



# OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

October 2019

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Dear Parents/Guardian

Gratitude shapes our entire outlook on life. It is the channel through which we become aware of the many blessing of our lives. Indeed, **Gratitude** is a rare virtue and a beautiful Christian quality. 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 our Curriculum Night. This was a wonderful opportunity to gain information about the curriculum and have the questions answered. Parent involvement in their child's education is vital for their success. Thank you for caring.

Thanks to the support of the Angel Foundation our Nutrition Program has started this month. We appreciate the hard work of Mrs. Sabando-Veras who works firelessly each day preparing the student snacks.

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 behavior in the class, at recess and on the school bus.

I wish you and your family many blessings of Thanksgiving.

Sincerely

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<b>ENROLLMENT</b>
<b>HOURS OF OPERATION</b>
11:45-12:45PM
<b>LUNCH HOUR</b>

### NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: [soar.tcdsb.org](http://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](http://www.tcdsb.org)

Stay in touch with the latest news throughout the school year:  
Follow **@TCDSB** on Twitter.

### **Congratulations to our New OLA Parent Council**

Elections for the new Council took place on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Newly elected parent representatives include:

Mr. Cary Auwater- Co-Chair

Mr. Omari Bellot- CO-Chair

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

### **EQAO Results for 2018-2019**

The 2019 EQAO results for our school are given below. Although there have been small gains, our data is indicative of much work need to improve in the area of Math. The School Learning Improvement Plan for 2019-2020 will continue to be Mathematics as our Urgent Critical Need.

Grade 3	OLA	TCDSB
Reading	58%	67%
Writing	71%	75%
Math	47%	60%
Grade 6		
Reading	68%	73%
Writing	71%	70%
Math	32%	46%

### **Terry Fox Run**

OLA was extremely generous with our Annual Terry Fox Fundraiser. We exceeded our goal of \$750.00. Students raised \$1875.00. Thankyou immensely for supporting this very worthy cause. Many students learned about the great Canadian Terry Fox through various activities in the classroom. We enjoyed a lovely walk with beautiful weather around the neighborhood on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Thankyou again for your support and generosity.

### **St. Francis Table Food Bank**

Our leadership team and the grade 8's from Ms. Leblanc's class will be collecting cans and food item (nonperishable) until October 30<sup>th</sup>. This is a wonderful initiative that will help the needy in our community. Thankyou tremendously for your support and generosity.

### **Mass**

Students and staff walked to mass on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Father Sherwin celebrated with our community and welcomed us graciously. Thankyou to the parents who attended and the staff who prepared students for our beautiful liturgy. The choir sounded beautiful and students practiced safety on their walk. We look forward to our next mass on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Virtue of the Month: Gratitude**

Our Virtue of the Month for October is Gratitude. Let this be a month where we are thankful for all the blessings the lord has bestowed upon us.

### **Reorganization and New Allocation**

During the month of September our school experienced a reorganization. The board is obliged to adhere to strict guidelines for class sizes and comply with provincial averages by the end of September. After carefully observation of enrolment it was determined by the board that we would be allocated another grade 5 teacher. We are fortunate to now enjoy smaller class sizes and will continue to have a positive impact on students achievement and wellbeing.

### **Morning drop off and start**

In the morning, students should arrive at school after 8:40 and before 9:00AM. Students should make their way into the school yard to join their respective class lines. School begins promptly at 9:00 AM. Students arriving after that time are considered late and need to sign in at the office. We appreciate that occasionally students arrive at school late but we ask that you try to ensure punctuality as

consistently as possible to reduce distractions to the classroom. As well, for those of you dropping students off by car at the school, **we ask that you not enter the teacher parking lot. This parking lot is strictly for teachers and board personnel. Having students exit cars in the parking lot is extremely dangerous when cars are trying to park. We also ask that you refrain from parking between the 2 bus loading signs. WE have numerous buses that deliver students and students must get off buses and go into the school yard in a safe and calm setting.**

**We also ask that adults refrain from entering the school yard. Many teachers and students do not recognize the parents in the yard. As such this poses a safety issue. Please say goodbye your children at the gates and they will be safely supervised by staff.**

**In addition we ask that parents and guardians not block the gate to the kindergarten yard. As there is a stair level on this landing, it is essential that students be able to travel safely and enter the yard with ease.**

### **Lunches**

If your child stays at school for lunch, we strongly encourage you to pack a healthy lunch for them to help reinforce the healthy living curriculum that is taught at the school. We appreciate that there are exceptional circumstances that may require you to drop off a lunch at school. Lunches should be dropped off on the lunch table just outside the office before 11:45am. **Please ensure you sign your child's name to the sheet on the table so that we can call your child down at lunch time.** Students eat their lunch from 11:45-12:05. Students will not be called out of class early to minimize disruptions. If lunches are dropped off late, students will pick them up on their reentry to the school at 12:45pm. Please ensure lunches are labeled with your child's name. Parents dropping off lunches should not linger at the office to give children their lunches as this causes a disruption to the flow of the school. In circumstances where lunches are dropped off, we strongly encourage home packed lunches rather than fast food items.

\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: Under no circumstances will students who normally stay at school for lunch be allowed to sign out to go pick up lunch *unless* they are signed out and accompanied by an adult that is authorized to pick them up. Notes *will not* be accepted under any circumstances. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this regard so as to ensure the safety of your children while they are in our care.

I also wish to stress that **NO UBER EATS** orders are permitted at the school. We do not allow unidentified strangers into the building and this act poses a threat to student safety.

### **Birthdays and Celebrations**

Birthdays and other special occasions are announced over the PA system on a regular basis. **Under no circumstances should food be brought to the school to distribute to a class (cake, candy, pizza, etc...).** As we are an allergen sensitive school, we cannot verify the contents of food that parents may send to school for distribution. If food is sent to the school, parents will be called and asked to come pick up the food as it **will not be distributed.** Although we appreciate that the thought is well intentioned, we must work together to ensure the safety of each student. Instead of food, feel free to send grab bag items such as pencils, erasers, stickers, etc...

\*\*\* Please note: We do not allow parents to purchase items sold through the school for the entire class for birthdays.

### **Improving Access to School Bus Information for Toronto Parents**

Toronto District School Board and Toronto Catholic District School Board parents are now able to access their children's transportation information online and receive email notifications if there are any school bus cancellations or delays, thanks to the launch of a new online transportation portal. [www.torontoschoolbus.org](http://www.torontoschoolbus.org). There continues to be a delay with two of our Bus Routes. A driver shortage is the cause of these delays which will hopefully be remedied in the near future.

### **Never Miss Out on the Latest News and Information:**

Follow @TCDSB on Twitter, Toronto Catholic DSB on Instagram, subscribe to E-News, visit our website [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org) to receive a weekly update via email: <https://web1.tcdsb.org/InterestSubscription/subscription.aspx>

## **Update on Negotiations with CUPE**

The Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) is involved in province-wide, central collective bargaining with the Council of Trustee Associations and the provincial government.

At the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB), CUPE represents caretaking, maintenance and warehouse staff, office clerical and technical staff, school based support staff including

Child and Youth Workers and Education Assistants, and secondary school supervisors as well as International Language Instructors-

The TCDSB has been advised that the members of the CUPE may begin job action as early as Monday, September 30, beginning with work-to-rule sanctions.

The health and safety of students and staff is deeply important to us.

If there is any impact to regular school operations, parents will receive communications through the following methods:

- School Messenger (please ensure that your school has current and up to date telephone numbers and email addresses on file for your family)
- Twitter (follow @TCDSB)
- TCDSB website [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org)
- 24-hour telephone information line 416-222-8282 ext. 2873

The Board wishes to assure parents and students that every effort will be made to ensure that all elementary and secondary schools, day care centres, before- and after-school programs and nutrition programs will continue to remain open as long as it is safe to do so.

School bus transportation for eligible students will continue.

Parents are encouraged to contact their local school principal with any questions or issues of local concern.

## **Introducing the Secondary School Online Application for Registration (SECSOAR.TCDSB.ORG)**

We are announcing some exciting news regarding the Secondary School Application Process for enrolment in September 2020.

On **Tuesday, October 15, 2019**, the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) will officially launch the new **Secondary School Online Application** website, **SECSOAR.TCDSB.ORG**.

Some exciting features of the online application include:

- easy tracking of the status of your child's application,
- complete the Specialty Program Application along with your regular program application through one application,
- email notifications for offers of placement,
- accept/decline offers of placement you receive electronically.

Important note: a current email address on file with your elementary school is required in order to create your child's application/account on October 15th, 2019. **If you do not have an email address on file, please be sure to submit this information to your elementary school office before Tuesday, October 8th, 2019.**

For a full guide to completing the on line application, please visit the TCDSB website at [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org) → Admissions & Placement Department page, to view the "Parent Guide to Completing the Secondary School Online Application" information guide.

## **PARENT OPPORTUNITIES & INFORMATION**

### **Safe Schools Advisory Committee: Parent Reps Needed**

TCDSB Seeks 2 Parent Reps for Safe School Advisory Committee. **Application deadline October 18, 2019.** [Click here for an application and more information.](#)

### **TCDSB ENVIRONMENT STEERING COMMITTEE**

TCDSB is seeking 2 community/parent representatives for its Environment Steering Committee.

All positions are voluntary and candidates must be parents who presently have children enrolled in TCDSB.

Applications are available at: <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Documents/Parent-%20Community%20Member%20Application%20Form-2016-R.pdf>

Completed applications can be sent via email to [communityrep@tcdsb.org](mailto:communityrep@tcdsb.org)

Application deadline: **OCTOBER 25, 2019**

### **Toronto CPIC Annual Report 2018-2019**

[Click here to access the Toronto Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Annual Report for 2018-2019.](#)

### **Elections**

October 28 and 29, 2019

**Nomination forms accepted until October 18, 2019**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/CPIC-Elections>

## **STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES & INFORMATION**

### **TDCAA Athletics**

Girls Basketball West and Girls Field Hockey Season are underway

Coming soon:

- Cross Country Championships: **Friday, October 25** at Etobicoke Centennial
- Golf Championship: **Thursday October 3** at Station Creek Golf Club
- Tennis Preliminaries:
  - Junior Tournament: **Thursday October 10** at Mayfair West
  - Senior Tournament **Thursday October 17** at Mayfair West
- Tennis Championship: **Wednesday, October 30** at Mayfair West

[Click here for a full list of upcoming TDCAA events.](#)

### **Elementary Athletics**

October 16, 2019—Elementary Cross-Country Regionals (North and South)

October 17, 2019— Elementary Cross-Country Regionals (East and West)

October 22, 2019-- Elementary Cross-Country City Finals

### **High School Open Houses for Grade 8 Students and Their Families**

High school information nights are being hosted at secondary schools around the City **until October 16th**. [Click here for a complete schedule of dates, times and locations.](#)

### **Ontario Colleges Information Fair**

October 23-24 at the Enercare Centre, Exhibition Place <https://ocif.ca/>

### **TCDSB Newcomer Student Leadership Conference**

TCDSB will once again welcome newcomer students at the annual **Newcomer Student Leadership Conference**, which will be held this year on **Wednesday, October 16**. TCDSB schools are invited to extend an invitation to at least two newcomer students from grades 7 to 12 (maximum of 10) to attend this free event. [Click here to complete online event registration on or before October 2, 2019.](#)

## **BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

OAPCE: Oct. 1

Student Achievement Committee: Oct. 2

Labour Relations Ad Hoc Committee: Oct. 3

By-Laws Ad Hoc Committee: Oct. 7

Governance and Policy Committee: Oct. 8

Corporate Services Committee: Oct. 10

SEAC: Oct. 16

Regular Board: Oct. 17

[Click here to review information and agendas.](#)

To view minutes or video broadcasts from previous meetings, select the **Past Meetings** tab on the page.

### **Policies Currently Under Review/Revision:**

Update to Trustee Code of Conduct Policy T.04

Update to Awards Funds and Scholarships Policy FF.01

Update to Catholic School Parent Councils Policy S.10

## **EVENTS AND INFORMATION**

- **October is Hispanic Canadian Heritage Month**
- **October is also Principals' Month**
- **Recognition Days:**
- **October 2, 2019 Custodial Workers' Appreciation Day**
- **October 5, 2019 World Teachers' Day**
- **October 25, 2019 Early Childhood Educators and Childcare Worker Appreciation Day**

#### **Walk to School Day: October 2, 2019**

Walk to School Day is an opportunity for all of us—students, staff, families—to focus on improved health and well-being, active lifestyles and building safer communities for everyone. Register your school for Walk to School Day and receive a Certificate of Participation from Canada Walks. [Click here for more information.](#)

#### **Feast of Creation: An Ecumenical Gathering**

Celebrate the Season of Creation with contemplative prayer and music. **Friday, October 4** from 6:30 – 8 p.m. at St. Basil's Church (50 St. Joseph Street, Toronto). [Click here for more information on this and other upcoming events at The Mary Ward Centre.](#)

#### **World Mental Health Day**

October 10, 2019

<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/world-mental-health-day.aspx>

#### **System-Wide PA Day**

October 11, 2019

#### **Thanksgiving**

October 14, 2019

#### **International Day for Eradication of Poverty**

October 17, 2019 <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/international-day-for-eradication-of-poverty.aspx>

#### **Federal Election**

October 21, 2019

#### **School Bus Safety Week**

October 20-25, 2019

School bus driver appreciation day October 22, 2019

<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/international-day-for-eradication-of-poverty.aspx>

#### **Mark Your Calendar!**

##### **Special Services Information Fair**

**November 9, 2019** (watch for details [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org))

## TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES - 2019-2020

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