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Annunciation Catholic School

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Enrollment: 338

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

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



October 2018

School News

October's Virtue of the Month is Gratitude

Help us show gratitude to those persons we work with and persons who support our students. Let's share what we have with those who have less.

Gratitude is a flower that blooms in noble souls. Pope Francis

World Teachers' Day

On World Teachers' Day, October 5th, we extend a sincere **thank you** to all of our teachers for their dedicated teaching, care, nurturing, and support of our students.
Thank you!

School Photo Day

Please be aware that school photos will be taken on **Monday, October 1** in our gym. **We begin with our youngest students and work through the grades.** Appropriate dress uniform is best for the school photo day.

Open House

We have our Open House **Wednesday, 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 during two sessions, first at 7:20, and second at 7:40 pm.

PA Day

Friday, October 5 is a PA day.
School is closed on this day.

Thanksgiving Holiday

Monday, October 8 is Thanksgiving.
School is closed on this day.
Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

CSPC Information

Thank you to our parents who attended 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: Ms. Reddy
Co-Chair: Ms. Dupuis
Treasurer: Ms. Prokova
Secretary: Ms. Furia

CSPC voting members

Mr. Nijmeh
Ms. Reddy
Ms. Dupuis
Ms. Prokova
Ms. Furia
Ms. Angelone
Ms. Bilotta
Ms. Shorey
Mr. Ocampo
Ms. Santamaria
Ms. Alkis

All meetings start at **7:00 p.m.** in the **school library.** Noted below is our meeting schedule for 2018-2019.

Tuesday, October 23

Wednesday, November 28

Wednesday, January 16

Wednesday, February 20

Tuesday, March 19

Tuesday, April 30

Tuesday, May 28

SNACK PROGRAM

The daily a.m. snack program has resumed.

Thank you to our parent leaders! Municipal and provincial grants have been awarded to help fund our program.

Parent/family donations will be necessary to fully fund the daily morning snack program. Information will be sent in the future.

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.

Halloween Dances and Fundraiser

Annunciation Catholic School will have their school fundraiser Halloween dance on **Wednesday, October 31**. This will be a fun opportunity for students to raise funds for the school.

Dance Fundraiser forms will be sent home in the near future.

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.

Family of Schools Community Mass

Unfortunately, our first Family of Schools Community (Annunciation, St. Isaac Jogues, and Our Lady of Wisdom) Mass was cancelled due to a forecast of inclement weather.

Our next Mass will take place at **1:15 p.m. Monday, October 15**.

The Eucharistic celebration will take place at Annunciation Catholic Church. **All are welcome.**

SAFETY

Please be reminded that school yard supervision is 8-8:30 and 3-3:15. Outside of these times, there is no student supervision in the yard.

PARKING LOT SAFETY

Adults dropping off (morning entry) and picking up (afternoon dismissal) students continues to be problematic in our parking lot.

Parents/guardians who park/stop in our driveway/through ways are creating undue vehicle congestion and significantly elevating the risk of student and adult injury. We recently had a car damaged in our parking lot. The Kiss and Ride routine for drop off and pick up – students always exit/enter a vehicle away from vehicle traffic - continues to be compromised by select drivers.

Forthcoming, a routine for closing the parking lot at entry and dismissal times will be established.

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

**Please use sidewalks for walking.
Please do not walk through our school parking lot.**

Trustees 2018 - 2019

Wards

1. Joseph Martino
2. Ann Andrachuk
3. Sal Piccininni
4. Patrizia Bottoni

5. Maria Rizzo, Vice-Chair
6. Frank D'Amico
7. Michael Del Grande
8. Garry Tanuan

9. Jo-Ann Davis
10. Barbara Poplawski, Chair
11. Angela Kennedy
12. Nancy Crawford

Taylor Dallin, Student Trustee

Joel Ndongmi, Student Trustee





Monthly Update from the Board

October 2018

Municipal Election October 22, 2018

New ward boundaries will be in effect

Existing Trustee Wards, including the local Catholic schools they represent, remain unchanged and the new boundaries DO NOT come into effect until December 1, 2018.

These changes do not affect the current number of Toronto Catholic District School Board Trustees which will remain at 12. However, it impacts the distribution areas of Trustee Wards and the local schools they represent.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/trusteesoftheboard/pages/new-trustee-ward-boundaries.aspx>

PLEASE NOTE: Although these changes do not come into effect until December 1, 2018, registered Catholic ratepayers will be voting for candidates based on these 12 new Trustee Wards for the Municipal Election on October 22, 2018. For more information regarding elections: <https://myvote.toronto.ca/home>

OAPCE-Toronto hosts a Catholic School Trustee Meet and Greet October 1, 2018 at the Catholic Education Centre <https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/oapce-toronto/pages/default.aspx>

TCDSB Seeks Parent/Community Representatives

Representatives are needed for:

Safe Schools Advisory Committee (October 5, 2018)

Indigenous Advisory Committee (application deadline October 12, 2018)

Details online: <https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/pages/current-openings--parent-membership-on-committees.aspx>

Night School Begins October 1st and 2nd

Details here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/continuingeducation/pages/default.aspx>

CPIC Elections October 2, 3 and 15

Become a Voice for Catholic Parents

Representatives sought for Wards 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12. Election October 2, 2018.

Elections October 3, 2018 for vacancies in Wards 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9

Election of Parent Members at Large, October 15, 2018 at the Inaugural Meeting.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/parentinvolvement/cpicelections/pages/default.aspx>

High School Open Houses

Open houses are happening this fall in all TCDSB secondary schools. For a complete list of dates, times and locations visit <https://www.tcdsb.org/school/openhouses/pages/default.aspx>

TCDSB School Donations

Donations to schools are used to enhance local fundraising efforts, which support school initiatives that are not funded through Provincial Ministry of Education grants. School Cash Online makes donating to schools easier than ever, and all donations of receive a tax receipt. Click here to learn more or donate today:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/Pages/TCDSB-School-Donations.aspx>

Newcomer Conference We Belong--October 12, 2018

<https://www.tcdsb.org/forcommunity/newcomers/pages/newcomer-conference-registration.aspx>

Interim Trustee Coverage for Ward 4 Schools

Ward 4 Trustee Patrizia Bottoni has tendered her resignation from the Board of Trustees effective September 20, 2018.

The Board thanks Ms. Bottoni for her years of service to the Board and to the Catholic school communities in Ward 4, and wish her well in her future endeavours. Her departure leaves a vacancy in Ward 4, but given that we are just four weeks away from the election of Catholic School Board Trustees on October 22nd, the Board has decided not to fill the seat in the short term. Schools in Ward 4 will be represented by Trustees Sal Piccininni and Maria Rizzo, who have volunteered to support the Ward 4 area until the new Board of Trustees takes office on December 1, 2018.

The breakdown of Trustee representation is outlined below:

Trustee Sal Piccininni (sal.piccininni@tcdsb.org 416-512-3403)

- Blessed Margherita of Citta di Castello
- James Cardinal McGuigan
- St. Augustine of Canterbury
- St. Charles Garnier
- St. Jane Frances
- St. Wilfrid

Trustee Maria Rizzo (maria.rizzo@tcdsb.org 416-512-3405)

- Madonna
- St. Conrad
- St. Jerome
- St. Martha
- St. Norbert
- St. Raphael
- St. Robert

TCDSB thanks Trustee Piccininni and Rizzo for their willingness to be a voice for Ward 4 schools.

Angel Foundation For Learning

By attending The Angel Foundation for Learning's, **An Evening to Feed the Soul Gala** on **November 9th**, wondrous things are made possible!

- Funds are made available to schools through the **School Allocation Fund** to help reduce the costs associated with school trips or leadership activities so that all students share these invaluable experiences.
- TCDSB students will be assisted with some of life's basic needs such as warm clothing or food through the **Social Work Emergency Fund**.
- TCDSB students will be able to attend Summer Camp and after-school sports activities through the **AFL Camp Fund**.
- You, your friends and co-workers will enjoy a gala encompassing all the magic of the Gatsby era!

For more information about the [Angel Foundation for Learning](http://www.angelfoundationforlearning.org) or how to get your tickets for the [Evening to Feed the Soul Gala](http://www.angelfoundationforlearning.org), go to www.angelfoundationforlearning.org.

Staff Arts Presents Shakespeare on the Green

November 2,3, 9, 10

<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/staff-arts-presents-shakespeare.aspx>

International Languages (Elementary) Program Update: October, 2018

International Languages Parent Survey

On July 12th, the Board of Trustees of the TCDSB approved a motion to survey parents **in all TCDSB elementary schools** to determine whether parents wish to continue or initiate an International Languages (Elementary) program at their child's school.

Surveys will be sent home with the progress report the week of November 12th, with the only or oldest child in each family. Families are asked to complete **one survey per family** and **submit it to the school principal by November 27, 2018**.

Should parents wish to have a translated version to assist with the completion of the English survey, they are asked to request a copy from the school principal or a special web page will be set up with translated versions of the survey. Translations will be available in the following languages: Spanish, Portuguese, Ukrainian, Arabic, Filipino, Chinese (Simplified and Traditional) Tamil, and Italian.

To ensure that results reflect the school community, surveys will be coded to ensure reliability, as well as, surveys from 67% of all families in the school must be completed and returned in order for the results to be considered viable. In the current schools that offer International Languages within the five hour school day, in order to determine if the program is to be continued using the Board approved model, or to move the IL program to an alternative model, the majority of 51% should be attained for the preferred selection.

For updated information regarding the International Languages Program please visit:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/schoolprogramsk12/internationallanguages/pages/change-to-international-languages-program.aspx>

Dates to Note

October is...

- **Autism Awareness Month**
- **Child Abuse Prevention Month**
- **Latin-Hispanic Canadian Heritage Month**
- **Learning Disabilities Month**
- **Walk to School Month (Walk to School Day October 3)**
- **National Principal's Month**
- **Elementary Cross-Country—various dates)**
- **October 1—International Day of Older Persons**
- **October 2—National Custodial Workers Day**
- **October 4—Rosary Day** <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Rosary-Day.aspx>
- **October 5—World Teachers' Day**
- **October 5—System-wide PA Day**
- **October 7--Thanksgiving**
- **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 15-21 Waste Reduction Week**
- **October 17--International Day for the Eradication of Poverty**
- **October 20—CSPC and School Administrator Welcome and Orientation Event**
- **October 22-26--School Bus Safety Week**
- **October 24—Early Childhood Educator and Childcare Worker Appreciation Day**
- **October 31 – All Hallows Eve**
- **November 1—All Saints Day**
- **November 2—All Souls' Day**

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