

May 2018

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!

The Month of May is dedicated to Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Mary embraced motherhood as a vocation from God.

Mary was an example of perfect discipleship to God and Jesus.

If you haven't done so, consider creating a prayer corner in your home as a place designated for God and prayer.

For the month of May, consider giving Mother Mary a special spot in your prayer corner.

We wish our Mothers

*A Blessed Mother's Day
on Sunday, May 13.*

Catholic School Parent Council

The next Parent Council (CSPC) Meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, May 29, 7:00 pm in the school library. All parents are welcome to participate.

Before and After School Registrations

At the close of the second registration evening (April 25), there are **16** registrations from families seeking kindergarten age programs, and **23** registrations from families seeking school age (grade 1 – 6) programs. Upon receipt of news from the program provider, I will update our community as to whether the program will start in September 2018.

Thank you, once again, to our parent volunteers who have supported and promoted the Before and After School initiative at Annunciation Catholic School.

The virtue for the month of May is *Compassion!*

Catholic Education Week May 9 - 13

We are very fortunate to have publicly funded Catholic Education in Ontario. At Annunciation Catholic School, we work as a community of families, Church, and school to integrate gospel values in to our curriculum and everyday living experience. We celebrate our gift of Catholic Education, and are reminded of our apostolic mission to spread the Good News of God.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Our First Communicants received the Sacrament of First Communion at Annunciation Catholic Church on the weekends of April 14/15 and 21/22. **Congratulations to our students upon receiving the Eucharist for the first time.**

The **Sacrament of Confirmation** was celebrated for **Grade Seven students** at Annunciation Catholic Church on **Tuesday, April 24.** **Congratulations upon receiving the Holy Spirit during this final sacrament of initiation.**

We wish all of God's blessings upon our students.

WALK-A-THON for Technology

Raffle Prize Draw: May 07, 2018

Monies must be returned to your class teacher by **3pm Tuesday May 1st** to qualify for Raffle prizes, including the class Pizza Lunch Prize.

Funds raised from the event will be used for purchasing more technology equipment for student and classroom use.

EQAO and CAT/4 Testing Dates

Please be aware that EQAO (gr 3 & 6) testing and CAT/4 (gr 2, 5, & 7) testing will take place on the following dates:

EQAO (gr 3 & 6) May 28 – 30

CAT/4 (gr 2, 5, & 7) June 4 - 7

The regular classroom curriculum and instruction prepares children for this testing. **No additional preparation is required to prepare for this testing.**

Welcome to Kindergarten Evening

Our Welcome to Kindergarten Orientation details are below:

Date: **Tuesday, May 15, 2018**

Time: **6:00 p.m.**

Location: **Annunciation Catholic School**

This is a wonderful opportunity for parents and their child to have a school visit and to participate in fun learning activities in preparation for their child's first day in school, September 2018.

STUDENT SAFETY TIPS

Courtesy of Child Safe Canada

For years parents have been telling their children not to talk to strangers, but child safety experts believe it's not about not talking to strangers, but *how*, and teaching children to know who they can go to in an emergency.

Here are some tips on street-proofing your kids:

Talking To Strangers: Don't teach your child to fear strangers, but strangeness. If a youngster can't talk to strangers, who will they go to in an emergency?

STUDENT SAFETY TIPS cont'd

Trust Your Instincts: If someone doesn't make you feel safe, it's OK to run away and tell an adult you trust.

Vehicles: Never approach vehicles. In fact, if ever approached by a vehicle, **RUN** in the opposite direction that the vehicle is traveling and tell an adult.

Names: No visible names on outerwear or backpacks.

It's OK To Yell: If someone grabs your child, they should hit, kick, and yell as loudly as possible.

Password: Use a password that is easy for your children to remember, so that if you must send a friend of family member to pick them up, they will know it's safe because that person has the password.

Emergency Numbers: Remind children that in an emergency, they can dial 911 or 0 from a phone booth, without any money.

Safety In Numbers: Children should always travel in groups of 2 or more. Always take the same route and check in when you arrive home, if necessary.

Teach More Than Once: Start young, teach them again and again - and practice dangerous situations, modifying and adjusting to fit their growing understanding.

Adults Don't Ask Children For Help: So if someone does, it's a sign of danger. Run, and tell an adult you trust.

People With Bad Intentions Don't Always Look Like Bad People: Dangerous people can look friendly. You know they aren't good people if you feel badly when you're with them. Again, trust your instincts.

Secrets: If someone tells you to keep a secret from your mom or your dad, don't do it! Tell your parents right away. That's a big sign of danger.

Ask First: Don't go anywhere, with anyone, without your parent's permission.

TRUSTEES 2017 – 2018

Wards

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| 1. Joseph Martino | 5. Maria Rizzo, Vice Chair | 9. Jo-Ann Davis |
| 2. Ann Andrachuk | 6. Frank D'Amico | 10. Barbara Poplawski, Chair |
| 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.tdsb.org





Monthly Update From the Board

May 2018

Parent and Community Consultations

Parent and community feedback is being sought on a number of important Board policies and issues, including annual initiatives such as development of the TCDSB budget for 2018-2019.

Supporting student achievement is a key pillar of the Board's Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP). **Your voice is important to us.** We encourage you to visit www.tcdsb.org regularly and check out the new one stop shop for all TCDSB-wide community consultations.

EQAO Announces Student Advisory Committee

EQAO has just announced the creation of the EQAO Student Advisory Committee, whose role will be to represent the student voice in the agency's activities. The Student Advisory Committee is the fourth and newest committee within its governance structure. As EQAO seeks to continuously improve its programs, they want to ensure that students' voices are informing their thinking. EQAO celebrates student diversity across the province, and their approach to open dialogue welcomes all viewpoints. See below for an invitation to students, which outlines eligibility criteria, and the application form for this opportunity.

Submissions must be received by **May 31, 2018** and selections will be announced on **June 20, 2018**.

- [EQAO Invitation to students](#)
- [EQAO Student Advisory Committee Application](#)

Canada's Volunteer Awards Program

Canada's Volunteer Awards (CVA) program is about recognizing the significant contributions that volunteers, not-for-profit organizations and businesses across the country make to help people and their communities. The Awards are about people working in partnerships to find new solutions to strengthen our country.

Nomination deadline is June 15, 2018. <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/volunteer-awards.html>

Bishop Macdonell Catholic Elementary School Community Consultation

Thursday, May 3

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Concord Cityplace Presentation Centre

23 Spadina Avenue (at Bremner)

Please click here to download a [Community Consultation flyer](#)

Important Notice About the School Crossing Guard Program

Communication on School Crossing Guard Program

- [Letter regarding Transfer of the School Crossing Guard Program from the Toronto Police Service to the City of Toronto's Transportation Services.](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions and Answers](#)

Reminder: 2018-2019 School Year Calendar

<https://www.tcdsb.org/school/SchoolYearCalendar/Pages/Default.aspx>

Fintan Kilbride Memorial Scholarship Applications Due: May 11, 2018

The **Fintan Kilbride Memorial Scholarship** is a \$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.](#)

Upcoming Events to Note:

- May is...
 - Asian Canadian Heritage Month
 - Speech Language and Hearing Month
- May 1—World Principals' Day
- May 2—Student Job Fair at the Ontario Science Centre
<https://www.tcdsb.org/schools/darcymcgee/news/2017-2018/Pages/50thanniversary.aspx>
- May 4—Angel Foundation for Learning Board-Wide Civvies Day—May the 4th Be With You. All students and staff invited to participate. Proceeds support the work of the Angel Foundation for learning including scholarships/bursaries/awards, nutrition programs and other initiatives that support the inclusion and involvement of all TCDSB students.
- May 5—CPIC/OAPCE Parent Summit <http://www.angelfoundationforlearning.org/>
- May 5—If I Ruled Toronto—1 Day Conference for Youth <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/if-i-ruled-to-2018-tickets-43869246096>
- May 6-12—Catholic Education Week
<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/catholiceducationweek/pages/default.aspx>
 - May 7-11 TCDSB Festival of the Arts at Woodbine Centre
<https://www.tcdsb.org/forcommunity/communityrelations/newsandevents/2017-2018/pages/woodbine-centre-festival-of-the-arts.aspx>
 - May 8—Day of Prayer for Catholic Education
 - May 9—Year of the School Celebration and Launch of New Pastoral Plan
 - May 10—Student Mass and Peace Walk
- May 6-12--Children's Mental Health Week
<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/specialeducation/mhs/news/mhw/pages/childrens-mental-health-awareness-week.aspx>
- May 7—Elementary Track and Field Divisionals begin; City Championships May 23rd.
<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/HealthOutdoorPhysEd/TDCAA/Pages/Track-and-Field.aspx>
- May 13-19—Respect for Life Week
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Respect-for-Life-Week.aspx>
- May 16—WENTT Conference for Secondary School Students at Humber College
<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/studentssuccess/newsandevents/2017-2018/pages/wentt-conference.aspx>
- May 20—Pentecost
- May 25—Picnic for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students and their families
<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/specialeducation/speech/newsandevents/pages/tcdsb-picnic-for-deaf-and-hard-of-hearing-students.aspx>
- May 28-June 1—Bike to School/Work Week <https://www.tcdsb.org/board/environment/transport/pages/bike-to-school-week.aspx>
- May 29—TCDSB Mini Special Olympics <https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2018/pages/special-mini-olympics.aspx>
- May 30—Newcomers Day at Toronto City Hall
<https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2018/pages/newcomer-day.aspx>

Never Miss Out on News and Information

Visit www.tcdsb.org for the latest, or follow us on Twitter @TCDSB.

Not on Twitter? No problem. Subscribe to ENews, and you will receive regular email updates about all the events and important news from around the board. <https://web1.tcdsb.org/InterestSubscription/subscription.aspx>

For the latest news about athletics, see:

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

TCDSB SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2018-2019

Number of school days	194
Number of Professional Activity Days	7
Labour Day	September 3, 2018
First Instructional Day	September 4, 2018
Thanksgiving Day	October 8, 2018
Christmas Break	December 24, 2018–January 4, 2019
Start of second semester for secondary schools	February 4, 2019
Family Day	February 18, 2019
Mid-Winter Break	March 11–15, 2019
Good Friday	April 19, 2019
Easter Monday	April 22, 2019
Victoria Day	May 20, 2019
Last day of classes for elementary students	June 27, 2019

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

October 5, 2018	Provincial Education Priorities/Faith Development
November 16, 2018	Parent-Teacher Conferences
December 7, 2018	Provincial Education Priorities
January 18, 2019	Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting
February 15, 2019	Parent-Teacher Conferences
June 7, 2019	Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting
June 28, 2019	Provincial Education Priorities



Toronto Catholic District School Board Polish Heritage Day

The Polish community in Canada and around the world will join together to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Poland's Independence on May 3rd, 2018. We welcome you to celebrate this historic event as outlined in the Toronto Catholic District School Board's official proclamation designating this day as *Polish Heritage Day*. The links below provide information, educational and promotional materials about Poland. For additional information, contact the Polish Consulate in Toronto.

Resources

Institute of National Remembrance: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pKt_cefITcY

Promotional Video for the Centenary of Polish Independence: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lkZVujgkQeQ>

6-min History of Poland by the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs:
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLbacxjg4nkHeav0YpjVZLIKvbBUAzMcz1>

Polish Symbols for young children: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xQk8p7XY23A>

Polish Consulate in Toronto, interactive link:
http://toronto.msz.gov.pl/pl/aktualnosci/program_obchodow_100_lecia_odzyskania_niepodleglosci_przez_polske