



## Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School

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11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.



YEAR OF CHARITY September 2014

## Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School News



### SEPTEMBER VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: HOSPITALITY

#### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Only those who have opened their hearts to Christ can offer a hospitality that is never formal or superficial but identified by gentleness and reverence.

Blessed John Paul II

As we welcome our students back to school in September, it seems fitting that this month's virtue is HOSPITALITY. Our teachers have been busy preparing their classrooms, gathering together resources and supplies, and putting up bulletin boards that will invite the students back into a welcoming environment. However hospitality is more than just a welcoming back. As John Paul II penned 'this atmosphere of welcoming is increasingly necessary in confronting today's diverse forms of distancing ourselves from others. This is profoundly evidenced in the problem of millions of refugees and exiles, in the phenomenon of racial intolerance as well as intolerance toward the person whose only "fault" is search for work and better living conditions outside his own country, and in fear of all who are different and thus seen as a threat.'

*John Paul II, "Welcoming the Poor: Reigning Hope" Origins 27:36 (February 26, 1998): p.605*

"Dear young people let yourselves be taken over by the light of Christ, and spread that light wherever you are."

*John Paul II, World Youth Day Downsview Park*

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to another year that promises to be filled with much zeal and growth. The start of the school year is always among the most exciting times for our children, parents and staff. We wish to extend a warm welcome to all of the returning families, but also a very special, heartfelt welcome to those who are new in joining the Our Lady of Sorrows community of learners. We look forward to another year filled with motivating learning experiences, hard work and fun as our children continue to grow spiritually, academically, socially and physically.

Please note the very significant attachments with this initial newsletter. Please read them carefully, complete and submit them ASAP.

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Our renovation to accommodate Full Day Kindergarten is in full bloom; much work has been completed and yet much more is still to be accomplished. At this time we ask for your patience and flexibility as some classes have been moved temporarily to accommodate the tasks at hand. We have been informed, by the senior staff at the TCDSB that contractors will be on site up to October 31, 2014.

For further information please refer to the email that was distributed last week regarding the status of construction.

## TECHNOLOGY IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

In an effort to bring the classroom into the 21<sup>st</sup> century as well as increasing technological fluencies, we will continue to encourage students to 'Bring Your Own Devices' (BYOD) to school. Our seven wireless access points will allow for constant connectivity. With privileges comes responsibility. We kindly ask that you please sit and discuss appropriate use of technology with your children. Many thanks in advance.

We are also happy to report that all of our portables (8) will now have Wi-Fi access and connectivity is no longer an issue in these instructional domains.

## ELECTRONIC DEVICES/PERSONAL ITEMS

We would kindly ask that if students bring electronic devices to school that they power

them off in instructional domains and during non-instructional times such as recess and lunch times. The only exception will be if the classroom teacher permits the use in class.

## CLASS LISTS

This note is to remind parents that all class placements are tentative up to September 30. Due to the volatile nature of publically funded Catholic schools, change may occur up to the noted date; our hope is that no changes are required.

## TCDSB POLICY REGISTER S.01

### Policy:

"The TCDSB endorses the use of volunteers in its schools".

### Regulations:

1. A principal is encouraged to use volunteers in school to assist teachers with school activities.
2. The volunteers will perform such duties as assigned by the Principal.
3. The volunteers will perform their duties without remuneration.
4. All volunteers who will be assisting students on a regular and/or an overnight excursion basis will be required to complete a Volunteer Registration Form and a Confidential Information and Communications Form as found in the TCDSB Volunteer Manual and shall be required by the Principal to submit a current Police Reference Check before the commencement of the assignment.
5. Volunteer coaches must abide by the Ontario Safety Guidelines for the particular athletic activity and Board policies as posted on the Board's website.
6. This policy was implemented beginning January 1, 2008.

The link to the Volunteer Manual is provided for your information:

<http://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/VolunteeringWithTCDSB/Documents/volunteer%20manual.pdf>

## STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK

Please take the time to review our student/parent handbook on our website. In an effort to support our eco-friendly initiatives, we will not be printing a hardcopy of the handbook; rather it can be found on our website at [www.tcdsb.org/ourladyofsorrows](http://www.tcdsb.org/ourladyofsorrows). Do not hesitate to call the school if you have any questions.

## SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Attached.

## SAFE ARRIVAL

To ensure the safety of your children, we ask that you call the school if your child is going to be absent or late. We have an answering machine so you can call at any time of night or day. In the event that we do not get a call, we will call you at home. Your timely response is necessary in order to ensure your child's safety.

## SAFETY

Our Play Yard Safety Practice remains the same. During morning drop-off, the only adults in the yard should be teachers on-duty. 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. Outside of staff, the only adults permitted in the building are those who have been provided a lanyard with a school pass.** This allows staff to easily identify intruders. Also, please do not bring/send your child to school before 8:15 a.m. as there is no supervision.

## CURRICULUM/BBQ NIGHT – DATE CHANGE

All students and their families are encouraged to attend. This year the event is scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup>.

## PICTURE DAY

Picture Day is Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014. More information will follow.

## LUNCH PROCEDURES

Many of our students remain at school for lunch. These students are not permitted to leave the school grounds at any time during the lunch hour unless they have **written parental permission** to eat lunch elsewhere. Please make sure that the appropriate form is signed and returned – see the attached form. Grade 7 and 8 students will be given more direction from their classroom teachers -

Intermediates stay tuned.

## LUNCH TABLE

The lunch table is set up in the foyer for the convenience of parents bringing lunch for their children. Please make sure the lunch is clearly labeled with student name, teacher name, grade and classroom. Remind your child in the morning to pick up lunch from the lunch table. The office will not disrupt classes to call down individual students. Your assistance with this matter is most appreciated.

## DRESS CODE

All students are expected to come to school appropriately dressed; that is, neat and clean, and in a manner that suits the aims and atmosphere of a Catholic elementary school environment. To be succinct, any combination of white and navy is acceptable. Absolutely **no denim** is permitted. The Dress Code is now mandated for all TCDSB schools. Adherence to the code is not optional.

## FOOD ALLERGIES

Some of our students have severe food allergies. We encourage 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.

## HEAD LICE POLICY

The policy for Head Lice is as follows:

1. Any student found with lice will be sent home immediately.
2. All siblings will be checked as well.
3. The remainder of the class will be checked.
4. A letter will be sent home with all of the children in that class.
5. If a child is sent home with lice, he/she can only return with the parent's signature on the RETURN TO SCHOOL NOTICE verifying that treatment has taken place.
6. If a child is kept home by the parents, please notify the school, via telephone, in a timely fashion.

## MEDICATION

If your child requires medication to be taken at school - for example, puffers for asthma, epi-pens, Ritalin or anything that your child will take on a regular or somewhat regular basis, special forms

MUST be filled out every year.

Medication cannot be administered at school without signed forms. Please do not send your child to school with a prescription medication or any over the counter medication without the proper paperwork. All forms and medication should be brought directly to the office for safety reasons.

### CSAC - PARENT COUNCIL

Nominations for the executive positions: chair, vice-chair, treasurer, secretary and voting members will take place on Tuesday, September 23<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. We encourage as many parents as possible to attend.

### MILK PROGRAM

The Milk Program will begin on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Orders are normally filled on Monday's, however for the start; please submit them as soon as possible.

### TTC PHOTOS

TTC no longer produces the Student Photo ID Card as a result a *Proof of Age Card* (green card) will be distributed to grade 8 students.

### OLS CHURCH - IMPORTANT DATES

Preparation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation will take place at Our Lady of

Sorrows Parish. Through our grade 2 and 8 programming, the school will continue to support these most blessed sacraments and will continue to work closely with the parish. Stay tuned for further information regarding significant enrollment dates.

### INSURANCE FORMS

*Insuremykids* Protection Plan forms were distributed to your child's classroom teacher on September 2. Please look them over carefully. If you wish to participate, please fill out the appropriate forms and **mail them directly to the company.**

### EMAIL CONSENT FORMS

A big thank you to Ms Rugosi for her efforts in collating all email distribution lists for OLS. This medium of communication is utilized by parents to stay informed with CSAC affairs and conversely by teachers to disseminate messages to the parents for the respective classes. As you can imagine this is a monumental task and one in which we heavily rely on parents. Once again, we will be having Parent Class Representatives for all the classes. If you are interested in being a Parent Class Representative for the 2014-2015 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 Representatives will be identified near the end of September once the class placements have been finalized.

### TRUSTEES 2014 – 2015 Wards

- |                   |                       |                             |                                   |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Joseph Martino | 5. Maria Rizzo        | 9. Catherine LeBlanc-Miller | Hannah McGroarty, Student Trustee |
| 2. Ann Andrachuk  | 6. Rob Davis          | 10. Barbara Poplawski       | Chris MacDonald, Student Trustee  |
| 3. Sal Piccininni | 7. John Del Grande    | 11. Angela Kennedy          |                                   |
| 4. Mary Cicogna   | 8. Mary Ann Robillard | 12. Paul John Crawford      |                                   |



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VIRTUE OF THE MONTH - Hospitality

| Sun | Mon                                     | Tue                                             | Wed                                                                                                                                                                 | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
|     | 1<br><b>Labour Day</b>                  | 2<br><b>Happy New School Year 2014-2015</b>     | 3                                                                                                                                                                   | 4   | 5   | 6   |
| 7   | 8<br>Milk Program Begins 90¢ per ticket | 9<br>Lunch Lady                                 | 10                                                                                                                                                                  | 11  | 12  | 13  |
| 14  | 15                                      | 16<br>Lunch Lady                                | 17<br><b>Welcome BBQ Curriculum Night 5:00pm</b>                                                                                                                    | 18  | 19  | 20  |
| 21  | 22                                      | 23<br>CSAC Nomination Night 6:30 p.m. in Atrium | 24<br><b>Terry Fox Run<br/>Pizza Lunch</b>                                                                                                                          | 25  | 26  | 27  |
| 28  | 29                                      | 30                                              | <b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b><br>Thanksgiving Day - Monday, October 13 <sup>th</sup><br>School Picture Day - Tues. Oct 7th<br>Retake & Siblings Picture Day - Wed. Oct 8th |     |     |     |

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Trustee: A. Andrachuk  
CSAC Chair: J. Orazem

## OUR SCHOOL DAY

8:30 am ~ Morning bell rings  
10:12 am ~ Supervised outdoor recess  
11:15 am -12:15 pm ~ Supervised LUNCH  
1:40 pm ~ Supervised outdoor recess  
3:00 pm ~ Dismissal

## TCDSB TRUSTEES 2014-2015

### WARDS

1. Peter Jakovcic 416-512-3401  
2. Ann Andrachuk, Chair 416-512-3402  
3. Sal Picininni, Vice Chair 416-512-3403  
4. Patrizia Bottoni 416-512-3404  
5. Maria Rizzo 416-512-3405  
6. Frank D'Amico 416-512-3406  
7. John Del Grande 416-512-3407  
8. Garry Tanuan 416-512-3408  
9. Jo-Ann Davis 416-512-3409  
10. Barbara Poplawski 416-512-3410  
11. Angela Kennedy 416-512-3411  
12. Nancy Crawford 416-512-3412

### Student Trustees

Chris MacDonald 416-512-3413  
Hannah McGroarty 416-512-3417

Angela Gauthier, Director of Education

# Academic Year 2014-2015

|                                      |                                        |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| First Instructional Day              | September 2, 2014                      |
| Thanksgiving Day                     | October 13, 2014                       |
| Professional Activity Day            | November 14, 2014                      |
| Parent-Teacher Conferences           | November 14, 2014                      |
| Professional Activity Day            | December 5, 2014                       |
| Christmas Break (inclusive)          | December 22, 2014 -<br>January 2, 2015 |
| Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting | January 23, 2015                       |
| Parent-Teacher Conferences           | February 13, 2015                      |
| Family Day                           | February 16, 2015                      |
| Professional Activity Day            | February 13, 2015                      |
| Mid-Winter Break (inclusive)         | March 16 - 20, 2015                    |
| Good Friday                          | April 3, 2015                          |
| Easter Monday                        | April 6, 2015                          |
| Victoria Day                         | May 18, 2015                           |
| Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting | June 5, 2015                           |
| Last Day of Classes                  | June 25, 2015                          |





**Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC)**

September 2014

Dear Parents,

During the upcoming school year, CSAC/OLS will be using email communication where possible. To facilitate this, each class will have a Parent Class Representative.

Your Parent Class Representative will act as a liaison between the teacher and the parents in the class, communicating class news from the teacher to the parents via email. Such communications may include:

- Coordinating volunteers for special events, parties, classroom activities/schedules as requested by the teacher;
- Communicating approved messages from your child’s teacher, the Chair of CSAC, the OLS Principal or the OLS Vice Principal; and,
- Electronic versions of the monthly school newsletter, agendas for CSAC meetings, the unapproved minutes of each CSAC meeting and other CSAC information.

**Note:** Communicating via the Parent Class Representative does not replace one-on-one discussions with teachers about specific information regarding your child.

Your Parent Class Representative will also act as a CSAC liaison. If you are unable to attend a CSAC meeting and you wish to forward a message or question to the committee you may do so through your Parent Class Representative. In the presentation of the message or question to CSAC, we will identify you as the source of the question.

Please complete this form, indicating whether you would like to receive information via email or not and return it to your child’s teacher. We would appreciate a response from every family so that we can ensure completeness of our communication plan. Thank you.

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**Please complete the below:**

**I would like to receive information from CSAC/OLS via email** Yes  No

**CSAC/OLS may share my contact information with other parents in my child/children’s class.** Yes  No

**This consent is valid as long as the children listed on this form attend this school.** Yes  No

**Updates to this consent may be made by contacting your Parent Class Representative by email.**

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Child’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Child’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Child’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents’ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents’ Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_



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LUNCH PROCEDURES

**FOR GRADES 7 AND 8 ONLY**

Students in grades 7 and 8 may be permitted to leave school property at lunch as per the following:

1. This is strictly at the discretion of the parents.
2. Students **MUST** bring in a signed and dated note from the parent granting permission to leave the school on a given day. This note must be presented first thing in the morning to the classroom teacher.
3. Students must be back on school property at least 5 minutes before the afternoon bell.
4. All lunches/beverages must be consumed and properly disposed of prior to returning to school. Students may not make purchases for other students that remain at school.
5. **Students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is a positive reflection of OLS and remain responsible for their behaviour at all times. Students may be disciplined by the school for issues/incidents arising off school property.**

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Yours in Catholic Education,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Genova".

Joe Genova  
Principal

**SCHOOL BUS COMPANY**  
**FIRST STUDENT 905-629-8200**



**BUS 1**  
ROUTE # - PFE0806

**BUS 2**  
ROUTE # - CAR0161  
Bus Company -Attridge  
416-255-5199

**BUS 3**  
ROUTE # - CFE0461

**BUS 4**  
ROUTE # - CFE0460

**BUS 5**  
ROUTE # - CFE0459

**BUS 6**  
ROUTE # - CFE0473

**BUS 7**  
ROUTE # - CFE0455

**BUS 8**  
ROUTE # - CAR0156  
Bus Company -Attridge  
416-255-5199

**IF FOR ANY REASON THE BUS IS LATE  
OR YOUR CHILD IS NOT ON THE BUS, PLEASE  
CONTACT THE BUS COMPANY RIGHT AWAY. THE NEXT CALL  
SHOULD BE THE SCHOOL (416-393-5246).**

**REMEMBER THE BUS ROUTE NUMBER IN ORDER FOR  
THE BUS COMPANY TO ASSIST YOU PROMPTLY.**