

## Mother Cabrini Catholic School

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*The greatest of this is love!*

## SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2018

Warm welcome back to the new 2018-2019 school year! The staff and I hope that all students had an enjoyable summer, is feeling rested and rejuvenated to begin the 2018-2019 school year! I take this opportunity to warmly welcome back all returning students and staff to Mother Cabrini Catholic School! I extend a warm welcome to all students and families who are new to Mother Cabrini school community! Please join me in welcoming the following new staff members to our school: We warmly welcoming the following new staff members to Mother Cabrini: Mrs. John who will be the Long Term Occasional (LTO) teacher in the FDK class, Mrs. Spike who is the new Educational Assistant assigned to the school, Mrs. Kapel who will be replacing Mrs. Arsenault in the role of Lunch time Monitor until end of October, as well as returning to her original assignment as Supervisors in PLASP. As well, we welcome Mrs. Alegria ho will be one of the new Supervisors in PLASP! A complete staff list is included in this month newsletter.

While we thank our former Superintendent Mr. Doug Yack for his hard work together with many years of service in Catholic education and wish him a happy retirement, please join me in extending a warm welcome to our new Superintendent of Area 2 Mrs. F. Cifelli!

I look forward with great anticipation to continue to collaborate and work very hard to continue to build harmonious relationships with students, staff, parents, and all stake holders of the school community. As well, I look forward to working with all members of the school community to continue to have open communication and transparency regarding our school goals, promoting a safe and caring school climate and our ongoing vision of achieving academic excellence for all students.

Thank you to all teachers who have been busy preparing their classrooms, gathering together resources, supplies and putting up bulletin boards to create a welcoming teaching and learning environment for your students. In addition, that you to all support staff for all of your hard work in making the school ready and welcoming to the community for this new school year.

CSPC elections will be held on Wednesday September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the gym. Nominations forms were sent home in June. Please see the CSPC page for further information. All parents are invited to please come to the school to participate in the elections. CSPC meeting will be held the first Wednesday in each month starting at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held in the school staff room. ALL Parents and Guardians are always welcome to attend monthly meetings and get involved in Parent Engagement!

A reminder that the school will offer subway lunches every other Thursday throughout the school year effective September 18<sup>th</sup>. Subway lunches can be ordered on line through KEV. Funds will be spent on refilling the Birthday Bin as well as contribute towards payment for students' presentations on Anti Bullying and Social Skills.

I look forward to a wonderful year in partnership with all members of the Mother Cabrini School Community!

Yours in Catholic Education  
Sherryann Ambrose,  
Principal



## Virtue of the Month of September is Hospitality



### Three Year Pastoral Plan 2018-2021

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year as we launch our new Three Year Pastoral Plan 2018-2021, “Rooted in Christ: we Belong, we Believe, we Become”.

This is a perfect way to start our year focusing on ‘we Belong’ as we open our classrooms, schools, offices and ourselves to making everyone feel welcome at Mother Cabrini. During the first year of the plan, both the TCDSB and staff and students at Mother Cabrini will focus on the concept of belonging. As a school community, we will explore how “we Belong” to our school community, to our family, to our parish and to our world. We are also encouraged and invited to consider what we can do to ensure that everyone around us feels a sense of belonging: our students, our staff, our parent community, and our parish which is Nativity of Our Lord. We continue to be thankful to our Parish Priest Father Michael for his continued spiritual leadership.

### Pastoral Plan Prayer

Loving God, we believe that everyone is a gift and belongs to your family for we are made in your image and likeness. As a community of believers rooted in Christ, may we always celebrate your presence with us and appreciate both the gifts and responsibilities of belonging to this community of faith. Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the intercession of Mother Mary, and all the Saints, may we become all you intend us to be— a reflection of Christ in our world. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Curriculum Corner

For this 2018-2019 school year, we continue to work collaboratively as a school community: students, parents, teachers, support staff and all stakeholders to achieve our school goal of Academic Excellence for All Students. The well-known African saying, “It takes a village to

raise a child” reflects the importance of parents’ involvement and collaboration with the school to ensure that your child/children learn to their fullest potential and experience success at school. We continue to recommend that Parents/Guardians keep in close contact with your child/children teachers to know first-hand what they learn at school each day. September is the opportune time to establish a routine after school as homework time. This time also provides a great opportunity to have conversations with your children on what they were taught at school in different subject areas especially Mathematics. Take some time each day to look through their note books and agendas and have them articulate some of the teaching/learning strategies they were taught. Education is a shared responsibility. Our combined efforts will make this an exciting and rewarding year for students, parents and staff! We deeply value the input of our parent community and invite you to contact your child/children teacher should you have questions or concerns during the school year. Please continue to read our **Curriculum Corner** in the upcoming Monthly News letters for curriculum news as it relates to student achievement.

**EQAO News:** The 2017-2018 EQAO results will be released by the Ministry of Education on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018. EQAO results will be shared with the incoming CSPC as well as on Curriculum Night on Thursday September 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Staffing Model

Below is a tentative copy of the school staffing model. Once enrollment is finalized, staffing model and class configuration will be finalized by the end of September. Any new changes will be shared with the Parent community.

### Staff Assignments 2018/19

FDK (Full Day Kindergarten)	B. John (LTO)
SK/Grade 1	C. Prattinger
Gr. 1/2	R. Adamo
Gr. 2/3	L. Da Silva
Gr. 3/4	R. Pacheco
Gr. 4/5	J. Aucoin-Goslin
Gr. 6/7	C. DeBraga
Gr. 7/8	M. Hlady-Madeira
French	C. Al-Dhar
Vocal Music/Physical Education	G. Amadei
Instrumental Music	
Special Education	P. Santelli
Physical & Health Education	E. Moretto
Library Technician	P. Ryan
ECE (Early Childhood Educator	A. Zawistowski
EAs (Educational Assistant)	E. Forte and L. Spike
Administrative Assistant	A. Arandia

Custodians	D. Daponte G. De Sousa
PLASP	P. Kapel and E. Alegria

#### School Based Support Learning Team (SBSLT)

Social Worker	M. Batista
Physiology Services	J. L'Heureux
Speech and Language	M. Isabella
Assessment & Programming (APT)	TBA
Guidance Counsellor	TBA
Lunchtime Supervisors	N. Arsenault M. Abando P. Kapel

#### Crossing Guard

We warmly welcome back our Crossing Guard Jim Pegg and thank him for his service to Mother Cabrini school community over the past .... Years

#### Special Services Department News

As part of the TCDSB's goal of Fostering Student Achievement and Well Being, the Special Services department endeavors to support our special education students in achieving academic excellence and meeting the Ontario Catholic Graduate School Expectations. The department offers a variety of supports to students based on their need(s) and/or identification(s). For further information please visit the Special Services department link:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SpecialEducation/Pages/default.aspx>

Parents/caregivers are reminded that if they require support in accessing the Special Services department link, they may ask the school principal for assistance. Alternately, for families who require access to a computer to visit the site, they may access an electronic device through the Toronto Public Library.

#### Curriculum Night

Parents and Guardians are invited to join us in the school gym on Thursday September 27<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. for our Curriculum Night. All parents and guardians are invited to attend. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your child/children new teacher(s) as well as rekindle relationships with returning parents and get to meet and greet new parents!

Teachers will provide curriculum packages and answer questions you may have regarding your child/children curriculum expectations. Our Parish Priest, Father Michael Machacek will be in attendance to give his Blessings and meet returning parents as well as welcome parents who are new to Mother Cabrini school community.



#### School Hours for the 2018-2019 School Year

**Start time**-8:30 a.m, **First recess**-10:12-10:27 a.m., **Lunch**-11:15-12:15 p.m., **Second recess**- 1:40-1:55 p.m., **Dismissal** 3:00 p.m.. Morning supervision starts at 8:10 a.m. both in the Kindergarten and main yard. In order to ensure your child/children safety, please do not drop off and leave your child/children at school before 8:10 a.m. since there is no supervision before the 8:10 a.m.. A reminder to parents/guardians and day care providers to please pick up students promptly at dismissal time which is 3:00 p.m.

#### Food Allergies/Epi-Pens

We have a number of students with peanut, egg, sesame seeds and various nuts and other food allergies. These medical condition causes severe anaphylactic reaction in students. We advocate a nut free school policy at Mother Cabrini. We ask the Parent community to please do not send any food, snacks or products containing peanuts or traces of peanuts to school. Parents with an anaphylactic child should contact the office to update medical forms and replace expired epi-pens at your earliest convenience.

#### Birthday Celebrations

A reminder that if your child wishes to celebrate his/her birthday with their class, we remind parents that due to many food allergies, no food products are allowed for birthday celebrations. Students celebrating their birthdays are acknowledged over the PA during morning announcements on the day of their birthdays and receive a birthday treat from the principal Treasure Box. A permission form will be sent home for parents who wish to participate in the Voluntary Birthday Class List. You are welcome to call the school if you need further information.

#### Lockdowns and Fire Drills

As per Toronto Catholic District School Board safety protocol, we will be having four mandatory Emergency Lockdowns and six Fire Drills during the school year.

#### Student Agendas

Agendas are quite useful in helping students to be organized with homework assignments while ensuring consistency with communications between home and school. It is strongly recommended that each student

purchase an agenda for Home/School communication. Please ensure that you check your child/children agendas everyday to keep up-to-date with homework assignments and communications from the teachers. Parents are asked to review the first few pages of the agenda containing the following with your child/children: Medical Conditions, Expectations and Standards of Behaviour, School Safety, Appropriate Dress Code, Lunchtime Rules, Internet Guidelines, and Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policies. Please sign the first page of the agenda indicating that you have read and discussed all school and TCDSB expectations with your child/children. **The cost of the agenda are \$9.00.** Payments can be made on line.

### **Cell Phone, Electronic Devices and the Acceptable Use Internet Policy**

Students are allowed to bring a cell phone to school under the advice of their class teacher, or if parents feel that your child needs to carry a cell phone to school for safety purposes. Cell phones must be turned off during school hours unless used for academic purposes under the direction supervision of the classroom teacher. All cell phones must be invisible during the instructional part of the day unless otherwise instructed by the class teacher. In the event that parents need to speak to their child/ children during school hours, a reminder to please contact the office. Students who need to speak to their parents must obtain permission from the office to use the school phone. We ask for your continued cooperation by refraining from texting your child/children during the instructional hours of the school day since this has proven to be extremely disruptive to the class teacher and other students. We will continue to enforce the TCDSB Acceptable Use Policy and the BYOD policy at Mother Cabrini. Parents are asked to sign the Student Internet Agreement forms, Grades K-3 and Grades 4-8 and return them to your child/children teacher(s) by Thursday September 7<sup>th</sup>. This contract **must** be signed by all students and their parents at the start of every school year. We will continue to enforce the TCDSB Acceptable Use Policy and the BYOD policy at Mother Cabrini.

The school accepts no financial responsibility for the loss of cell phones and other electronic devices.

### **School and Student Safety**

When picking up or dropping of your child/children during school hours, a reminder to please meet them at designated drop-off and pick-up area. If picking up your child for an appointment, please sign out your child in the main office. We remind everyone that safety in the parking lot/street is a collective responsibility of all members of the school community. To maximize student safety, your co-operation is required in avoiding the

school parking lot during the peak traffic times: 8:15-8:30a.m., 2:45-3:05 p.m..

Visitors to the school, students, staff and parents safety are of utmost importance. All entrances and exits to the school are locked during the school day. All parents and visitors to the school **must** report to the main office and sign the visitors' binder. For the safety of students and staff, parents and visitors are not permitted in the instructional area of the school.

**Safe Arrival:** If your child will be late for school or absent, please call the school to inform the school Secretary or leave a message on our answering machine before the start of the school day.

### **Students Accident Insurance**

The Toronto Catholic District School Board does not provide accident insurance coverage for students' injuries that occur on school premises during school activities and school hours. Accidents can and do happen. The TCDSB makes available an Accident and Life Insurance Program for students. Participation in such program is voluntary and the cost are to be paid by the parent or guardian.

### **Permission Forms**

Permission forms were sent home on Tuesday September 4<sup>th</sup>. They include the following: Health, Lunch, Student Accident Insurance, BYOD and Media Release Forms. All permission forms are due back on Thursday Sept 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Dress Code**

The appropriate Dress Code for Mother Cabrini consists of any combination of white and navy blue garments. For example, plain white top, navy blue bottom or navy blue top and bottom, no denim). The navy blue does not include a lighter shade blue. Students are permitted to wear shirts with or without collar. No logos are allowed on clothing unless logos are tone on tone-same colour). Pants, shorts, skirts, tunics, skirts and track pants are not part of Mother Cabrini's appropriate dress code.

### **Kiss and Ride Program-Student Drop off and Pick Up**

The Kiss and Ride entrances and exits are marked with quite visible lanes. The Kiss and Ride program works as follows:

#### **Before School**

All vehicles and school busses enter one way through lane 1 only. Cars move up as close to exit as possible for student drop off. Cars stop and students exit on curb side. With our Kiss and Ride program, no vehicles are to park for student drop off. Kindergarten children will be escorted from their vehicle to the



kindergarten yard by a staff member. If you choose to park and walk your children in, there are adjacent streets near the school where you can park without hindering with the safe and smooth flow of traffic in the Kiss and Ride. .

### After School

Lanes 2 and 3 will be used for student pick up at 3:00pm. Parents are asked to wait in your vehicles for your child/children to be dismissed from school. You are asked not to leave your vehicles cars. After students are loaded cars exit to enable flow of traffic out. Lane 3 is left clear for bus loading and emergency exit (no student pick up in lane 3).

Any Parents choosing to park and get out of their vehicles are asked to do so after 3:10pm. From 3:00-3:10pm cars are ready to pick up students and move through the kiss and ride promptly without stopping the flow of traffic out. No drop off or pick up of students in the school parking lot. Traffic in this area puts students at risk that are walking in front of the parking lot entering and exiting the school yard. Our safety patrollers under the leadership of Mrs. Adamo assist with the safety of students walking in front of the parking lot.

Parking in the school parking lot is used for parents and visitors to the main office/school and for staff parking.

To minimize the traffic congestion after school, we are encouraging families that live close to the school to walk to the school for child pick-up. We also encourage older students to walk home with a buddy. This promotes independence and prepares them for high school.

A gentle reminder for the safety of all students, parents of students from SK/Gr. 1 to Gr. 8 are not permitted past the open gate, on the steps and on the playground (asphalt) when you drop of or pick up your child/children. Please wait for your child/children along the fence. A reminder that the school parking lot is reserve only for staff.

Both staff and parents have worked very hard over the years to implement this safety protocol. I ask for your continued cooperation in following the above safety protocols so that all students, staff and parents will be safe at school.

**MAKING SCHOOL SAFE**

### Safety During Lunch Hour

In keeping with the lunch protocol, we asking parents to please send your child to school with their lunch every day until the last day of school to ensure their safety during the hours of the school day. This safety protocol is necessary as a result of the large number of request from parents to have their sons/daughters leave the safety of the school and go out to the community plaza to have lunch. The school continue to be concerned that these students going out for lunch are not being supervised. In the past, we have dealt with incidences around safe supervision with students going out for lunch. Let us always continue to strive to be Preventative and NOT Reactive!



### First Communion Programme (Grade 2) 2018-2019

Parishioners are invited to register their children in Grade 2 for the First Communion 2018-2019 programme. The school will not be sending home an information package. Parents are invited to attend a **mandatory** Parent Information meeting on will be on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the Parish Church Hall. Parents need to register in order to receive the First communion booklet and package. Registration from runs from September 19<sup>th</sup> –October 9<sup>th</sup>. The Church office is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00a.m.-12:00 noon, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.. The office is closed during the lunch hour from 12 noon - 1:00 p.m.. Our Parish Priest, Father Michael Machacek invites all parents of Gr. 2 students to attend the meeting to learn about the programme. For further information, parents are welcome to call Nativity Church office at 416-621-2732.



## Milk Program

We continue to sell cold chocolate and white milk daily. Payments can be made online at a cost of \$1.25. Student leaders will continue to deliver milk to classes effective September 17<sup>th</sup>.



## Toronto Public Health



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

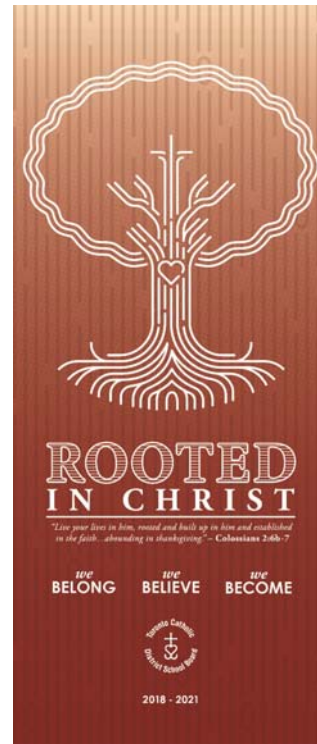
If your child does not have all the needed vaccines, please contact your health care provider.

416.338.7600 [toronto.ca/health](http://toronto.ca/health) |  **TORONTO** Public Health

## Important Reminder About Liability Insurance

All parents are reminded to consider checking the adequacy of their liability insurance through their homeowners'/tenants' insurance policy to cover claims arising out of injuries caused by their child at school. Student Accident Insurance application forms are forwarded to schools for distribution, and can also be purchased on-line at [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com). TCDSB's Risk Management continues to strongly promote this product as an inexpensive form of dental, disability and life insurance.

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## OUR MISSION

*The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community uniting home, parish and school and rooted in the love of Christ. We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.*

## OUR VISION

*At Toronto Catholic, we transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.*



July 5, 2018

Ms. Sherryann Ambrose  
Mother Cabrini Catholic Elementary School  
720 Renforth Drive  
Etobicoke, ON M9C 2N9

**ShareLife**

**Mission:** *To live the Gospel by providing for those in need.*

**Vision:** *The Catholic community and its partners responding generously with justice and love*

**Principles:**

*Reverence for life at all stages*

*Commitment to Catholic Social Teaching*

*Collaboration with stakeholders*

*Responsible and accountable for resources*

Dear Sherryann,

Thank you for your gift of **\$224.25** that was made on behalf of **Mother Cabrini Catholic Elementary School**. Your gift is a sacred trust which will allow ShareLife to support the community providing important services to those in need in our local community.

Your donation will positively impact families in crisis, children and youth, immigrants and refugees, single and teen parents, the elderly, people with special needs, the education of clergy and grant recipient organizations which extend the reach of ShareLife's impact.

We have credited your donation to the **Nativity of Our Lord Parish** ShareLife campaign.

Your school community has brought hope to many in need, and your participation in the campaign is a living example of our new mission: ***To live the Gospel by providing for those in need***, and our vision of ***The Catholic community and its partners responding generously with justice and love***.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim Lee Loy".

Tim Lee Loy  
Coordinator, Schools and Employee Campaigns





January 22, 2017

Ms. Elena Moretto  
Mother Cabrini Catholic School  
720 Renforth Drive  
Etobicoke, ON M9C 2N9

Dear Elena,

Terry Fox began his Marathon of Hope 37 years ago with a bold goal of reaching a finish line beyond which cancer is no longer a threat. He had a big dream, an iron will and a noble cause. It was a run that he knew would be a long difficult one, truly a marathon. And one he knew others would have to continue for him.

It was so inspiring to see the **Mother Cabrini Catholic School** community come together in Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> year to add another year, and celebrate the legacy that Terry left for us. His story of courage and determination continues to be shared as an example of the best we can be as Canadians. With open hearts and big dreams, your school set a shining example of what can be accomplished with a focused goal and incredible school spirit.

Your generous contribution of **\$455.00** allows the Foundation to support the work of the brightest researchers in Canada. This year the Terry Fox Research Institute is working to establish **The Marathon of Hope Cancer Centre Network**, a powerful pan-Canadian collaborative platform that will close the gap between research in the lab and patient care in the clinic. This is a game-changing concept that will unite our country by sharing knowledge, harnessing technology and working together toward curing cancer, just like Terry wanted.

This unique research initiative would not be possible without your support. Thank you for making The Terry Fox Run such an important part of your school year.

With heartfelt congratulations and thanks,

The School Team  
The Terry Fox Foundation

*P.S. Thank you for joining over 8,000 schools across Canada in the fight against cancer!*





## Toronto Catholic District School Board Monthly Update September 2018

### Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Elections

Be a voice for Catholic parents.

Support parent engagement in TCDSB Schools.

Election of two parent representatives in each of Wards 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 is scheduled for October 3, 2018.

Election of parent representatives for vacant seats in Wards 6 and 10 will be held October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Election of Members at Large takes place Monday, October 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

For detailed information including election locations, see

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/ParentInvolvement/CPICElections/Pages/default.aspx>

CPIC is a provincially mandated and funded committee that supports student academic achievement through increased parent involvement. CPIC is a parent-led committee of volunteers who work locally and centrally to engage parents more fully in Catholic education. CPIC members provide information and advice on parent engagement to the school board, create initiatives that promote and facilitate parent engagement, and educate parents to support them in their children's learning at home and/or at school. Consider running, or nominating someone you think would be a strong voice for parents.

Nomination forms are available at all TCDSB school offices. Please forward completed nominations forms to the CEC: Manuela Sequeira, by September 22, 2018. Nomination forms are available at all TCDSB school offices.

### Municipal Elections - NOTE BEFORE YOU VOTE

All are reminded before the next Municipal Election on **October 22, 2018**, including the election of Catholic school trustees, to check your school support on your latest property tax bill to ensure that you are registered as a Catholic school support. TCDSB's assessment department can assist with any questions:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/Assessment/Pages/default.aspx>

For more information about the election, see:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/trusteesoftheboard/pages/municipal-elections.aspx>

### New Trustee Ward Boundaries for 2018 Municipal Election

The Toronto Catholic District School Board at a Special Board Meeting on August 8, 2018 approved the establishment of new Trustee Ward boundaries for the upcoming Municipal Elections on **October 22, 2018**. This was done to comply with new legislation passed by the Government of Ontario to reduce the number of Toronto City Council seats from 47 to 25 by aligning ward boundaries with current provincial and federal ridings which included a directive to redistribute TCDSB Trustee Ward boundaries. Existing Trustee Wards, including the local Catholic schools they represent, remain unchanged and the new boundaries DO NOT come into effect until December 1, 2018. For a map of the new boundaries visit:

[https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TrusteesoftheBoard/Documents/180813\\_Board\\_Approved\\_Realignment\\_WithStreets.pdf](https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TrusteesoftheBoard/Documents/180813_Board_Approved_Realignment_WithStreets.pdf)

For more information about the new boundaries, including the Board report on the realignment of trustee wards to the new 25 City of Toronto ward boundaries, visit: <https://www.tcdsb.org/board/trusteesoftheboard/pages/new-trustee-ward-boundaries.aspx>

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## **Register Now: School Cash Online**

Parents/guardians are reminded to create their School Cash Online profile, in order to receive updates and information on upcoming school activities, including pizza lunches, civvies days, field trips, and much more. Paying through School Cash Online offers a safe and convenient payment option that eliminates the need to send cash or cheques to school. For more information and to create your account visit [www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/schoolcashionline](http://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/schoolcashionline)

## **Bus Transportation Information and Updates**

Communications with parents regarding bus transportation for students is a priority. In order to stay informed, parents are encouraged to register on the Toronto Student Transportation Group (TSTG) portal today by visiting [www.torontoschoolbus.org](http://www.torontoschoolbus.org). This portal provides TCDSB parents with online access to their children's transportation information and up to the minute email notifications regarding school bus cancellations or delays. If you have any issues signing up on the portal, please contact [support@torontoschoolbus.org](mailto:support@torontoschoolbus.org) and staff will assist you with the registration of your account.

## **September's Virtue is Hospitality**

This is a perfect way to kick start our year focusing on "we Belong" as we open our classrooms, schools, offices and ourselves to making everyone feel welcome.

The virtue calendar for the month is attached for your reference, but please note that all resources for the month of September, and for the monthly virtues throughout the year can be found on our website at

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/VirtueoftheMonth/Pages/Default.aspx>

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Learn more about our new pastoral plan:

- [Watch the Launch of the Pastoral Plan May 9, 2018](#)
- [Pastoral Plan Prayer](#)
- [We Belong to God—Pastoral Plan Song](#)
- [An Overview of the Plan](#)
- [Discussion Topics focusing on the first year of our plan--"we Belong"](#)
- [View the artwork for our new pastoral plan](#)
- [See photo highlights from the launch of our new Pastoral Plan](#)

During the first year of the plan, we focus in depth on the concept of belonging. Students and staff are invited to explore how "we Belong" to our school community (or place of work), to our family, to our parish and to our world. We are also invited to consider what we can do to ensure that everyone around us feels a sense of belonging—our students, our parent communities, our staff, our pastors and other members of our local parishes.

Throughout the year, share your stories on Instagram and twitter using the hashtag **#TCDSBweBelong**

## Open Houses

Students in grade 8 and their families are reminded that TCDSB secondary schools are hosting open houses this fall—a great way to meet staff and students, check out the school facilities and learn about the programs and services being offered. Complete schedule is online: <https://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/default.aspx>

## Integrated International Language Program Surveys

In July 2018 the Board unanimously approved the preservation of the existing International Language Programs in 44 TCDSB schools. In accordance with the Board approved motion, all elementary schools will be surveyed to determine their interest in providing a new International Language program at their school in future years. Surveys will be conducted in all schools starting November 18 and completed by January 2019. More information to come.

## Important Dates to Note for September:

- September is Ukrainian Heritage Month  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/Ukrainian-Canadian-Heritage-Month/Pages/default.aspx>
- September 1—Day of Prayer for Care of God’s Creation
- September 8--International Literacy Day
- September 9--Grandparent’s Day
- September 20--WE Day Family September 20<sup>th</sup> <https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/news/2017-2018/pages/we-day-family.aspx>
- **Coming Soon:** Rosary Day and World Teachers Day to be celebrated on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.
- National Custodial Workers Day scheduled for October 2<sup>nd</sup>  
More information to come in the October issue

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## **Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectation**

Featuring the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectation will be the a new addition to our monthly newsletter. The TCDSB celebrates seven Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectation.

This month, we celebrate the first Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectation which is:

- (1)A Discerning Believer formed in Catholic Faith Community who celebrates the sign and scared mystery of God's presence through word, sacrament, prayer, forgives, reflection and moral living.

The Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectation will be implemented in FDK-Grade 8 throughout the school year. Please take some time to discuss with your sons daughters on the virtues taught in school on how the live and demonstrate the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectation at school and at home.



## Welcome to School Cash Online

### What is School Cash Online?

School Cash Online is an online parent portal that offers a safe, fast and convenient way to pay for school activity fees. The portal is customized to meet your school's needs and allows you as a parent, to add your students, make payments, check current balance/account history, print or view receipts, and receive notifications about upcoming events.

### Why Use School Cash Online?

With School Cash Online, you can pay all your student's school fees with the click of a button. Wherever. Whenever. Trips to the school to drop-off cash or sending your student with money will be a thing of the past. School Cash Online also enables you to keep track of your student's school items and activities.

### Purchase these items and more online.



1-800-341-6  
TOLL FREE

### Which Payment Methods are Accepted?



#### Credit Card

Pay with Visa or MasterCard on School Cash Online by entering your credit card number, CVV number (the three digits on the back of your card), card expiry date, and billing information.



#### eCheck

An electronic version of a paper check used to make payments online. Anyone with a checking or savings account can pay by eCheck through School Cash Online.



#### myWallet

An online wallet that can be loaded to hold funds and pay for your child's fees on School Cash Online. myWallet also allows you to allocate funds to pay for school fees at a later date, as you would with a gift card.

### How to Register

Follow these instructions to create your School Cash Online account today.

1

#### Create Your Profile:

Go to <https://xxxxxxxx.schoolcashonline.com> and click on "Get Started Today".

2

#### Confirm Your Email:

Check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside. Sign in with your new login details.

Stay connected by selected "Yes" to email notifications about upcoming fees.



I want to receive email notifications for new fees assigned to my student and updates on school-related activities.

3

#### Add a Student

Click "Add Student" and fill in the required fields with your child's details.

For more information contact Parent Helpdesk at  
[parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com](mailto:parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com) or 1.866.961.1803

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