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**Parish:**

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**Enrollment: 175**

**Hours of Operation:**  
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Lunch Hour:**  
11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

**A Community where we Learn,  
Grow and Belong in Faith**

## *Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School* *June Newsletter 2016*



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

It is hard to believe that we are beginning the final month of school for the year! As you will read, we have been a very busy place here at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School. Students have been busy with academics, trips and athletics. Staff have been busy with academics, trips, athletics and the planning all of the things to come before the year is done! Parents have been busy planning and creating events for all to come out and participate as a community. This definitely is a happening place!

We still have a month to go before we are on summer vacation. It is my sincere hope that we spend this final month participating in experiences that will allow us to continue to Learn, Grow and Belong in Faith.

Sincerely,  
Maureen Murphy,  
Principal

The Virtue for the Month of June is **FAITHFULNESS**.

*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.*  
*Hebrews 11:1*

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**June 1** – Boys Soccer

**June 2** – Girls Soccer

**June 7** – CSPC Meeting – 7:00 P.M. Final meeting of the year

**June 10** – Assessment and Evaluation Day

**June 15** – Talent Show and Barbecue

**June 22** – Band Performance

**June 23** – Play Day

**June 24** – Jersey Day

**June 27** – 9:30 a.m. – Mass

2:00 p.m. Senior Kindergarten Graduation – Gym,

6:30 p.m. Grade 8 Graduation - gym

**June 29** – Last Day of Classes

**June 30** – Professional Activity Day – teachers working on next year's focus

### **School Dress Code**

As we approach the warmer weather, a reminder that our school dress code is white or navy blue shirt (such as a dress shirt, blouse or polo shirt) or school crested T-shirt, white or navy blue dress bottoms (such as pants, dress shorts, skirts, dresses, cargo pants and Capri pant – **NO LEGGINGS** and/or a sweater, vest or hoodie may be worn as part of the uniform but it **MUST** be navy blue or white. Students who come to school not in dress code will be provided with appropriate replacement for the day.

## Communication with the School

Please ensure that the school has **your most current and accurate information regarding your phone numbers, address, email and your emergency contact information.** It is important that we are able to get in touch with you regarding your child during the day should it become necessary due to weather, maintenance or a health or safety concern.

## School Bus

A reminder that students who are registered to be transported to and from school on the bus are expected to be on the bus every day. If alternate arrangements are necessary (i.e., pick-up by parent for appointment, etc), please notify the school **in writing** or a phone call to the office early in the day. Doing this will ensure that at the end of the day we are able to focus on ensuring that all children are on the bus and are getting home safely.

## Athletics

Immaculate Heart of Mary students have been very active in a number of sports over the last number of months. We would like to congratulate the students on their development of skill and their commitment to their school team.

The following have been active:

Team	Coach	Students	Event
Hockey	Mr. Silverson	Gr 6, 7 and 8 students	Mar 7 & 23 at York University
Junior W5H	Ms. Catli	Gr 4, 5 and 6 students	
Primary Soccer Boys & Girls	Ms. Gisondi Ms. Duenas	Gr 1, 2 and 3 students	March 8 – Boys March 10 – Girls @ IHMS
Swim Meet	Ms. Bond	Gr 7 student	April 1 @ Etobicoke Olympium
Girls Hockey	TCDSB staff	Gr 6 & 8 student	April 19 @ Don Montgomery Arena
Junior Volleyball	M. Dibundu Mr. Samler	Gr 4, 5 and 6 students	April 19 – Boys @ St. E Seton April 21 – Girls @ St. Bartholomew
Track & Field	Ms. Gisondi, Ms. Catli, Ms. Bond, Ms. Abate, Mr. Samler,	Gr 3-8 students	May 13 & 18 @ St. Pope John Paul II
Soccer	Ms. Bond Ms. Abate	Gr 6, 7 and 8 students	June 1 – Boys June 2 – Girls

All in all, we have been a busy lot here at Immaculate Heart of Mary and the students have had plenty of opportunity to participate in a wide variety of activities and learn from these experiences.

A big **THANK YOU** goes out to **ALL** of the coaches who have given their time and energy to coach our students and provide them with these opportunities!

## Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC)

Next CSPC meeting is in the Staff Room on Tuesday, June 7 at 7:00 p.m.

This will be our final meeting of the year.

**All are welcome!**



## Earth Day Activities

On April 22, 2016, Immaculate Heart of Mary's ECO-Hat Team coordinated our school's annual Earth Day cleanup. Thank you Ms. Duenas and ECO Hat team for leading the school in this worthwhile endeavor.

## Other Activities of Note

Since our last newsletter, there have been many other activities here at Immaculate Heart of Mary for our students to participate in and learn from their experiences.

We have had our **Grade 4 (and some Grade 5 and some Grade 3)** students participate in Swim to Survive. They had 3 sessions provided courtesy of the City of Toronto to develop their swimming skills.

We had the opportunity to go skating 4 times over the course of the winter. It was wonderful to see the growth in skating abilities over 4 short hours!

Mar 7 & 8 - Father Peter Tammearu celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation with our **Gr 2-8** classes.

Our **Gr 5/6 and 7** classes have participated in Dance workshops with CCDT and our **gr 2-8** students participated in 2 active and fun Dance workshops here at the school.

On March 24, **the school** participated in a school wide Easter Egg hunt.

March 30 - a dozen eggs came to roost and get ready to hatch. March 31 - **The school** went up to Variety Village and were available for the CTV News at Noon segment with Anwar Knight and 2 of the Harlem Globetrotters.

Our students in **Mr. Samler's class** have been visiting and using the facilities at Variety Village on a weekly basis.

April 1, **the school** celebrated mass and Autism Awareness Day.

April 27 – 29 – **Gr 7 & 8 students**, Ms. Bond, Ms. Abate and Mrs. Murphy went to Ottawa for an exciting 3 days. Thank you teachers for giving generously of your personal time in order to supervise our students.

April 29 saw some pretty wacky hair here at school for Wacky Hair Day and a pizza lunch was provided to the students from our parent committee led by Mrs. Dowdall. Thank you Mrs. Dowdall and team.

May 2 - Our **Gr 4 – 7** classes went to the launch of the Invictus Games and one of our students even had Prince Harry hand him a puck (which fortunately was caught on Global News).

May 6 – Father Tammearu celebrated mass for us.

May 11 – Film Festival – the grade 8 students invited their friends from Chester Village here to view the films that they, along with their grade 7 colleagues created.

## Other Activities of Note Cont'd

May 11 – the grade 5/6 class were visited by a member of the Junior Achievement team.

May 16 - a member from the Metro Toronto Zoo came to provide a Great Lakes presentation to the Gr 1, 2, 4, 6, 7 and 8 classes.

May 19 – a team from Toronto Public Health came to the school to provide Immunizations to Grade 7 and 8 students.

May 26 – the grade 5/6 and 7 classes participated in a Dance workshop with CCDT.

May 27 – the school had a hot dog day in addition to it being Crazy Hat/Raptor day.

Fridays in May – the grade 5/6 class provided the school with fruits and veggies courtesy of a grant from Metro.

## First Holy Communion Congratulations

Congratulations to the grade 2 classes on their First Holy Communion on May 1st at 9 a.m.



## Planning for September 2016

The Immaculate Heart of Mary teaching staff is currently in the process of planning classroom configurations for the upcoming year. Student placement decisions are based on a wide variety of factors including, but not limited to: class gender compositions, academic ability, learning styles and an equitable balance of interests/personalities. If you have any requests for us to consider regarding your child's placement for September, please speak with Mrs. Murphy so that we may consider these. Please note that your input is valued and the school will make the final decision on placement.

Please note also that currently the make-up of classes for September is all split grade classes. There is the possibility of a reorganization in September, but we will not be certain of that until we are back in the fall.

## Kindergarten Registration

**There are still some spots left in Kindergarten next year...**  
**Registration options:**

- **Online:** Parents are able to complete their application online at [soar.tcdsb.org](http://soar.tcdsb.org), and follow up with a visit to the school to present the required documents. The online application is available 24 hours.
- **In Person:** Parents can register at their local school with the required documents but please note that the appointment will take longer.

# Welcome to Kindergarten

On Monday, May 9, Ms. Juchniewicz, Ms. McLelland, Ms. Gisonni and Ms. Mazumder welcomed our new JK students to the school in an evening planned just for them. Parents were provided with important information regarding their children who will be starting school in September. Children were also provided with a Welcome to Kindergarten bag (that is generously sponsored by the Learning Partnership).

If you have any questions regarding September enrolment for Junior Kindergartens, please call the school at 416 393 5272.

## From the CSPC

### Family Movie Night

On Thursday, April 14, Immaculate Heart of Mary hosted its first Family Movie Night in a number of years. *The Peanuts Movie* played for a gathering of 45+ families who came in pajamas, brought pillows and stuffed toys and bought popcorn and candy kebabs. A great night was had by all! And what a wonderful way to celebrate in the Board's focus on the Year of the Family.

## April Showers bring May Flowers

On Saturday, May 7, IHMS Parent Council and staff hosted our first ever April Showers bring May Flowers event. It was a beautiful day for our community to come out and enjoy each other's company. The event was a wonderful success thanks to the contributions of SO many people! First and foremost, our dedicated Parent Council spent months in the planning of this event and worked from early in the morning until the very end of the day. The staff worked with the parents in the months of planning and made significant contributions of time and ideas. The students participated at a variety of the booths, doing the face painting and even performing. We had baked goods donated from SO many parents, we don't know how to thank you all. We had contributions from Community partners such as The Home Depot (who donated all of the potting materials for our planting station), Canadiana Flowers for the provision of the tulips, The George family for the donation of the fruit for our fruit stand and TREM Contracting for the generous donation of a barbecue to the school. Our special visitors for the day were Geoff Grant – our superintendent for the school, Nancy Crawford – our school trustee and Gary Crawford – our local councilor who came and shared a few thoughts with us.

Mostly though, the day could not have been the success it was without **you** coming and spending the time here with your family!

## Planning for 2016-2017

On Thursday, May 19, parents were invited to discuss and plan fundraising ideas and events for next year. At this point, the activities planned are:

- **Thursday, October 6** – Family Movie Night – admission with canned food
- **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
- **Saturday, May 13** – April Showers bring May Flowers – selling flower bulbs again and having more activities
- **Monthly Hot Dog/Pizza Day lunches** – we will need a volunteer/s to organize this

Purchasing the sign for the school was a long-term goal of ours and now that it is on order, we are now in the process of establishing some new long-term goals.

We have identified the following three goals as the most pressing and important for our school moving forward:

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

## School Logo

We are in the final stages of creating the school logo and hope to launch it at the Talent Show.

There will be opportunities to purchase Spiritwear (t-shirts, sweatpants and hoodies) with the school logo on it on August 30 and 31 (Aug 30 and 31 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. and Aug 30 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.). Please keep this in mind when you are making back to school clothing purchases.

## Used School Clothing

The school will be collecting items of clothing that adhere to the dress code that are still good for wear but your child has outgrown and you don't have anyone to pass it onto. Please wash these items and send them into the office when you are able to. We will make these items available during the sale of Spiritwear in August.

## From the TCDSB

### Summer Volunteer Opportunities for Students

Earn community service hours this summer with Parks Canada by helping out at a number of events throughout the summer. The events take place between mid-June and Labour Day weekend. Here is a list of the dates and locations where the Urban Outreach division of Parks Canada will be hosting events and looking for student support:

- June 18-19 – International Dragon Boat Festival
- June 24-26 – Pickering Jam Fest
- July 1-3 – Redpath Waterfront Festival
- July 15-17 – Franco Fête at Yonge-Dundas Square
- July 22-24 – Beaches Jazz Festival
- August 19 - September 5 – Canadian National Exhibition (CNE)

**How to register as a volunteer--**Contact Daneel Cha-Blake [daneel.cha-blake@pc.gc.ca](mailto:daneel.cha-blake@pc.gc.ca) or [volunteer.benevolat@pc.gc.ca](mailto:volunteer.benevolat@pc.gc.ca)

### Introducing the Year of the Parish

Plans are already underway for the celebration of the Year of the Parish, the second year of our three year pastoral plan focusing on Family, Parish and School (Together With One Voice). Schools and parishes are encouraged to explore their collective vision for how they can work more closely together during the Year of the Parish and beyond, to nurture the relationships that already exist, and work towards making all our schools and parishes feel more connected in the mission of Catholic education. Find all the information and resources for the Year of the Parish here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/YearoftheParish/Pages/default.aspx>

### Summer School Registration Continues

Information about Reach Ahead Credits and Summer Enrichment Camps for elementary students:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/ContinuingEducation/SecondaryCreditCourses/SummerSchool/elementaryss/Pages/default.aspx>

### Job Action by Elementary Teachers

Elementary teachers initiated a Work to Rule on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Stay up to date on any news and information relating to the job action and status of negotiations here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/News/Pages/Elementary-Teachers-Job-Action.aspx>

### Changes to Health and Physical Education Curriculum

Resources and information can be found on the website here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/schoolprograms/12/healthoutdoorphysed/pages/ontario-health-and-physed-curriculum.aspx>

### TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2015-2016

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