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Apply online: soar.tcdsb.org

Call the TCDSB Admissions
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The greatest of this is love!

January 2021



Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone one back and to wish you all a Happy New Year! As we enter into the month of January we are reminded of the virtue of courage. Madeleine L'Engle writes, " We have to be braver than we think we can be, because God is constantly calling us to be more than we are." As we begin the New Year let us be mindful of all that we are called to do and have the courage to walk with the light of Christ. May the staff and students of Mother Cabrini continue to be inspired and may they have the courage to see all that could be and strive to make it so.

Wishing you and your families continued health and happiness throughout the 2021 school year.

Yours in Partnership,

Ms. Manini-Della Rossa

Principal

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Virtue of the Month of December is Courage



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, "Become". Throughout the year there will be various opportunities for the students to consolidate their beliefs. 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 Prayer for Family Unity

God we thank you for an increased unity in our family in the New Year and every year beyond. We are grateful for your Holy Spirit that allows us to be unified through your peace. We pray that you will help us to be mindful of our decisions and actions toward one another; help us to sow unity everywhere we go. May we glorify you today and every day. In Jesus' Name 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.

I Am A Caring Family Member !

- A caring family member who relates to family members in a loving, compassionate and respectful manner.
- A caring family member who values and honours the important role of the family in society.
- A caring family member who values and nurtures opportunities for family prayer.



Curriculum Corner

Try it at Home



Benefits

Once your child understands how the metric system is organized and how the units relate to one another, conversions will be a snap!

Tip!

The metric system is organized like this:

10 millimetres = 1 centimetre

100 centimetres = 1 metre

1000 metres = 1 kilometre

Another way to think of the metric system is that the metre is the basic unit of length:

A kilometre is 1000 metres.

A centimetre is 1/100 metre.

A millimetre is 1/1000 metre.

With your child, look for situations involving metric measures, and discuss and compare them:

- When cooking or baking, ask your child to help you discover what the measurements given in grams would be in kilograms (or the reverse).
- When building something, ask your child to find what the measurements given in centimeters would be in meters.

- When travelling, ask your child to find what the measurements given in kilometers would be in meters.

<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 Wednesday January 13th, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.



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 8:15 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

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the students and parents for their generous donations to the St. Vincent De Paul society. Through your generosity the school raised \$1090 to support families in need. We would also like to thank Ms. De Braga for all her efforts in organizing the event!

Mother Cabrini also participated in the, "Save the Water" school holiday initiative. As part of this initiative students wrote holiday letters to families in the Neskantaga First Nation Community. We would like to thank Ms. Codina for bringing forth this initiative as well as Victoria Comazzi who participated in an interview with CBC on behalf of the school.

Mother Cabrini is also pleased to announce that it has a new twitter account. Please follow us at @MotherCarbini2.



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

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.

Kindergarten Registration for Mother Cabrini for September 2021

The Toronto Catholic District School Board invites families with children born in 2017 . Visit www.tcdsb.org for details. Apply online starting January 20th at <https://soar.tcdsb.org> Online: Parents will be able to complete their application online at: <https://soar.tcdsb.org/Login.aspx>. A follow up with visit to the school to present the required documents will be

scheduled following the online application. Information: 416-222-8282 ext. 5320 or 5314, www.tcdsb.org/ kindergarten registration Once you have registered on-line and have made an appointment please bring the following documents to St. Maurice: Baptismal Certificate (Roman Catholic Church) Birth Certificate , Immigration Papers (if not born in Canada) Immunization Records, Proof of Address . For further inquiries, please telephone the school at 416-393-5379 and speak with our secretary .



Guidance Corner

High School Applications – What’s Next?

Wave 3 is on Tuesday, January 7th, 2021 - students who successfully applied to a TCDSB school will be receiving a message confirming placement to the parent’s email that was used to create the SOAR Secondary account. No further action is required at this time, however, in February, the secondary school will invite you to officially register and select courses.

Students who applied to a school that was out of their area may receive a redirection notice. Your child will be offered a position at a feeder school that has space available. If this is the case, between January 8 and 12, you must decide between three choices:

1. Accept the redirection.
2. Reject the redirection and request to be placed on a Priority 1 waitlist.
3. Accept the redirection but ask to be placed on a Priority 3 waitlist.

You can see detailed instructions along with a sample of the emails that you will be receiving January 7th by visiting the [SOAR Secondary Parent Guide](#) on the TCDSB Admissions page. Instructions begin on page 41.

If you do not receive an email by the end of the day on January 7th, check your Junk Mailbox first and then please contact the Admissions Department (416) 222-8282 ext. 5320 to inquire.

Change Your Mind?

Wave 4 - January 14th --> September. If you no longer want your child to attend the school in which you currently have a placement, you may request a change of schools. Simply inform the elementary school principal of your intentions. Please keep in mind that these are only requests. Any requests can only be accepted based on the availability of space in the school.

Mental Health

Mental health can sometimes become an issue over the Holidays. I am reposting the link to School Mental Health Ontario below as well as a link to the Kids Help Phone where your child can access counselling anonymously over the phone, on a computer or using an app.

Please follow these links for some amazing resources from SMHO. <https://smho-smso.ca/covid-19/parents-and-families/>

Explore the *Kids Help Phone* site for some other wonderful resources. <https://kidshelpphone.ca/>

Skills Ontario

Students can learn about workplace, apprenticeship, and college opportunities that they can explore as they consider future pathways. For more information, click on <https://www.skillsontario.com>.

For some fun activities to do at home and opportunity to win prizes, please consider encouraging your children to participate in the #SkillsAtHome Challenge series. <https://www.skillsontario.com/skillsathome> Past activities include building roller coaster, funky make-up and hairstyles, and building structures using materials you can find in your own home.

Skills Ontario also provides free live sessions for grade 7-12 students. Learn more about them on this link. <https://www.skillsontario.com/liveskillsathome>

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

January 2021



Welcome to School Cash Online

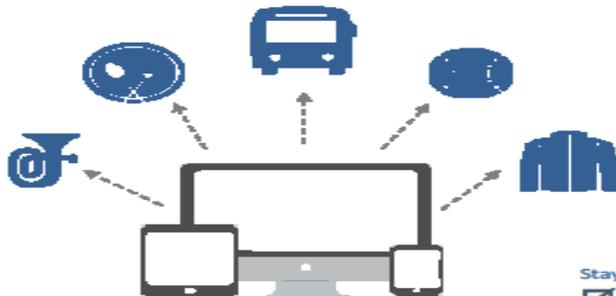
What is School Cash Online?

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.



1-800-341-3416
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://xxxxxxxxx.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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