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8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Lunch Hour:
11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School October Newsletter 2016



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

As we enter this second month of the school year, it is hard to believe that September is behind us. It still feels like we are just starting out. However Thanksgiving is around the corner, the leaves are starting to turn color, it is (finally) starting to get cooler – all signs telling us that this school year is moving along. September was a busy month as we finalized staffing and reorganized the school and ordered Spiritwear. October looks as though it will be another busy month. Students have been preparing themselves for Cross-country, we anticipate the arrival of the Spiritwear shortly, our Curriculum Night is coming up and we have our first Family event of the year – our Family Movie Night! All of this combined contributes to making our school an exciting, happening and wonderful place to be.

This weekend we will have some extra time to spend together focusing on all that we have and are thankful for. It is my sincere hope that you will enjoy and take time to be grateful for all of the gifts that God has given you. I know that I will be making sure that I am giving thanks for being here in the exciting, happening and wonderful place where Learning, Growing and Belonging in Faith happens every day!

Yours sincerely,
Maureen Murphy
Principal

The Virtue for the Month of October is GRATITUDE.

“This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad.” *Psalm 118:24*

COMING UP IN OCTOBER

Autism Awareness Month
Child Abuse Prevention Month

- Oct 5 – 9:30 a.m. Thanksgiving School Mass & World Teachers Day
- Oct 6 – 6:00 p.m. Curriculum Night – classrooms
7:00 p.m. Family Movie Night – admission with canned food
- Oct 7 – PA Day – no school for children – staff working on developing School Learning Improvement Plan (SLIP)
- Oct 10 – Thanksgiving Monday – no school for children
World Mental Health Day
- Oct 11 – International Day of the Girl
- Oct 13 – School Pictures
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. (gym) Kids Have Stress 2 (presentation for parents)
- Oct 14 – Divisional Cross Country Meet @ Morningside Park
- Oct 19 – Regional Cross Country Meet @ Morningside Park
- Oct 20 – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. (gym) Kids Have Stress 2 (presentation for parents)
- Oct 25 – City Cross Country Meet @ Earl Bales Park
- Oct 26 – Early Childhood Educator and Childcare Worker Appreciation Day
- Oct 28 – Pizza Lunch – Casual Day
- Oct 31 – Monster Mash – walk to Chester Village

Staffing

I am pleased to announce that Ms. So has been hired at the school in the Full Day Kindergarten program during Ms. Maragna's absence. Ms. L. Bott has joined our staff while Ms. Mavrou completes her leave. We look forward to having Ms. Bott with us until the end of December. With the recent school reorganization, a new class was created. Ms. Barry has joined the staff at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School as our new grade 3 teacher. Ms. Barry comes to us with years of experience teaching grade 3 and we are happy that she will be part of our community.

Bussing

First and foremost – THANK YOU!!!! For your patience and support as we all have been dealing with the bussing situation. Usually it takes the first few days at the beginning of the year to establish the new schedule and routine of students being bussed to and from school. As I am sure you have become aware that this year is UNusual in terms of establishing bussing schedules and routines. I am happy to say that as of last week, all of our buses are running on a daily basis and most are consistently showing up on time (with the exception of Bus A in the morning. This situation is being monitored.) You are asked to go on the Board's website to follow along for the most up to date information regarding the daily running of the buses. And hopefully, we will be back to normal before long!

School Hours

Reminder: Student supervision begins at 8:30 a.m. For safety reasons, please do not drop off or send your children to school **before this time**. There is no supervision for the students prior to 8:30 a.m.

PA Day

A reminder that **Friday, October 7** is a Professional Activity Day for the staff here at Immaculate Heart of Mary. **THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN ON THAT DAY.** Staff will be working on developing our School Learning Improvement Plan.

Spiritwear

We are very excited here at the school for the arrival of our Spiritwear! I have been told that we are hoping to have the merchandise in later this week or early next week! I look forward to letting you know when it is here! Please make sure that you **clearly label each piece of clothing** as soon as you get it/them so that your child is able to easily retrieve any possible lost items! If you weren't able to get your order in on time, extra t-shirts will be available for sale from the office.

Curriculum Night

On **Thursday, October 6**, the teachers will be in their classrooms at **6:00 p.m. until 6:40 p.m.** ready to share with you their plans for your child's curriculum for the year. Please go directly to your child's class/es for the presentations there and afterwards, you are welcome to join us in the gym for our first Family Movie Night of the year.

Family Movie Night

For our first Family Movie Night of the year, Zootopia will be playing starting at **7:00 p.m.** Refreshments (popcorn, candy, water and juice) will be available for sale. Admission to the show will be canned goods for our Canned Food Drive that will benefit the Good Shepherd Refuge.

Cross Country

Our students have been in training for participating in our upcoming Board's Cross Country meets. On **Friday, October 14**, students will be running against students from other schools to qualify for the Scarborough Finals Meet on **October 19**. These races are run at Morningside Park and all parents are welcome to come and cheer your children on. The School Board's City Cross Country meet will be held on **October 25** at Earl Bales Park. We wish our students the very best as they participate in this very demanding sport.

Monster Mash

On **Thursday, October 6**, students will be participating in the launch of our annual Monster Mash! For those of you who are new to Immaculate Heart of Mary, our Monster Mash is our major fundraiser of the year! Students are asked to get sponsorship from family and friends to help support many of the activities that happen at our school (such as funding busses for school trips, supporting classroom presentations such as Scientist in the School, purchasing books for the library and many other worthy items/projects). Prizes are awarded to those that bring in their money early, top fundraisers and participation. Stay tuned for more info on this! We are hoping to raise enough money to purchase more computers for our school that will be used in classrooms!

Toronto Public Health

In order to support healthy child development, Toronto Public Health will be offering 2 sessions called ***Kids Have Stress Too***. These sessions will take place on **Thursday, October 13 and 20** from **7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** These presentations are geared **for parents only**.

Kids Have Stress Too!

Adults are not the only ones feeling stress. Kids do too. Children ages 4 - 9 years old have everyday stresses:

- they may feel pressures at school
- be affected by their parents' disagreements
- have conflicts themselves with their parents
- be expected to achieve academically
- have difficulty with other children the same age
- feel rivalry with brothers and sisters

Stress can change how children feel and act. This may show up as headaches, tummy aches, or changed behaviour, appetite, or sleeping patterns.

Please RSVP to the office if you are planning to attend. Also, if you require babysitting at the school, please indicate that as well and arrangements will be made.

On **Thursday, October 27 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**, there will be a presentation offered called ***At Home Alone***.

Help prepare your 10-14 year old to stay home alone safely.

Develop a personal safety and injury prevention plan that is tailored to meet your family's unique needs.

Learn five easy steps to independence:

- A [Assess if you are ready](#)
- L [Learn about safety](#)
- O [Organize your home](#)
- N [Negotiate the terms](#)
- E [Evaluate how things are going](#)

This session is **for children aged 10 – 14 and their parents**. Please RSVP to the office if you are planning to attend.

Individual Education Plans (IEP)

Teachers are working diligently with you on creating Individual Education Plans for those children who require this support. They will be going home on **Tuesday, October 18**.

CSPC Corner

On Monday, September 19, our new Parent Council was voted in. We are happy to announce that Heather Candon and Jason George will be co-Chairs for our CSPC this year. Liz



Ungaro returns as Treasurer and Erin Romagnuolo returns as our Secretary. Thank you to these parents for taking on these roles and to the other parents who came. Just because you weren't able to make it that night doesn't mean that you can't help out around the school in order to enhance your child's experience. We are always looking for extra hands to help out with our various events throughout the year and if you can support us with even one event, your efforts will be appreciated.

At the end of last year, our Fundraising Priorities were established and our events chosen for the year. Three goals were identified as the most pressing and important for our school moving forward:

- furniture for the library
- computers for the school
- outdoor play structure

The initiatives that were decided on for the year are:

- **Thursday, October 6** – Family Movie Night – admission with canned food
- **Monster Mash – October 31**
- **November** – Poinsettia sale
- **Thursday, December 1** – Gingerbread House night – admission with Canned Food
- **Thursday, January 19** – Family Movie Night – donations going towards the TCDSB Angel Foundation
- **Pancake Tuesday** – February 28- toonies for the Angel Foundation
- **Saturday, May 13** – April Showers bring May Flowers – selling flower bulbs again and having more activities
- **Monthly Hot Dog/Pizza Day lunches**

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m.** in the library. The budget for the school year will be the primary item for discussion. If you have any ideas that you would like to share, this would be a great time for you to come and join us.



October 2016

High School Open Houses

Grade 8 students and their families are invited to learn more about their secondary school options at open houses this fall. For a complete schedule, see: <https://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/default.aspx>

Interested in Parent Engagement?

Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Elections Coming

October 3rd for Wards 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12
<https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/parentinvolvement/cpic/elections/pages/scheduled-cpic-election-for-even-numbered-wards.aspx>

October 5th for vacancies in Wards 1, 7, 11
<https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/parentinvolvement/cpic/elections/pages/election-to-fill-cpic-vacancies.aspx>

And October 17th for Parents at Large
Learn more about CPIC here:
<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/ParentInvolvement/Pages/default.aspx>

You Can Work Wonders with ShareLife

During this Year of the Parish, schools are invited to partner with their local parishes to see how they can support the annual campaign, and help ShareLife agencies work wonders.
<http://www.sharelife.org/Public/Home.aspx>

Celebrating the Year of the Parish 2016-2017

The second year in our three pastoral plan focusing on "Together With One Voice: Harmonizing our Faith Through Family, Parish and School".

It is an opportunity to celebrate the important role that our parishes play in our school communities and in the lives of the students, staff and families that we serve.

Let's celebrate the Family-Parish-School partnership!

- <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/YearoftheParish/Pages/Parish-Project.aspx>

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Overseas Credit Courses in Italy

Get all the information online:
https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Documents/SUMMER2017FLYER_3.pdf

Information Meetings October 4th and 5th

Transportation Information

Information, including safety tips and up to the minute reports on cancellations or delays can be found online here:
<https://www.torontoschoolbus.org/>

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<https://web1.tcdsb.org/InterestSubscription/subscription.aspx>

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