



Annunciation Catholic School

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Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
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Enrollment: 340

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 2018

School News

Welcome to the new school year at Annunciation Catholic School. Our community resumes its' journey in the education partnership between our homes, school and parish, seeking to provide the best possible learning experience for our students.

Thank you to our parents for trusting us with your greatest treasures, your children, as we work together to realize their full potential throughout this school year.

Sincerely,
Vernon Sweeney, Principal

Staff News

- Welcome back Ms. M. Romano to teach Grade 3;
- Welcome back Mr. A. Ching as Education Assistant;
- Welcome Mr. J. Colangelo to teach ELP.

Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC)

Tuesday, September 25 is the date for the election of the parent council executive and our first meeting of the school year.

All interested parents are encouraged to attend any/all council meetings as we work cooperatively to further the learning achievements of our students. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. in our school library.

*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 Monday, September 24.

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 **Friday, September 14.**

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.

2018-2019 Dates

Number of school days	194
Number of Professional Activity Days	7
Labour Day	September 3, 2018
First Instructional Day	September 4, 2018
Thanksgiving Day	October 8, 2018
Christmas Break	December 24, 2018–January 4, 2019
Family Day	February 18, 2019
Mid-Winter Break	March 11–15, 2019
Good Friday	April 19, 2019
Easter Monday	April 22, 2019
Victoria Day	May 20, 2019
Last day of classes for elementary students	June 27, 2019

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

October 5, 2018	Prov. Educ. Priorities/Faith
November 16, 2018	PA Day
December 7, 2018	Provincial Education Priorities
January 18, 2019	Assessment, Evaluation & Reporting
February 15, 2019	PA Day
June 7, 2019	Assessment, Evaluation & Reporting
June 28, 2019	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

Open House/Curriculum Night

Families are invited to join us Wednesday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. for Open House/Curriculum Night.

We begin the evening in the gym.

Hope you can join us!

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 17**.

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.

Students eating lunch at school are to eat in their regular classroom from 11:15 to 11:35 a.m. It is expected that all students will eat at their desk, clean up after themselves, and follow the directions of our lunchtime supervisors. **Students are to behave in a polite, respectful, and responsible manner at all times.**

Congratulations to all for achieving **Bronze Level Status as an Eco-Friendly School**. Let's continue to have litterless lunches to maintain our **Bronze** status.

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 2018 - 2019

Wards

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| 1. Joseph Martino | 5. Maria Rizzo, Vice Chair | 9. Jo-Ann Davis |
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Joel Ndongmi, Student Trustee





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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