

# September 2015

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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 and working in partnership with you over the next 10 months.

This year marks the launch of the TCDSB's new three-year pastoral plan: "Together with One Voice—Harmonizing Faith in our Families, Parishes, and Schools," with this year's focus being on the Family. Placing an emphasis on Family is highly appropriate, as families play a prominent role in the education of their children. Student success and well being is much more likely to be achieved when the connection between family and school is strong. I encourage all parents and guardians to take advantage of opportunities to involve yourself in the life of the school throughout the year, and to support your child(ren)'s learning at home.

One 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 2015-16 elections will be on Thursday, September 24th, at 7:00pm. Information on the election, along with nomination forms for a position on the council were sent home last week. Please consider completing the nomination form and returning it to the school office.

Our first school mass will be at St. James R.C. Church (738 Annette St.) on Thursday, September 17th beginning at 9:15 a.m. There is a wonderful tradition of James Culnan families coming together to celebrate our faith, and I hope you are able to attend.

Regards,  
Stephen Dempsey  
Principal

Leonor Goncalves  
Vice Principal

### Welcome New Staff

- **Ms. Goncalves, Vice Principal**
- **Mme. Calcada, Kindergarten French Immersion**
- **M. Creaghan, French Specialty Teacher**
- **Ms. Galati, Grade 1/2 (LTO)**
- **Mr. Howard, Health and Physical Education**
- **Ms. Hutchins, Early Childhood Educator**
- **Ms. Jung, Early Childhood Educator**
- **Mme. Imre, Grade 1/2 French Immersion**
- **Ms. Medvey, Vocal Music**
- **M. Prieur, Grade 7/8 Extended French**
- **Mme. La Cute, Grade 1 French Immersion (LTO)**

### Dress Code

A reminder to all families that the TCDSB has a common dress code for students in elementary schools. Students must wear of 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

### School Construction

Due to increasing enrolment, an additional kindergarten classroom is being added to accommodate the children. The new space will be created by converting and renovating the staff room on the main floor.

The work is expected to begin before the end of September, and should be completed approximately four weeks later.

To ensure the safety of everyone concerned, and to avoid any disruptions to classroom activities, most of the work will be completed after school when children are no longer in class.

During this process, kindergarten students from Mme. Pereira's class are being accommodated in one half of the double gymnasium, which has been closed off for privacy. All students will continue to have

### Family Seeking Car Pool

A member of the James Culnan School Community is hoping to connect with a family willing to explore a shared transportation arrangements for their primary-age child. The family lives in the just North of Eglinton Ave; West of Scarlett Rd. Please see Mr. Demp-

### Curriculum Night

**Thursday, October 1st**

Picture Day  
Wednesday, October 28th



**Pizza Lunch and Dress Down Day**

Friday, September 25th  
Order forms to be sent home shortly