



OUR LADY OF SORROWS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Our Lady of Sorrows Newsletter



VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: GRATITUDE

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad. Psalm 118:24

The October Virtue for the month is GRATITUDE. Whenever we gather as a faith community to worship, we offer thanks to our God. The blessings of food, friends, family and freedom are all gifts from our Creator God. As we prepare for the celebration of Thanksgiving, we are urged to take some time to remember our blessings and give thanks.

OUR SCHOOL MOTTO:

Dignity, Courtesy, Respect

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

OCTOBER 2019

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ENROLLMENT HOURS OF OPERATION LUNCH HOUR

NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: soar.tcdsb.org

Call 416-393-Phone# or the TCDSB Admissions Department at 416-222-8282, ext. 2383.

For general information about the Toronto Catholic District School Board, please visit the website at www.tcdsb.org

Stay in touch with the latest news throughout the school year: Follow @TCDSB on Twitter.

SCHOOL MESSENGER

The school has been sending out information to parents via School Messenger and Classroom Reps (duplicate messages). If you have not received emails through school messenger, please check your junk mail. Also, please ensure the school has a current email address on file - student information cards have been sent home for you to verify all the information we currently have. Please update as needed and return them to the school ASAP.

PICTURE DAY

School Picture Day is on Thursday, October 3rd and Siblings Photos will be held on Friday, October 4th. Retake Day will be Wednesday, October 30th. Students can dress in their “Sunday best” for all picture days (if they are participating).

The grade 7's will be having their photos taken on October 30 (individual, siblings and class pictures), as well as Mrs. Gaul's class picture.

STUDENT ONLINE REGISTRATION AND ADMISSION SYSTEM FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

TCDSB has developed the Student Online Admission and Registration System (SOAR) to make it easy for current and prospective students to apply for specialty and regular programs offered in our secondary schools. The system enables our

secondary schools to process applications efficiently, utilizing email to communicate offers into our specialty and regular programs, reminders by email and voice and notification of placement or redirection (information on this new system is being emailed out to parents of grade 8 students). You will continue to receive email and voice notifications throughout the process.

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

October 3rd at 6:30 p.m.- Michael Power/St. Joseph Catholic Secondary School
105 Eringate Drive
Etobicoke, ON 4165-393-5529

October 9th at 6:30 p.m. - Father John Redmond Catholic Secondary School and Regional Arts Centre
28 Colonel Samuel Smith Parkway
Etobicoke, ON 416-393-5540

October 10th at 6:30 p.m. - Bishop Allen Academy
721 Royal York Road
Etobicoke, ON 416-393-5549

Find the complete list online here:
<https://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses>

STUDENT IEPs

By October 15th, student IEPs will go home. If you have any questions regarding the contents, please contact your child's teacher. The last page, indicating that you received it, needs to be signed and returned as soon as possible.

TERRY FOX RUN

Thank you to all the students and teachers for their participation in the Terry Fox School Run. Many thanks to Ms. Sutej, Ms. Gaul and Ms. Senior for coordinating this event on behalf of OLS.

HALLOWE'EN

Halloween is a very exciting time for children, and we would like to embrace this excitement. There will be a parade of costumes for students on October 31st in the morning and parents are invited to watch the parade (details to follow). We will also have a Halloween Dance for the entire school. Times are as follows:

Parade	9:45 – 10:10 a.m.
Grade 1 -3	9:10 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.
ELP (JK/SK)	10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Grades 4-6	12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Grades 7 & 8	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

We ask that students leave any toy weapons and masks that may be part of their costume at home. Just a gentle

reminder that all costumes should be appropriate for a catholic school setting. Teachers may also be sending out more details with regards to specific activities in their classroom.

HALLOWE'EN TREATS

As Halloween approaches, we would like to remind you of our policy around distribution of treats and celebrations. As you are already aware, we have several students with allergies, who cannot participate in the consumption of edible treats. The risks associated with sharing treats are too severe. As such, we have asked parents not to bring in any edible treats, so as not to exclude anyone from celebrating.

WASTE FREE SCHOOL

Thank you for your continued efforts in making our school a waste-free environment. Many students are bringing their lunches in re-usable containers, cutting down on waste in our building. Our two designated Boomerang/Litter-less lunch days are Tuesdays and Thursdays.

PARKING AT OLS

For those dropping off or picking up children at the front of the school, you are reminded to not infringe upon the fire route(s). The Police Dept. and the Fire Dept. have been and will continue to patrol the area for drivers not in compliance.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS PARISH

The deadline for registration for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish is Sunday, October 6, 2019.

Information letters were sent out a few weeks ago, with all important dates. Please call the Parish if you have any questions. Those requesting sacraments at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish should be registered parishioners, regularly pray with the community at the Sunday Eucharist and participate in the relevant aspects of the immediate preparation programs. If your family does not regularly attend Sunday Mass at OLS Church and/or is not officially registered with the parish, you are welcome to register at this time and begin attending regularly. All other families should, at their earliest convenience, contact the parish nearest their home or the parish they regularly attend for information on sacramental preparation.

ME TO WE

Many thanks to Ms. Cugliari and Ms. Miceli for organizing a wonderful day and an equally great life experience for our student leaders. By all accounts the students were captivated with the experience. Be the change!

One of our students wrote about her experience at We Day. Please see attached.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL (CSPC)

OLS CSPC Annual Fundraiser

October is our annual Fundraiser month! Similar to previous years and in lieu of other fundraising initiatives, we are asking you and members of our school community to make a monetary donation to OLS CSPC. Our objective is to raise \$25,000. Watch for forms and communication from your parent reps.

The Fundraiser will launch on October 4th. Please try to return the form by October 25th, or alternatively, go online to www.canadahelps.org to donate. You may also donate through your corporate charitable drives such as the United Way, by searching for our charity called "Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School Council".

Thank you as always, for the wonderful support we have for this, year after year!

OLS CSPC Fundraising Committee

Walk to School

This year Walk to School Day will be taking place on Wednesday, October 2.

This event marks the beginning of the International Walk to School Month (IWALK), an annual celebration of active transportation taking place around the world every October.

Walk to School Day is an opportunity for all of us—students, staff, families—to focus on improved health and well-being, active lifestyles and building safer communities for everyone.

In order to engage all students, we are promoting the day in the school through posters and announcements. The students participating in the event will be acknowledged by their teacher, and the entire school will receive a Certificate of Participation from the Ontario Active School Travel.

We realize that some students might be too young for walking to school by themselves, so we are kindly asking parents to volunteer and create walking groups with their neighbours for this event.

If possible, please join us!

All the best,
OLS Health and Wellness Committee

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 boxes are located at the base of the stairs going into the school gym.

Contents of the lost and found will be cleared out the last week of each month, laundered and donated to charity.

LIBRARY CORNER

It has been a busy time in the library at OLS. The students in K-6 are enjoying book exchange every week and we are reading two very good novels. Primary grades are reading “My Father’s Dragon” and Junior grades are reading “Wonderstruck”, by David Selznick. Both novels have the students engaged every week!

Our Curriculum Night Adult Toonie Book Sale was a success! We raised just over \$100.00. All proceeds will go towards buying new non-fiction curriculum books in the library. Thank you to all the families that donated and purchased books!

Looking ahead...

We are having a Scholastic Bookfair during Parent-Teacher interviews. The students always look forward to this! Thank you in advance for your support.

J. DiMichele

WORTH REPEATING...

LUNCH DROP-OFF

If you are delivering a lunch, please label it clearly and leave it on the table outside the office. Do not drop-off the lunch in the office.

SAFETY

Our Play Yard Safety Practice remains the same. During morning drop-off, the only adults in the yard should be teachers on duty or parent volunteers. This allows for easier visibility and greater safety for all our students. All adults entering the school grounds must report to the office where we will be happy to assist you.

SAFE ARRIVAL

OLS adheres to the Safe Arrival Program. Please make sure you sign in and register at go.schoolmessenger.ca to inform the school automatically of your child's late or absence. You are no longer required to call the school for absenteeism.

BUSSING

Parents must register and login to access the transportation portal at www.torontoschoolbus.org to follow bus timelines and cancellations. We encourage you to sign up as this procedure will eliminate time spent

calling the school. This portal will notify you immediately via email if your child's bus is running late. Please ensure that you are at the stop on time to meet your child.

FOOD ALLERGIES

Some of our students have severe food allergies. Please pack nut-free snacks and lunches. If your son or daughter has a severe allergy, and you have yet to notify the school, please do so ASAP.

LUNCH SUPERVISORS

We are in need of Lunchtime Supervisors for this school year. Kindly advise the office if you are interested in this paid position, from 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. The following documents will be required: Police Criminal Reference Form, TB test (within one year), Pastoral reference (within one year) and Offence Declaration.

TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2019 - 2020

Wards

1. Joseph Martino	416-512-3401	8. Garry Tanuan	416-512-3408
2. Markus de Domenico	416-512-3402	9. Norm Di Pasquale	416-512-3409
3. Ida Li Preti	416-512-3403	10. Daniel Di Giorgio	416-512-3410
4. Teresa Lubinski	416-512-3404	11. Angela Kennedy	416-512-3411
5. Maria Rizzo, Chair	416-512-3405	12. Nancy Crawford	416-512-3412
6. Frank D'Amico	416-512-3406	Taylor Dallin, Student Trustee	416-512-3413
7. Michael Del Grande, Vice-Chair	416-512-3407	Kathy Nguyen, Student Trustee	416-512-3417



My Experience at WE Day (By: Palmer Gryns)

On Thursday, September 19, eight students from OLS travelled by TTC to the Scotia Bank Arena to take part in WE Day.

I had never been to WE Day before but I have heard a lot of amazing feedback about the event. When I was selected as one of the eight Grade 7 students to participate, I was really happy.

WE Day is an event for youth to be inspired by speakers to create change in the world. I really liked how thousands of young and middle-aged people from all backgrounds came to support the cause and came because they wanted to make a difference in the world.

I also loved all of the inspirational speakers and motivational words. I now want to go and make a difference. David Suzuki really inspired me because he is a famous Canadian who has been an environmentalist for decades. I had heard about him before and one thing that really caught my attention was when he said we were throwing toxins into the air that we breathe and the water that we drink, which is bad because we are polluting our world. This earth is the only one we have and if we keep doing bad things, the impact may be irreversible.

I think it was great how so many big names came to WE Day in support of everything the WE charity and organization stands for. The vibe was really energetic and got all of us excited about making changes in the world so we can help others.

I am very grateful that I had the experience of participating in WE Day. It was really an unforgettable experience and I will do my best to share what I learned with my class, friends and family.

Update on Negotiations with CUPE

The Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) is involved in province-wide, central collective bargaining with the Council of Trustee Associations and the provincial government.

At the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB), CUPE represents caretaking, maintenance and warehouse staff, office clerical and technical staff, school based support staff including

Child and Youth Workers and Education Assistants, and secondary school supervisors as well as International Language Instructors-

The TCDSB has been advised that the members of the CUPE may begin job action as early as Monday, September 30, beginning with work-to-rule sanctions.

The health and safety of students and staff is deeply important to us.

If there is any impact to regular school operations, parents will receive communications through the following methods:

- School Messenger (please ensure that your school has current and up to date telephone numbers and email addresses on file for your family)
- Twitter (follow @TCDSB)
- TCDSB website www.tcdsb.org
- 24-hour telephone information line 416-222-8282 ext. 2873

The Board wishes to assure parents and students that every effort will be made to ensure that all elementary and secondary schools, day care centres, before- and after-school programs and nutrition programs will continue to remain open as long as it is safe to do so.

School bus transportation for eligible students will continue.

Parents are encouraged to contact their local school principal with any questions or issues of local concern.

Introducing the Secondary School Online Application for Registration (SEC SOAR.TCDSB.ORG)

We are announcing some exciting news regarding the Secondary School Application Process for enrolment in September 2020. On **Tuesday, October 15, 2019**, the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) will officially launch the new **Secondary School Online Application** website, **SEC SOAR.TCDSB.ORG**.

Some exciting features of the online application include:

- easy tracking of the status of your child's application,
- complete the Specialty Program Application along with your regular program application through one application,
- email notifications for offers of placement,
- accept/decline offers of placement you receive electronically.

Important note: a current email address on file with your elementary school is required in order to create your child's application/account on October 15th, 2019. **If you do not have an email address on file, please be sure to submit this information to your elementary school office before Tuesday, October 8th, 2019.**

For a full guide to completing the on line application, please visit the TCDBS website at www.tcdsb.org → Admissions & Placement Department page, to view the "Parent Guide to Completing the Secondary School Online Application" information guide.

PARENT OPPORTUNITIES & INFORMATION

Safe Schools Advisory Committee: Parent Reps Needed

TCDSB Seeks 2 Parent Reps for Safe School Advisory Committee. **Application deadline October 18, 2019.**

[Click here for an application and more information.](#)

TCDSB Environment Steering Committee

TCDSB is seeking 2 community/parent representatives for its Environment Steering Committee.

All positions are voluntary and candidates must be parents who presently have children enrolled in TCDSB.

Applications are available at: <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Documents/Parent-%20Community%20Member%20Application%20Form-2016-R.pdf>

Completed applications can be sent via email to communityrep@tcdsb.org

Application deadline: OCTOBER 25, 2019

Toronto CPIC Annual Report 2018-2019

[Click here to access the Toronto Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Annual Report for 2018-2019.](#)

CPIC Elections

October 28 and 29, 2019

Nomination forms accepted until October 18, 2019

<https://www.tcdsb.org/CPIC-Elections>

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES & INFORMATION

TDCAA Athletics

Girls Basketball West and Girls Field Hockey Season are underway

Coming soon:

- Cross Country Championships: **Friday, October 25** at Etobicoke Centennial
- Golf Championship: **Thursday October 3** at Station Creek Golf Club
- Tennis Preliminaries:
 - Junior Tournament: **Thursday October 10** at Mayfair West
 - Senior Tournament **Thursday October 17** at Mayfair West
- Tennis Championship: **Wednesday, October 30** at Mayfair West

[Click here for a full list of upcoming TDCAA events.](#)

Elementary Athletics

October 16, 2019—Elementary Cross-Country Regionals (North and South)

October 17, 2019— Elementary Cross-Country Regionals (East and West)

October 22, 2019-- Elementary Cross-Country City Finals

High School Open Houses for Grade 8 Students and Their Families

High school information nights are being hosted at secondary schools around the City **until October 16th.**

[Click here for a complete schedule of dates, times and locations.](#)

Ontario Colleges Information Fair

October 23-24 at the Enercare Centre, Exhibition Place <https://ocif.ca/>

TCDSB Newcomer Student Leadership Conference

TCDSB will once again welcome newcomer students at the annual **Newcomer Student Leadership**

Conference, which will be held this year on **Wednesday, October 16**. TCDSB schools are invited to extend an invitation to at least two newcomer students from grades 7 to 12 (maximum of 10) to attend this free event.

[Click here to complete online event registration on or before October 2, 2019.](#)

BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

OAPCE: Oct. 1

Student Achievement Committee: Oct. 2

Labour Relations Ad Hoc Committee: Oct. 3

By-Laws Ad Hoc Committee: Oct. 7

Governance and Policy Committee: Oct. 8

Corporate Services Committee: Oct. 10

SEAC: Oct. 16

Regular Board: Oct. 17

[Click here to review information and agendas.](#)

To view minutes or video broadcasts from previous meetings, select the **Past Meetings** tab on the page.

Policies Currently Under Review/Revision:

Update to Trustee Code of Conduct Policy T.04

Update to Awards Funds and Scholarships Policy FF.01

Update to Catholic School Parent Councils Policy S.10

EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **October is Hispanic Canadian Heritage Month**
- **October is also Principals' Month**
Recognition Days:
- **October 2, 2019 Custodial Workers' Appreciation Day**
- **October 5, 2019 World Teachers' Day**
- **October 25, 2019 Early Childhood Educators and Childcare Worker Appreciation Day**

Walk to School Day: October 2, 2019

Walk to School Day is an opportunity for all of us—students, staff, families—to focus on improved health and well-being, active lifestyles and building safer communities for everyone. Register your school for Walk to School Day and receive a Certificate of Participation from Canada Walks. [Click here for more information.](#)

Feast of Creation: An Ecumenical Gathering

Celebrate the Season of Creation with contemplative prayer and music. **Friday, October 4** from 6:30 – 8 p.m. at St. Basil's Church (50 St. Joseph Street, Toronto). [Click here for more information on this and other upcoming events at The Mary Ward Centre.](#)

World Mental Health Day

October 10, 2019

<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/world-mental-health-day.aspx>

System-Wide PA Day

October 11, 2019

Thanksgiving

October 14, 2019

International Day for Eradication of Poverty

October 17, 2019 <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/international-day-for-eradication-of-poverty.aspx>

Inaugural Rosary Bowl

The Toronto Rosary Bowl will take place **Saturday, October 19th** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Blessed Cardinal Newman (100 Brimley Road South, Scarborough). [Click here for more information about this family-friendly event.](#)

Federal Election

October 21, 2019

School Bus Safety Week

October 20-25, 2019

School bus driver appreciation day October 22, 2019

<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/international-day-for-eradication-of-poverty.aspx>

Mark Your Calendar!

Special Services Information Fair

November 9, 2019 (watch for details www.tcdsb.org)



October

Virtue:
GRATITUDE

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		01	02	03	04	05
		Lunch Lady	Gr. 8 Gifted excursion Gr. 4 excursion Gr. 7 excursion	Picture Day Scientist - Cugliari Rose Reisman Gr. 7 Overnight – Teen Ranch	Picture Day - Siblings	World Teacher Day
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Give thanks to God for every day He gives us.	Cross Country Meet (Divisional) Gr. 7	Lunch Lady	Pizza Day Whole School Mass @ 1:15	Rose Reisman	P.A. Day 	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	THANKSGIVING 	Student Vote Canada Gr. 9 Application Program Opens (SOAR) Lunch Ladv	Gr. 8 Gifted excursion	Cross Country Meet (Regional) ELP excursion Rose Reisman		<i>Everything we have to be thankful for, comes from God.</i>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		Cross Country Meet (City) Grade 4&5 Mass Lunch Lady	Gr. 8 excursion Pizza Day 	Rose Reisman	Civvies Day (Toonie Fundraising)	
27	28	29	30	31		
<i>If we expect others to be grateful for what we do, we should show appreciation to others.</i>		Cosmic Connections – Gr. 6's Lunch Lady	Picture Retake Day	Halloween Dance Rose Reisman		