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The greatest of this is love!

December 2020



Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

As the month of December is upon us, we begin our celebration of the virtue of Charity. Pope Francis writes, "To live charitably means not looking out for our own interests but carrying the burdens of the weakest and poorest among us" For the past several weeks the staff and students have been engaged in many charitable events in and around the school in an attempt to lift the burdens of those around us as we prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ. Additionally, the staff and students are preparing themselves for, "Giving Tuesday" which commences tomorrow with activities to support families in need who are serviced by the St. Vincent De Paul society. May the light of Christ continue to shine through us as a beacon for all the world to see and may we serve as a testament to our faith. Wishing you and your families a very Merry Christmas.

Yours in Partnership,

Ms. Manini-Della Rossa

Principal



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Virtue of the Month of November is Charity



Three Year Pastoral Plan 2018-2021

This year we continue to launch our new Three-Year Pastoral Plan 2018-2021, "Rooted in Christ: We Belong, We Believe, We Become". During the first year of the plan, both the TCDSB and staff and students at Mother Cabrini focused on belonging. As we enter the 2020-2021 school year the staff and students will begin to focus on what we as a Catholic community are called to "Become ". Throughout the year there will be various opportunities for the students to participate in activities centered on, "Becoming". As always, we continue to be thankful to our Parish Priest Father Michael for his continued spiritual leadership and assistance in helping us to carry out this plan.

A Christmas Prayer

Gracious God, we turn to you in wonder and praise as we celebrate Christmas. With gratitude in our hearts, we pray. Remind us during this sacred season of our collective story. May our roots extend deep into the soil of faith and spread outwards to share the Good News of Christ's coming. Focus our attention so that we remain attuned to the sights, sounds, and sensations of the season. May the presence of Christ be at the forefront of our thoughts and actions as we enact each holiday ritual. Fill us with hope in the continuous birthing of Christ in our world. May we never lose sight of the promise of the Kingdom of peace and compassion that is both present and yet to be. With gratitude in our hearts, we pray. Amen.



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.

An Effective Communicator:

- Listens actively and critically to understand and Learn gospel values
- Reads, understands and uses written materials effectively
- Presents information and ideas clearly and honestly with sensitivity to others



Curriculum Corner

Try it at Home

Estimation



Benefits

When to round up or round down, how to keep track of a running total – soon these estimation strategies will become second nature to your child!

When you are shopping, have your child keep a running total of how much you are spending by using prices that he or she rounds up or rounds down. For a challenge, set a limit on the amount of money you will spend.

Give your child an imaginary budget to spend at his or her favourite store (flyers or online catalogues may be helpful). Without writing down the amounts, have your child choose items to purchase. He or she will have to use estimation to stay within the budget. Then, have your child add up the actual costs. Did she or he stay within the budget?

For a challenge, help your child estimate any taxes.

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/parentGuideNumEn.pdf>



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.

CSPC 2020-2021

Please join us at our next meeting on December 9th, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.



School Hours for the 2019-2020 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 8:15 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 the 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

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

School News

Throughout the month of December the staff and students of Mother Cabrini will be engaged in various activities to support the work of the St. Vincent De Paul Society. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. De Braga for all her efforts in organizing the activities.

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 parent 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

The purpose of this program is to ensure that your child arrives safely at school. Please call the school at (416) 393-5379 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 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 to 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.



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.

Guidance Corner

During the season of Advent, encourage your child to be charitable towards others. Forgiving past hurts, extending the hand of friendship, and including those who are marginalized, is a wonderful way to put our monthly virtue of **Charity** and our faith into action.

<https://www.parents.com/parenting/money/donate-to-charity/9-ways-to-teach-your-child-about-charity/>
<https://redtri.com/how-to-introduce-the-concept-of-charity-to-your-kids/>

The After 8 Student Transition Guide and Transition Guide for parents are available on the TCDSB

website: <https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/GuidanceCoopEd/Transition%20to%20High%20School/Pages/default.aspx> These guides will allow you to

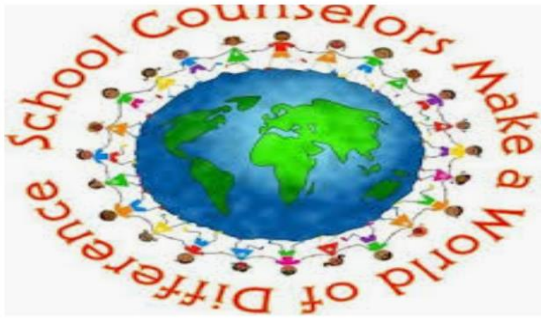
review information about different aspects of high school such as The Credit System, Course Types, Timetables, and Special Programs. The more information students have before going to high school, the easier the transition becomes. Talk to your Gr. 8 child about his/her fears and anxieties that they are having about going to high school and help them gather as much information as possible.

All About Me student portfolios through www.myblueprint.ca offer opportunities for students to document and reflect on their skills, learning, and interests.

Intermediate students are encouraged to work on their Individual Pathways Plans through their profile on <https://myblueprint.ca> They can complete a Learning Skills survey, set goals for achievement in school and personal interests and document their learning in their portfolios.

Regards,

Carl Chyz



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 December 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 (Toronto 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>

PARENT OPPORTUNITIES & INFORMATION

OAPCE Toronto Meeting Dates/Agendas

The next meeting is **Tuesday, December 8** which is also the commissioning ceremony. Please note the previously listed November date was incorrect.

Transition to High School Guidelines

Gifted Congregated Information Night & Virtual Sessions

Families interested in full-time elementary Gifted Program for their child with the exceptionality of Giftedness, are invited to attend the virtual information sessions:

- **December 1:** Transfiguration of Our Lord
- **December 3:** St. Victor

CSPC Consultation - S.P.05 - International Languages Elementary

At a CSPC meeting, please provide a forum for consultation with the parent community and submit **one** response reflective of the collective voice of the parent community. **Deadline: January 29**

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

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, January 22 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 December: Charity

Resources and information:

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

Virtual Focus Groups for Black Students

The Equity Department is working on the Board's Dismantling Anti-Black Racism (DABR) Strategy and wants your input in its development.

Safe Schools Secondary Symposium

Students who register will enter for a chance to win a \$50 gift card and class set of calculators through Safe Schools. The symposium will take place **Tuesday, December 1 at 3:00 pm (virtual)**.

Career Discovery Expo

Hosted by Dream Big Toronto

on **Wednesday, December 9** from 6 - 8:30 p.m., this **FREE** event invites **young women in Grades 7 to 12** explore new career pathways. Registration required.

Tamil Canadian Heritage Month Poster Contest

Deadline **December 7 at 5 p.m.**

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/>

City of Toronto Parks and Recreation is Hiring

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

EVENTS AND OBSERVANCES

December Observances

- **December:** Virtue of the Month: Charity
- **December 2:** International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

- **December 3:** International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- **December 6:** The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women
- **December 8:** **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- **December 7 - 13:** Hour of Code Week
- **December 10:** International Human Rights Day
- **December 11:** **Hannukah (Judaism - Festival of Lights)**
- **December 18:** **Last day of class before Christmas break**
- **December 24:** **Advent ends**
- **December 25:** **Christmas**
- **December 26:** **Kwanzaa begins**

December Meetings

- **December 2 - Special Education Advisory Committee**
- **December 3 - Student Achievement**
- **December 7 - Governance**
- **December 7 - Catholic Parent Involvement Committee**
- **December 9 - Corporate Services**
- **December 10 - Regular Board**

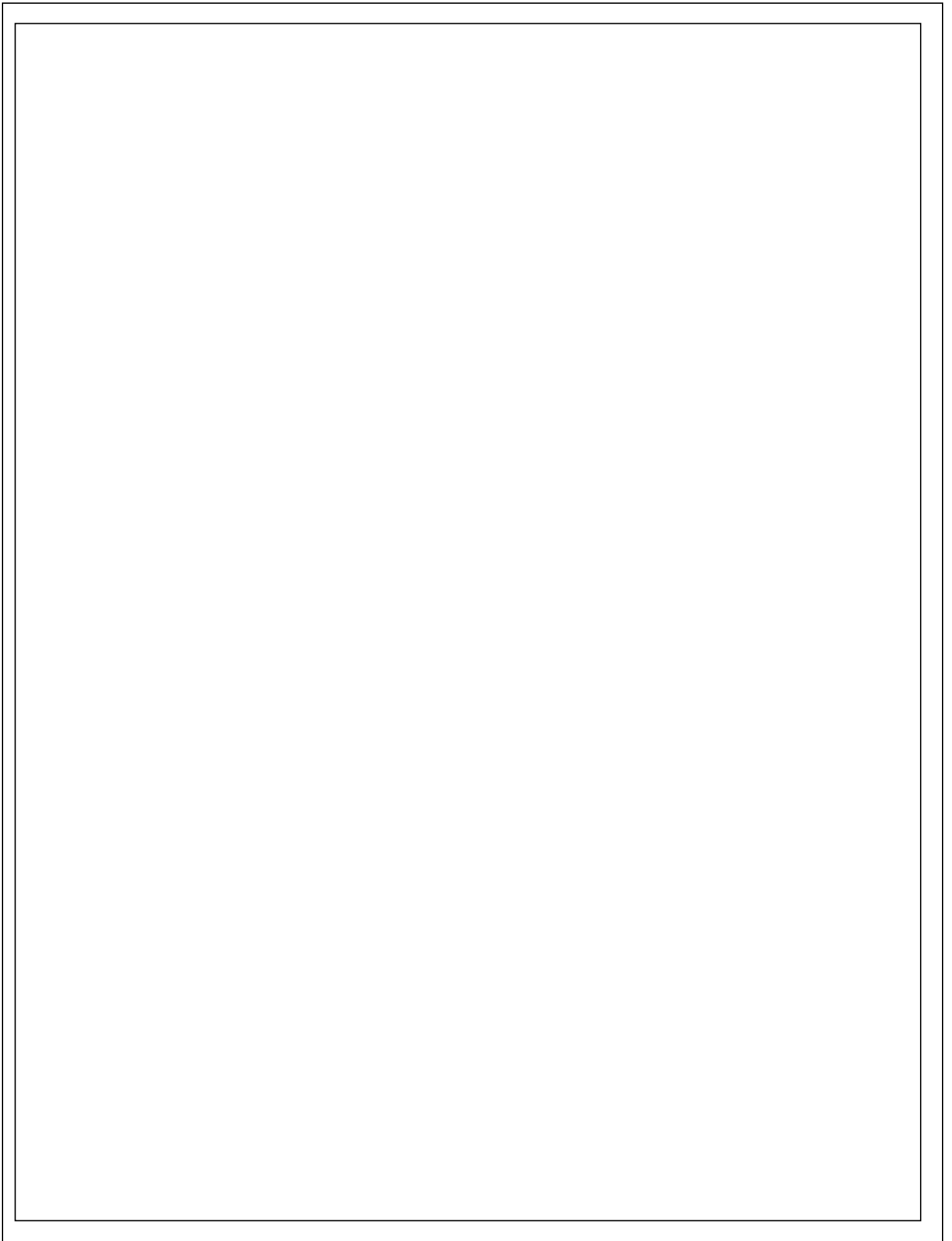
All Agendas and Minutes:

<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 thr



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.schoolcashionline.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@schoolcashionline.com or 1.866.961.1803

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