

June 2019

Annunciation Catholic School



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Enrollment: 347

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!

The Value of Catholic Education: What Would Jesus Do?

We have posed this question to our students and ourselves throughout the school year. We are privileged, beyond our comprehension, to have the opportunity as educators in Catholic schools to ask this question. Living in the midst of a secular society that promotes values that are often selfish and materialistic, our Catholic Schools help us to look beyond ourselves when we ask the question, “What Would Jesus Do?” We learn from Jesus’ teachings and actions in scripture that he would reach out to the hurting, to the unloved, and to those persons caught in sin.

We wish this summer to be an opportunity to enjoy the blessing of your children and to reach out to others in need.

Mr. Sweeney

The Virtue of the Month for June is Faithfulness

*“Happy are those who have not seen, yet still believe.”
John 20:29*

Happy Father’s Day

We wish all fathers and grandfathers a wonderful Father’s Day on **Sunday, June 16th.**

CHALK WALK June 6

Remember the CHALK WALK taking place in our back yard, 5 pm Thursday, June 6. It promises to be a lot of FUN!!!

School Office Summer hours

The school office will be open 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. for

July 2 – 5, and August 26 – 30. The office is closed **July 1** for the Canada Day holiday.

Happy Canada Day on July 1.

*All staff and students are invited to dress in red and white to celebrate **Canada Day on June 27, the last day of classes.***

Students: Time to Return All Library Books

It’s time to check the closets at home, under your bed or any other special storage spaces where you might have a school library book.

Please remember that school books are shared with you on loan, therefore please be sure that *all library books are returned to the school library by Wednesday, June 12.*

Well Wishes to Ms. Delle Donne

Ms. Delle Donne will be transferring to another school for September 2019. We thank

Ms. Delle Donne for her gift of teaching shared with our ELP children during this school year, and wish her continued success in her teacher career. God bless.

First Instructional Day JK – Grade 8

Please be advised that the first instructional day (2019-2020 school year) for Senior Kindergarten to Grade Eight students is **Tuesday, September 3, 2019.**

SEPTEMBER ORGANIZATION OF CLASSES AND PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN

When the children come to school on **Tuesday, September 3rd**, a tentative class and grade organization is in place.

It is important to understand that due to a possible increase or decrease in student enrolment, changes may need to be made in grade organization, teacher assignments and the placement of the children, during the month of September or early October.

If changes are required, it is the responsibility of the principal to ensure that the various abilities and needs of the children will be taken into consideration and that each class will include students with a variety of experiences, strengths and needs.

CSPC Contributions

Thank you to our CSPC members for your volunteer efforts and your on-going support of our school community.

Our CSPC is a very valuable resource and opportunity for parent engagement that enables our community to work together more efficiently for the on-going benefit of all. **Thank you.**

God bless and have a wonderful summer.

Grade 8 Graduation

The Grade Eight Graduation will take place on **Monday, June 17**. The celebration details will be sent home to our respective Grade 8 families. **Congratulations to our Grade 8 students upon your success!**

Report Cards

Please note that **final term report cards** will be sent home on **Monday, June 24th**. Parents are asked to return the parent page of the report by **Wednesday, June 26th** for filing in the Ontario Student Record (OSR).

Student Safety

Students are to be on school property at all times during the school day, from morning arrival until afternoon dismissal.

Students are only to leave school property when accompanied by a parent/guardian/caregiver.

Want To Help Your Child This Summer? **Review the Ministry of Ontario Curriculum**

The Ministry of Education and Training produces the curriculum for Ontario elementary students. Parents can access *The Ontario Curriculum* by visiting the following website:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca>

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TCDSB SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2019-2020

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| Number of school days | 194 |
| Number of Professional Activity Days | 7 |
| Labour Day | September 2, 2019 |
| First Instructional Day | September 3, 2019 |
| 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 elementary students | June 25, 2020 |

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

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| 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, 2020

- 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.

International Languages Elementary (ILE) After Hours Program

Online registration begins May 21, 2019

Visit tcdsb.org/ILRegistration to register

For more information, please email IL.elem@tcdsb.org

or call 416-222-8282 ext. 2495



Monthly Update from the Board

June 2019

Important Information

Summer School Registration Continues

Check here for registration information, as well as important dates to note course options, locations and more.
<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/continuingeducation/pages/default.aspx>

School Year Calendar for 2019-2020

<https://www.tcdsb.org/calendar/pages/schoolyearcalendar.aspx>

Want instant alerts about your child's absence? Sign Up for School Messenger

To enhance our existing absence-checking procedure we introduced a new student absence reporting system called SafeArrival making it easier for you and staff to verify student attendance. 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.

Get Updates on School Bus Service

Register for the Toronto Student Transportation Group Parent Portal to receive real time notifications about school bus cancellations or delays. The parent portal will be updated and re-open in mid-August for sign up.

<https://www.torontoschoolbus.org/transportation-portal/Account/Register/>

International Languages Elementary (ILE) Program – After Hours Registration

- [International Languages Elementary \(ILE\) After Hours Calendar 2019-2020.pdf](#)
- [ILE After Hour Centres - 2019-2020.pdf](#)

Online registration:

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

Rooted in Christ: we Belong, we Believe, we Become (Pastoral Plan)

Throughout the year, we have seen our Pastoral Plan come to life in our school communities in many different ways, as we witnessed how our students and staff continue to be welcoming places of learning, where all are included and all are accepted, all are valued and all belong.

Visit our website to see all the submissions from across the Board:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/rooted-in-christ/Pages/we-Belong-submissions.aspx>

Some of the photos from the year-end event have been posted to our website

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/news/2018-2019/pages/webelong.aspx> and we hope to

add a short video of the highlights from the day to that page soon as well.

REMINDER: In September 2019 we shift our focus to “we Believe”.

Virtue of the Month for June—Faithfulness

Resources and information:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/VirtueoftheMonth/Pages/Default.aspx#June>

Contests and Other Opportunities for Students

MLB Remix™ powered by SoundCloud

Create your own version of, "**Take Me Out to the Ball Game**" to compete to win a trip to the 2019 MLB® All-Star Game® presented by Mastercard! Fans will have the opportunity to showcase their musical talent and bring in MLB All-Star Week™ with their own personal flair. The song entries will be judged by the renowned Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. **Deadline June 13, 2019.** <https://www.mlb.com/forms/mlb-remix-contest>

Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Month Poster Competition

September is Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Month--an occasion to recognize and celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Ukrainian Canadians to Canada. Toronto Catholic District School Board invites students to design a poster acknowledging the contributions of Ukrainian people to the Canadian mosaic. The winning entry will be used in connection with the celebrations in September 2019. Deadline **5pm on June 17th, 2019.** Details:

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

Toronto Public Library Offers Tutoring and Support for Students

<https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/detail.jsp?Entt=RDMEVT25984&R=EVT25984>

Youth Homework Help & Mentorship 4-7 pm for Grades 8+. Drop in. No registration required.

Mon Jun 03, Mon Jun 10, Mon Jun 17, Mon Jun 24 at **High Park Library** Community Room

Receive one-on-one support in important aspects of your academic life and career including homework and course tutoring, high school course selection, college, university and scholarship applications, employment assistance such as résumé building and mock interviewing.

https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/detail.jsp?Entt=RDMEVB0193&R=EDB0193&utm_source=Teen+News&utm_campaign=Teen+News+-+May+9%2C+2019&utm_medium=email

Free Museum Admission for Children

Royal Ontario Museum: Every 3rd Monday of the month, the Museum will be open to the public for free General Admission from 5:30pm – 8:30pm.

Art Gallery of Ontario: Free General Admission every Wednesday from 6:00pm – 9:00pm.

AGO Free After Three: For youth ages 14 to 25. All Ontario High School students can visit the Gallery for free after 3 pm Tuesday to Friday during the school year. Simply present a valid student ID at the ticket desk.

Gardiner Museum: Children and youth aged 18 and under are always free.

Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

Textile Museum: Children aged 5 and under are free.

Aga Khan Museum: Admission to the Museum and all exhibitions is free each Wednesday from 4pm to 8pm.

The Power Plant: Admission all year round is free!

Museum of Contemporary Art Toronto: Children and youth 18 and under are always free.

Free admission for everyone on the last Sunday of each month from 10am to 2pm.

Events and Observances

Mental Health

#HearNowON is a youth engagement project designed to hear student voices from across the province. TCDSB High School students are invited to share their thoughts on mental health education and enhancing wellness at school at the Toronto Student Forum:

Toronto #HearNowON Student Forum

Saturday, June 8, 2019 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Novotel Toronto (45 The Esplanade, Toronto)

Students can register online (parent permission required) at <https://www.wisdom2action.org/hearnowon/>

Sponsored by School Mental Health Ontario in partnership with Wisdom2Action and supported by the Ontario Student Trustees' Association.

TCDSB Celebrates Canada Day

Elementary Schools are encouraged to celebrate Canada Day on the last day of classes, June 27, 2019 by dressing in red and white and joining together at 10 a.m. to sing the national anthem.

We look forward to your participation as we share our pride in what it means to be Canadian!

June is...

- **June 3-7 Indigenous Education Week**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/forcommunity/heritagecelebration/nationalindigenousmonth/pages/indigenouseducationweek.aspx>
 - **Italian Canadian Heritage Month**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/ItalianCanadianHeritage/Pages/default.aspx>
 - **Portuguese Canadian Heritage Month**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/PortugueseCanadianHeritage/Pages/default.aspx>
 - **Filipino Heritage Month**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/FilipinoHeritageMonth/Pages/default.aspx>
- June 12th—Filipino Heritage Day**
- **Deafblind Awareness Month** <http://www.cdbanational.com/deafblind-awareness-month/>

Other Important Dates:

- June 7th—PA Day for Elementary Schools
- June 9th—Pentecost <https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/pages/pentecost.aspx>
- June 12th—Filipino Heritage Day
<https://www.tcdsb.org/forcommunity/heritagecelebration/filipinoheritagemonth/events/pages/filipinoheritageday.aspx>
- June 19th—Sickle Cell Awareness Day
- World Refugee Day—June 20 <http://www.un.org/en/events/refugeeday/>
- June 28th is a PA day for all elementary schools. **Last day of classes is June 27th.**
- June 26th to 28th are PA days for most secondary schools. (When in doubt, check with your local school for details.)
- July 1st—Canada Day—Happy 150th Canada!
- July 2nd—Summer School Begins
- July 3rd—Angel Foundation for Learning Golf Tournament
https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/?page_id=6197
- July 12-14th—Steubenville Toronto <http://steubenvilletoronto.com/>

Visit www.tcdsb.org for more information about any of these events.

June Meetings

- June 3: OAPCE
- June 4: Governance and Policy Committee
- June 6: Corporate Services Committee
- June 11: Catholic Education and Living our Catholic Values Sub-Committee
- June 12: SEAC
- June 13: Regular Board
- June 17: CPIC

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- Athletics News:
<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/schoolprogramsk12/healthoutdoorphysed/tdcaa/pages/tcdsb-athletics.aspx>