



Toronto
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School Board

Annunciation Catholic School

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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.



December 2016

School News

Advent is the Season When We Prepare for the Birth of Jesus

Advent is the four week period before Christmas when we as Catholics prepare ourselves spiritually to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

From Luke's Gospel, we learn about Jesus birth.

“Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.”

“To you is this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

We, the staff at Annunciation Catholic School, wish you a Blessed and Merry Christmas.

PA Day Friday, December 2

Please be aware that Friday, December 2 is a Professional Activity Day (PA Day). There will not be classes for students on this day.

Virtue of the Month

The virtue for December is **Charity**.
“Where there is charity and love,
God is there.”

Family of Schools Advent Mass

Thursday, December 1 is the Family of Schools Advent Mass for Annunciation Catholic School, St. Isaac Jogues Catholic School, and Our Lady of Wisdom Catholic School.

A student choir begins the evening in the Church at **6:30 pm**, and Mass is celebrated starting at **7:00 pm**.

Please join us for this celebration!

Christmas Concert at Annunciation Catholic School

The Christmas Concert will take place starting at **6:30 p.m.** on **Tuesday, December 20** in the Annunciation Catholic School gym. The following classes will perform at the concert.

Ms. Caruso ELP
Mrs. Collins ELP
Mr. Allgeier Grade 1
Mrs. Rizzo Grade 1/2
Mrs. Werner Grade 2
Ms. Romano Grade 2/3
Mrs. Fell Grade 3/4
Ms. Blakey Grade 4/5

Book Fair Success

Ms. Foster, our librarian, organized a fantastic school book fair.

Thank you to everyone in our school community for supporting the book fair!

Reporting of Cancellations or Closures

Due to Inclement Weather

Cancellation of school bus transportation or school closures due to inclement weather will be reported through the following vehicles:

- Please note that any cancellations or closures due to inclement weather will be reported before 7 a.m. Best place to get the info quickly is through **Twitter @TCDSB** (please follow us), the board's website www.tcdsb.org and the 24-hour telephone information line 416-222-8282 ext. 2873. Typically, information is provided to the communications department between 6 and 7 a.m. through the Board's Transportation Department, who are consulting with TDSB transportation staff and school bus operators on the viability and safety of delivering bus service.
- News releases to all media outlets in Toronto (although the news release is provided to the media outlets, there is no guarantee that all television and radio stations will broadcast the information in a timely fashion.)
- Communications will endeavour to send an email to everyone on exchange to advise them of any cancellations or closures
 - The main Board number 416-222-8282 will also post the status regarding school operations, which can be heard immediately upon dialing the main number.
 - Updates will be posted on the Board's 24-hour information line, 416-222-8282, extension 2873.
 - The information will be posted on the homepage of the Board's website at www.tcdsb.org. Other weather related information such as guidelines for cold weather can be found at www.tcdsb.org/weather.htm.
- E-News subscribers will also receive a message about any cancellations/closures via email.

Driving Your Child to School?

Pedestrian safety begins with drivers.

You're a role model for your children through your actions, so help make our school zones a safe experience for all of us.

Please remember that the staff parking lot is for staff parking. **Parents wishing to park during arrival and departure times should find a parking location on local streets.**

Junior Kindergarten Registration 2017

In the new year, Annunciation Catholic School parents can register Junior Kindergarten children beginning at **10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 18, 2017.**

Additionally, Annunciation Catholic School will have extended Junior Kindergarten Registration hours on **Wednesday, February 8, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

Please remember to use the website for TCDSB registration:

<https://soar.tcdsb.org/Login.aspx>

After completing the online registration, parents will be required to visit the school to present the required registration documents. Please contact Mrs. Andrade (416-393-5299) to arrange a convenient time to share documents.

Halloween Dance Fundraiser

Our parent council would like to thank everyone who participated in our Halloween fundraiser. It was a big success and we would like to extend a sincere thank you to the children, teachers, staff and all the parents who contributed their time and funds to help our school!

Here are our prize winners of \$25.00 gift cards:

Primary winners:

Matthew P. (Mrs. Werner)
Damian Z. (Mr. Allgeier)

Junior Winners:

George Z. (Ms. Ubertino)
Christopher S. (Mrs. Castellano)

Intermediate Winners:

Katie B. (Mrs. Reynolds)
Jordan R. (Mrs. Reynolds)

Mrs. Werner's class raised the most funds! Their class will enjoy a pizza lunch on Friday, December 23!!

Thank you, all!!!

All School Visitors Are To Report To The School Office

To help maintain the security of our building and the safety of our children, all visitors are to report to the school office upon arrival. Mrs. Andrade, our school secretary, can assist visitors with inquiries.

Parents wishing to meet with a teacher and/or the principal are welcome to arrange a mutually convenient meeting time.

Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC) Meeting

Please note that our next CSPC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 7:00 p.m. in our school library. All parents are welcome to join us and share ideas for improving our children's learning experience at Annunciation Catholic School.

If a parent requires child supervision, please contact the school 1-2 days prior to the meeting so supervision arrangements can be made.

REMINDER Student Belongings

Please be reminded that student personal belongings/valuables (including Pokémon cards) should be left at home.

This will help to reduce loss/damage of property and associated student disappointment.

Thank you.

Date Reminders

Friday, December 23 is the last day of school for 2016.

School Resumes on **Monday, January 9, 2017**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Fire Donations

Thank you to families in our school community for their kind consideration and donations for the family that lost all of their personal belongings due to a fire in their family home. Your generous donations of gift cards for Shoppers Drug Mart, the Dollar Store, Walmart, Canadian Tire, and other types of gift cards were greatly appreciated and helpful. **Thank you!**

PRIMARY SOCCER

The boys' and girls' Primary Soccer Team (mixed soccer) will be going to St. Catherine Catholic School (30 Roanoke Road, 416-393-5316) for their tournament on **Wednesday, December 7.**

Thank you to Mr. Allgeier for providing this opportunity for our students.

Intermediate Boys Volleyball

The boys' intermediate volleyball team gave an outstanding performance and gave it their all in the championship game. We would like to thank the boys, Alvado, Ashton, Bryce, Christian, Goran, Jade, Jordan, Lance, Leo, Shant, Tigran, Trevor, and Wesley.

Our opponents won the first game, and in the second game our Tigers came back from a five point deficit to win that game. In the third game, first to fifteen, it was a 14 to 14 game, win by two. Unfortunately, our opponents scored two points giving them the divisional title. We were so proud to finish as finalists and almost go to regionals. We would also like to thank the drivers and coaches for all their help and dedication. Overall the boys had a great season! **GO TIGERS GO!** Goran, Leo & Trevor

TRUSTEES 2016 – 2017

Wards

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





Annunciation Catholic School

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We want to let you know about the common problem of head lice. Head lice can affect anyone, but most often it affects younger school-age children.

Head lice are parasites. They are considered by health officials to be a nuisance when they are difficult to eliminate. They are not a health hazard and are not connected in any way with long hair, dirt, neglect, or not being clean. Head lice can spread quickly from head to head when a group of children have close contact (e.g. school, camp, day-care, etc.). Head lice can be spread by sharing hats, brushes, combs, bedding, etc.

Prevention of head lice is everyone's responsibility. Cooperation and prompt action on the part of parents, school staff, and the public health department will help to reduce the inconvenience to children.

We encourage parents to look at their children's hair on a regular basis. When checking for nits (eggs), the hair should be dry. A convenient time for a visual check may be just before washing your child's hair.

If you find any head lice or nits (eggs), obtain and use a medicated head lice shampoo or medicated cream rinse from your pharmacist, and contact the school to inform us that your child has been treated. The school needs to be informed so that other parents and school officials can be advised to check the heads of others. Finding and treating head lice early will stop your child from getting a severe case and stop the spread of head lice to other children.

Further information and reference about head lice can be obtained from the school or local office of the Toronto Public Health Department:

Tel: **416-338-7600**

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

V. Sweeney
Principal



Monthly Update from the Board

December 2016

Kindergarten Registration for September 2017

The Toronto Catholic District School Board invites families with children born in 2013 to register for Kindergarten beginning **Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 10 a.m. EST.**

Registration options:

- **Online:** Parents will be able to complete their application online at: <https://soar.tcdsb.org/Login.aspx>. A follow up with visit to the school to present the required documents will be scheduled by the school following the online application.
- **In Person:** Parents can register at their local school with the required documents.

Information: 416-222-8282 ext. 5320 or 5314, www.tcdsb.org/kindergartenregistration

French Immersion and Extended French

The Toronto Catholic District School Board offers French Immersion and Extended French programs at several TCDSB sites. The French Immersion program is offered to students beginning in Junior Kindergarten. The Extended French Program is offered to students beginning in grade 5.

Interested parents are encouraged to attend an information evening to learn more about the program. Please note dates, times and locations for sessions planned for December through to February available on the [French Immersion and Extended French](#) sites. Information: (416) 222-8282 ext. 2540 or <https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/EarlyYears/KindergartenRegistration/Pages/French-Immersion.aspx>.

LTAP and LTPP

The Toronto Catholic District School Board has launched a consultation on its proposed Long Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP) and Long Term Program Plan (LTPP).

All parents, staff, students and Catholic school stakeholders are invited to participate and provide input into the proposed actions outlined in the draft **Long Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP) and Long Term Program Plan (LTPP)**.

Two separate consultation surveys (one for each plan) have been prepared to facilitate this consultation process. The links to the online surveys can be accessed by clicking on the links above.

The deadline for responding to the surveys is **Monday, January 9, 2017 at Noon.**

Feedback gathered through the consultation process will help inform the decisions of Trustees regarding final recommendations for the LTAP and LTPP at the Board meeting in February 2017.

For more information regarding the LTPP and the LTAP, please visit

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/PlanningandFacilities/ConsultationsLTAPLTPP/Pages/Default.aspx>

We thank you for your involvement in these important discussions.

Year of Parish—Promote Your Parish Project

As we continue to celebrate our Year of the Parish we want to know what makes your pastor and/or your parish unique. Students are invited to create a short video, or piece of original artwork, write a short story, poem or letter, or express themselves in any way artistically to highlight the relationship that the students have with the local parish and/or the priest/pastor at their church.

“Promote Your Parish” and let’s celebrate the many ways that our parishes and our parish priests contribute to our schools and communities. **Submit the completed projects via email to parish.project@tcdsb.org.** We will be sharing the submissions via the board’s website as well as Twitter. In addition, plans are underway for a showcase of student submissions—videos, art and written pieces—during Catholic Education Week. Watch for more details about that event soon.

Deadline for submissions: April 7, 2017

Visit the website for criteria and other details.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/YearoftheParish/Pages/Parish-Family-Day-Celebration.aspx>

Toronto Police Service Seeks Crossing Guards

Interested individuals should drop in to their local police division to inquire about application.

Advent Has Begun

For prayers, liturgies & other resources: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Pages/Season-of-Advent.aspx>

Get Ready for High School

Everything you need to know can be found in the Transition Guides for parents and students:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/GuidanceCoopEd/Transition%20to%20High%20School/Pages/default.aspx>

https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/GuidanceCoopEd/Transition%20to%20High%20School/TransitionGuidesOct282016/TCDSB_STUDENT_GUIDE.pdf

Preparing for Post-Secondary Education?

University application deadline: January 11, 2017 <https://www.ouac.on.ca/deadlines/>

College application deadline: February 1, 2017 <http://www.ontariocolleges.ca/apply/important-dates>

OSAP information for students--Find more information about the Ontario Student Assistance Program:

- [New! Free tuition for eligible students](#)
- [OSAP Presentation](#)

Dates/Events to Note:

- **Staff Arts Christmas Concert, December 2nd** <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/staff-arts-christmas-concert-and-wine-and-cheese-social.aspx>
- **System-wide PA Day December 2nd**
- **International Day of Persons with Disabilities, December 3rd**
- **International Human Rights Day, December 10th**

Christmas Break

A reminder that schools are open through to December 23, 2016. Christmas holidays begin Saturday, December 24th and continue through to Sunday, January 8th. Classes resume, Monday, January 9th.

Our Eastern rite families will celebrate Christmas on January 7th.

We wish everyone a safe, happy and blessed Christmas.