



Annunciation Catholic School

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Enrollment: 350

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

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

CPIC (Parent Engagement--TCDSB)
www.tcdsb.org/cpic
OAPCE Toronto (Provincial Voice for
Parents)
www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto

September 2016

School News

Welcome to a new school year at Annunciation Catholic School, where we seek to lead all students to achieve their highest learning potential in all learning areas. As a Christian faith community, we integrate Gospel Values and Catholic doctrines into our teaching, beliefs and everyday dealings with one another.

Within the context of Catholic teaching and Sacramental living, our school community strives to demonstrate respect and reverence for all life, nurturing a Christian environment for our entire school community.

I look forward to a rewarding year where our school, families and church work together helping children achieve their academic and spiritual growth.

Sincerely,
Vernon Sweeney, Principal

TCDSB Appoints New Associate Director of Academic Affairs:

The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) is pleased to announce that Mr. Rory McGuckin has been appointed as the new Associate Director of Academic Affairs. Mr. McGuckin has been a key member of the Board's Senior Leadership Team, most recently as the Superintendent of Human Resources and Labour Relations. He brings an impressive record of accomplishment to the Associate Director of Academic Affairs position.

*The Virtue of the Month
for September is*

Hospitality

“Only those who have opened their hearts to Christ can offer a hospitality that is never formal or superficial but identified by gentleness and reverence”

Pope John Paul II

SEPTEMBER ORGANIZATION OF CLASSES AND PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN

Class and grade organization is in place for the start of the school year. It is important, however, to understand that due to a possible increase or decrease in enrolment, changes may need to be made in grade organization, teacher assignments and the placement of the children during the month of September or early October. If changes are required, it is the responsibility of the principal to ensure that the various abilities and needs of the children will be taken into consideration and that each class will include students with a variety of experiences, strengths and needs.

Student Safety

Students are to be on school property at all times during the school day, from morning arrival until afternoon dismissal.

Students are only to leave school property when accompanied by a parent/guardian/caregiver.

School Immunization Program through Toronto Public Health

Each year, Toronto Public Health offers hepatitis B and meningococcal vaccines to all grade 7 students, and the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine to all grade 8 female students. As applicable, your child's vaccination consent package will be sent home. **Upon receipt of the consent package, please complete and return to the school.**

Vaccinations will be administered in our school library the morning of Tuesday, September 27.

Secondary School Open Houses

All Toronto Catholic District School Board secondary schools welcome grade 8 students and their families to open houses each fall. This is an opportunity to meet some of the staff, check out school facilities and learn more about the various programs, services and activities as you prepare for Catholic secondary school education. Most open houses begin at 7:00 p.m. For a complete list of dates and locations, visit:

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

Student Agendas

Agendas will be distributed to students in grades 1-8 to assist with student organization and home-school communication. An agenda purchase form will be sent home. Kindly return the agenda purchase form with **\$7.00 payment** (cash, please) by **Monday, September 12.**

Suggested Student Supplies

Suggested school supplies include:

Pencils and erasers; coloured pencils; blue pens; markers; lined paper; math kit; scissors; calculator; Kleenex; and indoor non-marking sole shoes for class and gym. Teachers may invite students to bring their own electronic device for school assignments.

Please note that all valuables are the sole responsibility of the student/family. The school cannot be responsible for loss or damage of valuables.

2016-2017 Dates

Number of school days	194
Number of Professional Activity Days	7
Labour Day	September 5, 2016
First Instructional Day	September 6, 2016
Thanksgiving Day	October 10, 2016
Christmas Break	December 26 – January 6, 2017
Family Day	February 20, 2017
Mid-Winter Break	March 13–17, 2017
Good Friday	April 14, 2017
Easter Monday	April 17, 2017
Victoria Day	May 22, 2017
Last day of classes	June 29, 2017

Seven (7) Professional Activity (PA) Days for ELEMENTARY school

October 7, 2016

Provincial Education Priorities

November 18, 2016

Parent-Teacher Conferences

December 2, 2016

Provincial Education Priorities/Faith Development

January 20, 2017

Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting

February 17, 2017

Parent-Teacher Conferences

June 9, 2017

Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting

June 30, 2017

Provincial Education Priorities

School Hours

The TCDSB has a **Balanced School Day** Schedule. The instructional time in the classroom is the same for morning and afternoon.

School hours of operation are as follows:

8:30 a.m.	Entry Bell
	Morning Proceedings
10:12 a.m.	Morning Recess (15 minutes)
11:15 p.m.	Lunch
12:15 p.m.	Afternoon Entrance
1:40 p.m.	Afternoon Recess (15 minutes)
3:00 p.m.	Dismissal

NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

All new student registrations (JK – Gr 8) are to be completed using the online school registration site at <https://soar.tcdsb.org/Login.aspx>. Additionally, parents can visit the Admissions and Placement Department page for registration information. For your convenience, the address to the Admissions page is noted below. **Student admission is based on availability of space and the provision of all required documentation.** <http://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/AdmissionsandRegistration/Pages/Default.aspx>

Appropriate Dress Code at School

Please be reminded of the Appropriate Dress Uniform code in effect for Annunciation Catholic School. Students are to wear a white or navy coloured top (no graphics) and a navy coloured bottom. Navy jeans or jean type clothing is not allowed.

PIANO RULES

The outside company, Piano Rules, will conduct piano classes during lunch hours (11:15 – 12:15) at Annunciation Catholic School. Classes are held every **Monday** starting **September 19**.

PLEASE VISIT WWW.PIANORULES.COM FOR REGISTRATION.

Outside Agency Materials

From time to time, the school will send home information from non-profit and for-profit organizations. We remind parents and guardians to exercise caution any time they participate in or enrol their child in an outside organization's event after school hours. The school and the TCDSB are not liable for the quality of service these organizations provide or for the safety of the participants. We forward this information to keep our parent community informed of the wide variety of opportunities available within our local community.

Allergies

Many of our students suffer from various types of allergies. In particular, allergies to peanuts and nuts are life threatening to some of our students. The safety of our children is paramount, therefore I am requesting that students **do not bring food or treats to school with traces of peanuts or nuts.** Please refer to the list below for some school food suggestions.

Always read ingredient listings as recipes and manufacturing processes are subject to change without notice.

BARS:

- Kellogg's Nutri-Grain Bars & Twists
- Kellogg's Rice Krispies Squares – Original, Caramel Chocolate
- Kellogg's Milkcrunch Cereal & Milk Bars
- Kellogg's Pop Tarts
- Christie Newtons – Full Fruit Bars

COOKIES:

- Christie – Oreo's (not the minis); Fudgee-o's; Chips Ahoy (currently not those sold in 550 g bags); Teddy Grahams; Animal Crackers
- Peek Freans – Lemon Thins; Family Digestive; Digestive; Arrowroot; Assorted Crème; Assorted Tea; Fruit Crème Tropical; Nice; Shortcake; Family Shortcake
- General Mills – Betty Crocker Dunkaroos

POTATO CHIPS, CHEESIES, PRETZELS, POPCORN

- Hostess Frito Lays – Doritos (corn chips); Cheetos; Miss Vickies; Sun Chips; Rold Gold Pretzels; Ruffles; Tostito Nachos; Smartfood Popcorn; Chesters Popcorn
- Humpty Dumpty Potato Chips

CHOCOLATE BARS AND CANDY:

- Nestle – Smarties; Aero; Kit Kat; Coffee Crisp; Mirage
- Beta Brands – Lifesaver Lollipops
- Dare – Ju Jubes; Jelly Beans; RealFruit Gummis; Sunny Peach, Fruit Medley, Citrus Tropical

CRACKERS:

- Christie – Original Ritz Crackers (not sandwiches or minis); Graham Crackers; Triscuits
- Quaker – Rice Cakes; Crispy Mini Rice Chips
- Kraft – Handi-snacks – Cheese'n Bread Sticks, Cheese'n Crackers
- Pepperidge Farms – Goldfish cheese crackers (not the snack mix)

OTHER:

- Pillsbury (seasonal cookies)
- Quaker cookie & muffin mixes
- Kraft – Magic Moment pudding & Jello snacks, Jello refrigerated snacks
- Del Monte canned fruit cups

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

Cheese and Yogurt (no nut flavours)

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





Annunciation Catholic School

Dear Parents:

A new school year has begun and we want to let you know about the common problem of head lice. Head lice can affect anyone, but most often it affects younger school-age children.

Head lice are parasites. They are considered by health officials to be a nuisance when they are difficult to eliminate. They are not a health hazard and are not connected in any way with long hair, dirt, neglect, or not being clean. Head lice can spread quickly from head to head when a group of children have close contact (e.g. school, camp, day-care, etc.). Head lice can be spread by sharing hats, brushes, combs, bedding, etc.

Prevention of head lice is everyone's responsibility. Cooperation and prompt action on the part of parents, school staff, and the public health department will help to reduce the inconvenience to children.

We encourage parents to look at their children's hair on a regular basis. When checking for nits (eggs), the hair should be dry. A convenient time for a visual check may be just before washing your child's hair.

If you find any head lice or nits (eggs), obtain and use a medicated head lice shampoo or medicated cream rinse from your pharmacist, and contact the school to inform us that your child has been treated. The school needs to be informed so that other parents and school officials can be advised to check the heads of others. Finding and treating head lice early will stop your child from getting a severe case and stop the spread of head lice to other children.

Further information and reference about head lice can be obtained from the school or local office of the Toronto Public Health Department:

Tel: **416-338-7600**

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

V. Sweeney
Principal



Monthly Update from the Board

September 2016

TCDSB Digital Store: Discounted educational software & hardware for students and staff

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is offering access to the following Microsoft products to all of our students:

- **FREE: Microsoft Office 365 Pro Plus: includes latest versions of Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Publisher, Excel, Outlook, OneDrive and OneNote. The license can be used for up to 5 computers and up to 5 mobile devices (any platform);**
- **FREE: Microsoft Windows 10 EDU;**
- **10% discount on computers and devices at the online Microsoft Education Store.**

In order to access this online offer, the student will need to know his/her TCDSB computer login username and password. If your child does not know his/her login information, please contact your school to ask how to obtain this information.

To take advantage of the software offers you must have internet access for the download. To find out more and how you can take advantage of this offer, visit our TCDSB Digital Store now at: www.tcdsb.org/digitalstore

Open House for Elementary Gifted Students **September 7th, 7-9 PM**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2016/pages/open-house-for-elementary-gifted-withdrawal-program.aspx>

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 <https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/parentinvolvement/cpicelections/pages/scheduled-cpic-election-for-even-numbered-wards.aspx>

And October 5th <https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/parentinvolvement/cpicelections/pages/election-to-fill-cpic-vacancies.aspx>

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

Registration for Night School, Saturday Language Classes and eClass

September 1st to October 7th

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

Registration for Elementary International Languages After-Hours Programs

Classes begin the weekend of September 17th.

Register online here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/InternationalLanguages/Pages/Saturday-School-Registration.aspx>

Preparing for Post-Secondary Education?

Check out your university options at the annual **University Information Fair September 23-25, 2016** at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre <http://www.uof.ca/>

Learn about community college program options at the annual **Ontario College Information Fair October 17th and 18th** at the Enercare Centre (Hall B), Exhibition Place <http://www.ocif.ca/>

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.

During the Year of the Parish, we look for ways to more fully engage our staff and students in the lives of their local parish community, and to welcome our pastors and parish community into school events and activities.

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

Schools are encouraged to work with their local parish to develop their own parish project. Get more information and ideas here:

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

and here:

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

September's Virtue is Hospitality

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

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

School Year Calendar 2016-2017

Labour Day	September 5, 2016
First Instructional Day	September 6, 2016
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Christmas Break	December 26, 2016–January 6, 2017
Start of second semester for secondary schools	February 6, 2017
Family Day	February 20, 2017
Mid-Winter Break	March 13–17, 2017
Good Friday	April 14, 2017
Easter Monday	April 17, 2017
Victoria Day	May 22, 2017
Last day of classes for elementary students	June 29, 2017

Seven (7) Professional Activity (PA) Days for ELEMENTARY schools:

October 7, 2016, November 18, 2016, December 2, 2016, January 20, 2017, February 17, 2017, June 9, 2017, June 30, 2017

***Seven (7) Professional Activity (PA) Days for SECONDARY schools:**

October 7, 2016, November 18, 2016, December 2, 2016, February 17, 2017, June 28, 29, 30, 2017

[Draft Calendar of PA Days and Exam Days 2016-2017.](#) *(Please confirm these dates with your local school)*

Board and Committee Meetings

Standing committees and Board meetings are generally held on Thursdays. All meetings take place at the Catholic Education Centre, and these public committee and Board meetings are webcast live via the website at

<https://www.tcdsb.org/LiveAtTCDSB/Pages/Default.aspx>. If you wish to address the board as a delegation, please register online here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TrusteesoftheBoard/boardmeeting/information/Pages/Delegation-Information.aspx>. Agendas and minutes, as well as archived video from past meetings, are also available via the board's website www.tcdsb.org.

Transportation Information

Information, including safety tips and up to the minute reports on cancellations or delays can be found online here:

<https://www.torontoschoolbus.org/>

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