



## Annunciation Catholic School

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Hours of Operation  
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Lunch Hour  
11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.



November 2016

# School News

## *Peacemaking*

### *Is Our Virtue of the Month*

*“Peace I leave to you, my peace I give to you”* John 14:27

Offering each other the sign of peace during Mass is probably considered to be the ‘fun’ part for some of our younger students. Yet Catholic social teaching reminds us that we are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers’ and sisters’ keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbour has global dimensions in a shrinking world. The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world challenged by violence. May we each be peacemakers in our home, Church, and school community.

## Family of Schools Community Mass

Our Family of Schools Community Mass will take place at **1:15 p.m. Wednesday, November 16**. The Eucharistic celebration will take place at Annunciation Catholic Church. **Please note** that our three schools have found it very crowded in the Church during masses, therefore the schools and Church have decided that grade 1 – 8 classes will attend the masses. ELP classes will remain at their respective school.

## Annunciation Cross Country

We wrapped up another successful cross country running season on a cold, but clear, day at Earl Bales Park on Tuesday, October 25th.

Our cross country team started training the second week of school, and eighty-five runners competed in the divisional meet at Woodbine Beach. We had a great day, and our team placed second! Forty-six runners qualified to go to the regional meet. The competition was tougher, but our runners did a fantastic job, and our school placed sixth out of all schools in the south region! We had 12 runners participating in the final meet, and all runners demonstrated real Annunciation spirit! Overall, our school finished 21st out of all the schools in our school board. We're all very proud of our runners, and are looking forward to a great season next year!

**On behalf of our runners, thank you to our school coaches, school staff, and parent volunteers!**

## BOOK FAIR November 14 – 17

**Please see the enclosed flyer for more information.**

## Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC)

Our parent council shares their gratitude with all parents and teachers who volunteered their time to provide pizza lunches and the Halloween dance fundraiser - **THANK YOU!**

Please note that our next CSPC meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 22, 7:00 p.m.** in our school library. All are invited to participate in the Annunciation CSPC.

We hope to provide child supervision with **24 hours parent notice.**

### Report Cards Sent Home Monday, November 14

### Parent Teacher Interviews

**5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Thursday, November 17**  
**8:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. Friday, November 18**

### PA Day Friday, November 18

Please be aware that Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> is a Professional Activity Day (PA Day) to conduct parent teacher interviews. Regular classes will resume on Monday, November 21.

### Student Photo Retakes

Please note that **Thursday, November 3** is **student photo retake** day for our school. Photos will be taken in the **morning only between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m.** in our school library. **As a general guide, photo retakes are for students who were not at school on the original photo day, for students with eyes closed in the original photo, or for technical problems with the original photo. Thank you.**

## Secondary School Application Forms

Please be aware that the Catholic Secondary School Application Forms are sent home with all grade 8 students at the beginning of November. The application forms will enable each of our students to apply for a grade 9 high school placement in **September 2017** with the Toronto Catholic District School Board.

**Please note that all completed application forms are to be returned to school by Wednesday, November 9.**

This will ensure that the completed applications can be returned to the Admissions department by the November due date.

## Open House Reminder

Grade 8 students and their families are invited to check out their high school options. TCDSB secondary schools host open houses each year. Check our website for November dates and locations.

<http://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/default.aspx>

### Senator O'Connor College School

7:00 p.m. November 1  
60 Rowena Drive, North York

## EpiPen Reminders

Parents are asked to replace expired EpiPens for home and school use. Students with anaphylaxis are to have a minimum of two (2) EpiPens at the school and with them on trips. It is advisable for a parent or other relative of an anaphylactic student to attend class trips.

### 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

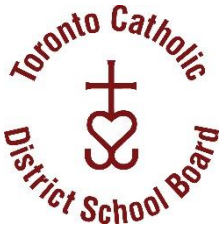


## ***BEFORE THE FLOOD***

On Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 the Junior and Intermediate students watched the documentary, “Before the Flood” directed by academy award winners, Leonardo DiCaprio and Fisher Stevens. The film addresses the dramatic changes now occurring in our world due to climate change and highlights the many ways in which we as individuals can help save our planet. The Eco-Team sold treats to eat while watching the film and fundraised \$134.00. This money will be donated to the Leonardo DiCaprio foundation, which is dedicated to the long-term health and wellbeing of all Earth’s inhabitants. Way to go Eco-Team! Thank you to Mrs. Rizzo for bringing this great opportunity to our school.







# Monthly Update from the Board

## November 2016

### The Year of the Parish: The Celebration Continues

We look forward to continuing the celebration of the Year of the Parish throughout the school year.

It is a wonderful opportunity for our schools and parishes to connect, or re-connect, and plan activities and ongoing initiatives together that will support the important partnership between Family, Church and School.

Parents, school administrators, parents, teachers, pastors and parish representatives were invited to sit down for some preliminary discussions earlier this year. To see the many ideas that came forward from those Year of the Parish Conversations, visit our website <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/YearoftheParish/Pages/Ideas-Conversation-Starters.aspx>

More information about our pastoral plan here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/YearoftheParish/Pages/default.aspx>

### November's Virtue is Peacemaking

Find all the monthly resources associated with our virtues of the month online

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

### Free English as a Second Language Courses for Adult Immigrants

The TCDSB Adult Education Program offers free language training courses for eligible adult immigrants at various locations across Toronto. After an assessment of language ability, eligible immigrants can enroll in our courses throughout the year. For more information and to locate courses using our online Course Finder, visit

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/AdultEducationESL/Pages/Default.aspx>.

### The 2016-2017 TCDSB Awards Season has begun!

Nominations are now open for the following awards which will be presented at Awards Night on May 1, 2017: **DEADLINE: third Friday in January (January 20)**

1. **TCDSB Alumni Award:** open to TCDSB alumni who are still active in the Catholic community and who have distinguished themselves in their career or accomplishments.
2. **TCDSB Award of Merit:** open to former staff, parents and trustees who have made outstanding contributions to the TCDSB and to Catholic education (can only be considered for award after a three-year period has passed since departure from the TCDSB)
3. **\*\*NEW\*\* Friends of Catholic Education Award:** open to members of the general public (individuals or organizations) who have accomplished extraordinary service to Catholic Education but who may not be Catholic.

For nomination forms and information, click here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/CatholicEducationWeek/Pages/AwardsNight.aspx>

### Prime Minister's Awards

Do you know a terrific teacher or early childhood educator? Consider nominating them for a 2016-17 Prime Minister's Award! This prestigious program honours innovative and outstanding elementary and secondary school teachers and early childhood educators who are helping prepare Canadian youth for the challenges of tomorrow.

Looking for inspiration? Check out some of our previous [teaching](#) and [early childhood education](#) award recipients.

2016-17 nomination packages are now available at [www.pma.gc.ca](http://www.pma.gc.ca).

### 2016 OCSTA Short-Video Contest for Students

OCSTA is now accepting submissions for the fall 2016 short-video contest for grade 4-12 students in Ontario's publicly funded English Catholic schools. The contest theme for 2016 is:

*"The Story Behind the Name of our Catholic School"*

This year's theme is designed to encourage students to delve into the history of the person/saint for whom their school was named, and to be creative in telling that story.

**Deadline November 28, 2016**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/forstudents/opportunitiesforstudents/pages/2016-ocsta-short-video-contest-for-students.aspx>

## **Humanitarian Aid for Haiti**

As you are aware, Hurricane Matthew battered Haiti on October 4, 2016 causing widespread damage, flooding, and landslides. The storm destroyed both crops and food reserves, many homes and schools, even entire villages. Our thoughts and prayers are with all who have been impacted by this recent natural disaster.

To learn more and find out how you can help, visit:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Humanitarian%20Aid%20for%20Haiti.aspx>

## **Get Your 40 Hours : Student Community Involvement**

Community service for our TCDSB students is more than a diploma requirement. Our TCDSB community members are called to apply Catholic social teachings in all that we do; invited by our board vision to be people who “transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action”. The experience gained through community involvement allows students to grow in knowledge and appreciation of themselves and their God-given gifts, and to find meaning, dignity and vocation in work which respects the rights of all and contributes to the common good. It is hoped that this experience early in their high school years will continue to motivate our students to stay involved and to answer the call to support Catholic social teaching by promoting peace, justice and sacredness of human life in their community involvement experiences.

**All students who earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma must complete 40 hours of community service.**

**Find resources, information, and volunteer opportunities here:**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/GuidanceCoopEd/Communityservice40hours/Pages/Default.aspx>

## **November Events/Observances:**

- **November** is Aboriginal Education Month
- **November 1**--All Saints Day
- **November 1-7**--Down Syndrome Awareness Week—“See the Ability”
- **November 2** --All Souls Day
- **November 2**--Take Our Kids to Work Day
- **November 6-12**—Treaties Recognition Week
- **November 8**—A Catholic Call To Serve
- **November 11**--Remembrance Day
- **November 14-19**--Bullying Prevention and Awareness Week
- **November 18**—PA Day
- **November 22**--Memorial Mass to Celebrate the Lives of Staff and Students in the TCDSB Community at 7 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre
- **November 27**—Advent Begins
- **November 28**—TCDSB Caucus/Inaugural Meeting—including election of Chair, Vice-Chair

**For more information or resources connected to any or all of these events/initiatives, visit the Board's website at [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org).**

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