



HOLY ROSARY HIGHLIGHTS

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HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME BACK TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

We hope you all enjoyed a restful and happy summer break and are excited to start a new learning journey! The monthly newsletter and calendar will provide you with the most important school news and updates. The school website and Twitter feed will be home to regular school news and updates. **Follow us on Twitter @HolyRosaryTCDSB** and check the school website for school information. We will also be sending home an electronic copy of the newsletter and calendar each month, and the Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC) will communicate regularly through email. Please check out our CSPC and Parent Info bulletin boards outside the main office for regular updates and community events.

CLASS SIZES

Class sizes and teachers are subject to change until the end of September for grades 1 through 8, as registration is ongoing. We will be communicating any changes to your child's class and/or teacher in the next few weeks. Do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or call the office with any questions or concerns.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL REMINDERS

- ☞ **Please communicate student lates and absences directly to the school office by 9:30 a.m.** You may call to leave a message outside of regular office hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)
- ☞ Help us keep Holy Rosary healthy! Please do not send your child to school if they are ill.
- ☞ Holy Rosary is a **peanut and nut free school**. Please take care when packing lunches and snacks to ensure the safety of all students. Teachers will communicate any class-specific allergy concerns to ensure that all classes are allergy-safe.
- ☞ We encourage all students to pack a litterless lunch, including reusable containers, water bottles and cutlery. Holy Rosary stainless steel water bottles are available for purchase in the main office for \$8. Proceeds support our school Nutrition Program.
- ☞ The Holy Rosary dress code is **navy and white**. Please ensure your child is dressed in navy and white, including all sweaters and hoodies worn in the school. **Spirit Wear** will be available for purchase again later this fall. Stay tuned for details on pricing and ordering.
- ☞ Thank you to our CSPC who generously provided the student agendas this year for each child in grades 1 to 8. **Replacement agendas are \$5**. Please take some time to read our school's handbook and code of conduct contained in the first 8 pages of the agenda. A copy of this handbook is also available on the school website.

SAFE ARRIVAL

Students who arrive late to school for any reason must sign in at the main office. Please note that for school safety, parents/guardians are not permitted to escort students to class or be in the school hallways without a visitor pass. Please enter only through the front doors of the school to sign in.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL (CSPC)

Our first **Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC) meeting and AGM is September 20 at 7:00 p.m.** in the school library. Elections for executive positions will take place that evening. Nomination forms for elected positions have been sent home with this newsletter. We look forward to working with our parent community to enhance the learning experience of all children at Holy Rosary.

NUTRITION PROGRAM

The Holy Rosary Morning Meal program will begin later this month. All students will receive a healthy morning snack each day. Menu, donation and volunteer information will follow this month.

SACRAMENTS 2016-2017

Sacrament dates for Holy Rosary Parish have been set for this year. Grade 2 students celebrate First Reconciliation February 2, and First Communion May 2. Confirmation for grade 7 students is February 9. Details on registration for sacraments and any necessary preparation will come from the parish through the classroom teachers.

