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

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



April 2019

Annunciation Catholic School

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. But justice is also an important part of Catholic teaching beyond Christ’s Death and Resurrection. The need to do justice comes from the obligation to respect the dignity of every human person. This dignity comes from being created in God’s image. Failing to respect human dignity, including failing to do justice, is a failure to respect the image of God in others. As in this month’s quote,

“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 April 19

Easter Monday is April 22

Subway Lunch and Dress Down Day

SUBWAY lunch and dress down is **Friday, April 5**. Enjoy!

Pizza Lunch and Dress Down Day

Friday, April 26 is pizza lunch and dress down day. Enjoy!

CSPC Meeting

Our next CSPC meeting takes place **Tuesday, April 30, 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 24, 2019**
THANK YOU to Mrs. D’Souza and Mrs. Fotinakopoulos for your **dedicated care and attention to our children, families, and staff.**

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!**

Lost and Found Items

Students have left a large number of clothing items at school over the winter months. Parents are invited to come by the school to check for lost items prior to the close of April. In May, the school will arrange for the lost items to be sent to a charitable organization. Come by the school soon to check for lost clothing items. The bin is at the kindergarten hall.

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 at all times.

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.

Spirit Wear/Sports Wear Sales

Online orders for school clothing take place April 1 – 14 using this link.

<https://annunciationspiritwear.itemorder.com/sale>

Spirit/sports wear can be worn for team sports, gym class, and appropriate dress school clothing (if suitable).

Remember the online orders close April 14, so don't miss out.

Trustees 2018 - 2019

Wards

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Monthly Update from the Board

April 2019

Budget Consultation

All parents, staff, students and stakeholders are encouraged to participate in the consultation regarding the 2019-2020 budget. By identifying your priorities for consideration, the Trustees of the Board will be better able to make decisions that reflect the concerns and interests of TCDSB stakeholders. The budget website will be available as of Wednesday, April 3rd. This website will include both video and printed materials outlining the budget, and the budget process, as well as a breakdown of the various ways that everyone can participate in the consultation process. An online survey will also be available through to May 3rd to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to share their views. https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TCDSB-Community-Consultations/Pages/budget_2019_2020.aspx

Sign Up for School Messenger

One of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely to school each and every day. To enhance our existing absence-checking procedure TCDSB has introduced *a new, more efficient* student absence reporting system called **SafeArrival**. This new system will reduce the time it takes to verify student attendance, making it easy for you to report your child's absence and easy for staff to respond to unreported student absences. With **SafeArrival**, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the **SchoolMessenger app** from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>). The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
2. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>. The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
3. Call the toll-free number **1 (833) 251-3286** to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time up to a maximum of 10 consecutive days. It is important to note that when setting up your account, you must register using the email address and phone number associated with your child's Trillium account. In addition, schools will use the **SchoolMessenger Communicate** automated notification system to contact parents whose child is absent when the absence was not reported in advance. The automated notification system will attempt to contact parents at multiple contact points until a reason is submitted for the absence. If our system is unable to reach the designated contacts, office staff will follow up.

Reminder: OAPCE's 80th Annual Parent Conference

Friday April 5th, 2019

OECTA Reception at Montecassino Hotel & Venue, Toronto 6:00-9:00pm

Saturday April 6th, 2019

All Day Conference at Madonna Catholic Secondary School, Toronto 8:00am-4:30pm

Mass with Cardinal Collins; Keynote Speaker: Greg Rogers; Parent Learning Workshops; Vendor Mall

Gala Dinner

Montecassino Hotel & Venue 6:30pm; Awards Ceremony

REGISTER AT: www.OAPCE.org

Opportunities for Students

Events/Activities

Voices that Challenge 2019 Student Leadership Conference

Catholic Student Leadership Conference features Keynote Speakers, Workshops

April 10, 2019 8:30 am-3:00pm

Catholic Education Centre, 80 Sheppard Ave. E.

Register Today: <https://catholicstudentleadership.com/>

Free Boxing at MJKO Champion Centre

Mon-Thurs: 3pm - 7 pm; Friday: 3pm - 6 pm; Saturday: 9am - 12 Noon

For youth ages 8 - 18

Non-contact and full-contact classes available

186 Cowan Ave (Basement) Toronto Tel: 416-886-7390 Email: info@mjko.ca Website: <https://mjko.ca>

Student Trustee Election Day April 30, 2019

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/Pages/Student-Trustee-Elections.aspx>

Contests/scholarships/awards

Historica Canada Me, Moi + Canada

To mark the 50th anniversary of the Official Languages Act, Historica Canada invites teachers and students to reflect on bilingualism and Canadian identity through the *Me, Moi + Canada* Contest. Enter individually or as a group by submitting a video that explains what Canada's two official languages mean to you. Explain the role bilingualism plays in your everyday life. Explore the relationship, past and present, of Canada's francophone and anglophone communities.

Deadline for submissions is November 1, 2019

More information can be found here: <https://historicanada.wishpondpages.com/memoicanada/en/>

Breakthrough Junior Challenge

Explain a big scientific idea in fundamental physics, life sciences or mathematics with a short video. The challenge opens on May 1st. To take part in the Breakthrough Junior Challenge, create a short video (3 minutes max) to explain a big idea in one of these fields: Physics, Mathematics, Life Sciences. Your film can take any form you like: animation, talking head, documentary, dramatic reconstruction, whatever. It's worth keeping in mind that video is a dynamic visual medium – using diagrams, simulations, physical demonstrations etc. is a lot more effective than standing in front of a blackboard talking. Get all the details online <https://breakthroughjuniorchallenge.org/> **June 15, 2019 deadline**

2019 Toronto Star Journalism Awards

Recognizing excellence in high school newspaper journalism

Deadline for applications is April 24, 2019

<https://www.thestar.com/hsja.html>

Coro San Marco Scholarship

Music scholarship for any student entering University or College in Music in Canada

Deadline is **May 25, 2019**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/Coro.aspx>

Toronto Police Service 42 Division Scholarship

Deadline May 25th

Details: <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/TorontoPoliceService.aspx>

Black Students' Association University of Toronto Scholarship

Deadline: April 15, 2019

Details:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Documents/2019%20HSCScholarshipApplication.pdf>

Volunteer Opportunities

Meagan's Walk 2019 Volunteer Registration is Open

Raising hope, awareness, and funds for paediatric brain tumour research.

Volunteer Registration closes on April 30th

On **Saturday May 11th, 2019**, Meagan's Walk will be holding the 18th Annual Walk & Hug. They need more than 200 volunteers. The event is a 5km walk from Fort York to SickKids where they finish with their "*Hug*" around the hospital.

CNTower Climb for World Wildlife Federation

April 13-14, 2019

Volunteers Needed

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/CNTowerClimb.aspx>

Nurturing our Catholic Community:

We Belong Celebration Coming May 21st

Get your submissions in by April 5th

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/rooted-in-christ/pages/we-belong-celebration.aspx>

Check out the submissions received so far here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/rooted-in-christ/Pages/we-Belong-submissions.aspx>

FaithTalk

One student will be live on air during Catholic Education Week on Radio Maria.

To enter, get your submission in by April 5th.

Details here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/rooted-in-christ/Pages/radio-maria.aspx>

Share the Journey

Development and Peace hosts Faith Rally and Walk at Nathan Phillips Square April 11th

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/News/2018-2019/Pages/Share-the-journey.aspx>

April Events and Observances:

- **April is Volunteer Appreciation Month** <https://www.tcdsb.org/Pages/Volunteer-Appreciation.aspx> April 7-13 is Volunteer Appreciation Week
- **TCDSB Music Festival April 1-26** <https://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2019/Pages/TCDSB-Music-Festival.aspx>
- **Autism Awareness Day April 2**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/specialeducation/autism/autismawareness/pages/2019-events.aspx>
- **ShareLife Week April 8-12** (Civvies Day for ShareLife, Friday, April 12th)
<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/news/2018-2019/pages/sharelife.aspx>
- **Holy Week:** Holy Thursday April 18; Good Friday April 19; Easter Sunday April 21
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Lent-and-Easter-Resources.aspx>
- **Earth Day April 22** <https://www.tcdsb.org/board/environment/earthmonth/pages/earthday.aspx>
- **Administrative Assistants Day April 24**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2019/pages/administrativeassistantsday.aspx>
- **Earth Month Community Clean Up April 26**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/environment/earthmonth/pages/default.aspx> Angel Brigade Week
- **Angel Brigade Week April 29-May 3** https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/?page_id=6189

April Meetings:

- April 4, Student Achievement and Well-Being Committee
- April 8 Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
- April 9 Governance and Policy Committee
- April 10 Safe Schools Advisory Committee
- April 11 Corporate Services Committee
- April 23 Special Education Advisory Committee
- April 24 Regular Board

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TCDSB SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2019-2020

Number of school days 194

Number of Professional Activity Days 7

Labour Day September 2, 2019

First Instructional Day September 3, 2020

Thanksgiving Day October 14, 2019

Christmas Break December 23, 2019–January 3, 2020

Start of second semester for secondary schools February 3, 2020

Family Day February 17, 2020

Mid-Winter Break March 16-20, 2020

Good Friday April 10, 2020

Easter Monday April 13, 2020

Victoria Day May 18, 2020

Last day of classes for all students June 26, 2020

Seven (7) Professional Activity (PA) Days for ELEMENTARY schools:

October 11, 2019 Provincial Education Priorities/Faith Development

November 15, 2019 Parent-Teacher Conferences

December 6, 2019 Provincial Education Priorities

January 17, 2020 Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting

February 14, 2020 Parent-Teacher Conferences

June 5, 2020 Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting

June 26, 2020 Provincial Education Priorities

***Seven (7) Professional Activity (PA) Days for SECONDARY schools:**

October 11, 2019 November 15, 2019

December 6, 2019 February 14, 2020

June 24, 25, 26, 2019

Three PA days devoted to Provincial Education Priorities and supporting Article 19 of the Collective Agreement. One PA day devoted to Faith Development. One PA day devoted to numeracy across the curriculum. The remaining two PA days will be devoted to system priorities, annual learning plans and local goals articulated in the School Learning Improvement Plans.

* Secondary schools, in consultation with their Local School Staffing Advisory Committee, may schedule a Professional Activity Day to align with the day following one of the Parent-Teacher Interview nights.