

November 2014

Dear Parents;

**Church News/Information:** Our next School Mass will be held on November 13, 2014 at 9:15 a.m.. Mass is held at St. James Church, 728 Annette St. All parents and family members are welcome to attend and help us celebrate the mass together.

**St. James Church** – Father Ignacio makes regular visits to the church. Should you have any questions regarding the sacraments please contact the church office directly.

**St. Paul the Apostle Church** – Should you have any questions regarding the sacraments please contact the church office directly.

**Remembrance Day:** Liturgical service will be held in the school gym at 10:30 am on November 11, 2014.

**Parent Teacher Conferences:** Parent Teacher Conferences are being held the evening of Thursday November 13<sup>th</sup> and the Morning of Friday November 14<sup>th</sup>. Appointment information will be going home shortly. Please notify the school as soon as possible should you feel you require the services of a translator.

**Bussing:** Thank you to everyone for your cooperation during the recent reorganization of our bus routes and stops. Changes to the bus routes seem to be in place and settled. We would like to remind students and parents that we have a large number of new kindergarten students in the school and patience would be appreciated while our new young students adjust to using the school bus.

**Safe Arrival:** If your child will be absent for the day, please remember to contact the school office at 416-393-5325 by 8:30 a.m. You can leave a message on our voicemail system or speak directly to our secretary, Mrs. Curcic. Mrs. Curcic will also accept email notification of an absence. You can email the absence information to [susan.curcic@tcdsb.org](mailto:susan.curcic@tcdsb.org).

**Allergy Awareness:** Please be aware that we do our best at James Culnan to be sensitive to the needs of those with particular food or environmental allergies. We have a number of children in the school with peanut and nut allergies. Please be mindful of anything you make in your child's lunch that may contain peanuts/nuts. Peanut butter and Nutella should not be used in sandwiches. If you are using soy-based products, or the chocolate cheese based products please send a label on your child's lunch container.

**Lost and Found:** We have a Lost and Found table directly outside the cafetorium. Please have your child check for any items he/she may have left behind in the yard or another area of the school. At the end of each month we will be donating lost clothing or other items to a charitable organization.

**Food Drive:** Thank you to everyone that donated to our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. This is the most that the school has collected. St. Francis Table was very grateful for all of the donations.

**Hallowe'en Danceathon:** Our annual Hallowe'en Danceathon was a great success. We are still collecting pledges and are well on our way to reaching our goal.

**Hard Candy Drive** - Our Me To We team is collecting extra hard candy from Hallowe'en to send to undernourished children. The candies will be forwarded to Dr. Simone for distribution where it is mostly needed.

Thank you,

**M.O'Dowd, Principal**