



Annunciation Catholic School

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Enrollment: 342

Hours of Operation
Mon. – Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Lunch Hour
11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.



November 2017

School News

Peacemaking

Is Our Virtue of the Month

On November 11, we remember the many persons who have served our country during the two World Wars in the first half of the century, the Korean and Gulf Wars, and presently in peacekeeping operations. More than 1.4 million Canadians have served in our military and merchant navy, and over 116000 Canadians have given their lives in service to our country.

The first Remembrance Day was honoured at the end of the First World War that ended on Monday, November 11, 1918, at 11 a.m. Symbolic of Remembrance Day is the poppy. This red flower flourished on the graves of the fallen and is a symbol of their immortality and efforts to bring us peace and freedom.

We take this opportunity to celebrate, honour, thank, and remember the achievements and sacrifices made by those persons who have served and continue to serve our country.

Family of Schools Community

Mass

Our Family of Schools Community Mass (Annunciation CS, St. Isaac Jogues CS, Our Lady of Wisdom CS) will take place at **1:15 p.m.** on **Wednesday, November 22.** The Eucharistic celebration will take place at Annunciation Catholic Church. **Due to the large number of student parishioners,** grade 1 – 8 classes will attend the masses. ELP classes will remain at school.

Annunciation Cross Country

Thank you to all persons who contributed to a successful cross country running season this year. Our cross country team was composed of eighty-one runners who competed in the divisional meet at Woodbine Beach.

Forty-one runners qualified for the regional meet at Woodbine Beach. The competition at the divisional and regional meets was very high. After both meets, we had 15 runners qualify for the City Finals at Earl Bales Park.

We are very proud of all of our runners, and applaud them on their strong efforts to do their best!

Thank you to our school coaches, school staff, and parent volunteers for your kind contributions to provide this great extra-curricular activity for our students.

BOOK FAIR

November 13 – 16

Please see the enclosed flyer for more information.

Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC)

Please note that our next CSPC meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 28, 7:00 p.m.** in our school library. **All** are invited to participate in the Annunciation CSPC.

Report Cards Sent Home **Monday, November 13**

Parent Teacher Interviews

We are awaiting confirmation from the school board regarding the schedule for parent teacher interviews at Annunciation Catholic School. The parent surveys for our school had the majority of families preferring Wednesday evening and Thursday evening for interviews. However, we must await confirmation from the school board to proceed. Upon confirmation from the school board, the schedule for interviews will be shared.

PA Day Friday, November 17

Please be aware that Friday, November 17th is a Professional Activity Day (PA Day) to conduct parent teacher interviews. Regular classes will resume on Monday, November 20.

Student Photo Retakes

Please note that **Tuesday, November 7** 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.

Down Syndrome Awareness

Please note that Down Syndrome Awareness Week is **November 1-7, 2017.**

Did you know that Down Syndrome occurs when an individual has a full or partial extra copy of chromosome 21?

To learn more please visit Canadian Down Syndrome Society.

Below you will find a link that provides further information on Down Syndrome.

<http://www.ndss.org/about-ndss/our-team/ambassadors/goodwill-ambassador/straight-talk-with-chris-burke/down-syndrome-awareness-month/>

Secondary School Application Forms

The Catholic Secondary School Application Forms went home with all grade 8 students. The application forms will enable each of our students to apply for a grade 9 high school placement in **September 2018** with the Toronto Catholic District School Board.

Please note that all completed application forms are to be returned to school by Wednesday, November 1.

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

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 2017 - 2018

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 |
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- Rhea Carlisle, Student Trustee Joel Ndongmi, Student Trustee





Monthly Update from the Board

November 2017

Don't Forget to Turn Your Clocks Back

Weekend of November 4-5, 2017. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep!

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>

Congregated Elementary Gifted Program

The Toronto Catholic District School Board offers Full Time/Congregated Elementary Gifted Programs for students in Grades 6 to 8 who have an exceptional ability of Giftedness. These programs are integrated into the regular school community. Important aspects of the program are curriculum extensions in depth, breadth and pace, daily continuity of programming, collaboration with like-minded peers and leadership opportunities. A Parent Information evening will be held for parents/guardians interested in exploring a full time elementary Gifted Program for their child with the exceptional ability of Giftedness.

The Parent Information evening will take place at St. Edward School, 1 Botham Rd., on November 23, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

School Cash Online

We are now in Phase 2 of implementing the School Cash Online Payment system to all TCDSB schools. This new cashless system option offers parents the convenience of paying online for school activities and purchases from the convenience of their own home. School Cash Online will be an efficient payment alternative for families, however participation in the application is voluntary. Schools will continue to accept traditional methods of payment.

For more information, please visit the School Cash Online website at

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/schoolcashonline/Pages/default.aspx>

Spotlight on Your School

During the Year of the School, let's celebrate our school communities. Through video or song, shine the light on the best that your school has to offer. Who are the people who make it special? (Parent volunteers, Priests and others from the parish community, dedicated teachers, Talented and enthusiastic students)

Consider creating a school song or a 30-second video clip that celebrates your school.

Celebrate Diversity * Celebrate Excellence * Celebrate Faith * Celebrate Your School

Use the hashtag #ShineOnTCDSB! **Deadline for submissions is Friday, February 23, 2018.**

The 2017-2018 TCDSB Awards Season has begun!

Nominations are now open for the following TCDSB Alumni Award, Award of Merit and Friends of Catholic Education Award which will be presented at Awards Night on May 7, 2018.

Deadline: third Friday in January (January 20).

- **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.
- **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)
- **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, visit: www.tcdsb.org/awardsnight

Prime Minister's Awards: Recognizing Excellence in Education

Do you know an amazing teacher or early childhood educator? Consider nominating them for a Prime Minister's Award.

- **Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence and Teaching Excellence in STEM**

The Teaching Excellence in STEM Awards honour outstanding Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics teachers that help develop the culture of innovation Canada needs today, and in the future. **Nominate a teacher today!** Nominations accepted until **January 12, 2018**.

- **Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Early Childhood Education**

The Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Early Childhood Education honour ECEs for their leadership, exemplary early childhood education practices, and their commitment to help build the foundation children need to make the best possible start in life. **Nominate an educator today!** Nominations accepted until **January 12, 2018**.

TCDSB Young Disciples Ignite Day

As we continue to celebrate the *Year of the School*, the Nurturing our Catholic Community Team invites **grade 6 students and teachers, parish priests/youth ministers and parent councils to TCDSB's Young Disciples' Ignite Day**. This free rally for Grade 6 students is designed to ignite their faith and inspire acts of service in their respective school communities.

Through a teaching Mass, community building activities, music, and guest speakers, students will be invited to embrace the mission of discipleship and continue to promote acts of faith in collaboration with school communities, families and parishes.

Dates and locations are as follows:

- **Tuesday November 28th 2017 @ Blessed Cardinal Newman (auditorium) - 9:30-2:15 pm**
- **Thursday November 30th, 2017 @ Bishop Marrocco/Thomas Merton (auditorium) - 9:30-2:15 pm**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/schools/bishopmarroccothomasmerton/news/20172018/pages/youngdisciples.aspx>

Angel Foundation for Learning Evening to Feed the Soul Gala

November 10th

For details and ticket information: <https://www.aflgala.org/>

Help feed hungry children, and support a variety of opportunities for students who need assistance.

Other Dates to Note:

- November 1—Take Your Kid To Work Day
- November 1—All Saints Day
- November 2—All Souls Day
- November 6-10—Treaties Recognition Week
- November 6-10—Holocaust Education Week
- November 11—Remembrance Day (Schools to commemorate on Friday, November 10th)
- November 19—World Day of Poor
- November 25—Christ the King Rally and Youth Conference
- November 27—TCDSB Caucus Meeting
- December 3—Advent Begins

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

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