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SEPTEMBER 2016

**Monsignor John Corrigan Catholic School
Newsletter**



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome Back to another exciting school year. I am delighted to have been appointed principal of Msgr John Corrigan. I come from a varied background of three decades of educational experience at both the secondary and elementary level. I look forward to working with the students, staff and parents of the Msgr John Corrigan community in order to continue to build the schools long lasting tradition of high academic and athletic standards. On behalf of the staff, a warm welcome back to all of our students and parents.

Let's help our students to set realistic and attainable goals in the areas of academics and athletics. Let's remind them that with God's help and support anything is possible.

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Ms. S. Filicetti
Principal



LUNCHTIME SUPERVIOR

We are looking for a lunchtime supervisor, if any parents are interested please contact the school principal.

AGENDA PLANNERS

The students will be offering a standard agenda planner for the students in grade 1 to grade 8. Having the same planner for all students simplifies many daily classroom routines and facilitates home/school communication. Please note that there is the **Msgr. John Corrigan C. S. Handbook** which outlines the **Safe School** policies and procedures and other school rules. We thank the CSAC for paying for the agendas this year. If students lose their agendas they will be asked to replace it.

VISITORS/VOLUNTEERS

Parents and visitors are asked to report to the office if they are in the school. A sign- in procedure is in place and a visitor/volunteer tag will be issued. This is a precaution that all parents and visitors must practice in order to maintain a safe environment.

CSAC

All parents interested in being part of CSAC are asked to meet on Monday, September 30, 2016. This is the same evening as Curriculum Night..

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Our school does NOT have a "Before and After" school program. For families requiring a program please note there is a Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation program at John D. Parker JS. Another possibility is Claireville Daycare.

SAFETY

Student Dropped Off / Pick Up

Regular yard duty supervision commences at 8:15 a.m. in the morning and there is supervision of bus students after school. For the safety of the children it is imperative that parents make the necessary arrangements to have their children dropped off when supervision commences in the morning and picked up promptly at the end of the school day. For safety reasons do not block the bus loading zone or use the staff parking lot.

HEALTH & SAFETY FORM

Throughout the school year students will be participating in Field Trips outside of school, it is imperative that everyone complete the Health and Safety Information Form (pink sheets). These forms are valid for the entire year and will be kept on file at the school. If any information regarding your child's health should change, please inform the office.

ENTRANCE AND DISMISSAL OF STUENTS

In order to maintain the utmost in safety and orderliness, the following routines must be followed for entry and exit of the school. All students, including the bus students will enter the school yard from the east side of the building. At dismissal time, **all students** who walk home will be exiting through Door A, the east door. Parents/guardians picking up students may wait by the gate near Cabernet Circle. No student will be allowed to enter/exit by the front door. Bus students will gather and await the bus in the front of the school.. As the buses arrive, the students will walk to their bus in an orderly manner. We thank everyone for their cooperation in following these procedures.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

It is our intention to provide a safe environment: however, occasionally unforeseen accidents occur. We recommend that you review the Student Accident Insurance Application provided by the Reliable Insurance Company. If you desire to purchase this insurance please send the completed form directly to the insurance company.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

It is extremely important that all information pertaining to your child should be current. If there has been a change in address, phone, emergency name or phone number please inform the school in writing as soon as possible.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE AND SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

Your child's safety is our primary concern. We encourage you to call us as soon as you know that your son/daughter will be absent from school.

If we have not heard from you and your son/daughter is absent you will be contacted by telephone to inquire about child's absence. Calling the school phone number 393-5399 will connect you with the auto attendant making it possible for you to leave a message. When reporting an absence please include your child's name, grade, teacher's name and reason for the absence.

Parents/guardians wishing to pick their child during the day are asked to write a brief note in the agenda or write a short note informing the classroom teacher of this change. **Parents and guardians must report to the office to sign out their child(ren.)**

LUNCH

Parents are asked to fill out the attached *Information Sheet and Permission Form* (blue form) indicating which days your child will be remaining at school for lunch.

Parents/Guardians only may sign out their child if they wish to have students leave the school. Supervision will be provided for those students that stay for lunch. Lunchtime rules will be discussed with all students and posted in the classrooms. Students not complying with these rules may lose the privilege to eat at school. Please read the attached **Waste Free Lunch** program.

PIZZA LUNCH

We will be selling pizza every Friday at the cost of \$2.00 per slice. Students are asked to bring their money directly to their teacher, to ensure an accurate count of slices. If any Friday is a Professional Activity day or a holiday, please check the monthly calendar sent with each newsletter, to note the alternate day for pizza.

CLASS CHANGES

It is important to understand that due to a possible increase or decrease in enrolment changes may need to be made in class organization, teacher assignments and placement of the students in September or early October. Should this be the case please be advised that changes will be done with minimum disruption.

ANAPHYLAXIS

Anaphylaxis is a rapid, severe life threatening allergic reaction, caused by exposure to a 'trigger' (allergen). We have students who have anaphylactic reactions to nuts or nut products. Therefore we enlist your co-operation in several ways. First, alert school staff immediately if your child also experiences such a reaction. Secondly, limit sending nuts or nut products to school. Classes that have class members or staff members who are anaphylactic will be given additional information to help us ensure the safety of those who are susceptible to anaphylactic reactions.

CURRICULUM NIGHT/MEET THE TEACHER

Our Curriculum Night has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2015, at 6:30pm. There will be two presentations per classroom then everyone will meet in the gymnasium where we will be hosting our third annual BINGO night.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Please note that Toronto Public Health monitors immunization records for **all** students. They also administer the Hepatitis B and Meningococcal vaccine to all grade 7 students and the HPV vaccine to the grade 8 girls.

PEDICULOSIS

Head lice are parasites 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. Prevention of head lice is everyone's responsibility. Cooperation and prompt action on the part of the parents, school staff and the public health department will help to reduce the inconvenience to children. We encourage parents to check their children's hair on a regular basis. If you find head lice or nits (eggs), obtain and use a medicated head lice shampoo from your pharmacist, and contact the school to inform us that your child has been treated. This will help us to prevent the spread of head lice to other children. Further information can be obtained by calling the Public Health Department at 395-7600.

BUS LOADING ZONE

We have students who take the school bus. There are many daily bus runs and often the same buses serve other schools. Consequently it is necessary that the students board the bus quickly, orderly and safely. **To make this possible it is imperative that the horseshoe area marked as a bus-loading zone remains free of cars.** Students are reminded that riding the bus is a privilege. To maintain this privilege it is imperative that the bus rules are obeyed.

- Students are to remain in their seats while the bus is moving.
- Students may talk in a quiet voice.
- Students are asked to refrain from eating on the bus. Children who have missed the bus must report at

USE OF TECHNOLOGY

Before students are allowed to access the Internet and use technology at school parents are required to read and sign a agreement. Please sign the Student Internet Agreement *Permission Form* as part of the agreement (pink sheet).

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**TCDSB Monthly Update
September 2015**

TCDSB School Year Calendar 2016-2017

Number of school days	194
Number of Professional Activity Days	7
Labour Day	September 5, 2016
First Instructional Day	September 6, 2016
Thanksgiving Day	October 10, 2016
Christmas Break	December 26, 2016–January 6, 2017
Family Day	February 20, 2017
Mid-Winter Break	March 13–17, 2017
Good Friday	April 14, 2017
Easter Monday	April 17, 2017
Victoria Day	May 22, 2017
Last day of classes for elementary students	June 29, 2017

Seven (7) Professional Activity (PA) Days for ELEMENTARY schools:

October 7, 2016 Provincial Education Priorities
November 18, 2016 Parent-Teacher Conferences
December 2, 2016 Provincial Education Priorities/Faith Development
January 20, 2017 Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting
February 17, 2017 Parent-Teacher Conferences
June 9, 2017 Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting
June 30, 2017 Provincial Education Priorities

Monthly Update from the Board September 2016

TCDSB Digital Store: Discounted educational software & hardware for students and staff

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is offering access to the following Microsoft products to all of our students:

- **FREE: Microsoft Office 365 Pro Plus: includes latest versions of Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Publisher, Excel, Outlook, OneDrive and OneNote. The license can be used for up to 5 computers and up to 5 mobile devices (any platform);**
- **FREE: Microsoft Windows 10 EDU;**
- **10% discount on computers and devices at the online Microsoft Education Store.**

In order to access this online offer, the student will need to know his/her TCDSB computer login username and password. If your child does not know his/her login information, please contact your school to ask how to obtain this information.

To take advantage of the software offers you must have internet access for the download. To find out more and how you can take advantage of this offer, visit our TCDSB Digital Store now at: www.tcdsb.org/digitalstore

Open House for Elementary Gifted Students

September 7th, 7-9 PM

<https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2016/pages/open-house-for-elementary-gifted-withdrawal-program.aspx>

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

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

And October 5th

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

Learn more about CPIC here:

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

Registration for Night School, Saturday Language Classes and eClass

September 1st to October 7th

Get detailed information online:

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

Registration for Elementary International Languages After-Hours Programs

Classes begin the weekend of September 17th.

Register online here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/InternationalLanguages/Pages/Saturday-School-Registration.aspx>

Preparing for Post-Secondary Education?

Check out your university options at the annual **University Information Fair September 23-25, 2016** at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre <http://www.ouf.ca/>

Learn about community college program options at the annual **Ontario College Information Fair October 17th and 18th** at the Enercare Centre (Hall B), Exhibition Place <http://www.ocif.ca/>

Celebrating the Year of the Parish 2016-2017

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Schools are encouraged to work with their local parish to develop their own parish project. Get more information and ideas here:

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

and here:

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

September's Virtue is Hospitality

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

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

Board and Committee Meetings

Standing committees and Board meetings are generally held on Thursdays. All meetings take place at the Catholic Education Centre, and these public committee and Board meetings are webcast live via the website at

<https://www.tcdsb.org/LiveAtTCDSB/Pages/Default.aspx>.

If you wish to address the board as a delegation, please register online here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TrusteesoftheBoard/boardmeeting/information/Pages/Delegation-Information.aspx>.

Agendas and minutes, as well as archived video from past meetings, are also available via the board's website www.tcdsb.org.

Transportation Information

Information, including safety tips and up to the minute reports on cancellations or delays can be found online here:

<https://www.torontoschoolbus.org/>

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<https://web1.tcdsb.org/InterestSubscription/subscription.aspx>



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
Karina Dubrovskaya,
Rhea Carlisle, Student Trustee

