



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.



Catch the spirit!

January School News

Happy New Year!

At Annunciation Catholic School we are blessed to have very generous and caring staff, families, and community members. We are proud to proclaim that we are a community characterized by very caring and dedicated persons committed to educating and supporting our students.

Thank You to our entire school team for providing a supportive and caring learning environment for our students. You give generously in actions that are both seen and unseen. Thank you for dedicating time to extra-curricular activities that enable our students to develop and share their many gifts and talents.

As we begin this New Year...

Thank you to our Parent Council (CSPC) and Parent Volunteers for sharing your talents and time in the volunteer actions you generously give to support and improve our school.

Thank you to our families for your kind generosity and support of our school.

Thank you to our Church for your spiritual guidance and loving care. I wish all a happy and healthy 2019.

Vern Sweeney

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Mrs. Curbelo gave birth to a healthy baby boy. God bless their new born baby and the Curbelo family.

Kindergarten Registration 2019

For September 2019, all children born in 2015 are eligible to attend Kindergarten. Kindergarten registration begins on January 16th, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

We welcome parents to register January 16th and throughout the following weeks and months. Additionally, Annunciation Catholic School will have **extended Kindergarten Registration hours on Tuesday, February 26th from 4 - 7:00 p.m.**

The following documents are required for registration:

- Child's Birth Certificate (Certificate of Citizenship or Landed Immigrant Status)
- Child's Catholic Baptismal Certificate (or other proof of Catholicity)
- Child's Immunization Record
- Proof of residency in Toronto

SOAR

The TCDSB uses the **Student Online Registration Form** for student registration.

SOAR is available for JK/SK registration which begins on January 16th, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. **SOAR** allows a family to complete an application for registration from the comfort of home, the office, a public library, or anywhere there is internet access! The online application offers access to translations in many different languages with built-in help functions and features. Parents are also able to schedule their appointment for registration with the elementary school online. If you have children that are eligible for JK/SK beginning September 2019, registration is to be completed by visiting the **SOAR** site to complete the application for registration online:

<http://soar.tcdsb.org>

Snack Program Resumes Wednesday, January 9, 2019

Interested in being a **Lead Parent Volunteer** for the Snack Program for school year 2019 - 2020? Please share your name and contact information with the school office.

CSPC Meeting

The CSPC invites all parents to join us at our next **CSPC meeting starting at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, January 16th in the school library.**

All School Visitors Are To Report To The School Office

To help maintain 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 their inquiries.

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

Appropriate Dress School Uniform

Our students and families are reminded of the Appropriate Dress Code. Students are to wear any combination of white and navy blue garments (e.g. plain white top, navy blue bottom or, navy blue top and bottom, no denim). Families can purchase uniform clothing through our new vendor, **Hemera Branding**. Their contact number is 416-423-4520, and their website www.hemerabrading.com.

Student Winter Outdoor Reminders

Parents/Guardians are asked to review student reminders with your child/ren:

- 1. Students are to dress for the weather.**
- 2. Students are encouraged to work together to construct snow structures/creations when wearing proper clothing. Students are to always respect the structures/creations made by other students - do not destroy – and be helpful, not hurtful.**
- 3. The safety of all children is paramount.**
 - Please do not throw snow/snowballs/ice.**
 - Please do not kick snow/ice at other children.**
 - Please do not slide on ice.**

Student Winter Outdoor Reminders cont'd

- 4. Children are encouraged to construct snow structures/creations when wearing proper clothing. Always respect the structures/creations made by other students - please do not destroy.**

Allergy Care

Please remember that Annunciation Catholic School seeks to be a **PEANUT & NUT FREE SCHOOL**. **Let's all do our best to keep our students with allergies safe.**

School Bus, Staff Parking Lot, and Student Safety

All community members are reminded that our school buses drop off and pick up students in front of our school. Please do not park/stop in the bus zone.

Remember that our school parking lot is closed from 8:15 – 8:45 a.m. and 2:45 – 3:15 p.m.

Persons dropping off and picking up children should arrange to park on a local street and walk to the school yard.

Please help us to maintain student safety.

Before and After School Program in Annunciation Catholic School

Do you need Before and After school care for the 2018-2019 school year?

Register Now! (Space is limited)

Our Before and After School Program is now accepting applications for both, Subsidy and Full-Fee based Family.

We offer program on PA days, Holiday, March Break and Summer camps.

We also offer Homework Assistance, Literacy, Fitness, Project based learning, Arts & Culture, and a Daily Nutritious Breakfast and Snack.

For more information please contact Cherrie Li at 647-289-8728 or annunciation@networkchildcare.com

Monitor Students Online Communication

A large variety of electronic computer tools provide many means of communication. With the ease of access with electronic communication, **it is important to understand the expectation that privacy does not exist when using computers at school or home.** In other words, **nothing is private**, and students must understand this when using the internet.

The school educates students on the safe use of computers. Please take the time to talk with your child about the safe use of electronic communication tools, and the importance of never disclosing private personal, family, or school information on the internet.

Parents are reminded to monitor their child's computer use, and help your child understand your expectations for using electronic communication tools.

PA Day Friday, January 18

Please be aware that Friday, January 18 is a Professional Activity Day (PA Day). There will not be classes for students. Regular classes will resume on Monday, January 21.

Tips for Getting a Good Night's Sleep

- ✓ Encourage children to go to bed and wake up at the same time everyday
- ✓ Don't use a child's bedroom for punishment
- ✓ Relax before going to bed. Having quiet time before going to bed will help prepare the brain for sleep (i.e., use of relaxation exercises or a hot bath)
- ✓ Avoid eating large meals before bedtime
- ✓ Enjoy time outside everyday
- ✓ Engage in physical exercise
- ✓ Minimize distractions in your child's bedroom i.e. bright lights, TV, computer, noises.

(information obtained from: www.nhibi.nih.gov)

Healthy Brain Function:

A good night's sleep helps form and strengthen the pathways in the brain that relate to learning, memory, and the ability to focus and pay attention. "Some experts believe sleep gives neurons used while we are awake a chance to shut down and repair themselves." Studies also suggest that sleeping helps strengthen memories you've formed throughout the day and link new memories to older ones.

Mental Health:

Sleep impacts on your emotional well-being and ability to control your emotions, behavior, and coping skills. Remember to get lots of sleep!

Parents Urged to Check Their Liability Insurance Coverage

In October 2017 at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Board resolved that all parents of the Board should be advised to consider contacting their home insurance providers to determine the adequacy of their home insurance coverage to cover claims arising out of injuries caused by their child at school.

The reason for the Board of Trustee direction is that there have been a few instances recently where legal action has been initiated for personal injury or other harm to a student allegedly caused by another child.

A brief consultation by parents with their insurance provider is advised so parents can assess the adequacy of their insurance coverage if they are sued for personal injury or other harm allegedly caused by their child at school.

Trustees 2018 - 2019

Wards

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Monthly Update from the Board January 2019

Kindergarten Registration 2019



Imagine the Possibilities

Kindergarten Registration in Toronto Catholic Schools begins January 16, 2019

Junior Kindergarten in the Toronto Catholic District School Board provides children with a variety of learning experiences in a caring, faith-based environment. TCDSB looks forward to welcoming new students for September 2019. Children born in 2015 are eligible for kindergarten. Registration for kindergarten begins **Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 10 a.m. EST.**

Registration options:

Online: Parents can complete their application online beginning at 10 a.m. EST on January 16, 2019, at SOAR.tcdsb.org, and follow up with a visit to the school to present the required documents. The online application is available 24 hours.

In Person: Parents can register at their local school with the required documents beginning January 16, 2019 at 10 a.m. EST.

Registration documents:

- Child's Birth Certificate or Passport/Immigration documents if child was not born in Canada
- Child's Catholic baptismal certificate (or proof of Catholicity of parent)
- Proof of residency in Toronto (some examples: a lease agreement, utility bill)
- Immunization Record

Information is available by telephone at 416-222-8282 ext. 5320, or by visiting www.tcdsb.org/kindergartenregistration

Learn More About French Immersion and Extended French

Information nights are underway. Check here for dates, times and locations

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/FrenchImmersion/Pages/default.aspx>

Special Education and Community Resources Fair: February 2, 2019

Please join the Special Services Department on **Saturday, February 2, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** at the Catholic Education Centre Atrium (2nd floor, 80 Sheppard Avenue East, North York) for the annual Special Education and Community Resources Fair. The day provides families with an opportunity to engage with Board staff and community organizations and learn more about the services available to them. [Click here for more information about the Fair.](#)

Scholarship Opportunities for Portuguese Canadian Students

The Federation of Portuguese-Canadian Business & Professionals will be awarding deserving candidates a scholarship in amounts between \$1,500 and \$2,500 to study abroad at the NOVA School of Business and Economics, Carcavelos Campus - Lisbon and the University of the Azores, São Miguel or Terceira Campuses. **Registration deadline: January 18, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.** Click here for more information:

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

University Application Deadline

Deadline for Ontario high school students to submit their completed application to the OUAC is January 16, 2019. Note: OUAC processes applications received after this date & distributes them to the universities; however, specific university deadlines apply.

<https://www.ouac.on.ca/>

Summer Jobs for Students

The City is currently accepting summer job applications for positions supporting camps, aquatic programs and various recreation programs until early February. More information about recreation recruitment is available on the City's website at <https://www.toronto.ca/home/jobs/information-for-applicants/recruitment-initiatives/recreation-jobs/>

CSPC Executive Workshop

Topic: The Role and Responsibility of the Treasurer & Fundraising in Schools

January 29th @ 7:00 p.m.

at the Catholic Teachers Centre, 3rd floor

CEC, 80 Sheppard Avenue East

Watch for more details in the new year.

Registration for Night School and EClass Starts January 9th

Class begins February 20th

<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/continuingeducation/pages/default.aspx>

Latest Updates on Weather Related Cancellations or Closures

To get the latest information about school bus transportation, see

<https://busplannerweb.torontoschoolbus.org/Cancellations.aspx>

Parents are encouraged to subscribe to the transportation portal to get real time information about any transportation issues: <https://busplannerweb.torontoschoolbus.org/Subscriptions/Login.aspx>

Cancellation of school bus transportation will also be reported via ENews

(<https://web1.tcdsb.org/InterestSubscription/subscription.aspx>), Twitter @TCDSB, and the 24 hour telephone information line 416-222-8282, extension 2873, and posted to the Board's website at www.tcdsb.org

January's Virtue is Courage

Find all the resources related to the monthly virtue, as well as other resources to support faith development and Religion and Family Life on our website here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Default.aspx>

Calendar of Board and Committees

The new calendar of meetings for 2018 has been added to our website. Visit

<https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2019/pages/board-meetings.aspx> for details.

Other Dates to Note:

January 18-25, 2019—[Week of Prayer for Christian Unity](#)

January 18, 2019—PA Day for Elementary Schools

January 27, 2019—International Holocaust Remembrance Day

January 27—Family Literacy Day

January 30 2019—Bell Let's Talk Day

February 1, 2019 - Flip the Switch Friday: <https://www.tcdsb.org/board/environment/energymonth/Pages/default.aspx>

February 6, 2019—Winter Walk Day

February 8, 2019 - African Canadian Mass and Cultural Exposé, Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/AfricanCanadianHeritage/events/Pages/Default.aspx>