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**Monsignor John Corrigan Catholic School
Newsletter**



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Thank you for your participation at our BBQ and Curriculum Night. It was a great success and a pleasure to meet all of you.

We continue to restructure. Our new Intermediate teacher has not been appointed by the board yet. Our occasional teachers have done a phenomenal job to teach the curriculum and will continue to provide continuity until a teacher is appointed.

Sandra Filicetti



SCHOOL NEWS

Sacraments

Students in grade 2 – 7 are invited to register at St. Andrew Church if they wish to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation and First Communion and grade 7 for Confirmation this year. Information was sent home with all the students in these grades. For more information contact the Parish.

Communication Book

All students received an agenda, which we are now calling the communication book. The purpose of this is to have the students use this book to record special events, homework assignments, words of the week or anything else that may be necessary to note. Please take a moment to review this book with your child on a nightly basis.

There are many purposes for the use of the communication book:

- We are encouraging the skill of Self-Regulation as outlined on the Provincial report card.
- The students will be developing skills that hold them accountable for their learning.
- This book could be a source of discussion and a sharing of daily events.
- Increase of responsibility for all students.
- Information from the school regarding various aspects of school life.

Parents are invited to continue to write notes if there is a change in routines.

Homework completion

It is a student's responsibility to complete all assignments in an orderly and timely manner. All students should be spending some time after school completing homework to establish routines that will become increasingly more important as the students progress from grade to grade. A rule of thumb to determine time spent for homework is 10 minutes per grade level. Therefore, a student in grade 3 should be completing 30 minutes. This includes reading. Parents can support homework by ensuring that the students have a quiet area to work and to complete homework at the same time each evening. Parents are reminded to sign the students' agenda.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Student Illness

Students are asked to report to their teacher if they do not feel well. The teacher will send the student to the office. We have four people qualified in First Aid if needed. To ensure the safety of all, students need to report to the office when ill. If necessary, office staff will call the student's parents/guardians.

Use of Cell Phones

The Toronto Catholic District School Board has issued an Acceptable Use policy for technology. Everyone was asked to review the policy sent with the September newsletter – pink form to be signed and returned to school. Students may bring various devices to school to assist them with learning. The school has the right to monitor acceptable use. Student use of cell phones **is not allowed**. Consequences will be given to those who misuse their devices.

As a courtesy to ensure the best student learning, visitors are asked to **turn off** all cell phones and refrain from using them, when entering the school.

Start Your Visit at the Office.

It is important that our students feel that they are in a safe environment. This can be promoted by following the recognized and required practice of starting school visits by reporting to the office. All visitors are asked to comply. A visitor's pass will be issued. We extend our thanks to all that do this routinely.

Fire Drill

We have had two fire drills at school. The students walked orderly and quietly to the designated area. The local fire department came to support us with proper procedures. Captain Mc Clarin gave us some suggestions and was generally very pleased with our routines. It is suggested that families review fire drill procedures at home thus ensuring the students' safety at home and at school.

Lockdown Procedures

The board has approved policy to ensure safety of students during eminent danger. A serious occurrence may result in locking down the school. We will be practicing these procedures four times a year, two in the fall and two in spring. The staff will review these procedures with the students, however; we realize that some children might be fearful of these procedures. Please review home safety practices with your children.

Schoolyard Practices

As well as meeting the academic needs of our students we also foster their social development. Promoting safe and responsible play during recesses ensures positive social interaction. Positive interaction and safe play are stressed in order to maintain a safe area for all. Any student deliberately hurting another student will be processed.

Pizza Days

This year we are continuing to have Pizza Days every Friday. The procedure will be the same as last year. Students will be able to order pizza on Friday mornings. The cost per slice will be \$2.00.



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Monthly Update from the Board October 2016

October 19: Go Purple Day

October is Child Abuse Awareness Month. October 19th has been set aside as a day to raise awareness among students about the signs of abuse and neglect, and what to do if they, or someone they know, is being/or suspected of being abused or neglected <https://www.tcdsb.org/Pages/October-is-Child-Abuse-Prevention-Month.aspx> #iBreaktheSilence

High School Open Houses

Grade 8 students and their families are invited to learn more about their secondary school options at open houses this fall. For a complete schedule, see: <https://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/default.aspx>

Interested in Parent Engagement?

Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Elections Coming

October 3rd for Wards 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12

<https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/parentinvolvement/cpiclections/pages/scheduled-cpic-election-for-even-numbered-wards.aspx>

October 5th for vacancies in Wards 1, 7, 11

<https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/parentinvolvement/cpiclections/pages/election-to-fill-cpic-vacancies.aspx>

And October 17th for Parents at Large

Learn more about CPIC here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/ParentInvolvement/Pages/default.aspx>

You Can Work Wonders with ShareLife

During this Year of the Parish, schools are invited to partner with their local parishes to see how they can support the annual campaign, and help ShareLife agencies work wonders. <http://www.sharelife.org/Public/Home.aspx>

Secondary Night School, Saturday Language Classes & eClass Registration

Continues until October 7th

Get detailed information online:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/ContinuingEducation/Documents/flyer.pdf>

Overseas Credit Courses in Italy

Get all the information online:

https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Documents/SUMMER2017FLYER_3.pdf

Information Meetings October 4th and 5th

Celebrating the Year of the Parish 2016-2017

The second year in our three pastoral plan focusing on "Together With One Voice: Harmonizing our Faith Through Family, Parish and School".

It is an opportunity to celebrate the important role that our parishes play in our school communities and in the lives of the students, staff and families that we serve.

Let's celebrate the Family-Parish-School partnership!

- <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/YearoftheParish/Pages/Parish-Project.aspx>
- <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/YearoftheParish/Pages/default.aspx>

October's Virtue is Gratitude

Find all the monthly resources associated with our virtues of the month online

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

Upcoming Events

October is...

- **Autism Awareness Month**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/october-is-autism-awareness-month.aspx>
- **Hispanic Canadian Heritage Month** www.tcdsb.org
- **October 5th: Walk to School Day**
<http://www.saferoutestoschool.ca/international-walk-school-daymonth>
- **October 5th: World Teacher's Day**
- **October 6: Rosary Day**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/pages/rosary-day.aspx>
- **October 7: System-wide Professional Activity Day.** No classes for students
- **October 10: World Mental Health Day**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SpecialEducation/mhs/Pages/Default.aspx>
- **October 11th: International Day of the Girl**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Pages/International-Day-of-the-Girl.aspx>

October 11-25th: Elementary Cross Country

<https://www.tcdsb.org/programs-services/schoolprograms-k12/health-outdoor-physics/tcaa/pages/tcdsb-athletics.aspx>

- **October 17th and 18th: Ontario College Information Fair** <http://www.ocif.ca/>
- **October 21st: Welcome Reception for Newcomers to Canada**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/forcommunity/newcomers/pages/welcome-reception-for-newcomers-2016.aspx>
- **October 22nd: Empowering Mothers in Education--Spanish Speaking Advisory Committee Conference**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/news/pages/2016-october-22-spanish-speaking-advisory-committee-conference.aspx>
- **October 26th: Early Childhood Educator and Childcare Worker Appreciation Day**
- **October 28th: An Evening to Feed the Soul Gala** in support of the Angel Foundation for Learning

<https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2017/pages/An-Evening-to-Feed-the-Soul-Gala.aspx>
- **October 29th: Father Patrick Fogarty Awards Dinner**—celebrating excellence in Catholic education across Ontario
<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/33rd-annual-fr-fogarty-awards-dinner-saturday-october-29.aspx>
- **October 31st: Halloween.** Learn about the Christian origins of All Hallows' Eve
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/News/2012-2013/Pages/Halloween--Christian-Tradition.aspx>

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TRUSTEES 2016-2017

Wards

1. Joseph Martino
2. Ann Andrachuk
3. Sal Piccininni
4. Patricia Bottoni

5. Maria Rizzo
6. Frank D'Amico, Vice-Chair
7. Michael Del Grande
8. Garry Tanuan

9. Jo-Ann Davis
10. Barbara Poplawski
11. Angela Kennedy, Chair
12. Nancy Crawford
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Rhea Carlisle, Student Trustee

