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**Parish:**  
**Immaculate Heart of Mary  
Church**  
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**Enrollment: 178**  
**Hours of Operation:**  
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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



## *Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School September Newsletter 2017*



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

As we start the new year, there is much anticipation, nervousness and excitement! On behalf of the staff, I would like to welcome you and your children to the school if this is your first year with us or welcome you back if you have had the pleasure of being here before! I would like to highlight that our school Board is launching the Year of the School and I look forward to the opportunities that we will have to work together as a community over the course of the year. Thank you in advance for your participation and support.

The staff of Immaculate Heart of Mary school extends a warm welcome to all our families, both new and returning. As partners (home, school and parish), we continue to look forward to working together to provide the very best in Catholic Education. Our goal continues to be to foster a safe Catholic learning community where we Learn, Grow and Belong in Faith.

We would like to welcome the following staff members to our school:

Mr. Frost – Full Day Kindergarten teacher (supply)  
Ms. McClelland – Early Childhood Educator (returning)  
Ms. Gilling – Full Day Kindergarten teacher  
Ms. Bird – Early Childhood Educator (returning)  
Ms. J. Sagalov – Grade 1 / 2 teacher  
Mr. J. Douris – Grade 6 / 7 teacher  
Ms. Alforte – Educational Assistant (returning)  
Ms. Armstrong – Educational Assistant  
Ms. Bendall – Physical Education Teacher (Tuesday) (returning)  
Ms Shaloufe– Vocal Music (Wednesday)  
Ms. E. Macapagal – school secretary

Please be aware that the final class set-up for this year may need to be adjusted depending on current enrolment. In the event the classes need reorganization, a letter will be sent home to parents of the children that will be affected.

Thank you in advance for your support with the important work that we share in – forming our students to live and love in the likeness of God.

Yours sincerely,  
M. Murphy, Principal

**The Virtue for the Month of September is HOSPITALITY.**

“...we are called to be the hug of Christ.” *Fr. William Byrne*

### **UPCOMING IN SEPTEMBER**

**Sept 5 – First Day at School!** Envelopes to go home identifying Spiritwear for sale  
**Sept 15 – Final day to submit \$\$\$ for Spiritwear**  
**Sept 21 – 2:30 Terry Fox Assembly**  
**Sept 26 – Gr 3-8 Invictus Games @ Mattamy Athletic Centre**  
**Sept 28 – Me to WE day**  
**Sept 29 – p.m. Virtue of the Month Assembly  
Terry Fox Assembly and Run**

## School Year Calendar 2017 - 2018

Labour Day	September 4, 2017
First Instructional Day	September 5, 2017
P.A. Day	October 6, 2017
Thanksgiving Day	October 9, 2017
P.A. Day	November 17, 2017
P.A. Day	December 1, 2017
Christmas Break	Dec 25/17–Jan 06/18
P.A. Day	January 19, 2018
P.A. Day	February 16, 2018
Family Day	February 19, 2018
Mid-Winter Break	March 12-16, 2018
Good Friday	March 30, 2018
Easter Monday	April 2, 2018
Victoria Day	May 21, 2018
P.A. Day	June 8, 2018
Last Instructional Day	June 28, 2018
P.A. Day (no classes)	June 29, 2018

### School Hours

<b>School Commences</b>	9:00 a.m.
<b>A.M. Recess</b>	10:42 a.m. – 10:57 a.m.
<b>Lunch</b>	11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
<b>P.M. Recess</b>	2:12 p.m. – 2:27 p.m.
<b>Dismissal</b>	3:30 p.m.

**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.

### Dismissal

It is important in ensuring your child's safety that we are aware of how your children are getting home from school at the end of the day and that this routine **remain consistent**. In the event that you need to change the go home arrangements or you find that you are unable to pick up your child by 3:45 due to an emergency situation, please call the school and let us know.

### Bussing

Students who are registered to be transported to and from school on the school bus must be on the bus **everyday**. This is for the safety of all students.

If a child is not going to be on the bus because other arrangements have been made for the day (i.e., appointment, picked up after school by a parent or designated person), please notify the school in writing or a phone call to the office.

### Purple Tag System

Our Purple Tag Program for students JK-Gr 2 is in place to ensure that any student with a purple tag that takes the school bus must be met by an adult at the bus stop or they will not be released from the bus. The child will then be sent back to the school where we will contact the parents/guardians to pick up their child. Please be on time (5-10 minutes prior to drop off time is recommended) and present to pick up your children at their bus stop every day.

## Verification Forms

Forms were sent home the first day of school including verification forms listing your private information (i.e. phone numbers, email, etc.). Also attached to the verification forms are permissions required for this year. **Please complete and return the forms as soon as possible.**

## Dress Code

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School follows the TCDSB Navy and White Appropriate Dress Code. The dress code is any combination of white and navy blue garments.

White or navy blue shirt (such as a dress shirt, blouse or polo shirt) or school crested Tshirt	
White or navy blue dress bottoms (such as pants, dress shorts, skirts, dresses, cargo pants, and Capri pants) <b>NO LEGGINGS!</b>	
A sweater, vest or hoodie may be worn as part of the uniform but it <b>must</b> be navy blue or white.	

All student attire must be in keeping with our Catholic teachings and beliefs, and reflect the principles of modesty and shall **not include** the following:

- Short shorts/skirts, bare midriffs, halter tops, tank tops, etc.
- Accessories not in keeping with the spirit of the dress code as determined by the local school.

Envelopes went home the first day letting you know about the Spiritwear that will be available. Orders will be due **in cash** on Tuesday, **September 12**. A team will be here at the school to verify sizes.

## Shoes

The students go up and down the stairs many times during the day, in addition to participating in Daily Physical Activity. We ask that your children wear only closed toe shoes (i.e., not flip flops or sandals) for safety reasons.

## Super September!

### Staff List for 2016-2017

Ms. Gilling Mr. Frost (supply)	ELP Teacher
Ms. McLelland Ms. Bird	ELP ECE
Ms. Sagalov	1
Ms. Barry	2
Ms. Duenas	3 / 4
Ms. Williams	4 / 5
Mr. Douris	6 / 7
Ms. F. Abate	7 / 8
Mr. Samler	ME/DD
Ms. Brockerville Ms. Mueller-Copetti Ms. Alforte Ms. Armstrong	Educational Assistants
M. Dibundu	Core French
Ms. Catli	Special Education
Ms. Bendall (Tues) Ms. DeLeon (Thurs)	Gym
Ms. Van Stekelenburg	Library Technician
Ms. Shaloufe	Vocal Music
Ms. Smith Bullied	Instrumental Music

### Agendas

Student agendas will be offered to the students from Grades 1-8 for \$6.00. The actual cost of the agendas has been supplemented through the CSPC fundraising. The agendas help students keep track of their assignments/homework and also act as a communications book between home and school. Agendas will be provided to students once the \$6.00 has been received at school.

The information on the first pages of the agenda is important information for us all to be aware of. Teachers have reviewed this material with students. You are invited to also review this material. If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch with Mrs. Murphy

### Telephone

It is **very important** that your Contact information (home telephone number, work, cell number and your caregiver's and emergency contact information) is current and accurate in the office in the event of the school being closed during the day due to a health, weather or maintenance concern or your child has a health matter that you need to be aware of.

### CSPC Corner

#### INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL?

Parents are welcome to belong to our CSPC. Our first meeting will be on **Monday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m.** in the staff room. Elections will be held for Executive positions at this time. This is one way for you to be involved and support your child's education.



We are looking for a parent volunteer to facilitate Pizza/Hot Dog Days. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Mrs. Murphy

### Spiritwear

I am excited to announce that Spiritwear (clothing with our school logo on it) will be for sale again this year! Envelopes went home with your child on the first day of school. They are due in cash at the school on **Tuesday, September 12**. All Spiritwear that is ordered can be worn to school complying with our Dress Code.

### Snacks/Lunches – Anaphylaxis Alert

- Immaculate Heart of Mary is a nut-free school. Please ensure that **no nuts, nut products, or other items containing nuts** come to the school.
- If your child stays for lunch please pack a lunch and send with your child in the morning.
- If you must bring a lunch during the school day please mark it with your child's name and it will be left on the lunch table in the office.
- Due to the allergies that are present in the school, we **do not allow students to bring shared food for celebrations** such as birthdays, etc. (i.e. birthday cake, pizza, etc.). Instead we recommend providing loot bags (that are closed) if you wish that the children can take home and open with their parents.

### Invictus Games

On Tuesday, September 26, students in Grades 3-8 will be going to the Mattamy Athletic Centre (Carlton & Church) to be spectators at the Powerlifting event for the Invictus Games. Tickets have been provided to us free of charge. Excursion forms will be going home shortly.

### Terry Fox Run

On **September 21**, we will be having an assembly to launch our annual Terry Fox Run. Students are asked to bring in a toonie for **Friday, September 29** when we will all participate in the run.

# FROM THE BOARD

## **Toronto Student Transportation Group and Boards Launch Transportation Portal**

Toronto District School Board and Toronto Catholic District School Board parents are now able to access their children's transportation information online and receive email notifications if there are any school bus cancellations or delays, thanks to the launch of a new online transportation portal.

**Parents with children who are transported by school buses can register for the new Transportation Portal by visiting [www.torontoschoolbus.org](http://www.torontoschoolbus.org).**

Created by the Toronto Student Transportation Group, which oversees bussing for the TDSB and TCDSB, the portal is one of several improvements being made to ensure an effective start to the 2017-18 school year, including:

- **Installing GPS on all buses for the 2017-18 school year** so that the school boards and bus operators can track the status of buses and improve the timeliness and accuracy of communication to parents. Efforts are underway to integrate the GPS with the Transportation Portal so that in the future, parents will be able to track their children's buses in real time.
- **Increasing call centre staff during peak times**, such as the start of school, to improve responsiveness and communication to schools and parents.
- **Assigning all Principals from special needs congregated schools to a bus operating division** to provide advice and insight on school issues with transportation and assist with driver training.
- **Providing bus operators with routes earlier in the planning process** to give them enough time to match all routes with drivers.
- **Improving collaboration and communication with the bus operators on route planning**, which will continue throughout the summer to provide additional time to address any driver coverage issues that may arise.
- **Establishing the Transportation Working Group**, comprised of central and school-based staff from the TDSB and TCDSB, to assist in identifying bus service issues and develop solutions.

## **High School Open House Dates**

TCDSB Secondary schools welcome grade 8 students and their families to explore programs and services

<https://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/Default.aspx>

## **School Year Calendar**

To review the school year calendar for 2017-2018, including PA days and exam dates, see

<https://www.tcdsb.org/school/SchoolYearCalendar/Pages/Default.aspx>

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

For students looking to complete their 40 hours of community service, please see:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/default.aspx> for all the latest information about organizations seeking volunteers. This includes the Toronto Santa Claus Parade and Vegfest.

For more information, please visit [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org)

***As part of the TCDSB's goal of Fostering Student Achievement and Well Being, the Special Services department endeavours to support our special education students in achieving academic excellence and meeting the Ontario Catholic Graduate School Expectations. The department offers a variety of supports to students based on their need(s) and/or identification(s). For further information please visit the Special Services department link:***

***<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SpecialEducation/Pages/default.aspx>***

Parents/caregivers are reminded that if they require support in accessing the Special Services department link, they may ask the school principal for assistance. Alternately, for families who require access to a computer to visit the site, they may access an electronic device through the Toronto Public Library.

## **TRUSTEES 2016 – 2017**

### *Wards*

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|---|---------------------------|
| 1. Joseph Martino   | 7. Michael Del Grande     |
| 2. Ann Andrachuk  | 8. Garry Tanuan           |
| 3. Sal Piccininni   | 9. Jo-Ann Davis           |
| 4. Patrizia Bottoni   | 10. Barbara Poplawski     |
| 5. Maria Rizzo  | 11. Angela Kennedy, Chair |
| 6. Frank D'Amico, Vice Chair<br>Rhea Carlisle, Student Trustee<br>Joel Ndongmi, Student Trustee | 12. Nancy Crawford        |