



Holy Child Catholic School NEWSLETTER



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June's Virtue of the Month is Faithfulness

HAPPY ARE THOSE
WHO HAVE NOT SEEN,
YET STILL BELIEVE.

- JOHN 20:29 -

- BEING A CATHOLIC IS FOUNDED IN FAITH - FAITH IN THE LORD.
- REMEMBER THAT IT IS THROUGH OUR WORDS AND ACTIONS THAT OUR FAITH BECOMES EVIDENT.
- LET YOUR ACTIONS BE GUIDED BY THE CENTURION'S WORDS TO JESUS, "LORD, I AM NOT WORTHY TO RECEIVE YOU, BUT ONLY SAY THE WORD AND I SHALL BE HEALED."
- IT IS OUR FAITH IN GOD THAT BRINGS COMFORT TO OUR LIVES.

F A I T H F U L N E S S



Important Numbers

Holy Child School:
416-393-5433
St. Benedict Catholic Church: 416-743-3830
Humberwood Community Centre:
416-394-5700
McCauley Daycare Centre:
416-394-4766
Public Health Department:
416-338-7600
R. J. McCarthy School Uniforms:
416-593-6900
Police Services: 416-808-2300
TCDSB Security : 416-229-5360

Principal's Message

As we prepare for the end of the school year, we are focussing this month on the virtue of Faithfulness. As we send our students off for a summer of fun and relaxation and our graduates off into the wider world, we have faith that they will return to us safely to begin another year. The quote from John's gospel reminds us, "Happy are those who have not seen, yet still believe." John 20:29 We will encourage our students to continue to put their faith into action by bringing the Gospel spirit into every aspect of their lives. This is how we become true witnesses to Christ, extend the kingdom of God and build a more humane world. God Bless everyone and I hope you enjoy a wonderful summer!

June 10th PA Day and Final Day of School

Friday June 10th is a Professional Activity day for all TCDSB elementary schools. There are no classes for students on this day. **The final day of classes for all students for this school year will be Wednesday June 29th. Dismissal time will be 2:50 pm, as usual.**

Student Transfers

If your child will not be returning to Holy Child in September, please inform the school as soon as possible.

CSPC

Thank you to our CSPC parents who dedicated their time and efforts in supporting the staff and students of Holy Child over the course of this school year.

Chocolate Almond Fundraiser

The Chocolate Almond Fundraiser was a "BIG" success. Thanks to the wonderful support of our Holy Child community our CSPC raised approximately \$5000 to benefit the students at our school. A special thank you to

Mrs. Rodrigues, our CSPC Chair, who spearheaded the fundraiser and the money collection.

Job Action by Elementary Teachers

Elementary teachers initiated a Work to Rule on May 17th. Stay up to date on any news and information relating to the job action and status of negotiations here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/News/Pages/Elementary-Teachers-Job-Action.aspx>

Changes to Health and Physical Education Curriculum

Resources and information can be found on the website here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/schoolprograms12/healthoutdoorphysed/pages/ontario-health-and-physed-curriculum.aspx>

Nutrition Program

The Nutrition Program has ended for this school year. We would like to thank all Holy Child families who have contributed to the student nutrition program throughout the year. Your generosity has made a difference and allowed us to deliver a morning meal to all participating students at Holy Child Catholic School.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Ewing, our Student Nutrition Program Coordinator, and all our community volunteers for their hard work and dedication in service to the students of Holy Child.

Introducing the Year of the Parish

Plans are already underway for the celebration of the Year of the Parish, the second year of our three year pastoral plan focusing on Family, Parish and School (Together With One Voice). Schools and parishes are encouraged to explore their collective vision for how they can work more closely together during the Year of Parish and beyond, to



nurture the relationships that already exist, and work towards making all our schools and parishes feel more connected in the mission of Catholic education. Find all the information and resources for the Year of the Parish here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/YearoftheParish/Pages/default.aspx>

2016 Canada day Celebrations

This year's Canada Day celebrations will take place **June 29th, 2016**. Schools and offices across the Board are invited to participate in the Canada Day Spirit Day and show our Canadian pride by wearing the Canadian flag colours red and white. Schools and offices are invited to sing O' Canada together at 9:30 a.m. For more information, visit www.tcdsb.org/canadaday

Tulip Festival



During the month of April, Ms. Balthazaar's and Ms. Zaccak's classes painted tulips for the Mimico Tulip Festival which takes place starting May. This year the Mimico Village BIA partnered with the Canadian Centre for Abuse Awareness to help raise funds and awareness to the important work they are doing for young Canadians to stop bullying. The tulips are displayed along Royal York Rd. These 4 foot Tulips showcase original creative talent from various local schools and churches.

Toronto Public Library

Parents are reminded that students who use the Toronto Public Library facilities after school hours are not supervised by Holy Child staff. The library staff are busy providing services to their patrons, which does not include student supervision. Parents are encouraged to have their children go home immediately after our 2:50 pm dismissal to avoid any challenges that might occur from being in an unsupervised environment after school hours. Your cooperation in this important matter is greatly appreciated.

Attendance/Punctuality

The Education Act states that students must attend school regularly and punctually. Parents are to notify the school at (416) 393-5433 in the event of a child's absence. You may call anytime and leave a message on the answering machine. Students who arrive late for school must check in at the main office to ensure safe arrival and to help in keeping accurate attendance profiles. Attendance referrals will be sent to the Social Worker and persistent tardiness may result in additional action. All students should arrive at school prepared to work and learn.

Gently Used Uniforms

We are requesting gently used articles of Holy Child Crested clothing from the community. If families have articles of crested clothing that are no longer being used, please drop them at the school office. We thank you for your generosity.

Visitors

All visitors to the school must report to the office upon entering

the school. Visitors are welcome to the school; however, we need to know who is in our school for safety and security of all children in our care. Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.

Summer School Registration Continues

Information about Reach Ahead Credits and Summer Enrichment Camps for elementary students:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/ContinuingEducation/SecondaryCreditCourses/SummerSchool/elementaryss/Pages/default.aspx>

Grade 8/SK Graduation

Holy Child will host the grade 8 graduation Mass and awards presentation on Thursday June 23, beginning at 9:00 am. Mass will take place in the Great Hall, while the awards presentation will be in the stage gym.

The SK graduation will take place at 9:00 am on Tuesday June 21. This event will take place in the stage gym. All members of the community are welcome to join us for these occasions.

Thank You!

A big thank you to our Holy Child staff, students and parent community for making my fourth year as Principal a very rewarding and enjoyable one. As we prepare for the care free days of summer, I would like to wish a safe and happy vacation to the entire Holy Child School Community and I look forward to the new school year with great anticipation. God Bless!

Twitter

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TCDSB SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2016-2017

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, 2016–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 for elementary students	June 29, 2017

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

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