

September, 2014

Dear Parents;

Welcome back to a new school year! We have had a very busy start but everyone has begun to settle into the daily routine, including our Junior Kindergarten students and our new staff members. Here is some information that may prove useful over the next few weeks:

Monthly Calendar: The monthly calendar for the school is usually sent at the beginning of the month. Please use this as a reference for school activities, masses and upcoming events.

Church News/Information: **Our first school mass will be Friday, September 19, 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 2nd at 7:00 p.m. There will be a meeting for Confirmation information on October 8th at 7:00 pm. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

Fr. Ingacio would like to extend an invitation to all grade 7 and 8 students that are interested in joining the new St. James Church Youth Group or the new St. James Church youth band that will perform once a month at a youth mass on the last Saturday of the month at the 5:00 pm mass. Anyone interested that can play an instrument or sing please contact the church office at 416-767-6451

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 3rd, 2014. Contact the church office for further information.

Parking and Bus Loading Zones: During the morning and afternoon arrival and dismissal times, the area outside the front of the school on Willard Ave. is designated for bus drop off and pick up. Please do not park in that area during those times. Please also use extra caution when travelling in this zone at dismissal, as students are boarding the buses and others may be crossing the street in order to meet their parents or walking home.

School Hours: ***School starts at 8:30 a.m. and dismisses at 3:00 p.m.*** Our lunch recess time has been changed to reflect similar changes throughout the Board in many schools. The daily schedule is as follows: ***Morning Recess: 10:12-10:27 a.m., Lunch Recess: 11:15-12:15, Afternoon Recess: 1:40-1:55 p.m.***

Appropriate Dress Code: In keeping with Toronto Catholic District School Board Policy, James Culnan has an appropriate dress code. Students are to wear a combination of navy blue and white clothing at all times, including when attending mass or on excursions, unless otherwise indicated by the teacher or the school.

Pizza Days: Pizza Days usually take place on the last Friday of every month and are organized by our CSAC members. On pizza days, students in all grades are allowed to “dress down” but still must wear clothing appropriate for a school environment.

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.**

Thank you, M.O'Dowd, Principal