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The greatest of this is love!

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2020



Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

As the month of October draws to a close we would like to extend our sincerest gratitude for a successful start to the new school year and your continued dedication to student success. We would also like to thank you for your generous support of the Terry Fox walk. Mother Cabrini raised \$670 to support cancer research.

As the month of November dawns, we are called to celebrate the virtue of peace. As we begin this celebration, let us call to mind the words of Pope Francis who reminds us that we are all instruments of peace, "Make peace, create peace; be the example of peace. We need peace in the world." It is only fitting that over the course of this month students will be given the opportunity to engage in various events which are centered upon the notion of peace and which call to mind all those who have gone before us. We also hope that students will continue these initiatives at home and within their communities.

May the peace of the Lord be with you and your families.

Yours in Partnership,

Ms. Manini-Della Rossa

Principal

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Virtue of the Month of November is Peace



Three Year Pastoral Plan 2018-2021

The 2020-2021 school year sees us in the third year of the pastoral plan which is centered on "Becoming". What a wonderful theme to begin the school year as we open our classrooms, schools, offices and ourselves to becoming all that we are called to be. We are also encouraged and invited to consider what we can do to ensure that everyone around us is given the ability to develop to their fullest potential. As always, we continue to be thankful to our Parish Priest Father Michael for his continued spiritual leadership through the final year of the Pastoral Plan.

In Flanders Field

*In Flanders fields the poppies grow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The Torch: be yours to hold it high!
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*



Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations

To support our faith development and Catholic Board Learning Cycle, we infuse our Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations in all aspects of Catholic Education from Kindergarten to Grade 12. As a school we work to support a deeper understanding of these expectations and of our witness to faith. Together, as a community we work to embed the seven expectations to support the Catholic Education of our students as they journey through our schools through to vocation.

I AM A BELIEVER!

- *I believe that God is an awesome God*
- *I believe and have faith in God*
- *I believe that God is with us always*
- *I believe that we can talk to God anytime and anywhere, through prayer*
- *I believe in the stories of the Bible*
- *I believe in the stories of Jesus' life, death & resurrection*
- *I believe in the Church community, celebrating Mass, and the seven Sacraments*
- *I believe in forgiveness*

Have Responsibilities

- *I am a peace-maker*
- *I am fair*
- *I follow rules and do my share*
- *I help the poor and care for people in need*
- *I stand up for what is right*

Because I am a believer, I will live my life like Jesus.



Curriculum Corner

Try it at Home

Ways to support math learning at home

Learn how to help inspire your child's love for learning and better understanding of math. You can support mathematics learning at home, based on the grade your child is in. Your child's teacher can also provide more ideas specific to what is being covered in class.

Primary: Grades 1 to 3

Children in primary grades, 1 to 3, tend to be curious, creative, and imaginative. Their listening skills are developing, as are their fine motor skills, including activities such as holding a pencil or catching a ball.

Most children in primary grades:

- love math
- begin to make connections between school math and the world around them
- tend to work quickly
- like to change activities and tasks often

Sometimes children reverse letters, such as b and d, or numbers, 31 instead of 13.

To support mathematics learning at home, you can:

- schedule homework completion at the same time and location each day
- create a homework drawer or basket and fill it with supplies your child will use, such as pencils, erasers, scissors, rulers, graph paper, construction paper and a calculator
- write on scrap paper or sticky notes to create math "word walls" about the topics your child is studying at school
- use and talk about the math tools that you have around the house already, such as thermometers, clocks, measuring cups, measuring tapes and coins
- ask your child to teach you how to do the homework problems
- stay positive if your child makes an error, it is an opportunity to learn

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.

Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC)

Mother Cabrini would like to welcome its CSPC for the 2020-2021 school year.

Mother Cabrini CSPC 2020-2021

Executive

Ms. Cannone-Co-Chair

Ms. Vilic Evangelista-Co-Chair

Ms. Biase-Secretary

Ms. Ricci -Treasurer

Members At Large

Ms. De Braga-Teacher Representative

Ms. Cecchini-Interest in Special Education

Father Michael- Parish Representative

Ms. Abcede

Ms. Arsenault

Ms. Comazzi

Mr. Gentile

Ms. Parik

Ms. Salas

Ms. Stadler

Ms. Stefanutti

Pumpkin carving

We would like to thank CSPC for sponsoring the annual pumpkin carving contest. The school saw many creative and talented entries. A special thank you to Ms. Vilic Evangelista for carving the winning pumpkins.

Save the Date

Mother Cabrini CSPC will be holding its next meeting on November 11, 2020 at 6:30. Currently there is one position which remains open. We look forward to meeting with you.

School Hours for the 2020-2021 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 8:15 a.m. since there is no supervision before 8:15 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

As we continue the school year, we would like to inform you that Mother Cabrini is an allergen aware school. There are pupils and staff in attendance who suffer from severe and life-threatening allergies to certain foods, such as peanut and nut products. Exposure to even the smallest quantities can cause severe life-threatening reactions. Please inform the school/teacher of any allergies your child may have. We also ask that to ensure safety parents/guardians refrain from sending any lunches or snacks that contain peanut/ nut or peanut/nut by-products which could potentially harm a pupil. Please make sure that all your children's caregivers are aware of the food restrictions. **Please do not send food for birthdays or special occasions.** There are many alternatives such as stickers and pencils. If you have any questions, please talk to your child's teacher or the school staff. We look forward to your co-operation in making this a safe year for all our pupils

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. 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. Prior to entering the building parents must complete the COVID screening test in the front foyer. For the safety of students and staff, parents and visitors are not permitted in the instructional area of the school.

Safe Arrival

The purpose of this program is to ensure that your child arrives safely at school. Please call the school at (416) 393-5340 and press 1 to report an absence or a late. Please state your child's name, grade, teacher and reason for the absence or late. If your child arrives after the morning bell, they are asked to go to the office to pick up a late slip. Please assist us in ensuring that students arrive to school on time.

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 their vehicles for their 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 1 is left clear for bus loading and emergency exit (no student pick up in lane 1).

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.

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 reserved 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.



Safety During Lunch Hour

In keeping with the lunch protocol, we are 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 lunch hour. This safety protocol continues to be enforced as in the past students would leave the safety of the school and go to the community plaza to have lunch. This presents an ongoing safety concern as students are not supervised at the plaza. We thank you for your continued support in proactively trying to ensure student safety.

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 |  **TORONTO** Public Health



Monthly Update from the Board November 2020

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

COVID-19 Resources and Information

This is a reminder that the attestation form needs to be completed and returned to our child's school if they are returning after being ill. <https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/9095-Attestation-for-Return-to-School.pdf>. As you are aware from the last communication you received, families will have the opportunity to switch learning models at each quadmester for secondary and at the end of term 1 for elementary. The next opportunity to switch learning models will take place during the January to February timeline.

For other updates and information relating to COVID-19, please see

- **Frequently Asked Questions:** <https://www.tcdsb.org/forstudents/back-to-school/pages/faq.aspx>
- **Resources:** <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/back-to-school/Pages/resources.aspx>
- **TCDSB Reopening Plan:** <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/back-to-school/Pages/reopening-plan.aspx>
- **Latest Updates:** <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/back-to-school/Pages/latest-updates.aspx>

For information specifically about the virtual school (St. Anne Catholic Academy) please refer to <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/back-to-school/Pages/virtual-school.aspx>

Sign Up for School Messenger for Absence Reporting and More

The student absence reporting system is also used to send critical and urgent messages from your school, and from the school Board. For more information <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>.

Get Updates on School Bus Service

<https://busplannerweb.torontoschoolbus.org/Cancellations.aspx>

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Remember to set your clocks back one hour Sunday, November 1st and enjoy the extra hour of your weekend.

PARENT OPPORTUNITIES & INFORMATION

Public Consultation: Policy S.P. 03, Age-appropriate Placement: Curriculum and Program Supports

The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) is in the process of creating a policy on Age-appropriate Placement: Curriculum and Program Supports, Policy S.P. 03. The TCDSB is committed to the learning of all students and provides a range of differentiated placements, programs, and interventions to support student success. While the TCDSB adopts the Ministry of Education mandate of placing students in age-appropriate settings ([Ontario Schools, Kindergarten to Grade 12](#), p.52), it also commits to providing individualized accommodations to students with abilities/disabilities in order to enable them to have meaningful access to education services.

Details: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TCDSB-Community-Consultations/Pages/PolicySP03Age-appropriatePlacement.aspx>

This survey will be open until **Friday, December 4, 2020 at 3:00 PM** (please only submit one response). All responses will remain confidential.

Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) Annual Report

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/ParentInvolvement/Publications/Documents/cpic-annual-report-2019-2020.pdf>

Reminder: School Year Calendar for 2020-21 including PA Days

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Calendar/PAandExamDays/Documents/tcdsb-school-year-calendar-2020-2021.pdf>

Virtue of the Month for November—Peacemaking

Resources and information:

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

Take Our Kids to Work Day (Virtual)

On Wednesday, November 4, 2020, Canada's longest-running, highest-profile career exploration event is going virtual offering more options than ever before! <https://www.tcdsb.org/Pages/Take-Our-Kids-to-Work-Day.aspx>

Ontario University Fair

Due to continued health concerns, this year's in person event has been cancelled. [Application](#) deadline is **January 15, 2020**. <https://www.ontariouniversitiesfair.ca/>

Ontario College Information Fair

This year's information fair is happening virtually on November 4 from 4 PM to 8 PM and November 5 from 9 AM to 1 PM. <https://ontariocollegefair.ca/>

City of Toronto Parks and Recreation is Hiring

Details: <https://jobs.toronto.ca/recreation/>

House of Commons Page Program

Each year, 40 students graduating from high schools and CEGEPs are selected from across Canada to participate in the page program. Pages are first-year undergraduate students registered at one of the four universities in the national capital region. They work on a part-time basis for one year. The deadline to apply is **November 8, 2020**. For more information, visit <https://www.ourcommons.ca/About/PageProgram/Index-e.html>.

Accelerated OYAP Applications are Now Available

Students should reach out to their co-op or guidance teacher, or the school office for application. Accelerated programs will run in Quad 3 & Quad 4. There continues to be modifications to location and training delivery models because of Covid-19 shifting restrictions, in comparison to previous year's programs. **Applications due Wednesday November 11th 2020.**

EVENTS AND OBSERVANCES

November Observances

- November 1-7 Down Syndrome Awareness Week <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/down-syndrome-awareness-week.aspx>
- November 1 All Saints Day <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/all-saints-day.aspx>
- November 2 All Souls Day <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/all-souls-day.aspx>
- November 2-6 Treaties Recognition Week <https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/schoolprogramsk12/firstnationsmetisandinuit/pages/treaties-recognition-week.aspx>
- November 11 Remembrance Day <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/remembrance-day.aspx>
- November 16 Louis Riel Day <https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/schoolprogramsk12/firstnationsmetisandinuit/pages/lou>

- **November 16-20 Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/safeschools/bullyingawarenessandprevention/pages/bullying-awareness-and-prevention.aspx>
- **November 20 PA Day**
- **December 1 Giving Tuesday**—Consider supporting TCDSB’s official charity, the Angel Foundation for Learning and help students and families who are struggling during these unprecedented times. Find out how you can help: https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/?page_id=10265

November Meetings

- **November 4 Student Achievement Committee**
- **November 9 Catholic Parent Involvement Committee**
- **November 10 Governance and Policy Committee**
- **November 12 Corporate Services Committee**
- **November 17 Nurturing our Catholic Community**
- **November 17 Audit**
- **November 18 Special Education Advisory Committee**
- **November 19 Board**
- **November 26 Caucus/Inaugural**
- **November 30 Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education**

Agendas and Minutes: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TrusteesoftheBoard/boardmeeting/Pages/BoardMeeting.aspx>

Don't Miss Out on the Latest News and Information:

- Visit the Board’s website www.tcdsb.org
- Follow @TCDSB on twitter to get updates throughout the day

Welcome to School Cash Online

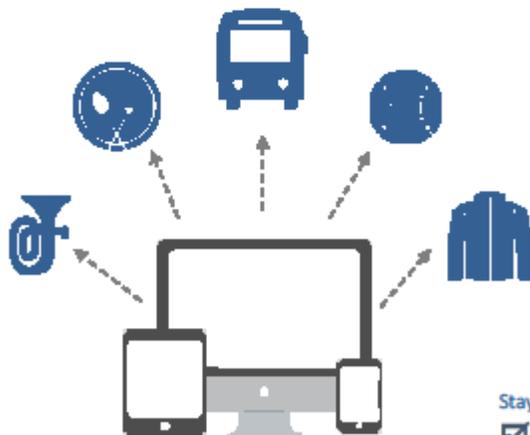
What is School Cash Online?

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.



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 or 1.866.961.1803

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