



## Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School

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TCDSB: The Year of THE PARISH

JUNE

## Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School News



### JUNE VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: FAITHFULNESS

#### What is Faith?

Faith joins us as a family and brings us together.  
Faith is belief in our loving God.  
Faith brings comfort in times of trouble and in times of joy.  
Faith brings heaven closer to us.

Faith is the  
Answer  
In both bad  
Times and good; we thank our  
Heavenly God.

#### AT A GLANCE: SOME IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**Staff Appreciation Luncheon (CSPC):** June 27<sup>th</sup>, staffroom  
**Grade 8 Luncheon:** June 21<sup>st</sup> **Graduation:** June 22<sup>nd</sup>  
**Report Cards Distributed:** June 27<sup>th</sup>  
**Last Day of School:** June 29<sup>th</sup>

*Please see the monthly calendar for additional information*

## MAINTAINING FOCUS

By means of a continued partnership with our always supportive parent community, we encourage all parents to assist the school by reminding students of the value of maintaining focus through to the conclusion of the school year. The temptation of better weather tends to distract students; parents please emphasize the need to **finish strong**. Your cooperation is most appreciated. The finish line is near.

## DRESS CODE

As a gentle reminder the dress code is as follows: any combination of navy or white, discrete stripes and/or logos are permitted. In accordance with our Appropriate Dress Code Policy, students must also dress in a way that is appropriate for a Catholic school setting. As such, tank tops, short shorts and beach wear are not part of school attire. Your cooperation and partnership with this matter is most valued, and the success of it is contingent on our collective efforts.

## FAMILIES NOT RETURNING TO OLS SEPTEMBER 2017

Worth repeating - this is just a gentle reminder to all families that if there is anyone who **will not** be returning to OLS for September 2017, (excluding our Grade Eight graduates), it would be appreciated if you could confirm that information in writing. Please call the school should you need further direction.

## LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The final day of school is Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. Dismissal is as per usual, that being 3:00 p.m.

## REMOVAL OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Over the course of the month of June, students are asked to gradually remove personal belongings from the school. Please remind students to not leave this task to the last day. It is far more helpful to remove personal items at the time when they are no longer required at school.



## OLS YEARBOOK

Our coloured yearbook is nearly complete. Our team has put in a valiant effort to provide the students with this wonderful keepsake. Pre-ordering instructions will be disseminated shortly via class reps.

## COMBINED CLASSES

An Introduction to Combined Grades brochure is intended to answer many of the questions parents may have about combined classrooms (also called split grades), refer to brochure attached at the end of the newsletter.

## CSPC NEWS

## LOST AND FOUND

Students and parents are reminded to check the lost and found on a continuous basis for any clothing or treasures that may have gone missing. The box is located at the base of the stairs going into the school gym.

Contents of the lost and found will be cleared out the first week of each month, laundered and donated to charity. Items that are labelled with names will be returned to students.



## CLASS REPS FOR NEXT YEAR

Thank you very much to this year's parent class representatives. Your help in passing along messages between OLS, CSPC and our parent community has been invaluable. We are able to reach over 98% of the population via email. If you are interested in being a parent class rep for the 2017-2018 school year, please send your name and the name/grade of your child/children to Diane Rugosi at [germano@sympatico.ca](mailto:germano@sympatico.ca). Please indicate if you have a specific class preference. Parent class reps will be chosen in September once the school year has begun and the class sizes have been finalized.

## OLS TRACK & FIELD DAY

The CSPC Health & Wellness Committee will be hosting a school wide Track & Field Day on Thursday June 8th. All children in the school will participate in a variety of age appropriate activities run through OT Fitness Educational Services. Please make sure your child comes to school that day with a labelled water bottle, sunscreen already applied, a hat and dressed in clothes for running!

## LIBRARY

On June 5, Angela Walker, author of Purple Monkey series, will be visiting Our Lady of Sorrows and presenting to K-4 in the library.

Since its launch five years ago, Angela and the Purple Monkey have been visiting schools across the GTA to share his adventures and to ignite creativity and the love of reading. We look forward to her visit!

Josie DiMichele      Library Technician

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

It is June and we are on the home stretch. It is the time of year when we are excited to see the completion of studying and then the summer to come. This is when different fruit start to come in to season and for this month's Food For Thought, we wanted to incorporate 2 spring/summer favourites. This strawberry rhubarb crisp is delicious on its own or with ice cream- a perfect way to cap off a job well done and celebrate this warmer time of year. Happy Summer to you and your families!

As you would with any recipe, before proceeding please carefully review the ingredient list for any possible food allergies or intolerances that would affect your family.

## Strawberry Rhubarb Crisp

Recipe courtesy of [Ina Garten](#)

### Ingredients

- 4 cups fresh rhubarb, 1-inch diced (4 to 5 stalks)
- 4 cups fresh strawberries, hulled and halved, if large
- 1 1/4 cups granulated sugar, divided
- 1 1/2 teaspoons grated orange zest
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch (see note)
- 1/2 cup freshly squeezed orange juice
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar, lightly packed
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 cup quick-cooking (not instant) oatmeal, such as McCann's
- 12 tablespoons (1 1/2 sticks) cold unsalted butter, diced
- Vanilla ice cream, for serving

### Directions

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

For the fruit, toss the rhubarb, strawberries, 3/4 cup granulated sugar, and the orange zest together in a large bowl. In a measuring cup, dissolve the cornstarch in the orange juice and then mix it into the fruit. Pour the mixture into an 8 by 11-inch baking dish and place it on a sheet pan lined with parchment paper.

For the topping, in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, combine the flour, the remaining 1/2 cup granulated sugar, the brown sugar, salt, and oatmeal. With the mixer on low speed, add the butter and mix until the dry ingredients are moist and the mixture is in crumbles. Sprinkle the topping over the fruit, covering it completely, and bake for 1 hour, until the fruit is bubbling and the topping is golden brown. Serve warm with ice cream.

## TRUSTEES 2016 – 2017 Wards

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## HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD SUCCEED?

# 1

### Get involved in your child's school life

Ask about their day – school work, friends, their teacher. Let them tell you about the best part of their day, and about what was not so good. This will help you share their successes and uncover any problems.

# 2

### Stay connected with the school

Talk to your child's teacher. Ask questions. This can be as simple as sending a note to school with your child. Or check with the school to see if you can volunteer to help.

# 3

### Make learning fun

Learning is not limited to the classroom. Simple activities can build your child's skills and confidence. Talk about prices on a trip to the grocery store to help older kids with math. Make reading fun for younger ones by pointing out the words all around you – on street signs, posters, even cereal boxes!



The Ministry of Education has many tools to help both teachers and parents. Visit [www.edu.gov.on.ca](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca) and discover how you can help your child succeed in school.

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## AN INTRODUCTION TO COMBINED GRADES



## WHAT IS A COMBINED CLASSROOM?

Combined classes group children from two or more consecutive grades in one classroom. Schools combine classes for a variety of reasons. This includes organizing classes to meet student learning needs and combining grades to balance class size.

All classrooms include students with a range of skills and abilities. Combined classes are neither better nor worse than single-grade classes. They are simply one of the many ways schools meet students' academic and social development needs.

## HOW ARE STUDENTS CHOSEN FOR COMBINED CLASSES?

Principals and staff consider a variety of factors when grouping children into classes, including:

- ▶ Learning styles
- ▶ Social skills
- ▶ Academic needs
- ▶ And many other factors

All classrooms, whether single-grade or combined, include students performing at a range of achievement levels. In every case, schools strive to create a classroom environment that will support the needs of all students.

## HOW WILL A COMBINED CLASS AFFECT MY CHILD?

### ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Several studies have found that students in combined classes do just as well as students in single-grade classes. In fact, some students actually do better in language and reading.

### IMPROVED SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Canadian studies show that children in combined classes have **more opportunities for emotional and social growth**. The rich social environment helps students:

- ▶ Learn how to work on their own and as part of a team
- ▶ Build leadership abilities as they work together and help each other
- ▶ Develop decision-making skills, and become more self-motivated and responsible
- ▶ Learn in an environment that reflects the real world. The diverse ideas and opinions of classmates help expand students' perspectives.

## WILL MY CHILD GET ENOUGH INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION?

Every day, in both single-grade classes and combined grades, teachers work with large groups, small groups, and individual students. But students in combined classrooms also benefit from a broader support structure.

Younger children can ask students from the higher grade for help. Older students learn by explaining problems to their younger peers. In fact, peer tutoring can help higher achieving and older students reinforce their knowledge and positive social behaviours.

## HOW CAN THE TEACHER TEACH MORE THAN ONE GRADE AT A TIME?

Teachers use many different strategies to teach students in combined grades. They may:

- ▶ Introduce a common topic then give each grade a different task or problem.
- ▶ Break students into groups to study different problems and report back to the class. These groups can be flexible, including students with varied interests and skills.
- ▶ Bring students together for activities like health, physical education, and the arts.

The Ministry of Education has developed strategies that help teachers reach a range of learners. For example, teams from every school in Ontario have been trained in differentiating instruction. This is a strategy that looks at the individual learning needs and progress of each student. The teacher can then identify the range of needs in the classroom and plan a program that meets the needs of all the students.





# June 2017



“Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet believe.

John 20:29

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH - FAITHFULNESS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>EQAO Gr.'s 3 &amp; 6 TESTING — May 29<sup>th</sup>– June 2<sup>nd</sup></b>						
4	5 Angela Walker Grs. K-3 Library 4 - 6 p.m.	6 Lunch Lady Boys' & Girls' Soccer Regionals	7 Mass Gr.'s. 3 & 6 9:00 a.m.-Church	8 Health & Wellness Committee Track & Field Day Dress in Active Wear	9 <b>PD DAY NO SCHOOL</b>	10
<b>CAT/4 Gr.'s 2, 5 &amp; 7 TESTING — June 6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 7<sup>th</sup></b>						
11	12 Boys' & Girls' Soccer Semi Finals	13 Lunch Lady	14 Mass Gr.'s. 4 & 5 9:00 a.m.-Church  <b>Pizza Lunch</b>	15 Junior Spring Concert Grs. 4-6 1:00 p.m.	16	17
<b>GRADE 8's - OTTAWA TRIP - June 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup></b>						
18 <b>Happy Father's Day</b>  	19 Gr. 7 boys & girls 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose Hepatitis B and Grade 8 girls 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose HPV	20 Lunch Lady Gr. 8 Teacher Appreciation Luncheon Grade 8'S "clap-out" 2:00 p.m. <b>Ice Cream Day Only for Gr. 8's</b>	21 Mass Gr. 8's 9:00 a.m.-Church Gr. 8's Luncheon Magnolia Gr. 8's Graduation Ceremony 6:30pm-Church	22 Year End School Mass 1:15 p.m. OLS Church Gr's 1-7 Grade 8's Graduation Celebration 7:00 p.m. OLS - Gym	23 <b>Civvies Day</b>	24 Parent Led Initiative SK Potluck Fairfield Park 11 a.m.
25	26	27 Lunch Lady Staff Appreciation Luncheon <b>REPORT CARDS GO HOME</b>	28	29 Canada Day Celebration Board Wide wear Red & White  LAST DAY OF CLASSES Regular Dismissal	30 <b>PD DAY NO SCHOOL</b>  	July 1st Canada Day <b>Back to School Tuesday, September 5th</b>



## Monthly Update from the Board June 2017

### Summer School Registration Continues

Course options and registration info for secondary school

students: <https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/ContinuingEducation/SecondaryCreditCourses/SummerSchool/Pages/Default.aspx>

Information about Reach Ahead Credits and Summer Enrichment Camps for elementary students:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/ContinuingEducation/SecondaryCreditCourses/SummerSchool/elementaryss/Pages/default.aspx>

### School Cashless Online Payment Coming to all TCDSB Schools

The Board of Trustees have approved the implementation of new system for cashless online payment of school-related activities, goods and services across the TCDSB. **Once the program is fully implemented by February 2018**, all parents, staff and students will have the option to make secure payments online by credit card and receive a receipt.

The new online payment system provides the following benefits:

- A convenient fee payment option that saves time
- Reduces paper
- Student safety - no more need to send cash or cheques to school
- A quick and easy to register. (It takes less than 5 minutes)

The Board is currently “Beta testing” the new cashless online payment application in selected TCDSB schools. More details and information regarding when the payment system will be introduced in our school will be provided to parents as soon as it is available.

### Year of the Parish

Capping off the Year of the Parish, and Catholic Education Week, the Toronto Catholic District School celebrated Parish Family Day on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. This culminating celebration featured a Mass of celebration, and a showcase of student artwork, written work (poetry and stories), original music and video tributes that spoke to the special bonds that have developed between our school communities and their parishes, pastors, sisters and others in their parish community.

To see all the wonderful submissions from our schools,

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

The event truly brought to life our pastoral plan--Together With One Voice--Family, Parish and School. Throughout the year, we have seen the collaboration among our schools and our parishes, and witnessed many examples of partnership, celebration, outreach and involvement.

To see photos from the celebration, click

here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/YearoftheParish/Pages/Parish-Family-Day-Celebration.aspx>.

The Board now looks forward to bringing together the Family, Parish and School as we launch the **Year of the School** starting September 2017, and we continue to build on the solid foundation that we have succeeded in creating together. [http://archive.isiglobal.ca/vod/tcdsb/Board/NOCC/archive\\_TRAILER\\_Year-of-School-Animation.mp4.html](http://archive.isiglobal.ca/vod/tcdsb/Board/NOCC/archive_TRAILER_Year-of-School-Animation.mp4.html)

## 2017 Canada Day Celebrations

- With the celebration of Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday, this Canada Day is truly extra special. As we have done in the past, schools are encouraged to celebrate Canada Day a few days early by joining in our red and white spirit day on June 29<sup>th</sup>, and gathering as a school community to sing the national anthem together at 9:30 a.m.
- TCDSB is in the process of creating a commemorative CD featuring 10 renditions of our national anthem as performed by TCDSB students. To view the more than 50 submissions from schools across the board, see: <https://www.tcdsb.org/affiliates/Canada150/VideoContent/Pages/Music-Video-Submissions.aspx>  
**Students who have an artistic flair are invited to consider submitting a CD cover design by no later than June 16, 2017. Get all the details online here:** <https://www.tcdsb.org/affiliates/Canada150/VideoContent/Pages/CD-Cover-Design.aspx>

## Secondary School Admissions Policy Changes

Thank you to everyone who participate in the consultation regarding the proposed changes to the high school admissions policy. The online survey has now closed. A report will go before the Board in June 2017.

## Know Anyone Seeking Employment with TCDSB?

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is currently hiring for secretarial and custodial positions. For more information regarding hiring procedures, please refer to the following link: <http://www.tcdsb.org/Careers/Pages/Jobs.aspx>

## Interested in Parent Involvement?

### Want to Help Others Become More Engaged in Catholic Education?

The Toronto Catholic Parent Involvement Committee is a provincially mandated and funded committee, which supports student achievement through increased parent involvement. Members of CPIC work locally within their own wards, and also provide information and advice on parent engagement to the school board. The committee strategizes and plans initiatives and events that promote and facilitate parent engagement, and helps parents to support their children's learning at home and/or at school. Toronto CPIC members are volunteer parents/guardians, who bring forward information and ideas from their own wards, and relay important decisions and important information from the central table back to the parents in their area.

If this sounds of interest, consider running for election in the fall of 2017.

Don't have the time to serve on a committee? Consider nominating someone for the committee, and remember to come out and vote for your CPIC representative. Visit [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org) soon for detailed election information.

## June is...

- National Indigenous  
Month <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/NationalIndigenousMonth/Pages/default.aspx>
- Italian Canadian Heritage  
Month <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/ItalianCanadianHeritage/Pages/default.aspx>
- Portuguese Canadian Heritage  
Month <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/PortugueseCanadianHeritage/Pages/default.aspx>

## Other Important Dates:

- June 4<sup>th</sup>—Pentecost
- June 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>—TCDSB Indigenous Education Week
- June 9<sup>th</sup>—PA day for all elementary schools
- June 17<sup>th</sup>—Faith in Our Child Event at St. Timothy Parish
- June 19—Sickle Cell Awareness Day
- June 30<sup>th</sup> is a PA day for all elementary schools. **Last day of classes is June 29<sup>th</sup>.**
- June 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> are PA days for most secondary schools.
- When in doubt, check with your local school for details.
- July 1<sup>st</sup>—Canada Day—Happy 150<sup>th</sup> Canada!
- July 4<sup>th</sup>—Summer School Begins
- July 28-30—Steubenville Toronto

## Get all the latest news and information:

- Visit the Board's website [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org)
- Subscribe to ENews to receive updates via email every week <https://web1.tcdsb.org/InterestSubscription/subscription.aspx>
- Or Follow @TCDSB on twitter to get updates throughout the day

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