



Blessed Trinity Catholic School

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Enrollment: 195

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

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

CSPC:
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**Treasurer: Mrs. Vanden Heuvel-
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Secretary: Mrs. Perino

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Blessed Trinity Catholic School News

SEPTEMBER VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: 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



As we welcome our students back to school in September, it seems fitting that this month's virtue is HOSPITALITY. Our teachers have been busy preparing their classrooms, gathering together resources and supplies, and putting up bulletin boards that will invite the students back into a welcoming environment. However, hospitality is more than just a welcoming back. Our quote for the month is from Matthew 25:40, *“Whatsoever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto me”*. According to Henri Nouwen, *“the German word for hospitality is Gastfreundschaft which means friendship for the guest...It means the creation of a free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy.”* In our school community and in our homes, we can discuss the concept of the least of our people or the stranger who needs our hospitality, be it the newly arrived to Canada or the new student at our school. Today hospitality is more important than ever, and it is only through a deep moral obligation to hospitality that we can transform our communities.

Year of The Parish 2016-2017

The second in our three-year pastoral plan of Together With One Voice, Harmonizing Our Faith Through Family and Parish we celebrate our parish families, and the vital connections between our parishes and our school communities. All students, staff, families, parishes and members of the community are invited to join us in celebrating The Year of Parish.

We welcome Ms. Sinajon as our new ELP teacher, Ms. Cook and Mr. Rodrigues to the BT community. Thank you to all the staff for their time and commitment in preparing Blessed Trinity for the arrival of our students on opening day. A special thank you to Mr. Cardinale, our Acting Head Custodian who always worked hard to prepare the school for the students. We wish Mr. Cardinale a wonderful career at his new school and we welcome Mr. Lima the schools new Head Custodian.

PARKING

For **SAFETY REASONS** parents are **not permitted** to drop off students in the **NORTH PARKING LOT**. The North Parking Lot is small and does not have the drop off features that are available in the South parking lot. **Please use the South parking lot for dropping off and picking up students.**

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, Student Trustee | | Rhea Carlisle, Student Trustee |



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to another year that promises to be filled with much zeal and growth. The start of the school year is always among the most exciting times for our children, parents and staff. We wish to extend a warm welcome to all of the returning families, but also a very special, heartfelt welcome to those who are new in joining the Blessed Trinity community of learners. We look forward to another year filled with motivating learning experiences, hard work and fun as our children continue to grow spiritually, academically, socially and physically.

CLASS PLACEMENTS

We all appreciate the time and effort it takes in placing students into classes which provide effective working groups that will benefit **all** children in **all** classes. Consideration is given to the following criteria:

- learning styles
- academic abilities
- special education
- social/emotional/behavioural needs
- balance of female/males
- previous placement

As the month of September progresses, enrolment may fluctuate, which may make it necessary to make minor or major adjustments in class size and composition. All class placements are tentative up to September 30th.

SCHOOL TEXTS AND MATERIALS

As we can all appreciate, the cost of school materials is quite expensive. Because of increased costs and budget cuts, it is not possible to replace all or damaged items each year. If your child loses or damages school materials, you will be informed and a fee may be charged to cover the replacement.

INTERNET AGREEMENT

The use of the internet can be an instrumental part of learning. TCDSB requires parental permission for students to have access to the internet. Student access to the internet will be based on parental approval and appropriate supervision. Please return signed form. **Parents are asked to provide an email address to the school so that they may receive communications.**

DRESS CODE

All students are expected to come to school appropriately dressed; that is, neat and clean, and in a manner that suits the aims and atmosphere of a Catholic elementary school environment. Any combination of white and navy is acceptable. Absolutely **no denim** is permitted. The Dress Code is now mandated for all TCDSB schools.

LITTERLESS LUNCHES

STUDENTS EATING LUNCH at school are to eat in their regular classroom from 11:55a.m. to 12:15pm. It is expected that all students will eat at their desk, clean up after themselves, and follow the direction of our lunchtime supervisor and teacher supervisors.

SAFETY DURING SCHOOL HOURS

For security reasons all doors are locked during the school day. If you are picking up or dropping off your child after the bell, we are asking families to check in with the office upon entering the school as there are sign-in and sign out procedures to follow. If you need to see your child's teacher, we ask that you prearrange a time that is convenient for yourself and the teacher. These practices will allow us to ensure the safety of all our Blessed Trinity children while minimizing disruptions to academic instruction.

SAFETY

Our Play Yard Safety Practice remains the same. During morning drop-off, the only adults in the yard should be teachers' on-duty. This allows for easier visibility and greater safety for all our students. **All adults entering the school grounds must report to the office where we will be happy to assist you. Outside of staff, the only adults permitted in the building are those who have been provided a lanyard with a school pass.** This allows staff to easily identify intruders. Also, please do not bring/send your child to school before 8:00 a.m. as there is no supervision.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

The first step to doing well in school is being there. There is clear documented evidence between classroom attendance and student success. With a strong partnership between home and school we can ensure that students have the high quality, meaningful education that will prepare them for a variety of postsecondary destinations. Punctuality also impacts student progress and is disruptive to classroom instruction and it is for these reasons families are asked to take the necessary steps to be sure students arrive on time. Please call the school if your child is going to be absent or late. We have an answering machine so you can call at any time of night or day. **If you have an updated phone number, please contact the office.**

ALLERGY ALERT

We have students and staff in our school with severe life threatening food allergies (anaphylaxis) to peanuts, nut products and other food items. Although this may or may not affect your child's class directly, it is important students bring snacks and lunches that are peanut and nut free. **Those parents who received medical forms regarding their child's allergies should return the completed forms to the school office as soon as possible. These forms must be completed on a yearly basis.**

CSPC ELECTION MEETING

Nominations for the executive positions: chair, vice-chair, treasurer, secretary and voting members will take place on **September 21st at 7:00p.m.** We encourage as many parents as possible to attend. Before making a nomination, please make sure that the nominee will accept the nomination. I would encourage you to take part in this very important part of our school community. It is through the help and involvement of dedicated parents that we can accomplish great things for our children! There will be a CSAC meeting following the election.

CURRICULUM NIGHT

You are invited to meet the staff and to familiarize yourself with your child's program on **October 5th at 7:00pm.** This is a great opportunity to get a clear understanding of the school and classroom expectations. As time is limited, there will not be an opportunity to discuss the individual needs of students but to obtain an overview of the year.

BUS BEHAVIOUR

Parents of bus children are asked to reinforce the rules of good behaviour on the bus. The basic rules are no standing while the bus is in motion; no hands, arms or other body parts projecting from the windows; no fighting or other disorderly conduct, and no undue or excessive noise. At dismissal, bus students exit the east doors and proceed to the bus lines. Seats will be assigned on all buses. Students are responsible to the principal for their conduct on the bus and all bus stops; those who continually abuse the rules may have their bus privileges revoked for a period of time. Parents will be contacted in such an event.

Please remember to inform staff if your child will not be on the bus at the end of the day!

BUS SCHEDULES FOR SEPTEMBER

The regular bus route will take effect as of September 6; however, there may be some delays during the initial weeks. We ask for your patience as routes are modified.

TELEPHONE ACCESS FOR STUDENTS

It is important to keep our phone lines open so that the community can reach the school in times of need. Accordingly, please remind your child that use of the office telephones is restricted **TO EMERGENCY SITUATIONS ONLY. STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE A LUNCH WHEN COMING TO SCHOOL & STUDENTS SHOULD NOT BE USING THE OFFICE PHONE FOR REGULAR LUNCH DELIVERY.**

SACRAMENTS

Preparation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation will take place at Blessed Trinity Parish. Through our grade 2 and 7 programming, the school will continue to support these most blessed sacraments and will continue to work closely with the parish. If your child has been baptized and is in an older grade (above Gr.2) and has not received Holy Communion and would like to, please call the school for a registration form.

MURAL

Orfe, our parent artist, will be creating a mural on the main floor. The large pale blue wall we be transformed slowly throughout the year. She is in need of old blankets. If you have a clean old blanket that you would like to donate please contact the school secretary, Mrs. Fiorentino at 416-393-5289.

PICTURE DAY

Picture day is Thursday, **October 27th** in the gym. More Information will follow.

PARENT ENGAGEMENT

TCDSB values the involvement of parents in the education of their children, and welcomes their participation in the lives of our school communities. Find out how you can get involved as a member of the **Toronto OAPCE** (Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education), or as a member of **Toronto CPIC** (Catholic Parent Involvement Committee). At the local level, check out the next meeting of your CSPC (Catholic School Parent Council). Visit the Parent Portal to get all the latest news and information.

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

STUDENT INSURANCE FORMS

While every precaution is taken to provide a safe supervised environment during the school day, accidents do happen from time to time. Thankfully, most accidents are minor but occasionally there are more serious accidents, particularly with students active in athletics. The cost for these various plans is minimal and you may save a great deal of money in the long term. If you decide to take out one of these policy plans, simply complete the application form and send it along with your cheque for the appropriate amount in the pre-addressed envelope **directly** to the insurance company.

CIVVIES DAY

Dress down day will be the last Friday (Thursday) of every month. \$1.00 will be collected from each student and the funds will be used to top up the school's electronics.

SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2016-2017

TOPIC	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS
Provincial Education Priorities/Faith Day	October 7, 2016
Parent-Teacher Conferences	November 18, 2016
Provincial Education Priorities/Faith Day	December 2, 2016
Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting	January 20, 2017
Parent-Teacher Conferences	February 17, 2017
Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting	June 9, 2017
Provincial Priorities	June 30, 2017

School days	194
Professional Activity Days	7
Labour Day	September 5, 2016
First instructional day	September 6, 2016
Thanksgiving Day	October 10, 2016
Christmas Break	December 26, 2016 to 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 for elementary schools	June 29, 2017

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 13	Cross Country Starts
Sept. 21, 7:00p.m.	CSPC Elections
Sept. 27, 9:30a.m.	Mass
Sept 27	Snack Program Begins
Sept. 30	Virtue Assembly
Sept. 30	Civvies Day
Oct. 5, 7:00p.m.	Curriculum Night
Oct. 27, All Day	Photo Day

