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The greatest of this is love!

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2020



Welcome Back! It is with much excitement and enthusiasm that we begin the 2020-2021 school year. As we prepare to embark upon this journey we are reminded of the theme of this year's Catholic Education week, "Nurturing Hope" which calls us to remember that through Christ all is possible. Let us also 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.

In continuing 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 would 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 look forward to this upcoming school year as well as 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

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.

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

How Many?

Develop your child's awareness of the symbols used to represent numbers by making it a game.

- Look for number symbols in your home and neighbourhood: on the television remote, on the microwave, on the telephone keypad, in flyers and media, on signs and on team sweaters.
- Play a number version of I Spy. For example, “I spy something that has the number five on it,” or “I spy something in this room that there are three of.”
- Ask for your child's help to count items in your home. “I wonder how many chairs we have around the table? In this room? In the house?” Count windows, light switches, lamps or beds. You might record “how many” by using a combination of numbers and pictures.

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



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 2020/2021

FDK (Full Day Kindergarten)	J. Leo
ECE (Early Childhood Educator SK/Grade 1	A. Zawistowski
Gr. 2/3	C. Pratteringer
Gr. 3/4	S. Rodrigues
Gr. 5/6	R. Pacheco
Gr. 6/7	J. Aucoin-Goslin
Gr. 7/8	C. DeBraga
French	M. Hlady-Madeira
Vocal Music/Physical Education	C. Al-Dhar
Instrumental Music	G. Amadei
Special Education	N Sturino/E. Carvalho
ISP	E. Hegedus-Tausz
Physical & Health Education	E. Moretto/ G. Amadei/S.Mattei
Library Technician	P. Ryan
EAs (Educational Assistant)	E. Forte and L. Spike
CYW	L. Arvanitis
Administrative Assistant	A. Arandia
Custodians	D. Daponte F. Melo
PLASP	P. Kapel and E. Alegria
School Based Support Learning Team (SBSLT)	
Social Worker	S. Cristoforo
Physiology Services	M. Paszucka
Speech and Language Assessment & Programming (APT)	J. Mazzuca-Peters Paola Baldassara
Guidance Counsellor	C. Chyz
Lunchtime Supervisors	Christine Mao May Abando C. Lapadula

Crossing Guard

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

Playground Reserve Grant

Mother Cabrini is please to announce that it is the recipient of the Playground Reserve Grant. The school has received \$5000 to put towards outdoor activities

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.



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 8:10 a.m. since there is no supervision before 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 be given instructions on what to do in the event that there is a lockdown or fire within the school.

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 on line.

Cell Phone, Electronic Devices and the Acceptable Use Internet Policy

Students are allowed to bring a cell phone to school under the advice of their class teacher, or if parents feel that your child needs to carry a cell phone to school for safety purposes. Cell phones must be turned off during school hours unless used for academic purposes under the direction supervision of the classroom teacher. All cell phones must be invisible during the instructional part of the day unless otherwise instructed by the class teacher. In the event that parents need to speak to their child/ children during school hours, a reminder to please contact the office. Students who need to speak to their parents must obtain permission from the office to use the school phone. We ask for your continued cooperation by refraining from texting your child/children during the instructional hours of the school day since this has proven to be extremely disruptive to the class teacher and other students. We will continue to enforce the TCDSB Acceptable Use Policy and the BYOD policy at Mother Cabrini. Parents are asked to sign the Student Internet Agreement forms, Grades K-3 and Grades 4-8 and return them to your child/children teacher(s) by the third week of September. 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) 393-5379 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 will be home. They include the following: 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 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 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.

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

September 2020

Monthly Update From the Board

Returning to School in September

The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) recognizes that families are eager to know what they can expect for their child in September. The Board has approved a staggered re-entry starting September 14, 2020. Please be assured that the TCDSB is working with the Ministry of Education and Toronto Public Health to ensure a safe return to school for everyone. We will continue to share the latest information and developments as it becomes available.

- **Latest Updates**
View the [latest updates](#) including communications to parents, announcements and other critical information and developments related to school reopening.
- **Frequently Asked Questions**
Find [answers to questions](#) about back to school, health and safety, transportation and much more.
- **School Reopening Action Plan**
Learn what to expect and how we will continue to work together to support you for the [safe return to school](#).

Introducing our Director of Education

Dr. Brendan Browne is a transformative organizational change leader, who brings a wealth of educational leadership in areas related to literacy and numeracy, special education, classroom management, educational technology, and program evaluation. You can learn more about Dr. Browne here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BoardAdministration/DirectorofEducation/Pages/Default.aspx>.

Important Reminders for Parents

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.

School Cash Online

Parents/guardians are reminded to create their School Cash Online profile for 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.

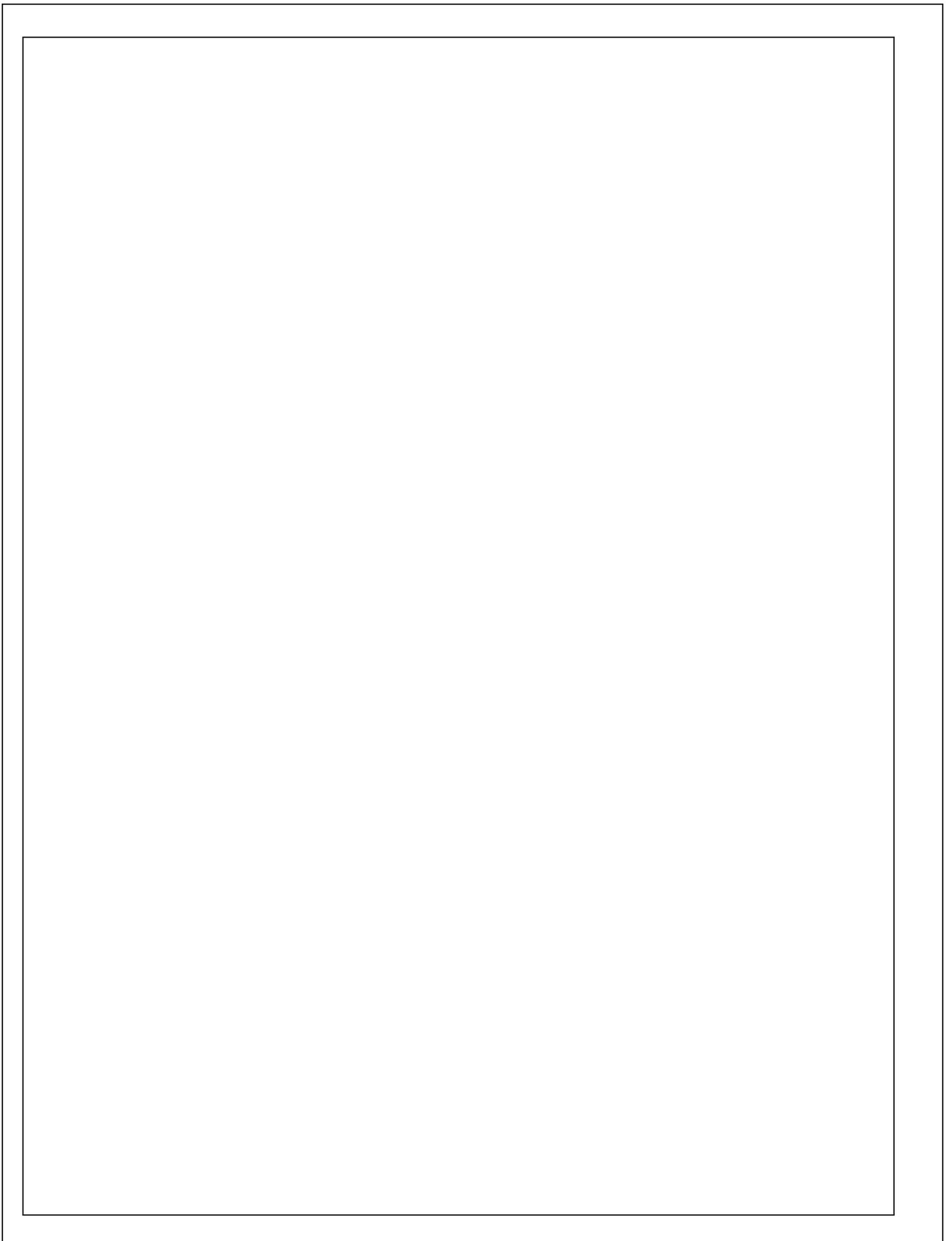
For updates on public transportation visit the Toronto Transit Commission website at <http://www.ttc.ca/>

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 and the school board to communicate to parents about important information throughout the year including cancellations, closures and other critical issues.

www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/safeschools/newsandevents/pages/signupschoolmessenger.aspx

If you require assistance updating your School Messenger information, please email our support staff who can assist:



Welcome to School Cash Online

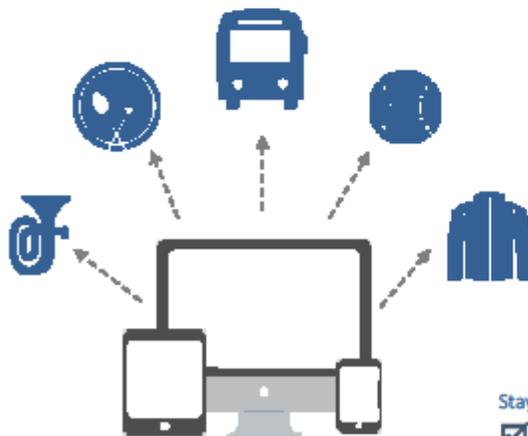
What is School Cash Online?

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://xxxxxxx.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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