



Annunciation Catholic School

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

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



October 2016

School News

October's Virtue of the Month is Gratitude

This is the day, the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad. Psalm 118:24

During this season of autumn and near the celebration of Thanksgiving, let us continue to give thanks and praise to God, and one another, for our community gifts and blessings.

World Teachers' Day

On World Teachers' Day – October 5th – we thank our teachers for their most valuable contributions given to the development of the young people in our Catholic schools.

School Photo Day

Please be aware that school photos will be taken on **Monday, October 3.**

Appropriate dress uniform applies for the school photo day.

Open House

We have our Open House **Monday, October 3, 7 – 8 pm.** We will begin the evening at 7 pm in the school gymnasium. Come out to meet your child's teacher.

PA Day

Friday, October 7 is a PA day.
School is closed on this day.

Thanksgiving Holiday

Monday, October 10 is Thanksgiving.
School is closed on this day.
Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

CSPC Information

I wish to thank all parents and school staff who came out to our first parent meeting of the school year. I am pleased to share the following information about our CSPC (Catholic School Parent Council).

Executive

Co-Chair: Mrs. Reddy
Co-Chair: Mrs. Dupuis
Treasurer: Mrs. Evans
Secretary: TBD

CSPC voting members

Mrs. Dumalaog
Mrs. de Leon
Mr. Nijmeh
Mrs. Williams
Mrs. Furia
Mrs. Seebran
Mrs. Estwick
Mrs. St. Amour
Mrs. Stelmach-Ciszek
Mr. Navarro
Mrs. Foster
Ms. Romano

All meetings start at **7:00 p.m.** in the **school library.** Noted below is our meeting schedule for 2016-2017.

Tuesday, October 18

Tuesday, November 22

Wednesday, January 18

Tuesday, February 28

Tuesday, April 4

Wednesday, May 24

Try an Online Book Link

<http://asp.tumblebooks.com/book.aspx?id=6628>

<https://www.readingrainbow.com/>

Family of Schools Community Mass

Our next Family of Schools Community Mass will take place at **1:15 p.m. Monday, October 24**. The Eucharistic celebration will take place at Annunciation Catholic Church. **All are welcome.**

Halloween Dances and Fundraiser

Annunciation Catholic School will have their school fundraiser Halloween dances on **Friday, October 28 (Gr. 7 & 8) and Monday, October 31 (ELP – Gr. 6)**. This will be a fun opportunity for students to raise funds for their school.

Dance Fundraiser forms have been distributed so families can have the Thanksgiving weekend for fundraising opportunities with family members.

Students are invited to dress in Halloween costumes on the day of their respective dance. Please use discretion when clothing children in costumes worn to school. **Avoid very scary costumes, gruesome masks, delicate clothing, and valuable/expensive items.**

Weapon-type costume accessories (plastic guns, swords, etc.) are not allowed.

Please note that the school cannot be responsible for costume damage.

Crossing Guards Wanted

The Toronto Police Service is looking for dedicated adults to work as School Crossing Guards. Crossing guards work a minimum of three hours per day, and are paid an hourly wage with travel and vacation bonuses. If you would like to apply, please contact the Divisional Co-ordinator at 33 Division, 50 Upjohn Road, 416-808-3391, and make an appointment to apply for a School Crossing Guard position.

Information flyers can be picked up at the school.

All School Visitors Report To The School Office

To help maintain the security of our school yard and building for the safety of our children, all visitors are to report to the school office upon arrival.

Parent visitors wishing to meet with a teacher or the principal are asked to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet.

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.

SAFETY

Dropping off (morning entry) and picking up (afternoon dismissal) students is very busy with vehicle traffic.

Parents/guardians parking in the school parking lot at entry and dismissal times creates undue vehicle congestion and elevates the risk of student and adult injury. Additionally, the congestion prevents emergency vehicles (fire truck/ambulance/police) from having access to the rear of our building/property.

Parents/guardians are not to park in the school parking lot during morning entry and afternoon dismissal times.

Parents/guardians should seek a parking location on a neighbouring street and walk your child(ren) to and from the school.

Please use sidewalks for walking.

Do not walk through our school parking lot.

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





Monthly Update from the Board

October 2016

October 19: Go Purple Day

October is Child Abuse Awareness Month. October 19th has been set aside as a day to raise awareness among students about the signs of abuse and neglect, and what to do if they, or someone they know, is being/or suspected of being abused or neglected <https://www.tcdsb.org/Pages/October-is-Child-Abuse-Prevention-Month.aspx> *#iBreaktheSilence*

High School Open Houses

Grade 8 students and their families are invited to learn more about their secondary school options at open houses this fall. For a complete schedule, see: <https://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/default.aspx>

Interested in Parent Engagement?

Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Elections Coming

October 3rd for Wards 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 <https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/parentinvolvement/cpicelections/pages/scheduled-cpic-election-for-even-numbered-wards.aspx>

October 5th for vacancies in Wards 1, 7, 11 <https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/parentinvolvement/cpicelections/pages/election-to-fill-cpic-vacancies.aspx>

And October 17th for Parents at Large

Learn more about CPIC here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/ParentInvolvement/Pages/default.aspx>

You Can Work Wonders with ShareLife

During this Year of the Parish, schools are invited to partner with their local parishes to see how they can support the annual campaign, and help ShareLife agencies work wonders. <http://www.sharelife.org/Public/Home.aspx>

Secondary Night School, Saturday Language Classes & eClass Registration Continues until October 7th

Get detailed information online: <https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/ContinuingEducation/Documents/flyer.pdf>

Overseas Credit Courses in Italy

Get all the information online:

https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Documents/SUMMER2017FLYER_3.pdf

Information Meetings October 4th and 5th

Celebrating the Year of the Parish 2016-2017

The second year in our three pastoral plan focusing on "Together With One Voice: Harmonizing our Faith Through Family, Parish and School".

It is an opportunity to celebrate the important role that our parishes play in our school communities and in the lives of the students, staff and families that we serve.

Let's celebrate the Family-Parish-School partnership!

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

October's Virtue is Gratitude

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

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

Upcoming Events

October is...

- **Autism Awareness Month**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/october-is-autism-awareness-month.aspx>
- **Hispanic Canadian Heritage Month** www.tcdsb.org
- **October 5th: Walk to School Day**
<http://www.saferoutestoeschool.ca/international-walk-school-daymonth>
- **October 5th: World Teacher's Day**
- **October 6: Rosary Day** <https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/pages/rosary-day.aspx>
- **October 7: System-wide Professional Activity Day**. No classes for students
- **October 10: World Mental Health Day**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SpecialEducation/mhs/Pages/Default.aspx>
- **October 11th: International Day of the Girl**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Pages/International-Day-of-the-Girl.aspx>
- **October 11-25th: Elementary Cross Country**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/schoolprogramsk12/healthoutdoorphysed/tdcaa/pages/tcdsb-athletics.aspx>
- **October 17th and 18th: Ontario College Information Fair** <http://www.ocif.ca/>
- **October 21st: Welcome Reception for Newcomers to Canada**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/forcommunity/newcomers/pages/welcome-reception-for-newcomers-2016.aspx>
- **October 22nd: Empowering Mothers in Education--Spanish Speaking Advisory Committee Conference**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/news/pages/2016-october-22-spanish-speaking-advisory-committee-conference.aspx>
- **October 26th: Early Childhood Educator and Childcare Worker Appreciation Day**
- **October 28th: An Evening to Feed the Soul Gala** in support of the Angel Foundation for Learning
<https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2017/pages/An-Evening-to-Feed-the-Soul-Gala.aspx>
- **October 29th: Father Patrick Fogarty Awards Dinner**—celebrating excellence in Catholic education across Ontario
<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/33rd-annual-fr-fogarty-awards-dinner-saturday-october-29.aspx>
- **October 31st: Halloween**. Learn about the Christian origins of All Hallow's Eve
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/News/2012-2013/Pages/Halloween--Christian-Tradition.aspx>

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