



OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

September 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians

We have had a great start to our year. So far we have made excellent efforts in following all protocols. I am very proud of the students and how they have been wearing their masks at all times. We have some room for improvement with social distancing but are improving each day.

I want to extend a warm greeting to our virtual students and families as well and hope that you are settling into your virtual routines. We miss you but know eventually we will all be together.

October is a beautiful month of transition. This month we celebrate the virtue of Gratitude. Even though these are challenging times, we still have so much to be grateful for: our health, our education, our family and our friends.

October will certainly be a busy month. We will be celebrating thanksgiving and expressing gratitude for all our abundance. Please ensure that you have a safe thanksgiving weekend and celebration. We will also be having our CSPC elections. We will likely be having a brand new executive as our 2 CSPC chairs have since left the school. We wish Mr. Auwaeter and Mr. Bellot continued blessings as they move on to other school communities. Thankyou to all individuals who have nominated themselves and others. We look forward to working with you this year. Have a blessed October to all filled with all the abundance of blessings the God has to offer for us.

Ms. Teresa Silva

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PRINCIPAL

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SUPERINTENDENT

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TRUSTEE

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PARISH

To be filled

CSPC CHAIR

www.tcdsb.org/cpic

www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto

OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS)

Enrollment 376

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.

TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2019 - 2020		
Wards		
1.	Joseph Martino, Chair	416-512-3401
2.	Markus de Domenico	416-512-3402
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11.	Angela Kennedy, Vice-Chair	416-512-3411
12.	Nancy Crawford	416-512-3412
	Taylor Dallin, Student Trustee	416-512-3413
	Kathy Nguyen, Student Trustee	416-512-3417

Photo Day

Photo day will take place on Monday, October 19th,2020. All safety protocols will be followed. There will be no sibling and class photos this year. Parents will be provided an online code to view picture proofs and can order directly online if they choose to do so.

CSPC Elections

Our elections will take place on Thursday, October 8th,2020. Please fill out the google forms that were emailed to you earlier this week to nominate yourself or someone else by Oct 6th. Thankyou for your continued support in the process of elections as we build a new CSPC to enhance School/Parent relationships and planning.

Masked By Love

Thankyou to the organization Masked by Love who donated many reusable masks to our students. These masks are being distributed as needed to students who may require or may have forgotten their masks at home.

While on the topic of masks, I am happy to report that most of our students have done an excellent job keeping their masks on. Please continue to remind your children about the importance of wearing masks and keeping a proper distance.

Drop off and Pick Up

Please continue to drop your child off in the morning and refrain from lingering. The situation has improved dramatically over the month. We have slightly changed our staggered dismissal times and things have run smoothly thus far.

Terry Fox Marathon of Hope

This year marked the 10th year that Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School participated in the Marathon of Hope. While this year's event looked a little bit different , the goal remained the same which was to raise funds for cancer research. I am happy to report that as a school we raised \$800. Thankyou especially to the families who donated on line so generously. We raised \$300.00 online and our toonies for Terry Fox raised \$500.00. We are so grateful for your generosity. Hopefully we can make cancer history some day soon.

Passports/COVID 19

Please continue to complete your children's passports each day. The parents are the foremost individuals in assessing whether their child is healthy to come to school. When the passport is not complete, office staff must call home and wait for a response which delays your child from entering the classroom for sometimes up to half an hour. Thank you for your co-operation with this. The passport will be updates soon to reflect the new TPH guidelines announced yesterday. We will continue to follow the guidelines and ask that you follow the advice of our family doctor or telehealth when you or your children have covid symptoms. I know that current wait times for test results can be frustrating, as your child may be missing school. Each class will be setting up an online platform (e.g. google Classroom. Teachers will post work there so that your child can keep with assignments if they are at home ill or waiting for test results. Students will require their board log in and password. Classroom teachers will provide that to their students. This online platform will also become important in a situation where a class may have to be quarantined.

Indoor Recess

We have been fortunate for the first few weeks of school in terms of the weather. Students have not had to stay indoors due to rain. As we prepare for inclement weather during the fall and winter months, we will have a different approach for indoor recess times. Students should try to have something they can do independently at their desk (e.g. a book they enjoy reading, sketch book, coloring book, etc). In order to maintain safety in the classrooms, students will not be

able to play shared games as they would have in the past. Thank you for helping us with this. This is only for extreme weather conditions, as we want to get the students outside as much as possible.

School Year Calendar 2020 - 2021

The following chart lists school holidays, PA days and other key dates for the 2020 - 2021 TCDSB school calendar year.

Important Dates for 2020 - 2021	
Number of school day	194
Number of Professional Activity (PA) Day	7
First Three Days of the School Year (Staff Only)	September 1, 2 and 3, 2020
Labour Day	September 7, 2020
First Day of Classes for Students (see below)	September 14, 2020
Thanksgiving Day	October 12, 2020
Christmas Break	December 21, 2020 - January 1, 2021
Start of Second Semester for Secondary Schools	February 1, 2021
Family Day	February 15, 2021
Mid-Winter Break	March 15-19, 2021
Good Friday	April 2, 2021
Easter Monday	April 5, 2021
Victoria Day	May 24, 2021
Last Day of Classes for Elementary Students	June 29, 2021
Last Day of School Year	June 29, 2021

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>

Virtue of the Month for October—Gratitude

Resources and information:

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

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