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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

October 2018

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Gratitude shapes our entire outlook on life. It is the channel through which we become aware of the many blessings of our lives. Indeed, **GRATITUDE** is a rare virtue and a beautiful Christian quality. *William Arthur Ward says: **Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.***

The Gospel of Luke tells us that Jesus healed ten lepers of their disease but only one returned to thank God. **"Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine?" - Luke 17: 17.** So, let us always be people of gratitude for our family, friends, Catholic education, our school, food and much more.

AT OLA, we are grateful to parents who attended the meet and greet teachers on Curriculum Night. This was a wonderful opportunity to gain information about the curriculum and have your questions answered. Parent involvement in their child's education is vital for their success. Thank you for caring.

Thanks to the support of Angel Foundation our Nutrition Program has started this month. Our appreciation to our parent helpers Mrs. Lim and Mrs. Sabando-Veras who assist in the preparation of the nutritious snacks. Students receive a healthy snack comprising of fruits, vegetables or grain and dairy products. All our students will receive a healthy snack beginning in October.

Please be aware that we have several children with **severe life threatening food allergies** to peanut/nuts, fish, egg and seafood. This medical condition (anaphylaxis) causes a **severe reaction** to specific foods and can result in death within minutes. As this affects the entire school community, I request you **DO NOT** send your child to school with foods that contain the allergen in the above foods. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or the school office.

We are striving to promote a safe and caring community where each child feels respected, secure and loved. This is one among many of our important priorities and we hope parents will support us by talking to their children about appropriate behaviour in the class, at recess and on the school bus.

I wish you and your family many blessings of Thanksgiving.

Sharon Garlow



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www.tcdsb.org/cpic

CPIC (PARENT ENGAGEMENT - TCDSB) ↻

www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto

OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS) ↻

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9:00 – 3:30

11:45 –
12:45

ENROLLMENT

HOURS OF OPERATION

LUNCH HOUR



NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: soar.tcdsb.org

Call 416-393-5265 or the TCDSB Admissions Department at 416-222-8282, ext. 5320.

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

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GOSPEL VIRTUE AWARDS

Congratulations to our students for demonstrating the virtue of **HOSPITALITY** in September.

Jillianne Rilloraza (JK) – Mrs. Raso

Johnred Trinidad (SK) – Mrs. Szakola

Briana Speziale (SK-Gr. 1) – Mrs. Cardone

Gherylle Galvan (Gr. 1) – Mrs. Pena-Vital

Pena-Vital

Gina Maccarone (Gr. 2) – Ms. Pilato

Pilato

Erica Bayaua (Gr. 2/3) – Ms. Pignataro

Pignataro

Bozric Dizon (Gr. 3) – Ms. Askin-Costa

Andres Conopio (Gr. 3/4) – Ms. Nini

Anika Garcia (Gr. 4) – Ms. Rozowski

Xavier Amankwah (Gr. 5) – Mrs. Furiato

Alan Bullecer (Gr. 5/6) – Ms. Rizzo

Jynessa Thompson-Williams (Gr. 6) – Mr. Ciraco

Kate Larroza (Gr. 7) – Mrs. LeBlanc-Carr

Katrina Belleza (Gr. 7/8) – Ms. Sergnese

Raj Jawood (Gr. 8) – Mrs. Nicholson

CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATE EXPECTATION AWARDS



AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR who speaks, writes, and listens honestly and sensitively, responding critically in the light of gospel values.

Allyn Delos Trino (SK) – Mrs. Raso

Nathaniel Mesa (SK) – Mrs. Szakola

Micah Santos (SK- 1) – Mrs. Cardone

Nathan Sojobi (Gr. 1) – Mrs. Pena-Vital

Daniel Bent (Gr. 2) – Mrs. Pilato

Rodiyah Aro-Fadaka (Gr. 2/3) – Ms. Pignataro

Jomel An (Gr. 3) – Ms. Askin-Costa

Vianna Phillip (Gr. 3/4) – Mrs. Nini

Praise Omagbon (Gr. 4) – Mrs. Rozowski

Ethan Atienza (Gr. 5) – Mrs. Furiato

Maevan Vilan Barte (Gr. 5/6) – Ms. Rizzo

Carlyn Costa (Gr. 6) – Mr. Ciraco

Sean Kyle Lano (Gr. 7) – Ms. LeBlanc

Angelina Delos Trino (Gr. 7/8) – Ms. Sergnese

Matthew Moscoso Galarza (Gr. 8) – Mrs. Nicholson

EQAO RESULTS 2017-2018

The 2018 EQAO results for our school are given below. Our data is indicative of much work needed in the area of Math to improve student learning and achieve success. In the School Learning Improvement Plan for 2018-2019, Mathematics continues to be our Urgent Critical Learning Need.

GR. 3	OLA	TCDSB	PRO-VINCE
READING	54%	75%	75%
WRITING	51%	75%	72%
MATH	35%	58%	61%

GR. 6	OLA	TCDSB	PRO-VINCE
READING	63%	79%	82%
WRITING	71%	81%	80%
MATH	32%	47%	49%

CONGRATULATIONS NEW OLA PARENT COUNCIL 2018-2019

Elections for the new Council took place on Oct. 1st. The newly elected parent representatives:

Mr. Cary Auwaerter – Co-Chair

Mr. Omari Bellot – Co-Chair

Mr. Donald Bancairin – Secretary

Mrs. Amelia An – Treasurer

Members at Large:

Mrs. Lim, Mrs. Sabando-Veras, Mrs. Liwa, Mr. Belleza, Ms. Jones, Mrs. Morris.

Parents of the community are welcome to attend the meetings which will be communicated to you in due time.

HOME WORK



Studies have shown that students who are supported by their parents with homework perform significantly better in school. If you want your child to succeed in school, family involvement is important. Parents can help in the following ways:

- provide encouragement and appropriate support, without doing the homework for your child;
- expect your child to complete homework regularly;
- provide an environment (i.e., workplace, block of uninterrupted time), usually in the home or in an alternate setting;
- show interest in your child's schoolwork and progress;
- maintain regular contact with the teacher;
- continue to read to and with your child in English or in the home language(s) of the family throughout the early years of a child's schooling.

NOTE: Even if your child has no homework, he/she should be engaged in some type of reading or numeracy activity.

HALLOWEEN

Students from JK to grade 8 may wear costumes or dress in Halloween colours. Masks or accessories that include blood, swords, knives, replica guns or weapons of any kind are NOT permitted at school. For a fun and enjoyable day parent support is appreciated.

ROSARY APOSTOLATE



The Rosary Apostolate volunteers will pray the rosary once a month with our staff and students from JK to grade 8 beginning in October and ending in May with the Crowning of Our Lady. Praying the Rosary is a wonderful opportunity for students and staff to meditate on the life and mysteries of Jesus in the company of Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Our Thanksgiving Food Drive will begin from Thursday, Oct. 10th and end on Oct. 31st. Non-perishable food items including baby formula will be collected and donated to the North York Harvest Food Bank for the needy in our community.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE



On September 27th OLA participated in the Ultimate Frisbee Tournament at Sts. Cosmos & Damian Catholic School. Congratulations Kean P., Shacore P., Giovan D., Raphael B., Sariah B., Alexandra M., Jusmine D. and Keisha Q. for training hard and bringing home the 1st place "pennant". Thank you coach Mr. Ciraco!!

ANAPHYLAXIS POLICY



'Anaphylaxis, the medical term for "allergic shock" or "generalized reaction", can be rapid and deadly. It can develop within seconds of exposure, beginning with itching, hives or swelling of the lips, tongue and face. Within minutes, the throat may begin to close, choking off breathing and leading to death.'

Parent Responsibilities:

Parents of students who have been diagnosed with Anaphylaxis must:

- Exchange information **yearly** with the principal about the student's medical condition including medical forms found in this protocol. This will enable the principal to communicate and plan effectively with the school staff in providing for the safety and welfare of the student

- Provide *proprietary medication* as prescribed by a physician. This means that the medication can only be used for the student named in the prescription.

Failure to provide this medication can result in the removal of the student from the school until the medication is available at the school according to this protocol.

CELL PHONES

Students must follow the Code of Conduct to ensure that cell phones and other electronic devices are powered off between 9:00 and 3:30 (unless it is approved by the teacher for program use).



Misuse of the cell phone would result in confiscation by the Principal and returned directly to the student at the end of the day. Subsequent violations would result in a parent - student meeting with the Principal.



Guidance Corner October 2018

In the month of October, we celebrate the virtue of gratitude. **Gratitude** is one of many positive emotions. It is about focusing on what is good in our lives and being thankful for the things we have. **Gratitude** is pausing to notice and appreciate the things that we often take for granted, like having a place to live, food, clean water, friends, family, even computer access. Check out the link below for some gratitude activities that you can do as a family.
<https://www.whatsupfagans.com/gratitude-activities/>

High School

The TCDSB has decided that this year, high school applications will be completed on paper and **not** online. High school applications will be sent home at the end of October.



The After 8 Booklets and Transition Guide for Parents will also be sent home to assist in completing applications. Open houses will be taking place this month. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to attend more than one open house to explore what opportunities are available. It is highly recommended that grade 7 students also attend the open houses to get an idea of what school may interest them for the near future. The open house dates are available at the link below:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/school/openhouses/pages/default.aspx>

Ms. C. Greco
Elementary Guidance
Counsellor/Teacher
Area 3/4

October 2018 Update from the Board



Municipal Election October 22, 2018 New ward boundaries will be in effect
Existing Trustee Wards, including the local Catholic schools they

represent, remain unchanged and the new boundaries **DO NOT** come into effect until **December 1, 2018**.

These changes do not affect the current number of Toronto Catholic District School Board Trustees which will remain at 12. However, it impacts the distribution areas of Trustee Wards and the local schools they represent.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/trusteesoftheboard/pages/new-trustee-ward-boundaries.aspx>

PLEASE NOTE: Although these changes do not come into effect until December 1, 2018, registered Catholic ratepayers will be voting for candidates based on these 12 new Trustee Wards for the Municipal Election on October 22, 2018. For more information regarding elections:

<https://myvote.toronto.ca/home>
OAPCE-Toronto hosts a Catholic School Trustee Meet and Greet October 1, 2018 at the Catholic Education Centre
<https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/oapce-toronto/pages/default.aspx>

TCDSB Seeks Parent/Community Representatives

Representatives are needed for:
Safe Schools Advisory Committee (October 5, 2018)
Indigenous Advisory Committee (application deadline October 12, 2018) Details online:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/pages/current-openings--parent-membership-on-committees.aspx>

Night School Begins October 1st and 2nd

Details here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/continuingeducation/pages/default.aspx>

CPIC Elections October 2, 3 and 15

Become a Voice for Catholic Parents Representatives sought for Wards 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12. Election October 2, 2018.

Elections October 3, 2018 for vacancies in Wards 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 Election of Parent Members at Large, October 15, 2018 at the Inaugural Meeting.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/parentinvolvement/cpicelections/pages/default.aspx>

High School Open Houses

Open houses are happening this fall in all TCDSB secondary schools. For a complete list of dates, times and locations visit

<https://www.tcdsb.org/school/openhouses/pages/default.aspx>

TCDSB School Donations

Donations to schools are used to enhance local fundraising efforts, which support school initiatives that are not funded through Provincial Ministry of Education grants. School Cash Online makes donating to schools easier than ever, and all donations of receive a tax receipt. Click here to learn more or donate today:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/Pages/TCDSB-School-Donations.aspx>

Newcomer Conference we Belong--October 12, 2018

<https://www.tcdsb.org/forcommunity/newcomers/pages/newcomer-conference-registration.aspx>

Interim Trustee Coverage for Ward 4 Schools

Ward 4 Trustee Patrizia Bottoni has tendered her resignation from the Board of Trustees effective September 20, 2018. The Board thanks Ms. Bottoni for her years of service to the Board and to the Catholic school communities in Ward 4, and wish her well in her future endeavours. Her departure leaves a vacancy in Ward 4, but given that we are just four weeks away from the election of Catholic School Board Trustees on October 22nd, the Board has decided not to fill the seat in the short term.

Schools in Ward 4 will be represented by Trustees Sal Piccininni and Maria Rizzo, who have volunteered to support the Ward 4 area until the new Board of Trustees takes office on December 1, 2018.

The breakdown of Trustee representation is outlined below:

Trustee Sal Piccininni

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- Blessed Margherita of Citta di Castello
- James Cardinal McGuigan
- St. Augustine of Canterbury
- St. Charles Garnier
- St. Jane Frances
- St. Wilfrid

Trustee Maria Rizzo

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- Madonna
- St. Conrad

- St. Jerome
- St. Martha
- St. Norbert
- St. Raphael
- St. Robert

TCDSB thanks Trustee Piccininni and Rizzo for their willingness to be a voice for Ward 4 schools.

Dates to Note

October is...

- [Autism Awareness Month](#)
- [Child Abuse Prevention Month](#)
- [Latin-Hispanic Canadian Heritage Month](#)
- [Learning Disabilities Month](#)
- [Walk to School Month \(Walk to School Day October 3\)](#)
- [National Principal's Month](#)
- [Elementary Cross-Country—various dates\)](#)
- **October 1—International Day of Older Persons**
- **October 2—National Custodial Workers Day**
- **October 4—Rosary Day**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Rosary-Day.aspx>
- **October 5—World Teachers' Day**
- **October 5—System-wide PA Day**
- **October 7--Thanksgiving**

- **October 10—World Mental Health Day**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/programs/services/specialeducation/mhs/Pages/Default.aspx>
- **October 11--International Day of the Girl**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/international-day-of-the-girl.aspx>
- **October 15-21 Waste Reduction Week**
- **October 17--International Day for the Eradication of Poverty**
- **October 20—CSPC and School Administrator Welcome and Orientation Event**
- **October 22-26--School Bus Safety Week**
- **October 24—Early Childhood Educator and Childcare Worker Appreciation Day**
- **October 31 – All Hallows Eve**
- **November 1—All Saints Day**
- **November 2—All Souls**

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Wards

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| 1. Joseph Martino | 5. Maria Rizzo | 9. Jo-Ann Davis |
| 2. Ann Andrachuk | 6. Frank D'Amico, Vice-Chair | 10. Barbara Poplawski |
| 3. Sal Piccininni | 7. Michael Del Grande | 11. Angela Kennedy, Chair |
| 4. Patrizia Bottoni | 8. Garry Tanuan | 12. Nancy Crawford
Rhea Carlisle, Student Trustee
Joel Ndongmi, Student Trustee |

