

# September 2018

J A M E S C U L N A N C A T H O L I C S C H O O L

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## Principal's Message

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

With summer vacation behind us, welcome back to a new and exciting academic year at James Culnan! It's been great reconnecting with returning students and families, seeing how tall the children have grown, and hearing about some amazing summer adventures. With Hospitality being our Virtue of the Month for September, I would like to extend a special welcome to all those new to our school community. I look forward to getting to know you and working in partnership over the next 10 months.

This year marks the first year of the TCDSB's three-year pastoral plan: "**Rooted in Christ: we Belong, we Believe, we Become**". Inspired by St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians, our new pastoral plan strengthens our sense of belonging to God and one another, expresses our belief in God through our vision and mission, and works to achieve our goals as people on a common mission. In creating us, God expressed his love for us as members of his family and calls us to share that love with one another. Belonging describes our membership that gives us assurance of inclusion, acceptance and sense of satisfaction as members of one another.

Throughout the year, an opportunity for involvement I hope you will consider is with our Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC). This year, the CSPC's Annual General Meeting and 2018-19 elections will be on Tuesday, September 25th, at 7:00pm. Information on the election, along with nomination forms for a position on the council will be sent home shortly. Please consider completing the nomination form and returning it to the school office.

Regards,  
Stephen Dempsey      Joe Bucci  
Principal                      Vice Principal

**JAMES CULNAN  
CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL PARENT  
COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL  
GENERAL  
MEETING AND  
CSPC ELECTIONS  
TUESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER  
25TH, AT 7:00**

**ALL ARE  
WELCOME TO  
ATTEND!**

### Welcome New Staff

- Joe Bucci, Vice Principal
- Kassandra Kulnys-Douglas, FIELP
- Danielle D’Lima, FIELP
- Sandro Pileggi, Health and P.E.
- Jeff Laur, Vocal Music
- Jackie McGrath, French Specialty Teacher
- Justin Kinnear, French Specialty Teacher
- Ciara Hefferon, Special Education
- Oksana Prystai, FI03
- Nicole Pallotta, FI04
- Marie Carette, FIELP
- David Rodriguez, EFI07/2; and Core French
- Vito Lanzilotta, French Specialty Teacher

### **Dress Code**

A reminder to all families that the TCDSB has a common dress code for all students (K to Grade 8) in elementary schools .

Students must wear any combination of white and navy garments (i.e., plain white or navy blue top with a plain navy blue bottom; no denim or jeans).

Students are expected to wear this attire while at school, on excursions, participating in competitions and tournaments and attending mass at St. James Church.



### **Curriculum Night**

**Thursday, October 11th**  
(Additional Details to Follow)



Picture Day:

**Wednesday, October 10th**

### **SAFE DRIVING AND RESPECTFUL PARKING**

A reminder to all that the parking lots on both the North and South side of the school are for staff only. Kindly park on the street when visiting the school or picking up/dropping off your child.

As well, in the interest of everyone’s safety, please take extra care when driving in the school community. Respect posted speed limits, do not park “left wheels to curb,” and avoid blocking neighbors’ driveways, even if only for a brief moment. As well, remember the City of Toronto’s Idling Control By-Law, which prohibits engine idling for longer than 60 seconds.



If you received a letter from Toronto Public Health, please update your child's immunization record with us using one of the following options:

Phone: 416-392-1250

[Online reporting](#)

Fax: 416-338-2487

If your child does not have all the needed vaccines, please contact your health care provider.

416.338.7600 [toronto.ca/health](http://toronto.ca/health) |  **TORONTO** Public Health

## TCDSB Special Services Department

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.

## Toronto Catholic District School Board

### RE : STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Toronto Catholic District School Board does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school premises or during school activities. Accidents can and do happen. Some injuries incur medical, dental or other expenses that are not covered by provincial health care or employer group plans. As a parent or guardian, you become responsible for these expenses.

We do make available the insuremykids® Protection Plan for students through Reliable Life Insurance Company. Participation in such a programme is voluntary and the costs are to be paid by the parent or guardian.

This programme offers a variety of plans and benefits at affordable rates. Benefits included are:

- dental expenses (resulting from an accident)
- total and permanent disability
- paralysis/loss of use
- special disability benefits
- death benefits.

If your child participates in co-curricular activities or activities outside the school day, there is a plan tailored to your needs. Plan rates vary from \$8.00 to \$32.00 per child. All rates are one-time annual premiums. Family rates for 3 or more children are also offered. If you wish to subscribe you may apply 24/7 directly at:

[www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com)

Any questions should be directed to Reliable Life Insurance Company toll free at: **1-800-463-KIDS (5437)**.