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The greatest of this is love!

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2019



Welcome Back! It is with much excitement and enthusiasm that I join the school Community here at Mother Cabrini. Throughout the summer the staff has been working diligently to prepare for the 2019-2020 school year which promises to be a wonderful school year filled with many new learning experiences as we continue to “Live, Love and Learn” in Christ. As we embark upon this new school year let us be mindful that just like branches on a tree that grow in many different directions, we remain rooted as one, with family, school and parish working in harmony to promote student achievement.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to our parent community to continue to engage in the various educational experiences that will be offered throughout this school year. As parents, you play an integral role in your child’s education and are paramount to enabling them to achieve success. We kindly ask that you read the monthly newsletters and calendars as well as stay informed about classroom and school events. I’d also like to encourage you to join our Catholic School Parent Advisory Committee which helps to ensure that your child has the best educational experiences and learning opportunities possible.

I am truly blessed to be joining the Mother Cabrini school community and I look forward to this upcoming school year. I also look forward to the opportunity of meeting with you as a strong home school connection is of the utmost importance to me as we work in partnership to ensure student success. May we continue to, “Live, Love and Learn”, in Christ.

Sincerely,
Laura Manini-Della Rossa
Principal

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Virtue of the Month of September is Hospitality



Three Year Pastoral Plan 2018-2021

Welcome to the 2019-2020 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.

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

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



Curriculum Corner

Try it at Home

Solving Everyday Problems:

Involve your child in using numbers to solve problems and make everyday decisions.

You might ask the following:

"We need six tomatoes to make our sauce for dinner, and we have only two. How many more do we need to buy?"

"You have two pillows in your room and your sister has two pillows in her room. How many pillowcases do I need to wash?"

"Two guests are coming to eat dinner with us. How many plates will we need? How many utensils?"

More challenging situations might involve adding or subtracting larger numbers, or situations in which your child has to add or subtract more than once to solve the problem.

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



EQAO News

The 2018-2019 EQAO results will be released by the Ministry of Education at the end of September. EQAO results will be shared with the staff as well as the community at the upcoming CSPC meeting on September 18 2019.

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 2019/20

FDK (Full Day Kindergarten)	J.Leo (April 2020) LTO TBD (Sept-April)
SK/Grade 1	C. Prattinger
Gr. 2	B. Blandizzi-Wood (Nov) Alexandra Augello (Sept) LTO TBD
Gr. 3	R. Pacheco
Gr. 3/4	J. Aucoin-Goslin
Gr. 4/5	C. DeBraga
Gr. 6/7	M. Hlady-Madeira
Gr. 7/8	C. Al-Dhar
French	G. Amadei
Vocal Music/Physical Education	
Instrumental Music	
Special Education	L. Dorgan/E. Carvalho
Physical & Health Education	E. Moretto/ G. Amadei
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	S. Cristoforo
Physiology Services	M. Paszucka
Speech and Language	H. Farrell
Assessment & Programming	Paola Baldassara
(APT)	
Guidance Counsellor	C. Chyz
Lunchtime Supervisors	Christine Mao May Abando

Crossing Guard

We warmly welcome to our new Crossing Guard Surinder Rakhra and thank him for his service to Mother Cabrini school community.

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 26th, at 6:30 p.m. for our Curriculum Night. All parents and guardians are invited to attend. Over the course of the evening you are invited to meet your child/children(s) teacher(s) and meet other parents within the community. Teachers will also review the curriculum and answer any questions you may have regarding curriculum expectations.



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 8:10 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

As we begin a new 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

Lockdowns and Fire Drills

This year Mother Cabrini will be having two school safety weeks. Over the course of the weeks the students will practise three fire drills and two lockdowns as per Toronto Catholic District School Board Policy.

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 is \$9.00.** Payments can be made online.

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 Friday September 6th. 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

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.

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 3rd. They include the following: Health, Lunch, Student Accident Insurance, BYOD and Media Release Forms. All permission forms are due back on Thursday Sept 8th.

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.

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 off 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.



First Communion Programme (Grade 2) 2019-2020

Parishioners are invited to register their children in Grade 2 for the First Communion 2019-2020 program. The school will not be sending home information package. Parents are invited to attend a mandatory Parent Information meeting on Tuesday, September 17 2019, 7:30 pm at the Parish Hall.

Parents are reminded that they need to register at the church in order to receive the First Communion booklet and accompanying package. The date for registration is September 18 – October 9, 2019. The Church office is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00am to 12:00 noon, 1:00p/m -5:00p.m. The office is closed during the lunch.



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 16th.



Toronto Public Health

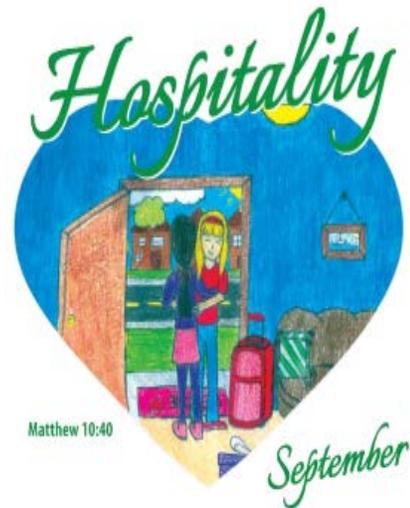


If you received a letter from Toronto Public Health, please update your child's immunization record with us using one of the following options:

- 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





September 2019 Monthly Update From the Board

Update on the School Crossing Guard Program for the 2019-2020 School Year

Please be advised that starting in September 2019, the City of Toronto will be assuming full responsibility of the School Crossing Guard Program. The locations of the school crossing guards have not changed. Each school can expect the same school crossing guard locations to be served. To view the citywide map and list of school crossing guard locations, please visit: www.toronto.ca/schoolcrossingguard.

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. TCDSB's Risk Management continues to strongly promote this product as an inexpensive form of dental, disability and life insurance.

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

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. 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 and staff will assist you with the registration of your account.

Safe Arrival

Parents are encouraged to sign up for the School Messenger app. This will allow parents and the school to stay in touch to report absences quickly and easily, and also for the school to communicate to parents about important information throughout the year including cancellations, closures and other critical issues. <https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/safeschools/newsandevents/pages/signupschoolmessenger.aspx>

September's Virtue is Hospitality

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>

Pastoral Plan: This Year we Focus on "Rooted in Christ: we Believe"

In the second year of our pastoral plan, "Rooted in Christ, we Believe" our focus turns to what we believe in as a Catholic education community. Resources for the Year:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/rooted-in-christ/webelieve/Pages/weBelieveResources.aspx>

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 20th <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 4th.
- National Custodial Workers Day scheduled for October 2nd
More information to come in the October issue

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Welcome to School Cash Online

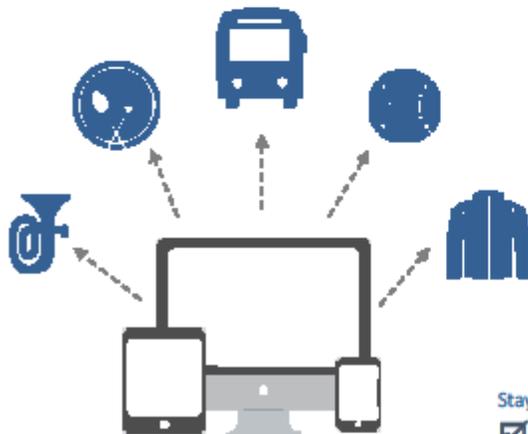
What is School Cash Online?

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.



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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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