



## Annunciation Catholic School

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**Enrollment:** 341

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

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



October 2017

# School News

## **October's Virtue of the Month is Gratitude**

*God, thank you for the blessings you have bestowed upon me today. Help me share your generosity and love with those I meet. Amen*

## **World Teachers' Day**

On World Teachers' Day – October 5<sup>th</sup> – 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 2**. Appropriate dress uniform applies for the school photo day.

## **Open House**

We have our Open House **Wednesday, October 4, 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 6 is a PA day.  
**School is closed on this day.**

## **Thanksgiving Holiday**

Monday, October 9 is Thanksgiving.  
**School is closed on this day.**  
Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

## **CSPC Information**

Thank you to our parents 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. Fradelos

Secretary: Mrs. Furia

### **CSPC voting members**

Mr. Nijmeh

Mrs. Reddy

Mrs. Dupuis

Mrs. Fradelos

Mrs. Furia

Mr. Ocampo

Mrs. Robinson

All meetings start at **7:00 p.m.** in the **school library**. Noted below is our meeting schedule for 2017-2018.

**Tuesday, October 24**

**Tuesday, November 28**

**Tuesday, January 16**

**Tuesday, February 27**

**Wednesday, March 21**

**Wednesday, April 25**

**Tuesday, May 29**

## **SNACK PROGRAM**

The a.m. snack program will take place on the following dates:

**October 11, 13, 16, 18, 23, 25, and 30**

### Family of Schools Community Mass

Our next Family of Schools Community Mass will take place at **1:15 p.m. Monday, October 16.** 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 dance on **Tuesday, October 31.** This will be a fun opportunity for students to raise funds for their school.

**Dance Fundraiser forms are included in this newsletter 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 the 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.**

### Lunch Time Supervisor Applications Wanted

Annunciation Catholic School seeks to hire a lunchtime supervisor. This is a paid position for one hour per day during lunchtime, **11:15 – 12:15, Monday to Friday.** If you are interested in the position and able to complete the *hiring process*, please contact Mrs. Andrade at the school's main office.

The *hiring process* requires the following documents:

TB test, Priest Reference Form, voided cheque, copy of the SIN card, proof of birth date, and a Police criminal reference check.

**Applications 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 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 |
| 4. Patrizia Bottoni | 8. Garry Tanuan              | 12. Nancy Crawford        |

Rhea Carlisle, Student Trustee

Joel Ndongmi, Student Trustee



# Monthly Update from the Board

## October 2017

### TCDSB Digital Store

As our students continue to learn and adapt to the rapid advances in technology, the Toronto Catholic District School Board is committed to providing to all of our students and their families, equal access to the latest technology. We recognize the importance of promoting the 21st Century Competencies by supporting digital literacy, creativity, innovation, collaboration, and the overall needs and aspirations of all students. To that end, the TCDSB continues to be on the leading edge of providing technical upgrades and assistance by providing you with a very special opportunity: the TCDSB Digital Store. Visit our website for more information:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/DigitalStore/Pages/default.aspx>

### TCDSB Adopts Parent Charter of Principles and Student Charter of Principles

In support of its vision of transforming the world through innovation, the Toronto Catholic District School Board is the first school board to formally adopt guiding sets of principles outlining parent and student rights. The TCDSB is taking the lead in establishing principles designed to address the basic rights elements of a sound Catholic education to which parents and students are entitled during a period when individual rights is a major topic of discussion in other sectors such as the airline travel industry.

The Student Charter of Principles starts: *“A student is entitled to reasonably participate in decisions that affect his/her education and school life. The Board will pursue equity and inclusion for all students of the Board. A student is entitled to a spiritually, socially, emotionally and physically safe, and positive, school environment, where he/she is respected and treated in a manner consistent with our Catholic values and teachings.”*

The Parent Charter of Principles begins with: *“The Board will provide a faith-based publicly funded school with education grounded in Catholic doctrine, traditions and teachings for your child. A parent or guardian will have opportunities for involvement in his/her child’s education. A parent or guardian is entitled to a reasonable expectation that his/her child is learning in a safe, healthy, caring and accessible school, free of discrimination, prejudice, bullying and harassment.”*

Both documents can be found on the TCDSB website at

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

### TCDSB Continues to Focus on Improving Results

The Toronto Catholic District School Board continues to report improvements over time. Literacy results are high, with improvements evident over the past five years. Mathematics results are less impressive and mirror province-wide results in that area.

Reading and writing results are strong in both Grade 3 and Grade 6, either approaching or exceeding 80% at or above the Provincial Standard. In Primary and Junior, mathematics results remain low both in the Board and Province. At the secondary level, Grade 9 applied mathematics scores have shown improvement but continue to be low. In both Grade 9 academic mathematics and OSSLT, the Board mirrors the Province and maintains strong results with 80% or more meeting high standards. The EQAO results continue to point to mathematics and the applied level as an area of focus.

### CSPC Workshop

All Catholic School Parent Council members are invited and encouraged to attend the fall workshop to be held **October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.** at the Catholic Education Centre. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn about

the roles and responsibilities of CSPCs, network with your colleagues from other schools and share best practices. Dinner will be provided.

## **OAPCE-Toronto Conference**

All parents are welcome to attend the annual Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education Conference October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>

### **Mental Wellness: Developing Your God-Given Potential**

- Conference \$40, Gala Dinner \$40 (Networking Reception included)
- Keynote speaker: Sara Westbrook
- Conference, AGM, Mass and Commissioning Ceremony (Saturday 8-4) St. Joan of Arc CHS, 1 St. Joan of Arc Rd., Maple, ON L6A 1W9
- Networking Reception (Friday 6-10)
- Gala Awards Dinner (Saturday 7-10)  
Hilton Garden Inn, 3201 Highway 7, Vaughan, ON L4K 5Z7

For more information and registration: [www.oapce.org](http://www.oapce.org)

## **TCDSB Launches Phase 2 School Cash Online**

TCDSB will be implementing the School Cash Online Payment option in all schools, in 5 phases throughout the 2017/2018 school year. This new cashless system offers parents the convenience of paying online for school activities and purchases from the convenience of their home. This includes payments for school trips, activities, sports-related fees, and pizza lunches - just to name a few.

**Phase 2 has launched and all parents in Phase 2 schools are encouraged to register now. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)**

**Annunciation Catholic School is included in the Phase 2 launch.**

## **TCDSB Celebrates Canada150 and Our Own History**

150 Heritage Moments being shared via Twitter.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/affiliates/canada150/heritagemoments/pages/default.aspx>

## **Important Dates to Note**

**October is...**

- **Autism Awareness Month** <https://www.tcdsb.org/Pages/October-is-Autism-Awareness-Month.aspx>
- **Child Abuse Prevention Month**  
**Dress Purple Day October 24<sup>th</sup>**  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Pages/October-is-Child-Abuse-Prevention-Month.aspx>
- **Hispanic Canadian Heritage Month**  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/HispanicCanadianHeritage/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Learning Disabilities Month** <http://www.ldao.ca/about/october-is-learning-disabilities-awareness-month/>
- **Walk to School Month** <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/environment/transport/Pages/Walk-to-School-Month-.aspx> **Walk to School Day October 4<sup>th</sup>**
- **October 2—National Custodial Workers Day**  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2018/Pages/octoberappreciationmonth.aspx>
- **October 4--Walk to School Day: an opportunity for all of us—students, staff, families—to focus on improved health and well-being, active lifestyles and building safer communities for everyone. [Register your school for Walk to School Day](#) and receive a Certificate of Participation from Canada Walks. For**

more information, visit <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/environment/transport/Pages/Walk-to-School-Month-.aspx>

- **October 5—World Teachers’ Day**  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2018/Pages/octoberappreciationmonth.aspx>
- **October 6—Rosary Day** <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Rosary-Day.aspx>
- **October 10—World Mental Health Day**  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/specialeducation/mhs/Pages/Default.aspx>
- **October 11--International Day of the Girl** <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/international-day-of-the-girl.aspx>
- **October 16-20--School Bus Safety Week**
- **October 16-20 Waste Reduction Week**  
**Take the Waste-Free Lunch Challenge Oct. 20 as part of Food Waste Friday**  
Waste Reduction Week in Canada is a national environmental campaign that builds awareness around issues of resource efficiency, responsible consumption and production, and promotes actions that recover more discards for recycling and conserve natural resources. We encourage TCDSB elementary schools to take the Waste-Free Lunch Challenge during Waste Reduction Week to kick-off environmental awareness all year long. To register for The Waste Free Lunch Challenge or for more information, visit: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/environment/waste/Pages/Waste-Free-Lunch-Program.aspx>
- **October 17--International Day for the Eradication of Poverty**  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/international-day-for-eradication-of-poverty.aspx>
- **October 17—A Catholic Call To Serve (ACCTs)** <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/catholic-call-to-serve.aspx>
- **October 25—Early Childhood Educator and Childcare Worker Appreciation Day**  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2018/Pages/octoberappreciationmonth.aspx>

## **Reminders**

### **TCDSB Celebrates The Year of the School in 2017-2018**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Year%20of%20the%20School/Pages/default.aspx>

Find resources and information online, including the Spotlight on Your School initiative to celebrate the people who make our school communities welcoming and caring places of learning.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Year%20of%20the%20School/Pages/Spotlight-on-Your-School.aspx>

### **Improving Access to School Bus Information for Toronto Parents**

*Toronto Student Transportation Group and Boards Launch Transportation Portal*

Toronto District School Board and Toronto Catholic District School Board parents are now able to access their children’s transportation information online and receive email notifications if there are any school bus cancellations or delays, thanks to the launch of a new online transportation portal.

**[www.torontoschoolbus.org](http://www.torontoschoolbus.org)**.

### **High School Open House Dates**

TCDSB Secondary schools welcome grade 8 students and their families to explore programs and services

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

### **CPIC Elections October 2 and 4**

#### **Monday, October 2--Odd Numbered Wards—2 Parent Member Representatives per Ward**

<b>Odd Numbered Wards</b>	<b>Voting Locations</b>
1	<b>St. Benedict</b> 2202 Kipling Avenue (Kipling/North of Rexdale Boulevard)
3	<b>St. Bernard</b> 12 Duckworth St. (Lawrence/one block east of Jane)
5	<b>Blessed Sacrament</b> 24 Bedford Park Ave. (Yonge and Lawrence)

7	<b>Holy Spirit</b> 3530 Sheppard Ave. E. (Sheppard and Birchmount)
9	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b> 444 Sherbourne St. (Sherbourne/South of Wellesley)
11	<b>Senator O'Connor</b> 60 Rowena Drive (Victoria Park/south of Ellesmere)

**Wednesday October 4, 2017--Even Numbered Wards**

**Ward 6- 2 Parent Member Representative**

**Ward 10-1 Parent Member Representative**

<b>Even Numbered Wards</b>	<b>Voting Locations</b>
6	<b>St. Clare</b> 124 Northcliffe Blvd. (Dufferin/St. Clair)
10	<b>St. Mary (Secondary)</b> 66 Dufferin Park Ave. (Dufferin/south of Bloor)

**Election of 2 Parent Members At Large**

**Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Location: Catholic Education Centre

(80 Sheppard Ave. E (Sheppard/Yonge))

*Nomination forms available at all TCDSB school offices*

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