Centre**

**770 Don Mills Road, North York**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/Job-Fair.aspx>

#### **Autism Awareness School Bus Contest**

Classes have the opportunity to WIN a FREE school bus for a class trip of their choice, just by demonstrating how their class is using the resources available on the Autism Services Portal. The winning class will be selected by way of random draw that will be taking place at the Autism Awareness flag raising event at the Catholic Education Centre on **Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. All entries must be received by **Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. [Click here for more information.](#)

#### **11th annual Kids' World of Energy Festival**

Relay Education is recruiting volunteers for the 11th annual Kids' World of Energy Festival.

##### **I want to volunteer!**

From **April 28 – May 3, 2018**, 1,600 students (ages 9-13) will participate in our children's education festival that focuses on energy and the environment.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/Kids-World-of-Energy-Festival.aspx>

#### **Kids: Help name up to 12 RCMP Foals!**

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) has a contest just for kids! The RCMP needs names for up to 12 foals born this spring at the RCMP breeding farm in Pakenham, Ontario. Individual winners and one school class will be selected from across Canada.

Online entries must be received no later than **April 30, 2018**;

Mail-in entries must be postmarked no later than **April 26 2018**.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/Help-name-RCMP-Foals.aspx>

#### **Alliance of Jamaican Alumni Associations Bursary, Essay Writing Competition & Luncheon**

**The bursary is open to all graduating Ontario High School students of Jamaican descent who are accepted into a post-secondary education program.**

*The Essay Writing Contest is open to all graduating students of Jamaican descent (whether they apply for the bursary or not). The deadline for this is May 18, 2018. Details for all three opportunities here:*

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/alliance-of-jamaican-alumni-assoc.aspx>

**More opportunities for students here:** <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/default.aspx>

#### **Information about Awards scholarships and bursaries:**

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