



HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to a new school year at Holy Rosary! I hope that you have all had a restful and relaxing summer with many opportunities to enjoy special moments with your family and friends. I am honoured and grateful to be joining the Holy Rosary community. I look forward to working together with staff, students, parents, the parish and school community to continue to foster student learning and growth in grace and knowledge.

Our dedicated staff has been working hard preparing for another school year. A special thank you to our Administrative Assistant, Ms. Lamberti who has prepared registrations as well as set up for the new school year, and to our custodians, Mr. Reis and Mr. Polat, who have worked hard all summer to ensure our school environment is ready for another year of learning and growing.

This year we enter the second year of our new three-year pastoral plan: "Rooted in Christ: we Belong, we Believe, we Become." This year our focus turns to what we believe in as a Catholic education community.

- we Believe in God
- we Believe in family
- we Believe in community
- we Believe in equity, diversity and inclusion
- we Believe in Catholic education

We look forward to collaborating with the entire Holy Rosary Catholic Community to celebrate our new pastoral plan and the transformative gift of Catholic education. As we begin this new school year, we will continue to focus our attention on improving student achievement and well-being within the framework embedded in Gospel values and rooted in the love of Christ. Catholic education is a home, school, parish partnership, and our families play an integral role. Your support, cooperation and input are essential components to ensure your child reaches her/his fullest potential.

Respectfully yours,

Josie Jamnik
Principal

School Hours

Start of School Day: 9:00am
Morning Recess: 10:42-10:57am
Lunch Hour: 11:45 am – 12:45 pm
Afternoon Recess: 2:10 – 2:25 pm
Dismissal: 3:30pm

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

September 2019

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ENROLLMENT	HOURS OF OPERATION	LUNCH HOUR
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Virtue of the the Month for September -HOSPITALITY

As we welcome our students back to school it seems fitting that this month's virtue is Hospitality. Hospitality is more than just a welcoming back. Matthew 25:40 says, "Truly I tell you, just as you did to one to the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

As we focus on the virtue of Hospitality, we encourage students to always be welcoming and inclusive to others in their everyday words and actions. Simple acts of kindness such as a smile, a warm-felt hello, and inviting everyone to play helps others feel welcomed and included.

All resources for the month of September, and for the monthly virtues throughout the year can be found on our website at <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/VirtueoftheMonth/Pages/Default.aspx>

Resources for the Pastoral Plan Year 2 we Believe can be found on our website at:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/rootedinchrist/webelieve/Pages/weBelieveResources.aspx>



E-mail Distribution List

Newsletters will be sent out electronically through School Messenger. For the e-mail distribution list, please forward any email address changes to our school Administrative Assistant, Ms. Lamberti either with a note or via e-mail at lisa.lamberti@tcdsb.org along with your name, your child's name, teacher and grade.

Visitors

A reminder that all visitors must enter the school building through the main doors and report to the front office. In the interest of safety for all students and to ensure that classes are not interrupted we need everyone's co-operation and understanding in this matter. If you need to speak with your child's teacher, kindly call and make an appointment. Your child's teacher will be happy to meet with you at a mutually convenient time.

Safe School Arrival Program

Parents are encouraged to sign up for the School Messenger app. This will allow parents and the school to stay in touch to report absences quickly and easily, and also for the school to communicate to parents about important information throughout the year including cancellations, closures and other critical issues.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/safeschools/newsandevents/pages/signupschoolmessenger.aspx>

School Buses and Safe Departure Program

We will continue to implement a "Safe Departure" program at Holy Rosary. Attendance will be taken on each bus prior to departure at the end of the school day. Please note that if your child is registered to ride the school bus, s/he must ride the bus daily. **Should your child not be taking the bus on a particular day, please write a note to your child's teacher or contact the office no later than 2:30pm.** This will allow us to accurately update our bus attendance prior to bus departure. Furthermore, students are only permitted to ride the bus for which they are registered. Thank you for your flexibility and understanding that delays in bus service are beyond our control. For the most updated information regarding bus delays, you are invited to access the transportation portal at: www.torontoschoolbus.org and select the "Parents" link in the top right hand corner of the page. From there, you can create an account, look up your child's specific transportation information and subscribe to the late bus notification.

Bus Transportation Information and Updates

Communications with parents regarding bus transportation for students is a priority. In order to stay informed, parents are encouraged to register on the Toronto Student Transportation Group (TSTG) portal today by visiting www.torontoschoolbus.org. This portal provides TCDSB parents with online access to their children's transportation information and up to the minute email notifications regarding school bus cancellations or delays. If you have any issues signing up on the portal, please contact support@torontoschoolbus.org and staff will assist you with the registration of your account.

School Agendas

School Agendas were distributed this week for students from Grades 1-8. We thank our CSPC for purchasing these agendas! There were some printing errors in the English version of the agenda which will be adjusted by School Specialty. New agendas will be distributed once they are reprinted and shipped. In the meantime students may use the agendas they have been given.

Lunch Hour Routines

Students who remain at school for lunch (11:15-12:15) may not leave the school grounds anytime during the lunch hour unless they are signed out of the school by a parent/guardian.

Pizza Lunch

Holy Rosary's Wednesday Pizza lunch will begin on Wednesday September 18th and continue every Wednesday until November 27th. Thank-you to our Parent Council for organizing and running the program. Parent volunteers who would like to help are welcome to do so by contacting our CSPC at holyrosaryparentcouncil@gmail.com Order forms were sent home on Friday Sept. 6 and are due back to school by Wednesday Sept. 11.

Holy Rosary Curriculum Night

Curriculum Night will be on **Tuesday October 8th**. The evening will begin in the gymnasium. We will begin with introductory remarks followed by 2 classroom sessions. This is a great opportunity to come together to receive an overview of your children's program.

AGM & Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC) Elections

The Annual General Meeting/CSPC Elections is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00pm**. The elections for the Catholic School Parent Council will be held at this time. Anyone interested in becoming a member of CSPC, whether in one of the Executive positions or as a Member at Large, is invited to complete a self-nomination form or have another parent complete a nomination form. Preliminary ideas for school events and initiatives will be discussed after elections. Nomination forms are attached to the newsletter. Hard copies of the nomination forms are also available at the office. Please submit completed nomination forms to the office by Monday September 16. Regular CSPC meetings will be held throughout the year. Parents will be notified of the dates. Please consider joining the CSPC!

Immunization Clinic

Toronto Public Health staff will be in the school on **October 1** to provide free vaccinations for Meningococcal-quadrivalent, Human papillomavirus (HPV) and Hepatitis B, to all of the **grade 7 students and any grade 8 students** who missed the service last year. The vaccination package was sent home the first week of school. The vaccines available at the school clinics are not free at doctor's offices. Protect your child against meningitis and cancer. Please complete the consent form and return it to your child's school by September 16th. For more information, visit the Toronto Public Health Website or call the Immunization Line at 416-392-1250.

Terry Fox Walk/Run

Our school will be participating in this year's Terry Fox School Run for cancer research on **Mon. Sept. 23 with Fri. Sept. 27** as the rain date. We are proud to continue the legacy of one of our country's greatest heroes. We hope you will join us by donating to our Terry Fox School Run fundraising. You can either send in a toonie to school with your child or donate a toonie/\$5.00 on School Cash Online.

Crafting Club



This year at Holy Rosary, **Ms. Valente** will be running a crafting club. Students will create their own masterpieces while also gaining opportunities to practice their fine motor skills, learning techniques for appropriate spacing on a page, and overall visual appearance of their work. How can you help? Any crafting donation will be greatly appreciated! Scrapbook paper, glue, tape, scissors stickers etc. are some examples. Craft club will be available to students from **grades 4-8 until February**, and **grades 1-3 from February to June**. More information will be available shortly!

Art Project



Attention all Parents and Staff! The students of Holy Rosary are requesting your used **NESPRESSO coffee pods for a big mural art project**. All colours and sizes are needed, but they have to be from the **Nespresso which are coloured aluminum**. You don't have to empty the used coffee inside. We will use the coffee grounds to fertilize the soil in the garden. Please have your child bring them in a plastic bag to school and we will take care of the rest. Thanks in advance! **Ms. Hille**

Nutrition/Snack Program

We are happy to have the opportunity to continue our **Morning Meal Program** for all students, a project supported by The Angel Foundation for Learning as well as both City of Toronto and provincial funding, with Mary Maguire as the Nutrition Program Co-ordinator for Holy Rosary School. The program runs Monday through Friday, and a variety of nutritious foods are served, including fresh fruits and vegetables, grain products, and dairy/alternative products. The Morning Meal Program is nut and peanut free and takes into consideration students' dietary restrictions. Presently we are in need of parent volunteers to assist Mary Maguire in preparing and distributing food in the morning. If you are able to volunteer some time, please contact the school office.

Important Reminder About Liability Insurance

All parents are reminded to consider checking the adequacy of their liability insurance through their homeowners'/tenants' insurance policy to cover claims arising out of injuries caused by their child at school. Student Accident Insurance application forms are forwarded to schools for distribution, and can also be purchased on-line at www.insuremykids.com. TCDSB's Risk Management continues to strongly promote this product as an inexpensive form of dental, disability and life insurance.

Register Now: School Cash Online

Parents/guardians are reminded to create their School Cash Online profile, in order to receive updates and information on upcoming school activities, including pizza lunches, civvies days, field trips, and much more. Paying through School Cash Online offers a safe and convenient payment option that eliminates the need to send cash or cheques to school. For more information and to create your account visit www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/schoolcashonline

International Languages After Hours Program Registration

Registration for the elementary IL After Hours Program continues through to September 21st. <https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/InternationalLanguages/Pages/Saturday-School-Registration.aspx>

Open Houses

Students in grade 8 and their families are reminded that TCDSB secondary schools are hosting open houses this fall—a great way to meet staff and students, check out the school facilities and learn about the programs and services being offered at each location. The complete schedule will be available online: <https://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/default.aspx>

Student Leaders Invited to Help Build Accessible Country

The Government of Canada seeks youth leaders to help build a more accessible Canada. Apply online at https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/enabling-accessibility-fund.html?utm_campaign=EnablingAccessibilityFund&utm_source=SocialMedia\Ddn\Banners&utm_medium=VanityUrl&utm_term=en&utm_content=canada-ca_accessibility-fund by **October 31, 2019**.

Congratulations to Kathy Nguyen, Student Trustee for 2019 - 2021

Kathy Nguyen, a student at Madonna Catholic Secondary School took her oath of office and seat in the horseshoe alongside the TCDSB Board of Trustees at their meeting held August 22, 2019. Elected by her peers, Kathy was declared the Student Trustee-elect at the CSLIT general assembly meeting at the Catholic Education Centre on April 30th.

General Information To Note:

- The School Year Calendar for 2019-2020 is posted on the board's website at <https://www.tcdsb.org/calendar/pages/schoolyearcalendar.aspx>
- The remaining Board and Committee meetings for the 2019 calendar year are also on the website <https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2019/pages/board-meetings.aspx>
- For information specifically for students including scholarships, contests, job and community service opportunities, visit <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/default.aspx>
- For information specifically targeted for parents, including information about the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee and the Ontario Association for Parents in Catholic Education, see <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Pages/default.aspx>

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