



Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School

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Saturday Mass: 5:15
Sunday Mass: 8:15, 9:30, 11:00
and 12:30

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



YEAR OF CHARITY September 2015

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School News



SEPTEMBER VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: HOSPITALITY

QUOTES OF THE MONTH

“You shall love your neighbour as yourself.”
(Leviticus 19:18; cf. Mk 12:29-31)

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.

TECHNOLOGY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

In an effort to bring the classroom into the 21st century as well as increasing technological fluencies, we will continue to encourage students to 'Bring Your Own Devices' (BYOD) to school. Our eleven 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.

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 be 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. 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 16th.

PICTURE DAY

Picture Day is Monday, October 5th, 2015.
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 NOW 'CSPC'

The CSAC has had a name change it will now be referred to as the Catholic School Parent Council or CSPC for short.

Nominations for the executive positions: chair, vice-chair, treasurer, secretary and voting members are currently being accepted, the last day for nominations is September 14th. We encourage as many parents as possible to make nominations and participate in the CSPC election on September 23rd.

If you are interested to be involved or believe someone would be a great choice, then please fill out the nomination forms (either the self-nomination or parent nomination form found in the office) and submit to the election committee via **email at olscouncilelection@gmail.com or drop off at the CSPC mailbox at the school office by September 14.**

MILK PROGRAM

The Milk Program will begin on September 14th. 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 8. 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.

If you are interested in being a parent class rep for the 2015-2016 school year, please send your name and the name/grade of your child/children to Diane Rugosi at ***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.

If you have recently changed your email address kindly contact the office for an email 'change form', this will enable us to update our distribution lists. Thanks in advance.

TRUSTEES 2015 – 2016 Wards

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|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Joseph Martino | 5. Maria Rizzo | 9. Jo-Ann Davis | Karina Dubrovskaya, Student Trustee |
| 2. Ann Andrachuk | 6. Frank D'Amico | 10. Barbara Poplawski | Allison Gacad, Student Trustee |
| 3. Sal Piccininni | 7. Michael Del Grande – Chair | 11. Angela Kennedy | |
| 4. Patricia Bottoni | 8. Gary Tanuan | 12. Nancy Crawford – Vice Chair | |





TCDSB Monthly Update

September 2015

TCDSB School Year Calendar 2015-2016

Number of school days	194
Number of Professional Activity Days	6
Labour Day	September 7, 2015
First Instructional Day	September 8, 2015
Thanksgiving Day	October 12, 2015
Christmas Break	December 21, 2015–January 1, 2016
Start of 2nd semester for secondary schools	February 1, 2016
Family Day	February 15, 2016
Mid-Winter Break	March 14–18, 2016
Good Friday	March 25, 2016
Easter Monday	March 28, 2016
Victoria Day	May 23, 2016
Last day of classes for elementary students	June 29, 2016

Click here for: [PA Day and Exam Day by School 2015-2016 Calendar](#)

“Together with One Voice:

Harmonizing Our Faith Through Family, Parish and School”

TCDSB has launched a new three year pastoral plan for 2015 through to 2018. The specific emphasis for 2015-2016 is on the **Family**. Stay tuned for more detailed information. The poster developed for the new plan, as well as other resources can be found on the board’s website here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/TW1V>

Parent Engagement

TCDSB values the involvement of parents in the education of their children, and welcomes their participation in the lives of our school communities. Find out how you can get involved as a member of the **Toronto OAPCE** (Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education), or as a member of **Toronto CPIC** (Catholic Parent Involvement Committee). At the local level, check out the next meeting of your CSPC (Catholic School Parent Council). Visit the Parent Portal to get all the latest news and information

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

CPIC elections

Interested in serving as a representative on CPIC? Elections are taking place October 5th and 7th. Get all the details here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/ParentInvolvement/CPICElections/Pages/Default.aspx>

Registration for TCDSB Night School, Saturday Language Programs and eClass Courses starts September 3rd

Classes will run from September 28th/29th through to January 19th/20th. Specific schedule of dates, time and locations are on the website. EClass Courses start on October 5th and run through until January 20th. Saturday International Languages classes will begin September 26th and continue through to June 4th. For more information about class locations, course options and details about registration, visit: www.tcdsb.org/continuinged

Elementary International Languages Registration

Enrich your child’s education through International Languages Instruction, Cultural Awareness and a Celebration of Traditions. The program is offered for Elementary-aged children and runs from Saturday September 19, 2015 to Saturday June 11, 2015. Register online or in-person on Saturday September 19, 2015 at all locations.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/IntLang>

Learn More about Full-time Programs for Gifted Students

Parents of elementary school children who are gifted, are invited to attend an open house to learn more about the full-time program options in Toronto Catholic District School Board schools **Wednesday, September 9, 2015, 7:00 p.m.**

at the Catholic Education Centre, 80 Sheppard Ave. East (Second floor Boardroom). Free underground parking is available.

Secondary School Open Houses

All Toronto Catholic District School Board secondary schools welcome grade 8 students and their families to open houses each fall. This is an opportunity to meet some of the staff, check out school facilities and learn more about the various programs, services and activities as you prepare for Catholic secondary school education. Visit the board's website at <https://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/Default.aspx> to confirm the dates and times.

Conflict Resolution Resources

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is a Catholic educational community committed to the creation of an environment which fosters mutual respect for the dignity and well-being of all stakeholders including but not limited to students, staff, parents and volunteers and focuses on working towards mutually acceptable solutions that are consistent with relevant Board policies.

At the TCDSB, staff work diligently to ensure concerns are addressed in a respectful and professional manner that is consistent with the Education Act and all other relevant legislation and Board policies. Members of the TCDSB community are offered a variety of options to ensure their concerns are addressed appropriately. Visit the board website for details: <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Pages/Conflict-Resolution-Resources.aspx>

In addition, as of September 1, 2015, the Government of Ontario has granted new powers to the Ontario Ombudsman's Office to investigate complaints against school boards. The Office of the Ontario Ombudsman now has the responsibility to oversee school boards and address matters brought to its attention by members of the general public.

[Ombudsman Ontario Brochure](#)

For more information on the role of the Ontario Ombudsman go to: www.ombudsman.on.ca

Some Upcoming Events to Note

- **September 1, 2015—[World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation](#)**
(Declared by His Holiness Pope Francis)
- **September 2, 2015--[14th Annual Catholic Education Mass](#)** 6 p.m. at St. Paul's Basilica in Toronto
- **September 5, 2015—[International Day of Charity](#)**
- **September 21, 2015—[International Day of Peace](#)**
- **October 5, 2015—World Teachers' Day**
- **October 7, 2015—[Rosary Day](#)**
- **October 7, 2015—[ACCTS—A Catholic Call To Serve](#)**

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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,

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Joe Genova
Principal



September

Virtue of the Month
Hospitality

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)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1	2	3	4	5	
6	7 Labour Day	8 Happy New School Year 2015-2016	9	10	11	12	
13	14 Milk Program	15 Lunch Lady on line orders only SARC Private Mtg @ OLS - 6:30 p.m.	16 Welcome BBQ Curriculum Night 5:30pm 	17	18 Terry Fox Run/Walk Kick-off Assembly 8:30 a.m. Gym	19	
20	21	22 Lunch Lady all orders SARC Public Mtg @ Holy Angels Church Hall - 6:30 p.m.	23 CSAC/CSPC Election Night 6:30 p.m. Atrium	24	25 Civvies Day \$2.00 Donation	26	
				GRADE 8's OVERNIGHT EXCURSION - CEDAR GLEN			
27	28 Boys Softball Tournament	29 Mass - 9:00 a.m. Grades 2 & 8 Lunch Lady Girls Softball Tournament	30 Terry Fox Run Pizza Lunch  Raindate Softball Tournament	UPCOMING EVENTS School Picture Day - October 5 th Missed Individual/Class Photo and Siblings Picture Day - October 6 th Thanksgiving Day - Monday, October 12 th			

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Trustee: A. Andrachuk
CSPC Chair: T.B.A.

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 2015-2016

WARDS

1. Joseph Martino	416-512-3401
2. Ann Andrachuk	416-512-3402
3. Sal Picininni	416-512-3403
4. Patrizia Bottoni	416-512-3404
5. Maria Rizzo	416-512-3405
6. Frank D'Amico	416-512-3406
7. Michael Del Grande, Chair	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, Vice Chair	416-512-3412
Student Trustees	
Allison Gacad	416-512-3413
Karina Dubrovskaya	416-512-3417

Academic Year 2015-2016

First Instructional Day	September 8, 2015
Thanksgiving Day	October 12, 2015
Professional Activity Day	November 13, 2015
Parent-Teacher Conferences	November 13, 2015
Christmas Break (inclusive)	December 21, 2015 - January 1, 2016
Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting	January 22, 2016
Parent-Teacher Conferences	February 12, 2016
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Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting	June 10, 2016
Last Day of Classes	June 29, 2016





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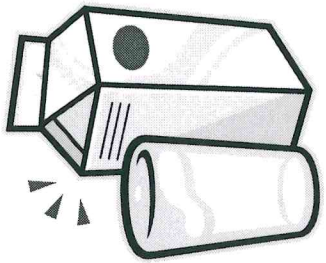
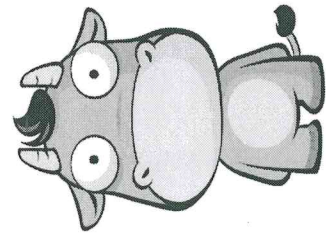
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Principal

**OLS MILK PROGRAM
ORDER FORM**



Total No. of Tickets _____
(Maximum 20 tickets = \$18.00)

90¢ Per Milk Ticket TOTAL \$ _____

INDICATE QUANTITY:

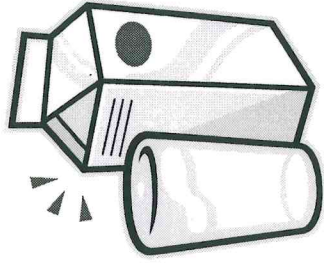
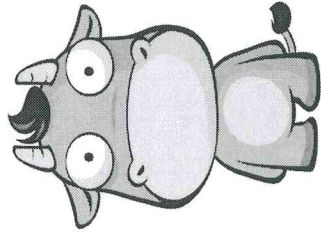
White Milk _____ Chocolate Milk _____

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