



Annunciation Catholic School

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Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
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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 2017

School News

I wish everyone a warm welcome to the new school year at Annunciation Catholic School. As a school staff, we are very pleased to provide our students with excellent educational programs. 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 working with all to help realize the full potential of our children at Annunciation Catholic School, and wish everyone tremendous success.

Sincerely,
Vernon Sweeney, Principal

The Year of the School

2017-2018 is the Year of the School, the third year of our three year pastoral plan where we work **together with one voice—harmonizing our faith through family, parish and school.**

*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. Your grade 7 child's vaccination consent package will be sent home in the near future. **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, October 3.

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 11.**

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.

2017-2018 Dates

Number of school days	194
Number of Professional Activity Days	7
Labour Day	September 4, 2017
First Instructional Day	September 5, 2017
Thanksgiving Day	October 9, 2017
Christmas Break	December 25 – January 5, 2018
Family Day	February 19, 2018
Mid-Winter Break	March 12–16, 2018
Good Friday	March 30, 2018
Easter Monday	April 2, 2018
Victoria Day	May 21, 2018
Last day of classes	June 28, 2018

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

October 6, 2017

Provincial Education Priorities

November 17, 2017

Parent-Teacher Conferences

December 1, 2017

Provincial Education Priorities/Faith Development

January 19, 2018

Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting

February 16, 2018

Parent-Teacher Conferences

June 8, 2018

Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting

June 29, 2018

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 18**.

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.

Join the Chess Club!

This year Annunciation C.S. will sponsor a Chess Club. Open to children of all ages, the Chess Club will meet once a week on a Friday during lunch hour. Operated by Strategy Games & The Chess 'n Math Association, the team will enjoy participating in tournaments and attending the annual chess championship sponsored by the TCDSB in March. The fee to join is \$85.00 per semester and this covers the cost of the instructor, chess equipment, work-sheets, prizes, medals and awards. Classes for the fall semester will start on September 29th and will run for 8 weeks. Registration forms will be sent home so be sure to check your child's backpack. Alternatively, you can register online by going to <https://chess-math.org/annunciation>. Be sure to register by September 28th, 2017!

TCDSB SPECIAL SERVICES

As part of the TCDSB's goal of Fostering Student Achievement and Well Being, the Special Services department endeavours to support our special education students in achieving academic excellence and meeting the Ontario Catholic Graduate School Expectations. The department offers a variety of supports to students based on their need(s) and/or identification(s). For further information please visit the Special Services department link: <https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SpecialEducation/Pages/default.aspx>

Parents/caregivers are reminded that if they require support in accessing the Special Services department link, they may ask the school principal for assistance. Alternately, for families who require access to a computer to visit the site, they may access an electronic device through the Toronto Public Library.

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





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