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Holy Rosary Newsletter



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Principal's Message

Welcome to a new school year! I hope you have enjoyed a restful and restorative summer break. I am very excited to be joining the Holy Rosary community and look forward to getting to know all of you and your families. It is an honour to be joining a community so rich in tradition and history. I look forward to working together as a school, home, parish network to create a solid foundation for excellence in teaching and learning and nurturing the whole child.

We have some new staff to welcome to the HR team. Ms. Caputo is our new grade 4 teacher, Ms. Calla will be teaching French, Mr. Jones is joining us as the new vocal

and instrumental music teacher, and Ms. Ezechiels will be working with Mrs. Barbosa as the ECE in the ELP class. We are still working on finalizing some other positions and hope to introduce them to you all very soon.

The monthly school newsletter will highlight some important bits of news from the school, parish and TCDSB communities. Monthly newsletters will be available through the year on our school website:

<http://holyrosary.tcdsb.org>

Please check the website often for up to date school news and information.

Finally, please mark your calendars for **Curriculum Night on September 17th**. More details on this special event will follow. Hope to see you all there.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns throughout the school year. Communication is key to student success. We are here to help! Have a wonderful start to the school year.

Bianca Auciello

Holy Rosary is on Twitter!

Follow us at
[@HolyRosaryTCDSB](https://twitter.com/HolyRosaryTCDSB)
for news, reminders,
information
and fun!



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Hours of Operation: Please note new recess and lunch times!

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Supervision available at 8:45 a.m.

Recess times

10:42 – 10:57 a.m. -and- 2:10 – 2:25 p.m.

Lunch

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Virtue of the Month

HOSPITALITY

*Whatever you do
to the least of my
people, that you do
unto me*

(Matthew 25:40)



Catholic School Advisory Committee: CSAC

Calling all parents and caregivers! Please come out and join our Catholic School Advisory Committee (CSAC)! This is a wonderful way to get involved in your child's school and meet other families in the community.



The Holy Rosary CSAC Elections and Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 6:15 p.m.

For more information on our CSAC and to read minutes from past meetings, please visit our website <http://holyrosary.tcdsb.org> under the Parents tab.



*God is love,
and he who
abides in love
abides in God,
and God
abides in him*

(1John 4:16)

Nurturing our Catholic Community through FAITH, HOPE and CHARITY

The 2014-2015 school year is the year of CHARITY. This year marks the last in the TCDSB's current three-year pastoral plan of Faith, Hope and Charity. This pastoral plan, rooted in Gospel values, aims to nurture faith in our students and schools. The focus on Faith, Hope and Charity supports the goals of the Board's Multi-Year Strategic Plan with its focus on Living our Catholic Values, Student Achievement and Well-Being and Inspired and Motivated Employees.

Check out the Nurturing our Catholic Community section of the TCDSB website for more information and resources:

<http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Default.aspx>

From the TCDSB



TTC Riders: No TTC Photo ID Required for Students

Starting Monday, September 1, the Toronto Transit Commission will no longer require middle school and high school students to carry TTC-issued photo ID when paying a discounted fare to travel on the TTC. Students aged 16-19 must carry their school-issued student photo ID or government-issued photo ID to present as proof of age if requested by TTC staff.

http://www.ttc.ca/News/2014/August/0811_TTC_photo_ID_no_longer_required_for_middle_secondary_sc.jsp

TCDSB Newcomer Conference

Tuesday, September 30, 2014, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Catholic Education Centre (CEC), 80 Sheppard Avenue East, Toronto (at Sheppard Subway)

For questions, e-mail Jody Huang at jodelyn.huang@tcdsb.org

For more info: <http://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2014/pages/tcdsb-newcomer-conference.aspx>

Parents' Corner

Homework Guidelines and Student Agenda

The TCDSB's Homework Guidelines set out that students should expect 5 to 10 minutes of homework per grade each night. (ie: Grade 1, 5-10 minutes; Grade 2, 10-20 minutes; Grade 3, 15-30 minutes and so on.) Homework should be a regularly scheduled, and supervised, activity in a child's day and should include read aloud or independent reading each day. Homework is an opportunity for parents/caregivers to become involved in your child's learning.

Please check your child's Agenda each evening for homework assignments, notes from the teacher, important reminders and upcoming project deadlines. The Agenda is a wonderful communication tool for parents/caregivers and teachers. Regular Agenda use is encouraged and reinforced by teachers.

The Student Agenda contains a wealth of information for parents and students on our school's and the TCDSB's policies and expectations. Please take time to read the front section of the Agenda with your child to become familiar with these expectations.

Safe Schools in Action

We have a number of students who are bussed to and from school each day. Students must be registered (if they are eligible) on one of the busses to take the bus.

While on the school bus, students are responsible to the Principal for their behavior.

Please review and follow these rules for the school bus:

BUS RULES

- Remain seated at all times. Only get up when the bus has come to a complete stop.
- Use indoor voices and speak to others with respect and caring. Keep hands to yourself.
- No food or drink on the bus.

- The driver is in charge of the bus and must be respected at all times.

Transportation privileges may be revoked if students fail to follow these expectations.



Healthy Lunch Tips

- ◊ Stay hydrated! Pack a water bottle every day.
- ◊ Cut up fruit and vegetables to make healthy snacks easy for little hands to enjoy.
- ◊ Holy Rosary is a peanut free safe school. Look for this symbol when buying pre-made snacks. 
- ◊ Pack healthy lunches for everyone in the family. Need ideas? Check out: <http://www.parents.com/kids/nutrition/lunch/healthy-school-lunches-snacks/>
- ◊ Leftovers make great lunches. Pack food in reusable containers to save on packaging and keep your child's lunch litterless.
- ◊ Get kids involved in preparing their lunches. They will love to eat what they choose.

Health and Wellness

New TC-CCAC Resource to Support Student Well-Being at TCDSB

Did you know approximately 1 out of 5 students in Ontario have a mental health challenge? The Mental Health and Addictions School Nurses are here to support you to identify mental health concerns, navigate the mental health care system, and develop classroom accommodations to achieve academic success. We collaborate with the school and the community to improve student mental well-being and academic achievement. For further information for our program, contact your school Social Worker or Psychology Provider.

CBC News Article : Back to School Stress:

CBC interviews Dr. Shimi Kang psychiatrist and Medical Director for Children and Youth - Vancouver on the topic of back to school stress. The article features explanations behind stress and helpful tips like the importance of sleep and the need to "build in downtime". The article can be accessed at the following link:

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/health/back-to-school-stress-the-warning-signs-and-what-to-do-1.2748711>

Remember to visit the TCDSB website at www.tcdsb.org often for the latest news and information.

You are also encouraged to follow us on Twitter @TCDSB for frequent updates throughout the week.

For those who prefer receiving news updates via email, subscribe to ENews <https://web1.tcdsb.org/InterestSubscription/subscription.aspx> and receive regular weekly updates from the Board.

Don't miss out on important news and information from the Board!



TCDSB School Year Calendar 2014 – 2015

Number of school days	194
Number of Professional Activity Days	6
Labour Day	September 1, 2014
First Instructional Day	September 2, 2014
Thanksgiving Day	October 13, 2014
Christmas Break	December 22, 2014-January 2, 2015
Start of second semester for secondary schools	February 2, 2015
Family Day	February 16, 2015
Mid-Winter Break	March 16-20, 2015
Good Friday	April 3, 2015
Easter Monday	April 6, 2015
Victoria Day	May 18, 2015
Last day of classes for elementary students	June 25, 2015

Six (6) Professional Activity (PA) Days for ELEMENTARY schools:

- November 14, 2014 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- December 5, 2014 Provincial Education Priorities/Faith Development
- January 23, 2015 Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting
- February 13, 2015 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- June 5, 2015 Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting
- June 26, 2015 Provincial Education Priorities



Looking Ahead

2014 Municipal and School Board Election Monday, October 27, 2014

Eligible to vote? Visit voterlookup.ca to confirm your elector eligibility for the upcoming Municipal and School Board elections.

If you've moved in the last several years, you may need to update your information on voterlookup.ca to ensure that you are eligible to vote.

- See more at: <http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/Assessment/Pages/default.aspx>

Photo Day

Holy Rosary's photo day is October 22. Information on packages and ordering will come home later this month.

Holy Rosary Walkathon

Our annual Walkathon is scheduled for October 10. We hope to raise funds to support school activities, excursions and technology. Proceeds from the day will go to support the Terry Fox Foundation. More information and pledge forms will go home later this

month. If you or someone you now are able to donate prizes for the fundraiser or if you would like to help in planning the event, please inform the office.

Pizza Lunch and Lunch Lady

Starting soon we will be offering Pizza Lunch and Lunch Lady to students, which will be in accordance with the TCDSB and government's food and beverage policies. Look for more information to come out soon.