



# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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# CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

## SEPTEMBER , 2021

*Welcome to our new 3 year Pastoral Plan (2021-2024).*

### Walking with Christ

↳ Year 1: with eyes of faith & hope

↳ Year 2: with hearts of kindness & love

↳ Year 3: with minds of justice & peace

Through eyes of faith and hope, we are invited to realize our Catholic call to service as we continue to be caring, compassionate and faithful members of our global community.

With hearts of kindness and love, we walk with Christ on the path of charity, deepening our sense of understanding, belonging and care for one another in our parishes, our homes, our schools and the greater community.

With minds of justice and peace, we are called to demonstrate advocacy with courage and wisdom, and take important steps to promote equity, acceptance and belonging to create a kinder, more inclusive world.



As the newly appointed Principal of Holy Family, I am honored to serve such a beautiful community. I have met many parents who have told me that this was their school when they were young and now their children come here. Teachers have shared with me that they have watched students grow from Kindergarten to Grade 8 and have continued to teach their siblings. I am blessed to be part of such a tight knit community. We have had a few changes to our staff this year.

Ms. L. DeFranco Ms. E. Thomson

PRINCIPAL

SECRETARY

Mr. J. Wujek

SUPERINTENDENT

Ms. T. Lubinski

TRUSTEE

Holy Family Church  
1372 King St. W., Toronto, M6K 1H3

PARISH

Ms. R. Cruz

CSPC CHAIR / CO CHAIR

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OAPCE TORONTO  
(PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS)

9:00a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

HOURS OF OPERATION

11:45am – 12:45 p.m.

LUNCH HOUR

### NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online:

[soar.tcdsb.org](http://soar.tcdsb.org)

Call **416-393-Phone#**

or the

**TCDSB Admissions  
Department**

at 416-222-8282, ext.  
2383.

For general  
information about the  
Toronto Catholic  
District School Board.

- Mr. D'Silva is teaching our Grade 8 class
- Mr. Macchia is teaching our Special Education students in the afternoon

We welcome them both to the Holy Family "Family".

I would like to thank Ms. Attridge for all her hard work and dedication to Holy Family after being with you all for 5 years. I know we all wish her the best of luck as she serves her new school community of St. Anselm.

## SAFE ARRIVAL

You must report any absences through School Messenger. Parents/Guardians can reach School Messenger using the following options:

PHONE 1-833-251-3286

ONLINE <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/#/home>

SchoolMessenger MOBILE APP



You are strongly encouraged to download the School Messenger App. Not only does it allow you to report absences quickly and easily, it also allows the school and school board to communicate to parents about important information throughout the year.

## ESSENTIAL VISITORS PROTOCOL

Reminder

In order to minimize the number of people in the school, we are enforcing a strict Essential Visitors Policy. At this time, access to the school is strictly limited to staff, students, and essential visitors (TCSDB employees). A sign-in procedure and screening process is in place for every visitor that enters the school.

## ALLERGEN AWARE SCHOOL

Holy Family Catholic School is an allergen aware school. We have a number of students in our school who present with severe, life-threatening allergies to certain foods, such as **peanuts, nut products, eggs, and seafood.**



**We are asking you to refrain from sending any lunches or snacks that may contain peanuts, nut products, eggs, or seafood.**

We thank everyone for being diligent in following this request. We must maintain a safe and healthy environment for our students. Since all our students share the school building space in their daily activities,

## APPROPRIATE DRESS CODE

All students are expected to come to school daily appropriately dressed, and in a manner that reflects the aims and atmosphere of a Catholic school. The Holy Family Appropriate Dress Code consists of any combination of solid white and navy blue garments (e.g., plain white top and navy blue bottom, or navy blue top and bottom, no denim).

we need to take precautions to minimize any cross-contamination issues, regardless of whether or not the specific allergen in your child's class.

## Communication

Communication is extremely important, and as partners with you in your child's/children's education, I will be communicating with you weekly to keep you up to date with the initiatives and highlights that are happening throughout the week.

1. Via school messenger you will receive a "Weekly Wrap Up".
2. Via school messenger you will receive a Bi- Monthly Newsletter.
3. You can reach me any time at [lisa.defranco@tcdsb.org](mailto:lisa.defranco@tcdsb.org) or at 416-393-5212
4. **We have two new social media platforms. Please follow us on Twitter @HolyFamilyTCDSB and Instagram at holy.familytcdsb**
5. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher, we ask that you please call the school or communicate with them via google classroom to book an appointment or find a mutually agreed upon time to meet.

## Guidance Corner; Mr. J. Panozzo

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you and your family had a safe and relaxing summer. My name is Mr. Panozzo and I will be the Elementary Guidance Teacher-Counsellor at your child's schools this school year. Due to the large number of schools that I service, I am regularly available to your child's school once every two weeks for half a day. During my school visits, I work with students, school staff, administrators and parents. Together our goal is to continue to foster a happy and safe environment by strengthening social emotional learning, healthy relationships, career exploration and educational planning, learning skills and work habits, and student safety and well-being. Individual and small group counselling is available to your child through a referral process. Please reach out to the principal if you would like me to meet with your child.

Please visit my Bitmoji Office using the following link - <https://tinyurl.com/29a693jy>. Feel free to explore the site updates will occur when possible.

**Mental Health and the Return to a New Normal.** The last two years have been quite turbulent. As we try to return a NEW

<p><b>CSPC 2021-2022</b></p> <p>We held our AGM (Annual General Meeting) on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Please welcome our Executive Council  President: R. Cruz  Secretary: S. Dunphy  Treasurer: W. Wilson  As well we welcome our general CSPC members at large! Our next meeting will take place on October 20<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome</p>	<p>normal, you may notice that your child is struggling to cope with the changes. Please consider visiting the following websites for a variety of helpful resources. <a href="https://smho-smso.ca/covid-19/parents-and-families/">https://smho-smso.ca/covid-19/parents-and-families/</a>   <a href="https://jack.org/COVID-Response">https://jack.org/COVID-Response</a></p>
<p><b>Student Council for 2021-2022</b></p> <p>We are pleased to announce the Student Council for Holy Family for 2021-2022.</p> <p>President: Viktoria  Vice President: Heyab  Secretary: Rogeilene and Kaitlin  Treasurers: Joey and Deolan</p> <p>Congratulations to all of our student leaders! We look forward to many fun initiatives for Holy Family!</p>	<p><b>Secondary School Application Process</b>  Grade 8 students will be applying to TCDSB Secondary Schools this fall. As more information becomes available, I will be forwarding it to your child’s teachers and presenting the information to the students. Currently, the TCDSB Secondary School Application will go live on <b>SOAR</b> on Monday, September 27 with the application deadline being Monday, November 1, 2021. I will be sharing Secondary School Open House information as soon as it becomes available. If you are considering a public secondary school, a private school or a school in another board altogether, please visit the school’s website or phone the school directly for information on how to apply.</p> <p><b>Supporting Your Child at Home</b>  Please feel free to access the two documents for suggestions on how you can support your child at home.</p> <p>Learning Skills and Work Habits at Home - <a href="https://tinyurl.com/49cv4w8d">https://tinyurl.com/49cv4w8d</a>  Homework Basics - <a href="https://tinyurl.com/uey3fa3d">https://tinyurl.com/uey3fa3d</a>  I look forward to working in your child’s school throughout the year.  <i>Jack Panozzo</i></p>

## COVID-19



This has been a difficult time for all of us, but I am hopeful that we will be able to return to a normal way of life soon. COVID-19 has affected all of us in different ways. We continue to be diligent in keeping our staff and students safe. We ask that you help us in doing so by;

- Screening your child and signing passports daily
- Keeping them home when they are sick
- Communicating with the school if they are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms
- Using “Safe Arrival” to input their absence. This is extremely important for the safety of your child and to ensure we are accurate in reporting absences to the Ministry.

Some of precautions we have taken to help stop the spread of COVID-19 are the following;

- Hepa filters in each classroom
- Hand washing and hand sanitizing before and after lunch and after recess breaks
- Double cohorts at recess time
- All door handles and desk tops are wiped down after lunch
- Ensuring that visitors entering the school is kept to a minimum
- All visitors/workers/staff must sign in every day and hand sanitize
- Masks are mandatory while inside the building and mask breaks are allowed during outdoor play/recess
- We have put a “pause” on extra curricular until further notice from the Board (sports, assemblies etc).
- For more information regarding the Boards Re-opening Plan please visit

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/Documents/tcdsb-reopening-action-plan.pdf>

## SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM

Our School Nutrition Program (SNP) at Holy Family is underway! Ms. Torres, our SNP coordinator, is running the morning meal program once again this year. The SNP can continue to operate during the COVID-19 pandemic with minimal risk of virus transmission and remain an important support to students and families. The SNP will continue to offer a variety of nutritious foods that are minimally processed or ready-to-eat, including fresh fruit and vegetables, dairy products and whole grain products. We look forward to a healthy year for our students! We also want to thank those of you who donated to to support this Nutrition Program. It is greatly appreciated.



## September Events

1. Motivational Mondays: Every Monday we start our day with a motivational quote to give us courage to face the week ahead
2. Funny Fridays: Every Friday we end our week with a “Funny Friday Joke”.
3. Mindfulness: Every day at 12:45pm we play mediation music to allow children an opportunity to calm as they come in from a 40 minute play outside. It sets the tone for the afternoon and children channel all their energy and be ready for their afternoon of learning
4. Terry Fox Foundation: We raised \$191.00 for Terry Fox Foundation. A donation was made in the schools name. We know how important it is to give back and we are so GRATEFUL for the generosity of the community to raise money for cancer research! Way to go Holy Family!
5. National Truth and Reconciliation Day (Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>) In honor of the children and families who suffered residential schooling, we took part in a school wide service and prayer for all those whose lives have been affected. We will continue to honor this marginalized community through education, understanding and charity.

## PERSONAL DEVICES

Personal Electronic Devices (laptops, cellphones, etc.) can be a great aid in student learning. Students will be allowed to use personal electronic devices when given permission by and directly supervised by a teacher. If your child has a cell phone for safety reasons, it needs to be turned off and to be stored safely during the school day when not being used for learning-related tasks. Please do not attempt to contact your child or encourage your child to contact you via a cellphone. Should you need to contact your child during the school day due to an emergency situation, please contact the school office directly. Similarly, students are to visit the office if they need to contact their parents. Any pictures or videos published electronically are not to be taken on school property or at a school event as they must have the permission of the individuals, their parents and the principal.



## LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORS

Our school is still looking for new lunchtime supervisors. This is a paid position that would begin as soon as your application is approved.

The position would require you to work from 11:45-12:45 p.m., with an option of adding an additional 1.5 hours a day.

If you or anyone you know would be interested in applying for this opportunity please call the school for an application form.

Additional documents required, once application is complete, are as follows:

- 1) TB test (tuberculosis test within 1 year)
- 2) Priest Reference Form or Baptismal Certificate (must be Roman Catholic)
- 3) Voided cheque or direct deposit form
- 4) New hire banking form
- 5) Copy of the Social Insurance number card
- 6) Proof of birth date with photo id (copy of Driver's li-ense or passport)
- 7) Offence declaration



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