



# OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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# CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

October 2017

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Thanksgiving with family and relatives, how appropriate it would be for us to **"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever"**– 1 Chronicles 16:34. Giving thanks or gratitude is not only the greatest of Christian virtues, but the parent of all virtues. **Pope Francis tells us that "gratitude is a flower that blooms in noble souls"**. Let us cultivate the virtue of gratitude in our lives and begin by thanking God for the many blessings he gives us each day, for our parents, family, teachers, Catholic education and for living in Canada – home to many diverse cultures.

The staff and I are grateful to our parents for coming out to meet and greet their child's teacher on Curriculum Night. Parent involvement in their child's education is vital for their success. We do this by creating strong partnerships between the home, school and Parish. Your son or daughter has a marvellous opportunity to shine in our school. I am positive that we can make this happen if we all work together to achieve our goals and continue our journey of faith which is guided by our Catholic Virtues.

In recognition of **National Custodial Workers' Day** on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, we take this opportunity to thank our custodians James Giroux and John Bernardo who maintain a clean school for all of us throughout the year. We appreciate our teachers for their dedication and passion in helping students strive for success as we recognize them on October 2<sup>nd</sup> **World Teachers Day**. We acknowledge our Early Childhood Educators who nurture our kindergarten students in their early years of development and recognize their work in a special way on October 25<sup>th</sup> **Early Childhood Educators' (ECEs) and Childcare Workers' Appreciation Day**.

October is **Autism Awareness Month**. The TCDSB has a range of programs, services and resources available to support students, staff and families. For further information, please visit the website at: [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org)

We warmly welcome the new Grade 3/4 teacher Mrs. Sylvester to our school.

I take this opportunity to wish our staff, students and parents a Happy Thanksgiving and an abundance of God's blessings.

Sharon Garlow



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ENROLLMENT HOURS OF OPERATION LUNCH HOUR



## NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

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

Stay in touch with the latest news throughout the school year: Follow @TCDSB on Twitter or Toronto Catholic DSB on Instagram.

## GOSPEL VIRTUE AWARDS

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

**Bethany Mulat** (JK) – Mrs. Raso

**Nathaniel Mesa** (JK) – Mrs. Szakola

**Zulay Valderrama** (Gr. 1) – Mrs. Nini

**Autumn Frank** (Gr. 2) – Mrs. Maguire-Sleath

**Vailee Raymundo** (Gr. 2) – Mrs. Pena-Vital

**Andres Conopio** (Gr. 2) – Ms. Pilato

**Trais Cainglet** (Gr. 3) – Ms. Askin-Costa

**Vianna Phillip** (Gr. 3) – Mrs. Esposito-Perrella

**Isabel Heredia-Delgado** (Gr. 4) – Ms. Pignataro

**Bethlehem Asmare** (Gr. 5) – Mrs. Rozowski

**Angelina Delos Trino** (Gr. 6) - Mrs. Furiato

**Marc Morris** (Gr. 6) – Mr. Ciraco

**Annie Nguyen** (Gr. 7) – Mrs. LeBlanc-Carr

**Daniella Bagheri** (Gr. 8) – Ms. Sergnese

**Donmarc Samson** (Gr. 8) – Mrs. Nicholson

## 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.

## EQAO RESULTS 2016-2017

The 2017 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. We will continue to focus on sharpening our Math skills and strategies in problem solving.

GR. 3	OLA	TCDSB	PRO-VINCE
READING	56%	76%	74%
WRITING	68%	78%	73%
MATH	56%	63%	62%

GR. 6	OLA	TCDSB	PRO-VINCE
READING	53%	80%	81%
WRITING	65%	82%	79%
MATH	32%	48%	50%

## HOME WORK TIPS



- Make sure your child has an appropriate place and sufficient time for homework.
- Establish a regular and consistent time period for homework.
- Ensure that there are no interruptions when your child is doing homework.
- Be a positive role model about the homework your child receives.
- Be a monitor and mentor in your child's learning at home.
- Communicate promptly with the school when homework concerns arise.
- Consider the following guidelines for homework (it may vary according to the type of assignment which needs to be completed):
- Grade 1: 5—10 minutes
- Grade 2: 10—20 Minutes
- Grade 3: 15—20 minutes
- Grade 4: 20—40 minutes
- Grade 5: 25—50 minutes
- Grade 6: 30—60 minutes
- Grade 7: 35—70 minutes
- Grade 8: 40— 80 minutes

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

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL (CSPC) 2017-2018



Thank you to the parents who attended OLA's first CSAC meeting. Nominations and elections were held successfully. The new CSAC for 2017-2018 are:

### Co-Chair:

Mr. Cary Auwaerter  
Mr. Fernando Belleza

### Secretary:

Mrs. Adora Ellarde

### Treasurers:

Mrs. Elvira Lomibao  
Mrs. Ivy Santos

### Members at Large:

Mrs. Anna Liza Veras  
Mrs. Lina Natino  
Mrs. Amelia Ann  
Mrs. Annie Palete  
Mrs. Vivian Liwa  
Mrs. Eme Tanglib

If you would like to offer one evening a month to meet and network with other parents, please contact the Council.

## HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

Students from JK to grade 8 may wear costumes or dress in Halloween colours on **Tuesday, Oct. 30th**. Masks or accessories that include swords, knives, replica guns or weapons of any kind are NOT permitted at school. For a fun and enjoyable day, parent support is appreciated.

## 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.

## 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.



## TCDSB OCTOBER 2017 NEWS

**TCDSB Digital Store:** As our students continue to learn and adapt to the rapid advances in technology, the Toronto Catholic District School Board is committed to providing to all of our students and their families, equal access to the latest technology. We recognize the importance of promoting the 21st Century Competencies by supporting digital literacy, creativity, innovation, collaboration, and the overall needs and aspirations of all students. To that end, the TCDSB continues to be on the leading edge of providing technical upgrades and assistance by providing you with a very special opportunity: the TCDSB Digital Store. Visit our website for more information:

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

**TCDSB Adopts Parent Charter of Principles and Student Charter of Principles:** In support of its vision of transforming the world through innovation, the Toronto Catholic District School Board is the first school board to formally adopt guiding sets of principles outlining parent and student rights. The TCDSB is taking the lead in establishing principles designed to address the basic rights elements of a sound Catholic education to which parents and students are entitled during a period when individual rights is a major topic of discussion in other sectors such as the airline travel industry. The Student Charter of Principles

starts: “A student is entitled to reasonably participate in decisions that affect his/her education and school life. The Board will pursue equity and inclusion for all students of the Board. A student is entitled to a spiritually, socially, emotionally and physically safe, and positive, school environment, where he/she is respected and treated in a manner consistent with our Catholic values and teachings.” The Parent Charter of Principles begins with: “The Board will provide a faith-based publicly funded school with education grounded in Catholic doctrine, traditions and teachings for your child. A parent or guardian will have opportunities for involvement in his/her child’s education. A parent or guardian is entitled to a reasonable expectation that his/her child is learning in a safe, healthy, caring and accessible school, free of discrimination, prejudice, bullying and harassment.” Both documents can be found on the TCDSB website at

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

**TCDSB Continues to Focus on Improving Results: The Toronto Catholic District School Board** continues to report improvements over time. Literacy results are high, with improvements evident over the past five years. Mathematics results are less impressive and mirror province-wide results in that area. Reading and writing results are strong in both Grade 3 and Grade 6, either approaching or exceeding 80% at or above the Provincial Standard. In Primary and Junior, mathematics results remain low both in the Board and Province. At

the secondary level, Grade 9 applied mathematics scores have shown improvement but continue to be low. In both Grade 9 academic mathematics and OSSLT, the Board mirrors the Province and maintains strong results with 80% or more meeting high standards. The EQAO results continue to point to mathematics and the applied level as an area of focus.

**TCDSB Launches Phase 2 School Cash Online:** TCDSB will be implementing the School Cash Online Payment option in all schools, in 5 phases throughout the 2017/2018 school year. This new cashless system offers parents the convenience of paying online for school activities and purchases from the convenience of their home. This includes payments for school trips, activities, sports-related fees, and pizza lunches - just to name a few.

**YEAR OF THE SCHOOL—SHARING BEST PRACTICES**  
**LAST SPRING, TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND OTHERS CAME TOGETHER TO SHARE BEST PRACTICES AND SUGGEST IDEAS FOR HOW WE CAN PUT OUR SCHOOLS IN THE SPOTLIGHT.**

Check out the results of those discussions online here:  
<https://intranet.tcdsb.org/News/Pages/Year-of-the-School.aspx>



**OAPCE-Toronto Conference:** All parents are welcome to attend the annual Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education Conference October 13th and 14th

**Other Dates to Note:**

October is Autism Awareness Month, Child Abuse Prevention Month, Hispanic Canadian Heritage Month, Learning Disabilities Month and Walk to School Month

- October 1—International Day of Older Persons
- October 2--National Custodial Workers Day
- October 5—World Teachers’ Day
- October 9—Thanksgiving Day
- October 10—World Mental Health Day
- October 11—International Day of the Girl
- October 17—A Catholic Call to Serve (which coincides with the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty)
- October 25—Early Childhood Educator and Childcare Worker Day
- October 26-28—When Faith Meets Pedagogy

**Guidance Corner – October**



My name is Ms Greco and I am the new school Guidance Counsellor/Teacher. I will be visiting your child’s school on a regular basis to deliver classroom programming on

a wide-variety of topics, as well as providing counselling services on an individual or small group basis. I have been a teacher with the TCDSB for 9 years, and spent most of it teaching Special Education. I will be providing regular updates to my **Guidance Corner** in the school newsletter each month.

During the month of September, I had an opportunity to get acquainted with a number of classes and discussed how I can support students throughout the school year. I encourage students, teachers, administrators and parents to follow me on Twitter @msgreco7 to see all of my Guidance related tweets. Please do not hesitate to contact me through the school principal or secretary if you need assistance for your child during the school year.

During the month of October, we focus on having an "**attitude of gratitude**". Help your child to see the blessings in everyday activities and to be grateful in the simple things. Consider keeping a family Gratitude Journal, or sharing things that you are grateful for in your life. A couple of good articles on the topic of Gratitude can be found here: <http://www.pbs.org/parents/special/article-ten-ways-raise-grateful-kid.html> High school Open House nights begin this month for Grade 8 student and parents. The complete list can be found

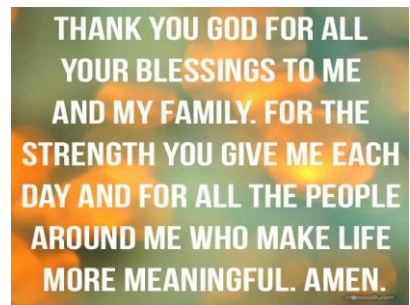
here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/school/openhouses/pages/default.aspx>. Grade 7 parents are also welcome to attend. Please make time to visit the high schools of interest to see what they have to offer.

**Creating Pathways to Success:**

This year, students from grades 1 to 8 will be encouraged to use [www.myblueprint.ca/tcdsb](http://www.myblueprint.ca/tcdsb) as a tool to reflect on their growth throughout elementary school. Creating Pathways to Success asks that students think about: Who am I? What are my opportunities? Who do I want to become? And what are my plans for achieving my goals?

Throughout the year, Intermediate students will be required to work on their **Individual Pathways Plans (IPP)** while students from grades 1 to 6 will develop their **All About Me** online Portfolios. Encourage your children to share their accounts with you. The site is fully accessible from home.

**THANKSGIVING PRAYER**





## FREE PARENTING WORKSHOP

### Practical Tips on how to develop a better relationship with your children

Please join us for an informative evening as she discusses effective strategies on how to enhance communication between parents and their children and promote healthier family dynamics.

**Date:** Wednesday, October 18, 2017

**Time:** 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** Our Lady of the Assumption School (gym)

**Speaker:** Marian Ralph, Cognitive Behavioural Therapist & Relationship Counsellor

Light snacks will be provided for which registration is required

Please call **Ariel at 416-294-2332** to register your name and the number of attendees

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#### WARDS

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