

October 2014

Dear Parents;

**Church News/Information:** Our next School Mass will be held on October 24, 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** – The church will be having an information meeting for First Holy Communion on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. There will be a meeting for Confirmation information on October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

**St. Paul the Apostle Church** – The church is taking registrations for children who wish to have the Sacraments administered to them at St. Paul's. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered on Friday May 1st and the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be administered on Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014. Contact the church office for further information.

**Bussing:** Thank you to everyone for your cooperation during the recent reorganization of our bus routes and stops. It was a lot of work and we apologize for any inconvenience it might have caused but the majority of students appear to have settled into the new routine. The numbers on our buses in the afternoon have been significantly reduced by the addition of a new run. We would ask students to take the bus to which they have been assigned in the morning. If you have any concerns please direct them to the office.

**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, 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:** We are collecting non-perishable food items from now until October 8<sup>th</sup> for St. Francis Table and St. James parish. Thank you to those who have already donated.

**Hallowe'en Danceathon:** We are looking forward to our annual Hallowe'en Danceathon which will take place on October 31<sup>st</sup>. The danceathon is organized by our CSAC members and is our largest single fundraiser for each school year. An information letter and pledge forms will be sent out before the Thanksgiving weekend.

Thank you,

**M.O'Dowd, Principal**