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Our Lady of Sorrows Newsletter



SEPTEMBER VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: *HOSPITALITY*

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*“Whatsoever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto me.”
(Matthew 25:40)*

- Please note the attachments with this initial newsletter.
- Please see the attached calendar for important dates

OUR SCHOOL MOTTO:

Dignity, Courtesy, Respect

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2020

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ENROLLMENT HOURS OF OPERATION LUNCH HOUR

NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: soar.tcdsb.org

Call 416-393-5246 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

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Elementary School. This year we celebrate the Year of "We Become." In this third year of our Pastoral Plan, "We Become", we gather together all of the wonderful work and reflection that we have done so far -- we think of our Baptismal call, and how we are welcomed into the Family of God in Christ. This past year, we reflected on the person of Jesus and what it means to believe in Him. This year, we think about how we live out our relationship with God in Christ. We consider the gifts and the fruits of the Holy Spirit, and how through the Holy Spirit we are able to become all we are meant to be in Christ. As we are blessed, we strive to become a blessing for the world.

We believe in the worth and dignity of every person, in the critical role that our Catholic schools play in promoting Gospel values, social justice, environmental responsibility, human solidarity and the common good. We believe that high standards and expectations foster greater achievement, that people thrive in a safe, healthy and compassionate environment, and that teaching needs to be responsive to the individual needs of children. Teaching and learning should be rooted in research and evidence, and each of us shares responsibility for creating collaborative communities of learning. We believe that 21st century fluencies of digital literacy, creativity, innovation and collaboration are essential.

We hope that everyone has had an enjoyable start to the school year. We send warm greetings to the new families that have joined our school community. We are confident that our partnership between the church, home and school will yield success for all students as they meet the challenges of this new school year. Through our collaboration and respect, we will be successful in creating the best possible, positive learning environment for our children.

We thank all the families for your support as we navigate through this unprecedented year.

Sincerely,

Mr. A. Morsillo

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH – HOSPITALITY

Hospitality is shown when we welcome guests — including strangers and enemies — into our lives with kindness.

Sometimes hospitality requires that we cross boundaries and reduce some of the barriers established in our society to keep "the other" out because we believe in the ultimate dignity of every living being.

In the month of September where we celebrate the virtue of the of hospitality, we would like to welcome all the new members of the OLS family. Please help us make them feel at home.

A warm welcome to our new Superintendent of Education for Area 2 Adalgisio Joe Bria. We also extend a warm welcome to the following new staff members:

Sarah Kapinski - Grade 2

Breanne Larson - Health (Thursday)

Sharron Flynn-Bennett - CYW

Carmela Mazzeo - Clerk Typist

October is the month of **Gratitude**...we hope and pray that everyone had a healthy and safe Thanksgiving. We have so much to be grateful for at OLS. Lets remember to continue to show gratitude throughout the rest of this month.

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.

SAFE DEPARTURE

NEW - At the end of the day, teachers will escort and dismiss their classes outside to the back of the building, for grades 1-8. ELP students will be dismissed directly from their outside door. Parents and caregivers who are picking up their children from school are requested to do so from outside, and not to enter the school.

BUSSING

Our OLS bussing system works with a colour coded bus tagging system. Bus students have received a tag that is attached to their backpack.

Students in kindergarten to grade 3 have been assigned a bus buddy, who will pick them up from their teacher at the end of the day, and accompany them to the bus.

Parents: You 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.

Students: They are responsible to know who is to meet them at the bus stop. If the person who normally meets them is not there, they need to inform the driver. Students also need to abide by the safety rules of the bus.

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 their Own Devices" (BYOD) to school to use for instructional purposes. Our wireless access points will allow for constant connectivity. With privileges come responsibilities. **We kindly ask that you please sit and discuss appropriate use of technology with your children. Many thanks in advance.**

CELL PHONES AND SOCIAL MEDIA

We would kindly ask that if students bring cell phones to school that they power them off and leave them in their backpacks. The only exception will be if the classroom teacher permits the use in class for instructional purposes.

As the age of technology continues to evolve and grow, our students are becoming more and more familiar with the various forms of social media available to them, such as Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, Instagram, TicToc, a new and different set of skills that will permit them to access and create knowledge using the communication tools and information available to them via the Internet. Our staff are aware of the fact

that many of our students use these sites and they continue to remind our students to exercise caution in communicating on-line with respect to privacy issues, personal safety, plagiarism and copyright laws, inappropriate language/material and security limitations (some sites have age restrictions, such as Facebook, which limits use to persons of 13 years and older). Information for parents is available on our website at <http://www.tcdsb.org/policyregister/UP/default.html> (TCDSB's Electronic Communication System--Acceptable Use Policy). We encourage you to continue to monitor your child's online activities.

At Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School, we always strive to foster a caring and welcoming environment. In partnership with our parent community, the safety and well-being of our students will always be our first priority.

SAFETY

Our Play Yard Safety Practice remains the same. During morning drop-off, the only adults in the yard should be teachers on-duty. 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. We ask that all visitors to the school use the front entrance only and buzz in to the office where we will be happy to assist you. No one is allowed to go to the classrooms to meet or drop off children. Also, please do not bring/send your child to school before 8:05 a.m. as there is no supervision. We appreciate your co-operation in helping to make our school a safe place. A

reminder to please ensure that we parents walk their children to the gates.

PICTURE DAY

School Picture Day was held on Monday, October 5th.

INSURANCE FORMS

The Toronto Catholic District School Board does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school premises or during school activities. *Insuremykids* Protection Plan forms were distributed to your child's classroom in the first few days of school. Please look them over carefully. If you wish to participate, please fill out the appropriate forms and mail them directly to the company.

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.

APPROPRIATE 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, collared or non-collared tops should be plain white or navy blue and bottoms dark blue. Absolutely no denim is permitted. The Dress Code is mandated for all TCDSB schools. Adherence to the code is not optional.

Please see attached for acceptable dress code.

Our Lady of Sorrows CHURCH

Preparation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation will take place however, we are awaiting more information from the parish.

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.

We ask everyone to read food labels, checking for peanut/nut ingredients prior to bringing them to school. We realize this request may require added planning and effort on your part when selecting lunches and snacks; and wish to express our sincere appreciation for your support and cooperation in fostering inclusion for all students.

LUNCH SUPERVISORS

We continue to be 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.

PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE) POLICY

The policy for Head Lice is as follows:

- Any student found with lice will take home a letter to notify the parent.
- All siblings will be checked as well.
- The remainder of the class will be checked.

A letter will be sent home with all of the children in that class. - 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. If a child is kept home by the parents, please notify the school, via telephone, in a timely fashion.

AGENDAS

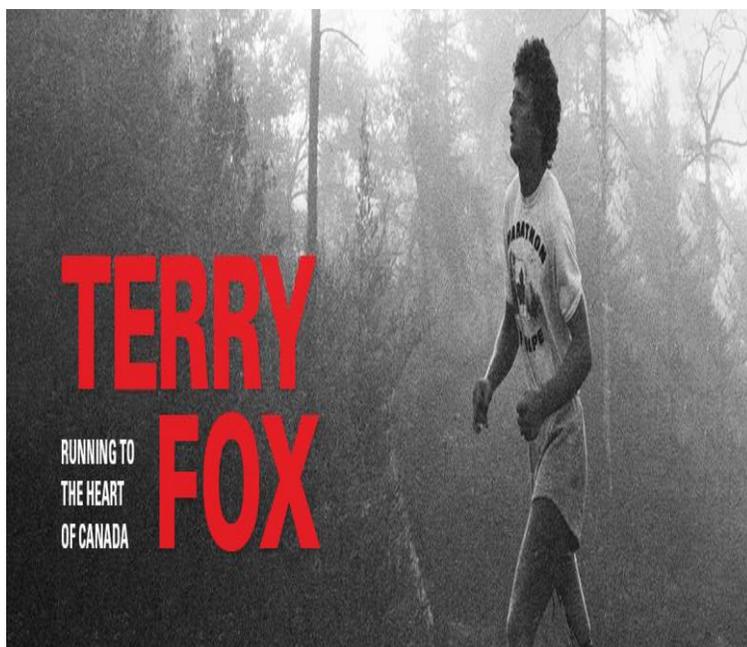
One of the key factors in facilitating student success in learning is communication and organization. That is why we are once again using a Catholic student agenda.

The agenda is a very effective communication tool and has many other useful facts and information in it. It will be used on a daily basis to record homework, assignments, due dates, special events and any other concerns.

The cost of the agenda is \$10. Thank you for your ongoing support in creating the best environment for your child's education. If you have yet to pay for your child's agenda, please visit <https://tcdsb.schoolcaskonline.com>

TERRY FOX RUN

OLS will be having its 16th Annual Terry Fox Run on Wednesday, October 14th and Thursday, October 15th. Last year, we were the top fundraising school in the TCDSB with over \$16,000 in pledges. Let's continue to show our school spirit and keep Terry's dream alive!



HALLOWEEN

OLS will be celebrating Halloween this year with a few minor safety changes. Students will be able to wear costumes but must wear their masks as per school board protocol. There will be no parades outside of the classroom and students will be limited to their own cohort.



TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2020 - 2021

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Dr. Brendan Browne, Director of Education 80 Sheppard Ave. E. Toronto. ON Website: www.tcdsb.org



Monthly Update from the Board October 2020

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

COVID-19

Toronto Public Health has updated some of the information related to the screening of students/staff with COVID-19 symptoms.

- Review the handy flowchart designed for schools <https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/9858-COVID-19-Decision-Guide-for-Schools.pdf>
- Quick reference sheet for families: <https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/901a-What-to-do-if-your-child-has-Covid-19-Symptoms.pdf>.

Updates are continuously made to the **Frequently Asked Questions** section of the Board's website <https://www.tcdsb.org/forstudents/back-to-school/pages/faq.aspx>.

For information specifically about the virtual school (St. Anne Catholic Academy) please refer to <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/back-to-school/Pages/virtual-school.aspx>

Log in issues and password reset: Students who need their passwords reset should contact their teacher for assistance.

We also encourage families to visit the **latest updates** page for recent communications <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/back-to-school/Pages/latest-updates.aspx>

The **Return to School Action Plan** which is continually updated as information is added or revised. <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/back-to-school/Pages/reopening-plan.aspx>

Other resources including **mental health supports for students and their families** can be found here <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/back-to-school/Pages/resources.aspx>

SIGN UP FOR SCHOOL MESSENGER

The student absence reporting system is also used to disseminate critical and urgent messages from your school, and from the school Board. For more information <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>).

Get Updates on School Bus Service

<https://busplannerweb.torontoschoolbus.org/Cancellations.aspx>

PARENT OPPORTUNITIES & INFORMATION

Safe Schools Advisory Committee: Parent Reps Needed

TCDSB Seeks 2 Parent Reps for Safe School Advisory Committee. **Application deadline October 30, 2020**. [Click here for an application and more information.](#)

Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC) Elections

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

CPIC Elections

October 28 and 29, 2020

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

School Year Calendar for 2020-21

<https://www.tcdsb.org/calendar/pages/schoolyearcalendar.aspx>

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES ELEMENTARY (ILE) PROGRAM - AFTER HOURS REGISTRATION
<HTTPS://WWW.TCDSB.ORG/PROGRAMSSERVICES/SCHOOLPROGRAMSK12/INTERNATIONALLANGUAGE/S/PAGES/SATURDAYSCHOOLREGISTRATION.ASPX>

Virtue of the Month for October—Gratitude

Resources and information:

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

Registration for Night School

Check here for registration information for fall programs, as well as important dates to note course options, locations and more. <https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/continuingeducation/pages/default.aspx>

WELCOMING NEWCOMERS TO TCDSB

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is committed to the nurturing of a caring Catholic learning environment so that all students can feel empowered by what they are learning; supported by the teachers and staff from whom they are learning; and welcome in the environment in which they are learning. Newcomer students in grades 7 - 12 are invited to participate in the annual **Newcomer Student Leadership Conference** on **October 15, 2019**. For more information about the conference, visit the Conference [registration page](#).

Schulich Leader Scholarships | Creating the next generation of technology innovators

Launched in 2012, this \$100 million program funds 50 undergraduate scholarships each year, across top Canadian universities. Our most promising students can pursue their dreams and become the next global pioneers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

www.schulichleaders.com

Youth Drop-in Basketball Program

Brown Community Recreation Centre, 454 Avenue Road

Starting October 8, 2020

Info: Jodie.ferrante@toronto.ca

EVENTS AND OBSERVANCES

October is...

- Autism Awareness Month
- Child Abuse Prevention Month
- Learning Disabilities Awareness Month
- Latin Hispanic Canadian Heritage Month
- Principals' Month

Recognition Days:

- October 2, 2020 Custodial Workers' Appreciation Day
- October 5, 2020 World Teachers' Day
- October 22, 2020 Early Childhood Educators and Childcare Worker Appreciation Day

Other October Observances

- **Rosary Day October 7, 2020**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Rosary-Day.aspx>
- **National Catholic Healthcare Week, October 4-10, 2020**
http://www.chac.ca/NCHCW/index_e.php
- **Walk to School Day October 7, 2020**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/environment/transport/Pages/Walk-to-School-Month-.aspx>
- **World Mental Health Day October 10, 2020**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/world-mental-health-day.aspx>
- **Thanksgiving October 12, 2020**
- **International Day for Eradication of Poverty October 17, 2020** <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/international-day-for-eradication-of-poverty.aspx>
- **School Bus Safety Week October 19-23, 2020**
School bus driver appreciation day October 21, 2020
- **Take Me Outside Day October 21, 2020**
<https://takemeoutside.ca/>
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October Meetings

- October 1, 2020 Student Achievement Committee
- October 5, 2020 Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education
- October 6, 2020 Governance and Policy Committee
- October 8, 2020 Corporate Services Committee
- October 14, 2020 Special Education Advisory Committee
- October 15, 2020 Board
- October 27 Ad Hoc Bylaw Committee
- Agendas and Minutes: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TrusteesoftheBoard/boardmeeting/Pages/BoardMeeting.aspx>

Don't Miss Out on the Latest News and Information:

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

Back to School Confirmation Form

Please complete this form to confirm that your child is healthy and able to return to school. Check only one box. By adding your signature, you are verifying that the information is true. Return the completed form to your child's school principal.

Child's Name: _____

My child was sent home from school because of a suspected illness:

My child's health care provider has confirmed that my child does not have COVID-19, and their symptoms have been improving for more than 24 hours.

My child had ONE of the following symptoms: sore throat, stuffy/runny nose, headache, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, or muscle ache/fatigue. His/her symptom has improved for 24 hours.

Note: If your child's symptom has not improved in 24 hours or if your child had more than one symptom, they need to be tested for COVID-19 or stay home and self isolate for 10 days.

My child test negative for COVID-19 and their symptoms have improved for more than 24 hours.

My child was identified as a close contact of someone who tested positive for COVID-19: My child tests negative for COVID-19 and has completed 14 days of self-isolation.

My child tests positive for COVID-19 and has completed 10 days of self-isolation, from when the symptoms started (or the test was done). My child was not hospitalized. My child does not have a fever, and his/her symptoms are improving.

I did not take my child for a COVID-19 test, but my child has completed 14 days of self isolation and is well with no symptoms.

Date of COVID-19 test (if applicable/e) :(day/ month/ year) _____

I declare that my child is well, and is able to return to school.P

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date:(day/ month/ year) _____