



# Holy Child C.S. Newsletter



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**MAY 2018**



The month of May promises to be a very busy time at Holy Child.

During Catholic Education Week, May 7-11, we celebrate the significant contributions that Catholic education continues to make to the community, the province and the country. This year we mark this occasion by raising awareness about Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Classes have been preparing curriculum-related projects about raising our awareness about Autism! Come see this wonderful compilation on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> all day.

Holy Child staff would like to extend our very best wishes to all mothers. We thank you for your guidance, patience and love.  
Sincerely,  
Ana Pires  
Principal



## A Mother's Day Prayer of Blessing

"The LORD bless you,  
Mother,  
and keep you;

The LORD make His face  
shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you;

The LORD turn His face  
toward you,  
Mother  
And give you peace."

~Numbers 6:24-26

JESUS SAW HER  
WEEPING...HIS HEART  
WAS TOUCHED, AND  
HE WAS DEEPLY  
MOVED.

~ JOHN 11:33 ~

- SHOW COMPASSION BY THINKING ABOUT HOW YOUR WORDS MAKE PEOPLE FEEL.
- SHOW COMPASSION BY THINKING ABOUT HOW YOUR ACTIONS MAKE PEOPLE FEEL.
- SHOW COMPASSION BY UNDERSTANDING WHY SOMEONE IS ACTING THE WAY THEY DO.
- SHOW COMPASSION BY BEING CONSIDERATE TO OTHER PEOPLE.

**COMPASSION**



May is the Month of Mary. Join us for Marian Mass -May 17<sup>th</sup> at 9am in the Great Hall



Suggestions from TCDSB Student Mental Health and Well-Being Newsletter **Children's Mental Health Week** the week of May 7<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup>

- Increasing awareness of the signs of child and youth mental health problems
- Decreasing stigma
- Understanding that help is available and it works!
- For more information on Children's' Mental Health Week please see [www.kidsmentalhealth.ca](http://www.kidsmentalhealth.ca)

1 in 5 Ontario children and youth has a mental health problem - That's about 500,000 kids. Disorders range from anxiety, depression and conduct disorder to attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, eating disorders, schizophrenia, and bi-polar disorder. Left untreated, mental health disorders can lead to school failure, family conflicts, drug abuse, violence, and even suicide. The good news is that help is available and treatment works!



**The Angel Foundation for Learning has created a BOARD WIDE Civvies day on**

**Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> in honor of International Star Wars Day. With a \$2 donation, students will have the opportunity to dress in Star Wars t-shirts, costumes (no masks-please) or just plain civvies. All proceeds of the day are for the Angel Foundation of Learning. 'May the Force' be with you!**



While the TCDSB has established a BYOD- *Bring Your Own Device* protocol for the **academic** use of electronic devices in the classroom setting at the

teacher's discretion, the **SOCIAL USE OF DEVICES IS NOT PERMITTED** at recess, lunch, in the hallways nor in the washrooms. Students are well aware and know their phones will be handed over to teacher, staff or Mrs. Pires for the duration of the day.

The school's recommendation continues to be that electronic devices be **left at home**. If they are brought to school, they are to be powered off once having arrived to school (not just once in the building or classroom) and put away for the **duration** of the school day. Students will **NOT** be granted permission to respond to texts or messages on their devices. Should you need to contact them, please contact the school at 416-393-5433. Your support is very much appreciated.

We also caution parents to **continue to be vigilant and aware of their child's ONLINE BEHAVIOURS and USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA** (Instagram, Snap Chat, Truth or Dare, Omegle, Yubo, Yellow, ASK.fm, KIK Hot or Not, Burnbook, Wishbone, Whisper, etc.).



**Please ensure your children adhere to the guidelines of expected behaviour outlined in their student agenda.**

Though the weather is warming up, students are still expected to dress in a clean, neat and appropriate manner. Clothes with any slogans/images are not permitted. Hats, sports headbands and scarves are not to be worn in the school during the day.

Our colours (**navy** bottoms and **maroon** or crested white tops) are **mandatory**. Dress code is in effect unless it is a designated Civvies Day. BLACK leggings, joggers, short shorts/skirts are NOT allowed. We have many **maroon** short / long-sleeved tops still **available for sale** from the office or through Cash on Line.

For elementary students, facial **make-up** is NOT appropriate. Your support is appreciated.

Education Quality and Accountability Office



EQAO grade 3 & 6 testing will happen from **May 24<sup>th</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup>**. Please ensure your child is present for these days by avoiding booking appointments for your child during this window of time. For more information about this assessment, see [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com).



Please take some time to review street proofing and basic safety and security rules with your child. This will reinforce the lessons taught at school during the school year. Despite constant reminders and attention given to issues regarding safety, occasional accidents do happen. In case of minor accidents, (cuts, scrapes, etc.), first aid will be administered by staff. If your child continues to be uncomfortable or is in distress, **the school will notify the parent**. If attempts to contact you are unsuccessful, school staff will take the appropriate action as directed by TCDSB policy. In case of an emergency, it is absolutely imperative that we have, at all times, **up-to-date contact and medical information**.

**PARKING LOT**



**SAFETY**

Please note that our school buses take precedence over cars at Humberwood Centre's parking lot. Please **DO NOT PARK** in designated **BUS ZONES**. Parking Enforcement will be visiting regularly and issuing a **\$150 fine**.

Be mindful of children walking through the parking lot. The drop off and pick-up area is a "Kiss and Ride". Please **DO NOT PARK** in this area.



Despite reminders, there have been increased injuries to students and staff due to students playing with 'hard' balls at recess. Students are asked to bring **'soft'** balls for playing soccer, volleyball, etc. so all students can enjoy recess safely.





Please note that inconsistent travel on the buses will make it difficult to maintain service for your child. If your child does not use the bus on a regular basis, the space will be granted to another student. Also, ALL students must behave appropriately in order to maintain bussing service. Review the list below with your child:

### **BUS SAFETY & EXPECTATIONS ON THE BUS AND IN BUS LINES:**

- Observe the instructions of the bus driver at all times.
- Remain seated and facing the front at all times until the bus comes to a complete stop
- Respect property and do not cause damage to the bus in any way
- Do not talk loudly, yell, throw objects or fight on the bus
- Keep your hands and head inside the bus, do not lean out the window, spit or throw objects out the window
- **You are not allowed to board another bus for any reason (i.e. friend's birthday party, working on projects together)**
- Do not eat or drink on the bus
- Be respectful to the bus driver, student monitors and fellow passengers at all times

For any transportation information please call 416-394-4287 and register at <https://www.torontoschoolbus.org/> site to receive updates for your child's bus route.



On Tuesday, April 24th, all the students of Holy Child participated in Clean Toronto Together Campaign. The students worked together to clean up the grounds around our school, the Humber Arboretum and our neighbourhood.

The students displayed a phenomenal participation rate and demonstrated our school's commitment to our community and the environment.

A family in the neighbourhood, in recognition and appreciation of our efforts, purchased cookies for the entire school.



### **HOLY CHILD LOVES MOTHER EARTH!**

Bike-to-School week is May 27 to June 1. What a great way to get fit and help our environment. Also, our school SHEF team has been tirelessly collecting plastic bags! This challenge is another way that HOLY CHILD helps to reduce its ecological footprint on Mother Earth.



TCDSB has adopted KEV School Cash Online system to reduce the amount of cash/cheques coming into schools. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Please follow the step-by-step instructions sent previously to all parents via email or (**Parent Guide attached to newsletter**) to register and to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events/fees involving your child(ren), such as Nutrition Program, excursions, graduation, etc.



May's CSPC Meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** in the school library. CSPC's MOVIE Night on **Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**. A special thanks to CSPC volunteers who are organizing this event. Call out to any parents who can help out to make this event a great success!



## WILDCATS' NEWS



Our Junior Girls' and Boys' Volleyball Teams got their first taste of competition in the Divisional Tournaments hosted by Msgr. John Corrigan School. Both teams played exceptional and our Junior Wildcats teams are beginning to understand as they go into next year the importance of teamwork.

Our Junior Girls' and Boys' Basketball Teams also took to the court last week in the Divisional Tournaments. Our Junior Boys' and Girls' Wildcats teams played well overall but were up against strong competition this year. The Boys' Basketball Team hosted the tournament here at Holy Child and although they did not advance have gained valuable experience for the years to come. The Junior Girls' Basketball team traveled to St Eugene to compete in the Divisional Tournament on Thursday April 26th. Our Junior Girls' Wildcats played exceptionally well from the very first tip-off of the tournament to the final buzzer of their last game. The Junior Girls' team showed improvement in each game, putting up a total of 8 team points in their first game against All Saints, 10 team points in their second game against St. Dorothy and finally 18 points in their last game against St. Maurice. The future looks very bright for Holy Child's Junior Teams.

Coaches Mr. Di Stefano, Mr. Cianfrini & Mr. Kassar and the Holy Child community are very proud of all of the Junior teams as well as all of the students who came to tryouts over the past few months.

Next up is **Track & Field**. Divisional Meets will be on **Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018** at Centennial Park. Practices are well underway and this year's athletes and coaches are dedicating their time and dedication to practicing in preparation for this year's meet.  
GO WILDCATS GO!



### SAVE THE DATE:

Join us for grade 8 Graduation Mass and Ceremony on **THURSDAY, JUNE 21<sup>st</sup>** at 9:00am.



### SAVE THE DATE:

Join us for Kindergarten Celebration of Learning on **Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 9 am

# Celebrating Asian Canadian Heritage Month

May is Asian Canadian Heritage Month. This month acknowledges the long and rich history of Asian Canadians and their contributions to Canada. It also provides an opportunity for Canadians across the country to reflect on and celebrate the contributions of Asian Canadians to the growth and prosperity of Canada. Asian Heritage Month has been celebrated in the United States since 1979. Over the past decade, many Asians in Canada have begun to celebrate their heritage during the month of May. In December 2001, Senator Vivienne Poy introduced a motion in the Senate of Canada to designate May as Asian Heritage Month. The Government of Canada officially recognized May as the Asian Heritage Month in May, 2002.

TCDSB is commemorating the Asian Canadian Heritage Month throughout the system through various programs and events outlined below.

<b>Asian Heritage Activities</b>	<b>Date and Location</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Description</b>
Philippine Cultural Day	Saturday, May 12 @ James Cardinal McGuigan	11 am – 2 pm	Cultural Immersion: Explore the Philippines for a Day
Asian Canadian Heritage Mass and Cultural Expose	Wednesday, May 16 @ St. Joseph Morrow Park	10 am – Mass 11 – 1 – Cultural Expose	Celebrating Faith and Cultural Diversity
Chinese Community	Saturday, June 2 @ Mary Ward	10 am – 6 pm	Physical, Mental Health and Wellbeing
Vietnamese Community	Saturday, June 2 @ James Culnan	12:30 – 2:30 pm	You and Your Health
Proudly Pinoy/Filipino Heritage Month	Saturday, June 9 @ Francis Libermann	10 am – 2 pm	Filipino Role Models, Career & Pathways, Communicating with your Child

## TRUSTEES 2017 – 2018 Wards

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