



# OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2015

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

We have had a great start to the 2015/16 school year! All students have settled well into their new classes and programs! It is always wonderful to see how quickly new students to Mother Cabrini adjust to the school. We are happy to welcome all students and staff. Our full day kindergarten program is running smoothly for its second year of implementation! Kindergarten students are having fun with their new kindergarten outdoor play space that was provided by the school board. Students and teachers have been setting their goals for learning and reviewing positive ways of interacting in order to lay the foundation for a positive learning year!

Thank you to all the parents that came out to our parent council (Catholic School Parent Council CSPC) elections on September 15. Congratulations to our newly appointed members (see insert for details). Our curriculum night on September 24 was a great opportunity for families to connect with their child's teacher, specialty teachers and see firsthand their classroom. A reminder to visit often our school's website ([www.tcdsb.org-schools Mother Cabrini Website](http://www.tcdsb.org-schools/Mother%20Cabrini) or <http://mothercabrini.tcdsb.org>) for newsletters, calendars, CSPC information.

On September 29 we had our fifth Terry Fox Walk. The weather held out for a 3.5km walk through Centennial Park. Our school honored the memory of Terry Fox by walking, raising money for cancer research, wearing red and white and walking in memory of a loved one. We are always very proud of our Terry Fox walk and thank all families for their generous donations.

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, Mrs. De Braga and Mrs. Goslin, along with 8 students representing our leadership team of 11, will attend the annual Me to We Rally at the Air Canada Centre. Through the organization of The Free the Children Foundation the team will have the opportunity to hear many inspirational speakers on the topic of social justice. Members of the leadership team will bring back ideas to help our school to continue to help others in need! Students are busy training for the upcoming cross country meet on October 13. At the end of the month we are looking forward to our CSPC Halloween Dance on October 30. This is a major fundraiser organized by CSPC. Mark on your calendar December 16 for our Christmas Concert (MPSJ location).

Recently, we have received results for our CAT/4 (Canadian Achievement Testing 4<sup>th</sup> Edition) for our last year's grade 2,5 and 7 students. Our EQAO results for grades 3 and 6 will be released in November. The results of these assessments will be used to assist in student programming.

We encourage all parents and caregivers to come out to our monthly CSPC meetings. Our first meeting will be held on October 5 @ 7:00pm. As well, we hope you join us at our Thanksgiving mass on October 14.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events scheduled on our monthly calendar.

Happy Thanksgiving,

J. Di Vittorio



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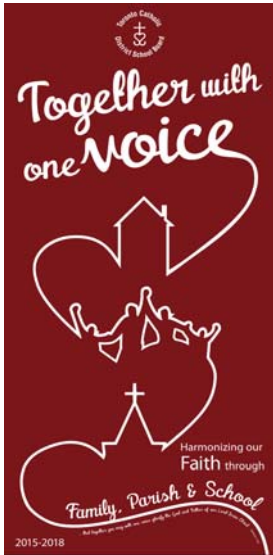
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| Christopher MacDonald, Student Trustee | 416-512-3417 |
| Hannah McGroarty, Student Trustee      | 416-512-3413 |



*Catch the spirit!*

## Prayer of Gratitude to God



Now, wherever we are  
And every place and at  
very hour  
Throughout each time of  
each day  
May all of us and honestly  
believe  
Holding in our hearts to  
love, honor, adore, serve,  
bless, praise, glorify,  
exalt, magnify and give  
thanks to the Most High  
and Eternal God, Trinity  
and Unity.  
Amen.” –Jon Sweeney

### **Parent Council Presentation**

#### **Social Media Zombies-Steve Chapelle Parenting the Social Media Generation**

Tuesday November 3-6:30-7:30pm

Attendees will be introduced to methods and features for improving privacy and minimizing risk to children and the family. Social media activities will be examined from an Android and iOS perspective. Please respond to Mother Cabrini CS by October 27 if you plan to attend. Childcare is available but the presentation is for parents and educators-only.

A presentation to students during the day.

### **Catholic School Parent Council (C.S.P.C.) Elections**

Thanks to all parents that attended our CSPC elections on September 15, 2015. We continue to encourage parents to join us monthly for our CSPC meetings. This is a great way to stay informed and provide valuable input to the school. The meeting dates will be announced. Our first meeting will be on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. Congratulations to our newly elected CSPC committee:

Co-chairs - Nicole Arsenault & Cori Stadler

Co-Secretaries - Bella Araujo & Jacqueline Engel

#### **Members at Large:**

Susanne Burr

Vesna Klaric

Christopher Kular

Yvonne Cheng-Kular



## **TCDSB Catholic Parent Involvement Week**

**Oct 24-30, 2015**

### **“Building Relationships with One Voice: Home School and Parish”**

Saturday, October 24, 2015

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre

### **Liturgy to Celebrate Family within our Catholic Communities**

Monday, October 26, 2015

1:00 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre

(By invitation only)

### **Parents and Curriculum: Linked to Student Success**

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

Connecting parents to curriculum, please visit us at

<https://www.tcdsb.org/schools/mothercabrini/academics/Pages/default.aspx>

-Parent Drop in-Library-Details to follow

### **Newcomer Conference for Families New to Canada and International Students**

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

5:00 p.m. Catholic Education Centre

For more information and to register:

<http://www.tcdsb.org/forcommunity/newcomers>

### **Hispanic Canadian Cultural Celebration**

Thursday, October 29, 2015

10:15 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic School

3251 Weston Road, North York

#### **For more information, contact:**

**Monique Martins, Parent Engagement at 416-222-8282 Ext. 2495 or [Monique.martins@tcdsb.org](mailto:Monique.martins@tcdsb.org)**

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**Erika Aguilera at 416-222-8282 Ext. 2586 or [Erika.aguileramorales@tcdsb.org](mailto:Erika.aguileramorales@tcdsb.org)**

Free underground parking is available at the Catholic Education Centre. Enter off Doris Avenue.

### **World Teachers’ Day – October 5, 2015**

The Toronto Catholic District School Board acknowledges teachers, and all staff, for the role that they play in inspiring our students to achieve our Catholic School Graduate Expectations.

### **Lice Information**

A new school year has begun. Once again we want to let you know about the common problem of head lice. Head lice can affect anyone, but most often it affects younger school-age children.

Head lice are parasites. They are considered by health officials to be a nuisance when they are difficult to eliminate.

They are not a health hazard and are not connected in any way with long hair, dirt, neglect, or not being clean. Head lice can spread quickly from head to head when a group of children have close contact (e.g. school, camp, day-care, etc.). They can be spread by sharing hats, brushes, combs, bedding, etc.

Prevention of head lice is everyone's responsibility. Cooperation and prompt action on the part of parents, school staff, and the public health department will help to reduce the inconvenience to children.

We encourage parents to look at their children's hair on a regular basis. When checking for nits (eggs), the hair should be dry. A convenient time for a visual check may be just before washing your child's hair.

If you find any head lice or nits (eggs), obtain and use a medicated head lice shampoo or medicated cream rinse from your pharmacist, and contact the school to inform them that your child has been treated. The school needs to be informed so that other parents and school officials can be advised to check the heads of others. Finding and treating head lice early will stop your child from getting a severe case and stop the spread of head lice to other children.

Further information and reference about head lice can be obtained from the school or local office of the Toronto Public Health Department: Tel: **416-338-7600**

#### **Lockdown/Hold and Secure Procedures**

The Toronto Catholic District School Board has a primary responsibility to ensure the safety of students and staff inside board buildings and on Board property. In partnership with the Toronto Police Services and the Toronto Catholic District School Board, a city wide safety emergency school lockdown procedures plans has been developed.

The "Emergency Lockdown Procedure" is initiated, should a high risk incident involving weapons, hazardous chemical spill; severe weather warning; student/stranger intrusion; etc. occur in the schools or on school property, or there are circumstances in the vicinity of the school that could endanger the lives and/or the safety of students and/or staff.

In order for all students and staff to become familiar with the expectations during a lockdown, our school will be practicing emergency lockdown procedures as we have normally done with fire drills. During these drills, there will be signs posted on the entrance doors indicating that the school is in lockdown. The doors will be locked and no one will be allowed into the school. This is the same procedure that will be followed in a real situation. We will be holding two lockdown/hold and secure practice drills during the

school year. The first will be held in the fall and the second will be in April in the Spring.

#### **Safety Patrol**

Patroller Training Day

The Mother Cabrini Safety Patrol team participated in a fun training session with Officer Rich and Mrs. Adamo. We all gathered together to learn about safety in our community. Officer Rich taught us how to keep others and ourselves safe. Some of us were lucky enough to wear his hat! We had many patrollers from last year return, with many more new joiners. It will be a safe and fun year!!!!

*Mrs. Adamo*

#### **Terry Fox**

On September 29th, our 5th annual Terry Fox Walk took place. Many thanks to the students and their families for once again generously supporting this worthy and important cause. Over \$600 was raised, surpassing our goal for this year! Thank you to everyone for continuing to keep Terry's dream alive!

*Mrs. Moretto*

*Health/Physical Education Specialist*

#### **I Walk Day**

October 7<sup>th</sup> is International Walk to School Day. This is a day to highlight and to promote daily physical activity supporting our fitness programs at school.



#### **School dental screening**

Toronto Public Health provides annual dental screenings in local public and separate schools for children from Junior Kindergarten through to Grade 8. Parents are notified in advance of the screenings and are able to opt out if they do not want their child to be screened.

High school dental screenings can be arranged by teachers or school administrators. Please call 311 to book a high school screening and visit our [teacher resources](#) page for oral health education materials.

The school screening programs do not replace a dental examination that is done at a dentist's office. The screening can provide an early sign of possible problems that should be looked at more closely.

Your teeth are important. Good personal hygiene and regular care can help you have a healthy mouth for life.



## TCDSB Monthly Update October 2015

### **Open Houses in High Schools**

Grade 8 students and their families are invited to check out their high school options. TCDSB secondary schools host open houses in October and November. <http://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/default.aspx>

### **Principal of Excellence Award**

OAPCE Toronto invites nominations for this year's award, which will be presented at the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Commissioning Ceremony on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

<http://www.oapcetoronto.ca/news/2015/6/23/oapce-toronto-principal-of-excellence-award-nomination-open>

### **Parent Involvement Week: October 24 – 30, 2015.**

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is launching first Parent Involvement Week. This initiative is an opportunity to recognize, celebrate and enhance the important role that parents play at both the school and Board level. Educational research has consistently pointed to the positive effects that parent engagement has on student achievement and well-being. The TCDSB has partnered with the two parent organizations--the *Catholic Parent Involvement Committee* (CPIC) and the *Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education* (OAPCE – Toronto)--to co-host a number of events that highlight the important role of parents in our schools, as well as to provide opportunities for continued involvement, professional development and net- working. Let us all work together for the success of our students!

For more information:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/parentinvolvement/news%20and%20events/pages/tcdsb-catholic-parent-involvement-week.aspx>

### **Newcomer Conference for Families New to Canada and International Students**

**Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.,** Catholic Education Centre, 80 Sheppard Ave. E.

The Director of Education and Chair of the Board invite our newcomer families, international students, parent council representatives, homestay families and school staff to an informative evening about our educational system and support services available in TCDSB schools. Guests are invited to share a family meal with the Director and Chair and will be encouraged to participate in an exchange of information in a relaxed, welcoming environment. Our staff and representatives from various outside agencies will provide support and valuable information regarding programs and services plus tips for navigating our Catholic education system. The evening also encourages interactive discussions designed for staff and Parent Council members on how to effectively engage our newcomer students and families in our schools and communities. The event is one of several planned for Parent Involvement Week. Welcome to our TCDSB family!

**For more information and to register:** <http://www.tcdsb.org/forcommunity/newcomers>

### **CPIC Elections (Catholic Parent Involvement Committee)**

The Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) is a parent-led and Ministry of Education funded, parent volunteer organization within the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB). The focus of the committee is to support student academic achievement through increased parent involvement.

Elections are being held on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Visit the Board's website for detailed information.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/parentinvolvement/cpicelections/pages/default.aspx>

### **TCDSB Transportation Demand Management Plan Survey**

The Toronto Catholic District School Board has approved a draft Transportation Demand Management Plan and is seeking your feedback before finalizing the document. We want to know which recommendations in the plan you feel are the most important to address the traffic management issues around our schools and facilities.

The online survey can be found here: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TCDSB\\_TDMP](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TCDSB_TDMP)

We look forward to hearing from you by no later than **November 6th, 2015.**

## **Parent Reps Needed For Mental Health Advisory Council**

TCDSB seeks 2 parent representatives to serve on the council (1 elementary and 1 secondary).

Application deadline is October 20th. Visit our website for detailed information:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Pages/Parents-Sought-for-Mental-Health-Advisory-Council.aspx>

## **Safe Schools Advisory Committee**

2 parent reps needed to serve on the committee; 5 meetings per year

Application deadline October 2nd.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Pages/Parents-Sought-for-Safe-Schools-Committee.aspx>

## **Do You Know an Innovative and Outstanding School Principal?**

Every year The Learning Partnership honours principals across the country who exemplify excellence in public education.

Nominations for the 2016 Canada's Outstanding Principals awards are now open.

Submissions are invited from school boards, colleagues, parents, teachers, students and all community members.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/nominate-an-outstanding-principal.aspx>

## **Toonies for Tuition**

**Toonies for Tuition Day is Tuesday October 6th, 2015!** Download and print this [poster](#) to display in your school or church, and start fundraising for our Catholic brother and sister schools across Canada! The CCSTA Endowment Fund supports Toonies for Tuition fundraising campaign as a means to support Catholic students in provinces that have no public funding for Catholic schools. For fundraising ideas, [click here](#). Toonies for Tuition Day takes place in October. Please support the campaign in your school, office, or church. Get more information on the CCSTA website: <http://www.ccsta.ca/en/initiatives-en/toonies>

## **Help Keep Our Students Safe**

Here are some helpful videos from the City of Toronto regarding pedestrian safety:

Pedestrian Crossovers: <https://youtu.be/NIt705Ty1K8>

Pedestrian Countdown Signals: <https://youtu.be/MTgOXxwrrIU>.

## **Other Dates to Note:**

October is...

- [Autism Awareness Month](#)
- [Child Abuse Prevention Month](#)
- [Learning Disabilities Awareness Month](#)
- [Walk to School Month](#)
- October 1—[International Day of Older Persons](#)
- October 5—[World Teachers' Day](#)
- October 7—[Rosary Day](#)
- October 8—[Early Childhood Educator and Childcare Worker Appreciation Day](#)
- October 11—[International Day of the Girl](#)
- October 17--[International Day for the Eradication of Poverty](#)
- October 19-23--[School Bus Safety Week](#) (Bus Driver Appreciation Day October 21)

Check out the board's website for details about these special days throughout the year [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org).

- Looking for information about athletics? Schedules, results and news highlights are available here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/schoolprogramsk12/healthoutdoorphysed/tdcaa/pages/tcdsb-athletics.aspx>
- Parents are encouraged to visit the Parent Portal for all the latest information relating to Catholic School Parent Councils, Catholic Parent Involvement Committee and OAPCE Toronto <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Pages/default.aspx>
- Students are reminded that the Student Portal provides information about scholarship and employment opportunities, volunteer opportunities and other news for and about students <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/Pages/default.aspx>

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