



# HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## Virtue of the the Month -GRATITUDE

*“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.” (Colossians 3:16)*

As we focus on the virtue of Gratitude, we reflect on all that we have to be thankful for and to continue to practice kindness and inclusion.

## Rosary Apostolate Program

On Thursday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, we are pleased to announce that we will be participating in the Rosary Apostolate program at Holy Rosary School. A ‘Rosary Visitor’, will be at our school once a month for a total of eight visits within the school year from October to April. The program concludes with a May Celebration at Holy Rosary School. Duration of visits in classroom differ according to grades:

- Primary – 20 minutes
- Junior /Intermediate – 40 minutes

## 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](mailto:lisa.lamberti@tcdsb.org) along with your name, your child’s name, teacher and grade.

## AGM & Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC) Elections

The Annual General Meeting/CSPC Elections took place on Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00pm. The results of the elections for the Catholic School Parent Council are as follows:

Co-Chair: TBD  
Co-Chair: Susan Lavell  
Treasurer: Katrina Perko  
Secretary: Lisa Lazzarotto

Congratulations to our newly elected executive parent council members. We will be posting meeting dates and invite all to attend meetings and volunteer for various activities.

## Holy Rosary Curriculum Night

Curriculum Night will be on **Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**. 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. As well CSPC will be running the **Annual Used Uniform Sale**. Please bring in gently used uniform items of clothing to donate for the sale at the main office.

# CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

October 2019

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OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS) ⓘ

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ENROLLMENT	HOURS OF OPERATION	LUNCH HOUR
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## NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

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

Call 416-393-5225 or the TCDSB Admissions Department at 416-222-8282, ext. 2383.

For general information about the Toronto Catholic District School Board, please visit the website at [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org)

Stay in touch with the latest news throughout the school year: Follow @TCDSB on Twitter.

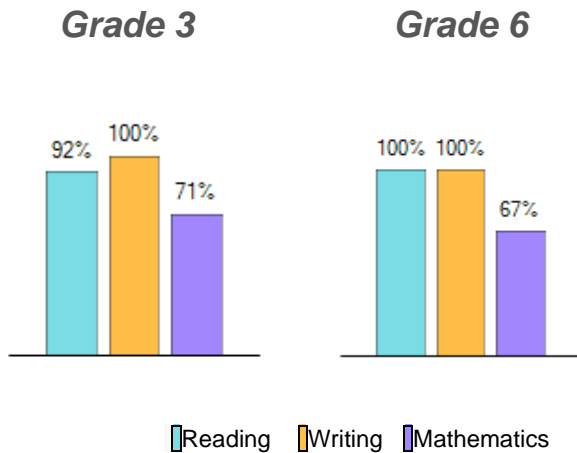
### Terry Fox Walk/Run

Under the leadership of Ms. Valente, our students participated in this year's Terry Fox School Run for cancer research on **Mon. Sept. 23**. We ran proudly to continue the legacy of one of our country's greatest heroes. Thank-you for your donations. As a result we surpassed our target and raised an amazing \$675.00.

### EQAO Results

Below are the results from the 2018-2019 Primary and Junior EQAO Literacy and Numeracy Tests. The School Improvement Team has analyzed last year's data and is creating a plan to enhance student achievement in mathematics.

Students at or above the Provincial Standards (Levels 3 or 4)



### October Is Autism Awareness Month

Autism is a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life. According to experts at Autism Awareness, Autism and its associated behaviors has been estimated to occur in as many as 1 in 500 individuals and is four times more prevalent in boys than in girls. For more information, please visit: [www.autismawareness.ca](http://www.autismawareness.ca)

### Halloween Dance

On Thursday October 31<sup>st</sup> students in Kindergarten -Grade 8, will be participating the annual Halloween Dance Party organized by our CSPC . Students are invited to wear their Halloween costumes to school. We kindly ask that students follow safety tips:

- Apply face paint on the face. It is safer than a loose-fitting mask which can obstruct vision.
- Make costumes short enough to avoid tripping.
- Secure hats so they don't cover your child's eyes.
- Fake knives, swords or other props are not acceptable as they could injure someone.
- Students must come to school already dressed in their costumes



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## **Students with Asthma or Anaphylaxis Medication**

If your child suffers from Asthma or has Anaphylaxis, please ensure that all paperwork and updated photographs are sent to the office by Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. It is imperative that we have up-to-date documentation, Epi-Pens, Puffers, etc. stored in the office at the school. Please be advised that children are also required to carry the appropriate medication (e.g. Epi-Pen) on their person at all times.

## **Staffing Update**

We are pleased to announce that we have Ms. M. Cabral for our Grade 8 class in place of Ms. Burke who remains on a leave. Mr. P. Rouselle will be teaching our Grade 2 French Immersion class as of October 7 as Ms. Baptista begins her maternity leave. We wish Ms. Baptista all the best as she embarks on the marvelous journey of parenthood. Presently our Grade 3 French Immersion and Physical Education positions remain OPEN; however, we are happy to have Mr. B. Sparling fill in as an Occasional Teacher for Ms. Gitto's Grade 3 French Immersion and Mr. C. Cartwright fill in as an Occasional Teacher for Ms. Holman's Health and Physical Education classes. We are working closely with Human Resources to secure Long-Term Occasional teachers for these positions.

## **School Reorganization**

Since classroom organization plans for the current school year were originally developed, some changes in enrolment have taken place. In order to ensure that class sizes are in keeping with the class size average requirements set out by the Ministry of Education, as well as the collective agreements with our teachers, we had to reorganize some classrooms beginning the week of September 23<sup>rd</sup>. As a result Ms. Hille's grade 5 class became a grade 4/5 class and Mr. Mongillo's grade 3/4 class became a grade 4 class.

## **Bus Transportation**

We encourage all parents of students who use student transportation to sign up for the transportation portal <https://busplannerweb.torontoschoolbus.org/> to ensure that they have access to the latest transportation information. After enrolling, parents can identify the bus company name and phone number providing the service, the route number, the location and times of the bus stop. Enrollment also provides email notifications regarding delays in the bus routes.

## **Introducing the Secondary School Online Application for Registration (SECSOAR.TCDSB.ORG)**

We are announcing some exciting news regarding the Secondary School Application Process for enrolment in September 2020. On **Tuesday, October 15, 2019**, the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) will officially launch the new **Secondary School Online Application** website, **SECSOAR.TCDSB.ORG**.

Some exciting features of the online application include:

- easy tracking of the status of your child's application,
- complete the Specialty Program Application along with your regular program application through one application,
- email notifications for offers of placement,
- accept/decline offers of placement you receive electronically.

Important note: a current email address on file with your elementary school is required in order to create your child's application/account on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. **If you do not have an email address on file, please be sure to submit this information to your elementary school office before Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**

For a full guide to completing the on line application, please visit the TCDBS website at [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org) → Admissions & Placement Department page, to view the "Parent Guide to Completing the Sondary School Online Application" information guide



## **HELP WANTED**

We are looking for anyone interested in becoming a **Lunch Hour Supervisor**.

Kindly contact the School Office to get an application package for this paid supervision position.

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## Sharing Basket for Month: Gratitude

At Holy Rosary, we are teaching our students that Thanksgiving Day is a time to thank God, our marvelous creator, for all of the gifts and blessings in our lives! We are also discussing that Thanksgiving is a time to share with others. As a gesture of caring, sharing and gratitude, we would kindly ask each child to bring in 1 non-perishable food item (or more if possible) for our Sharing Basket. This will enable Holy Rosary students to have a concrete way of experiencing the “gift of giving.” If you would like to participate, please send food donations, such as pasta, rice, canned goods, with your child to school starting the week of Tuesday, October 1st and no later than Thursday, October 10th. Food donations can be dropped off at your child’s class or, alternatively, we will set up some “Sharing Basket Boxes” in the hall outside the office. We will donate all food collected to a local food bank called The Stop. Thanks for your generosity of spirit! Have a blessed Thanksgiving with your families! Ms Barbosa

## Pizza Lunch

Holy Rosary’s Wednesday Pizza lunch began 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](mailto:holyrosaryparentcouncil@gmail.com) Orders & money were due on September 11<sup>th</sup> and are no longer being accepted for this first session of Pizza lunch

## 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](http://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/schoolcashonline)

## 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>

## **CHESS CLUB AT HOLY ROSARY**



With our experienced and engaging CIC chess instructors, children will learn and expand their chess knowledge, they will develop cognitive thinking skills and will also gain important life skills - all while having lots of fun!

- Beginners to advanced players - all are welcome
- Chess Club is open to students in SK to Grade 6
- is held on Thursdays lunchtime at 11:45 - 12:45
- starting on 3 Oct and running until 21 Nov
- The cost of the 8 week program is \$112
- Financial assistance is available

Register at [chessinstitute.ca/register](http://chessinstitute.ca/register)

Chess Institute of Canada is a registered charity dedicated to using the ancient game of chess to make a difference in today's world



[www.chessinstitute.ca](http://www.chessinstitute.ca) | [info@chessinstitute.ca](mailto:info@chessinstitute.ca) | 647-852-2428.

## Cross Country Running

During the month of October, our Cross Country runners will have the opportunity to represent Holy Rosary at the Divisional, Regional and City Finals. Thank-you to all staff that have worked hard to prepare our runners for their meets.

On behalf of the Holy Rosary Staff, we wish you all an enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday.



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### **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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