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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 second year of the TCDSB's three-year pastoral plan: "Together with One Voice—Harmonizing our Faith Through Family, Parish and School," with this year's focus being on the Parish. It is an opportunity to celebrate the important role that our parishes play in our school community and in the lives of the students, staff and families we serve. During the Year of the Parish, we look for ways to more fully engage with our local church, and to welcome our priests and parish community into school events and activities.

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 2016-17 elections will be on Thursday, September 22nd, 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.

Regards,

Stephen Dempsey
Principal

Leonor Goncalves
Vice Principal

Welcome New Staff

- Ms. Howson, ECE (LTO)
- Mme. D'Lima, FI ELP (LTO)
- Ms. Damiano, Special Education Teacher
- Mme. Collas Febrero, French Specialty Teacher
- Ms. Janus, Vocal Music Teacher
- Mme. La Rosa, French Specialty Teacher
- Ms. Tavares, Gifted Teacher
- Mr. Bocale, Interim Head Caretaker

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, September 29th
(Additional Details to Follow)



Picture Day
Thursday, October 13th

Pizza Lunch and Dress Down Day

Friday, September 30th

Order forms to be sent home shortly

Student Drop Off and Pick Up

When dropping off and/or picking up your child(ren) from school, kindly refrain from parking **“left wheels to curb”**

Crossing into the wrong lane to park is extremely dangerous and puts members of our community at risk.

To park on the school-side of the road, approach from the South on Willard Ave., or from the North on Windermere Ave.

Also, be sure to park outside of the designated “Bus Loading Zones” and do not block neighbours’ driveways.



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 |  **TORONTO** Public Health

A Message From St. Paul the Apostle Church

First Holy Communion & Confirmation

Those parents who have children presently in grade 2 or grade 7 may register their children for receiving the Sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation at St. Paul the Apostle Church, by either picking up a registration form from the office or the back of the church.

You may also obtain the registration form by visiting our website at www.saint-paul-maltese.com and clicking Sacraments. Once you get to the 'Sacraments' page, you will be able to print out the form. For more information please call the Parish Office at 416-767-7054.

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

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