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Mass: Mon.-Fri.: 8 a.m., 12 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m.,
12:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Reconciliation: Sat. 9:30 a.m. & 4 p.m.

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CPIC (Parent Engagement--TCDSB)

www.tcdsb.org/cpic

OAPCE Toronto (Provincial Voice for Parents)

www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto

Enrollment: 385



September 2016

September Newsletter

Our Lady of Wisdom CES|| 10 Japonica Rd, Toronto, ON M1R 4R7  416-393-5273 F: 416-393-5434



Dear Families:

Welcome back from what I hope has been an enjoyable and rejuvenating summer break filled with new and joyful memories with your loved ones. Bienvenue to our youngest, newest members of the Our Lady of Wisdom Catholic School Community, our junior and senior kindergarten students and their families and of course, it is truly great to see all of the many familiar faces who comprise our wonderful school community. During this year's World Youth Day, specifically at the Campus Misericordiae in Krakow, Poland, Pope Francis emphasized to the youth in attendance the need to "download the best link of all, that of a heart which sees and transmits goodness without growing weary," as well as, a call to "be dreamers [who] believe in a new humanity, one that rejects hatred between peoples, one that refuses to see borders as barriers." It is within this context, that I would like to set a re-purposed direction for this year which has at its core the further strengthening of the school's relationship with our local parish, Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish. This year, as we enter the second phase of our three year pastoral plan, the Year of the Parish, it is an opportunity to celebrate the partnership between school and Parish and recognize just how important this connection truly is through upcoming joint events.

In terms of school operations, new to the staff at Our Lady of Wisdom Catholic School are Ms. Liu our half-time librarian-technician and our two new Grade 4 teachers who are both on long term assignment this year for Mlle. Rego and Mlle. Gitto respectively. Sadly, we also say goodbye to librarian technician, Ms. McGarvey, and wish her well in her new endeavours.

I would also like to express my gratitude for the strong leadership provided and the immeasurable assistance given to support the growth of our school, as our school community says farewell to Ms. Filicetti and Ms. Dahdah who will start new principal and vice-principal posts at schools within the Toronto Catholic School Board system. We wish them much success at their new schools, and we will always remember their contributions to Our Lady of Wisdom Catholic School and the positive, indelible impact they have had on our students.

We look forward to what will no doubt be another busy, exciting and engaging academic year, thankful for our continued partnership with ACE and our new partnership with the YMCA, as well as, first encounters with a variety of new learning experiences and opportunities, such as, a scheduled visit from Salma Zahid, Member of Parliament for Scarborough Centre who will be visiting Our Lady of Wisdom Catholic School to highlight her role as a Federal Member of Parliament and the extent of the work done on a daily basis to serve the interests of constituents, as well as, Best Buy's Geek Squad Academy, enriched learning for students in our junior and intermediate grades. It's shaping up to be an exciting year!

Wishing everyone an excellent start to the new school year!

W. Kwon
Principal

NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME:

Call 416-393-5273 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 and Our Lady of Wisdom @OLWCES

STANDARDIZED SCHOOL HOURS
2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR



Start of School Day: 9:00 a.m.
Morning Recess: 10:42 a.m. to 10:57 a.m.
Lunch Hour: 11:45 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.
Afternoon Recess: 2:10 p.m. to 2:25 p.m.
Dismissal: 3:30 p.m.

SAFE SCHOOL ARRIVAL PROGRAM

Please leave a message by calling the school at **416-393-5273** when your child will be absent or late. Please make sure that all students who arrive late check in at the front office.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Please ensure that all information regarding your child is up-to-date. We need to have the **CORRECT HOME TELEPHONE, CELL NUMBERS, WORK NUMBERS, HOME ADDRESS AND EMERGENCY CONTACT**. If these numbers change please let the school know promptly, **IN WRITING**.

LUNCH ROUTINES

Students who remain at school for lunch (11:45-12:45) may **NOT LEAVE THE SCHOOL GROUNDS** anytime during the lunch hour. For safety reasons, we highly discourage parents/guardians from allowing their children to leave the school property unsupervised for lunch.

PIZZA LUNCH



Pizza lunch will begin October 4th and run until Dec. 20th at a cost of \$2 per slice. Forms will be distributed during the first week of school and are due on Sept. 21, 2016. Payment can be made by cash or cheque (Payable to Our Lady of Wisdom Catholic School). We ask that you send one cheque per student and **NOT** per family.

STUDENT AGENDAS

We will continue to use student agendas. The cost for each Agenda is \$8. We highly recommend the use of the Agenda as a valuable communication tool between school and home. Please take some time to review the contents in the opening pages. They include policies, procedures, a "Revised" Acceptable Use/Internet Agreement (to be signed by both parent and students) and Our Lady of Wisdom's Code of Conduct information, as well as the school's Progressive Discipline Plan.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

A reminder that all visitors **must enter the school building through the front doors by using the video monitoring system and sign in at the main office**. Entrance through the school yard doors or other entrances and exits, i.e. the Kindergarten wing is strictly **PROHIBITED**. In the interest of safety for all students and to ensure that classes are uninterrupted, we need everyone's total co-operation and understanding on this matter. If an item is being dropped off for your child or pick up is required for an appointment, please come by the office. We will contact the class directly.

If you need to speak with your child's teacher or the principal, kindly call and make an appointment. We are glad to meet with you at a mutually convenient time.

APPROPRIATE DRESS CODE POLICY

All students are expected to come to school dressed appropriately and in a manner that reflects the aims and atmosphere of a Catholic school. Our Lady of Wisdom Catholic School has adopted a **BLUE AND WHITE DRESS CODE**.

DROPPING OFF & PICKING UP STUDENTS

For the sake of safety, we ask that in the mornings you drop off your children in the appropriate sections of the school yard and leave them with our staff. This will help the students develop routines and it will also help our staff ensure a safe school yard.

The bell rings at 9 a.m. **Please ensure that your child is dropped off no earlier than 8:30 a.m.** Parents should be aware that the supervision of the children remains their responsibility before and after school. Kindly note: There is **NO SUPERVISION** in the school yard before 8:30 a.m. and after 3:45 p.m. **Supervision in our school yard begins at 8:30 a.m.**



OUR LADY OF WISDOM FRENCH HOMEWORK CLUB
1-866-900-0658

<http://voilallearning.com/en/school-homework-clubs>
school-or-library

WHO: Students at OLW in grades 1-8

WHAT: Subsidized After School French Homework Support and Language Enrichment

WHEN: Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:40 pm-4:40 p.m.
BEGINS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11th, 2016

WHERE: Room 128

COST: \$544 for 32 One Hour Sessions

CURRICULUM NIGHT

Curriculum Night is scheduled for **Monday, September 26th, 2016 at 6 p.m.** We encourage parents to attend, and we look forward to meeting everyone. During curriculum night, parents will have every opportunity to meet their child's teacher, visit their child's respective classroom and learn more about our school's programs of study. Details will follow. Restructuring of classes can take place until September 30th. At this point in time, please be aware that some changes may occur. Any changes will be communicated to parents in a timely manner.

2016-2017 YEAR IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Labour Day (no class)	September 5, 2016
School Starts	September 6, 2016
P.A. Day (No class)	October 7, 2016
Thanksgiving (no class)	October 10, 2016
P.A. Day/Parent-Teacher Conferences	November 18, 2016
P.A. Day	December 2, 2016
Christmas Break	December 26, 2016 to January 6, 2017
P.A. Day (no class)	January 20, 2017
P.A. Day/Parent-Teacher Conferences	February 17, 2017
Family Day	February 20, 2017
Mid-Winter Break	March 13-17, 2017
Good Friday	April 14, 2017
Easter Monday	April 17, 2017
Victoria Day	May 22, 2017
P.A. Day (no class)	June 9, 2017
Last day of classes	June 29, 2017
P.A. Day (no class)	June 30, 2017



TRAFFIC PROTOCOL

To start off the school year with all students' safety at the forefront, we need to ask for your increased vigilance with all of our surrounding roads. We ask for your additional attention to the safety of our students, specifically in the areas in front of our school. We need everyone's help to work for the safety of all our children.

We have an ongoing concern with traffic congestion in front of the school during student drop-off and pick-up times. The disorderly flow of traffic can jeopardize the safety of students and all pedestrians.

PLEASE HELP US HELP OUR CHILDREN:



1. **During morning and afternoon peak times**, follow the directions on the map illustrated on the reverse for approaching and leaving the school area;
 - Use White Abbey Park to approach Japonica Rd.
 - Use Crosland Drive to leave the area.
 - Use the loop/cul-de-sac on White Abbey Park and wait in any of the spots where parking is allowed (maximum 30 minutes). Use these roads in the direction indicated on the map.
2. The **area in front of the main door** of the school **cannot** be used as a drop-off OR a pick-up area. **It is a school bus loading zone!**
3. The staff parking lot is **NOT** to be used to **drop off or pick-up** our child(ren).
4. Do not stop on the south side of Japonica Rd. It is a **no stopping zone.** It is unsafe for our children to run across the road.
5. The newly paved passage way to the west of the school near the new addition is an **emergency Fire Access route.** Pick up and drop off and Parking are strictly forbidden and any cars in the area will be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense. Parents can access the kindergarten area at the north end from the main school grounds in order to drop off and pick up their children.

Have a meeting place a short walking distance away, established in advance so your child knows where to look for you.

Please, do not double park, block residents' driveways OR park in the staff parking lot before school or after school. NB: Please be advised that there is AMPLE PARKING on Crosland Dr. and Alice Crescent.

As members of the Our Lady of Wisdom community, please feel free to report dangerous situations directly to the Toronto Police services using the following link, as *this allows for the issue to be dealt with legally.*

<http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/recordsmanagement/crimereporting.php> .

AGM/(CSPC) ELECTIONS



The Annual General Meeting/CSPC Elections is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 6:30 pm**. The elections for the CSPC Council will be held at this time. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the CSPC Council, whether in one of the Executive positions or as a Member at Large, is invited to complete a self-nomination form or have another parent complete a nomination form. Please contact the main office if you would like a nomination form. They can also be downloaded electronically at <https://www.tcdsb.org/schools/ourladyofwisdom/ForParents/CSAC/Pages/Nomination-Forms.aspx> For any questions relating to the election or request for a nomination form, please contact J. Stonehouse or E. Murphy at cspc.ourladyofwisdom@tcdsb.org

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Please consider the following volunteer opportunities to become more involved in your child's school community:

Pizza and Lunch Lady Lunch - Some aspects of the lunch programs are very time and labour intensive. Our school needs a dedicated group of volunteers that can share the workload.

Special Events - assist with events at school, such as Shrove Tuesday breakfast, Carnaval, and Play Day
Peer Tutoring Learning Program - supervise students involved in reading recovery program; 45 minutes/two mornings each week for 8 weeks; ability to speak French would be beneficial. Volunteer applications and board mandated criminal background checks can be obtained from the office.

CPIC Elections 2016-2017

CPIC Elections for parent representatives for Ward 7 will take place on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the evening.

Our Lady of Wisdom Catholic School has been selected as the location for your ward and these elections will be facilitated by the superintendent and trustee.

ANAPHYLAXIS ALERT

Our Lady of Wisdom is an **allergen aware school**. There are students in attendance who suffer from severe and life threatening allergies to certain foods such as **peanuts, nut products, sesame seeds, eggs, seafood and shell fish**. **Anaphylaxis is a severe and life threatening allergic reaction.**

Accordingly, please DO NOT bring in snacks/treats/cake to acknowledge/celebrate a child's birthday. A safe practice that the school encourages is the distribution of non-edible birthday themed treats, such as, pencils, erasers, stickers, etc... A reminder to parents that administration, teachers and support staff of the TCDSB are NOT permitted to administer any type of prescription medication during the school day, unless we have written signed authorization signed by you the parents and the prescribing physician. The forms to dispense any medication may be updated on a regular basis and are available from the principal. Please send back the forms for the administration of medication as soon as possible. Please be advised that staff will NOT dispense non-prescription medication to students. Should you require additional information or have any questions about this protocol please contact the school principal. We kindly ask that parents refrain from sending foods containing nuts to the school. Please do not send edible treats in for birthdays, a small token (pencils, or stickers) would suffice.

IMPORTANT: If your child requires an EPI-PEN for anaphylactic emergencies **THEY MUST WEAR** one on them **AT ALL TIMES**. Please supply an additional EPI-PEN for safe keeping in the office. We also **STRONGLY** recommend ensuring that your child wear a medical alert bracelet to indicate ALL allergy or other serious medical conditions they may have.

Best Buy's Geek Squad Academy 2016-2017 at OLW!!!



Our Lady of Wisdom Catholic School is very excited to host Best Buy's Geek Squad Academy for the first time this year, scheduled for a full day on November 7th, 2016. It is shaping up to be an energized enriched STEM infused learning opportunity for Junior and Intermediate students from Grades 5 to 7 led by the Geek Squad's instructors and focused on 21st Century hot topics, such as, Digital Citizenship, Digital Music, LEGO Robotics and uses of 3-D printing. Thank you to Jen Knight, Community Relations Specialist.

VIRTUES OF THE MONTH



We would be remiss if did not recognize all of the children and their exemplary modelling of the monthly virtues from the last portion of the school year during our final June 2016 Virtues assembly. Congratulations to the following students:

Mme. Yeung JK/SK:

Justice: Danna L.

Compassion:

Faithfulness:

M. Jean JK/SK:

Justice: David S.

Compassion:

Faithfulness: Tiara B.

Mlle. Tymkewycz (SK):

Justice: Andrea B., Simon M.

Compassion:

Faithfulness:

Mme. Suzan (Gr. 1):

Justice: Zhean S., Nathan Q., Raiden V.

Compassion: Joseph L., Esther M., Alexandra T.

Faithfulness:

Mme. Makar (Gr. 1):

Justice: Kyle L.

Compassion: Yonal K.

Faithfulness:

Mlle. Katherine (Gr. 1/2):

Justice: Marina K.

Compassion: Holman A., Noah K.

Faithfulness:

Mme. Thokoly (Gr. 2):

Justice: Jackson T.

Compassion:

Faithfulness:

Mme. Rego/Mme. Lolita (Gr. 2):

Justice: Dawn P., Danny I.

Compassion:

Faithfulness: Nicole G., Tristan M., Nathan R., Jirome U.

Mlle. O (Gr. 3):

Justice: Lyla C., Nia S.

Compassion: Sophia M., Sayan C.

Faithfulness: Jayden C., Allana L.

Mme. Mari Berje (Gr. 3):

Justice: Gabriel V-M., Georgia A.

Compassion:

Faithfulness:

Mlle. Gitto (Gr. 3/4):

Justice: Gr. 3 Albert B., Sophia D., Gr. 4 Grace I. Elizabeth V.

Compassion:

Faithfulness: Gr. 3 Mackenzie S., Gr. 4 John S.

Mlle. Camellia (Gr. 4):

Justice: Claudia N., Pierre K H.

Compassion: Dhani G., Diella I., Charles T.

Faithfulness:

Mlle. Metwally/Mrs. Robertson (Gr. 5):

Justice: Nathan W., Hayden S.

Compassion:

Faithfulness:

Mme. Bangala (Gr. 5/6):

Justice: Gr. 5 Chrisanthony M., Gr. 6 Sierra R.

Compassion:

Faithfulness: Gr. 5 Lianne I., Gr. 6 Jerome P.

Mrs. Robertson/Mlle. Christine (Gr. 6):

Justice: Ellen U.

Compassion:

Faithfulness:

Mlle. Schmeing, Mme. Guirguis (Gr. 7):

Justice: Daniel U.

Compassion:

Faithfulness:

Mrs. Nardozi, Mme. Guirguis (Gr. 7/8):

Justice: Gr. 8 Lucas B., Jaicyanna R.

Compassion:

Faithfulness: Gr. 7 Jorel R., Gr. 8 Cecilia H.

Spirit Day for Canada!



In their red and white finest, students and staff joined together to sing O' Canada on June 29, 2016 and demonstrate their pride for such a wonderfully free, culturally diverse and benevolent nation.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

"The Learning Partnership is a national charitable organization dedicated to building stakeholder partnerships to support, promote and advance publicly funded education in Canada." Furthermore, "the Entrepreneurial Adventure Program is a hands-on entrepreneurial journey for students in Grades K-12. It is designed to develop students' enterprising spirit, financial literacy, innovative thinking and social responsibility."

<http://www.thelearningpartnership.ca/what-we-do/student-programs/entrepreneurial-adventure>

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate M. Bruno and his enthusiastic and dedicated group of student members from Grade 7 who comprise the Our Lady of Wisdom Entrepreneurial Adventure Club 2015-2016 for raising \$270.05 dollars. This year's venture is entitled "Wisdom Charity Warriors." Students received some very practical and helpful information from business partner, Elena Afanassieva of the Bank of Montreal. Together, they planned and implemented their initial ideas to fundraise with the overall goal to support homeless youth via a donation to Covenant House, through the creation, marketing and selling of craft Christmas Cards and crystal ornaments." The Our Lady of Wisdom Community is extremely proud of their hard work in this collaborative effort.



The Year of the Parish Community Event



Please stay tuned for information regarding an upcoming school and community event connecting our school and Parish (Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish). Date and time T.B.A.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH SACRAMENTAL REGISTRATION

Registration for Gr. 7 and 8 Confirmation will be October 4th, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. The Confirmation rehearsal will take place at 9 a.m. on May 9th, 2017 and the ceremony will be held on Tuesday, May 9th, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. Exact Confirmation Sessions for Grade 7 and 8 are still to be determined, but the Retreat will take place on Saturday, May 6th, 2017. First Confession will take place at 7 p.m. On February 15th, 2017. First Holy Communion Registration meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on October 6th. The First Holy Communion ceremony will be held on April 29th and April 30th at 5 p.m. and May 6th and May 7th at 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Parents must register in order for their child to receive the sacraments of First Communion (Gr. 2), First Reconciliation (Gr. 3) or Confirmation (Gr. 7 and 8). A copy of the child's baptismal certificate is required to register for First Communion and Confirmation.

OLW HEALTHY SNACK PROGRAM



In conjunction with the non-profit Angel Foundation at the TCDSB, please continue to support Our Lady of Wisdom Catholic School's universal nutrition and healthy snack program. The program will continue for the academic year, 2016-2017 and has as its aim the provision of healthy snacks for all students which adhere to Canada's Food Guide and incorporate 3 food groups. The program is a non-profit initiative which is monitored by Toronto Public Health.

Snacks will be delivered to classrooms daily. Should you have any additional questions or concerns, please direct them to Mrs. Shirley who is the nutrition program coordinator. Again, we would like to emphasize that the administration and the program coordinator are well aware of allergies that students have and will take appropriate measures to ensure that the program reflects these needs.

We ask that in order to sustain the program and keep it running efficiently that the parent community contributes a modest donation of \$10 or more to contribute towards the program. For donations of \$20 or more, donor tax receipts will be made directly by the Angel Foundation for Learning. Thank you for your generosity. The well-being of our students is always our top priority. We are confident that the program will serve the nutritional needs of our diverse student population well, and the program will take into account the health and safety of all.

TRUSTEES 2016 – 2017

Wards

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| 1. Joseph Martino 416-512-3401 | 5. Maria Rizzo 416-512-3405 | 9. Jo-Ann Davis 416-512-3409 |
| 2. Ann Andrachuk 416-512-3402 | 6. Frank D'Amico Vice-Chair 416-512-3406 | 10. Barbara Poplawski 416-512-3410 |
| 3. Sal Piccininni 416-512-3403 | 7. Michael Del Grande 416-512-3407 | 11. Angela Kennedy, Chair 416-512-3411 |
| 4. Patrizia Bottoni 416-512-3404 | 8. Garry Tanuan 416-512-3408 | 12. Nancy Crawford 416-512-3412 |
| Karina Dubrovskaya, Student Trustee 416-512-3417 | | Rhea Carlisle, Student Trustee 416-512-3413 |





Our Lady of Wisdom CES Monthly Update

September 2016

Have fun and learn about the goings-on, at a variety of fruit, vegetable, grain and livestock farms in Ontario by visiting Farm and Food Care's website to take fun, informative virtual tours in English AND French at <http://www.virtualfarmtours.ca/> !!!!



Fresh From The Farm:

Our Lady of Wisdom Catholic School is proud to pilot a new fundraising initiative which is a joint effort through the provincial government of Ontario, Foodland Ontario, Dieticians of Canada, and the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association. The "Fresh From The Farm," fundraising initiative will generate funds for a variety of important school initiatives and programs and assist in the continuation of many literacy, numeracy and STE(A)M learning experiences already implemented at the school level. Student Order Forms and Brochures have been distributed to students in each class. Thank you for getting our school's fundraising efforts off to an excellent start, a healthy start!

According to the Fresh From the Farm website, this fundraising initiative entails the following:

Fresh from the Farm is committed to delivering:

- Ontario-grown fruit and vegetables!
- Opportunities for learning about agri-food and healthy eating in the classroom!
- Support for Ontario's farmers and the local economy!
- Leadership, by aligning with Ontario's School Food and Beverage Policy and Ontario's Local Food Act, 2013!
- Great profit for schools- 40% of all sales go directly to the school!

Key Dates

- September 6: Students begin to fundraise

Ontario-grown Fruit and Vegetables For Sale

- Bundle A-\$12 (5 lb potatoes, 3 lb carrots, 3 lb onions, 3 lb sweet potatoes)
- Bundle B-\$15 (8 lb box apples)
- October 17: Deadline for orders/changes to orders
- November 8-November 30: Deliveries to schools.

Future Plans

The overall goal of Fresh from the Farm is to develop a sustainable program framework that will expand to all Ontario's publicly-funded schools by 2017-2018.

Digital Math Alert: Where Ontario Schools Are Heading This Fall...

Math Resource: <https://www.netmaths.net/>

In French: [Journée des maths | Édition 2016](#) In English: **Netmath**

Introduction of an excellent Math resource that is Ontario Ministry of Education licensed, compatible with tablets, laptops, Chromebooks, all devices, web-based, naturally and intuitively interactive for both teachers and students, completely aligned with Ontario Math curricula and best of all FREE.

Sunil Singh from the Global Math Project, experienced high school math teacher, facilitator of numerous Pro Grant Family Math Nights, including OLW's for this year, demonstrated this application's utilitarian appeal, core strategies, computation and problem-based focus across all math strands, gap reducing ability, gamified appeal, and functionality as a tool to enhance math learning from 3-8 with versions for 1-2 coming soon. Netmath is not only a uniquely Canadian program, but it is the only bilingual one in Canada. The French version is Ministry approved and available for free for Grades 4-8. We highly anticipate the application's use beginning this fall and look forward to piloting this excellent web-based math resource.

Toronto Catholic District School Board

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Dear Parent or Guardian

RE: STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Toronto Catholic District School Board does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school premises or during school activities. Accidents can and do happen. Some injuries incur medical, dental or other expenses that are not covered by provincial health care or employer group plans. As a parent or guardian, you become responsible for these expenses.

We do make available the insuremykids® Protection Plan for students through Reliable Life Insurance Company. Participation in such a programme is voluntary and the costs are to be paid by the parent or guardian.

This programme offers a variety of plans and benefits at affordable rates. Benefits included are:

- dental expenses (resulting from an accident)
- total and permanent disability
- paralysis/loss of use
- special disability benefits
- death benefits.

If your child participates in co-curricular activities or activities outside the school day, there is a plan tailored to your needs. Plan rates vary from \$8.00 to \$32.00 per child. All rates are one-time annual premiums. Family rates for 3 or more children are also offered.

If you wish to subscribe you may apply 24/7 directly at:

www.insuremykids.com

Any questions should be directed to Reliable Life Insurance Company toll free at:

1-800-463-KIDS (5437).

Student Accident Insurance is especially valuable for today's active children.



Monthly Update from the Board

September 2016

TCDSB Digital Store: Discounted educational software & hardware for students and staff

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is offering access to the following Microsoft products to all of our students:

- **FREE: Microsoft Office 365 Pro Plus: includes latest versions of Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Publisher, Excel, Outlook, OneDrive and OneNote. The license can be used for up to 5 computers and up to 5 mobile devices (any platform);**
- **FREE: Microsoft Windows 10 EDU;**
- **10% discount on computers and devices at the online Microsoft Education Store.**

In order to access this online offer, the student will need to know his/her TCDSB computer login username and password. If your child does not know his/her login information, please contact your school to ask how to obtain this information.

To take advantage of the software offers you must have internet access for the download. To find out more and how you can take advantage of this offer, visit our TCDSB Digital Store now at: www.tcdsb.org/digitalstore



Open House for Elementary Gifted Students September 7th, 7-9 PM

<https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2016/pages/open-house-for-elementary-gifted-withdrawal-program.aspx>

High School Open Houses

Grade 8 students and their families are invited to learn more about their secondary school options at open houses this fall. For a complete schedule, see: <https://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/default.aspx>

Interested in Parent Engagement?

Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Elections

Coming October 3rd <https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/parentinvolvement/cpicelections/pages/scheduled-cpic-election-for-even-numbered-wards.aspx>

And October 5th <https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/parentinvolvement/cpicelections/pages/election-to-fill-cpic-vacancies.aspx>

Learn more about CPIC here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/ParentInvolvement/Pages/default.aspx>

Registration for Night School, Saturday Language Classes and eClass

September 1st to October 7th

Get detailed information online: <https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/ContinuingEducation/Documents/flyer.pdf>

Registration for Elementary International Languages After-Hours Programs

Classes begin the weekend of September 17th.

Register online here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/InternationalLanguages/Pages/Saturday-School-Registration.aspx>

Preparing for Post-Secondary Education?

Check out your university options at the annual **University Information Fair September 23-25, 2016** at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre <http://www.ouf.ca/>

Learn about community college program options at the annual **Ontario College Information Fair October 17th and 18th** at the Enercare Centre (Hall B), Exhibition Place <http://www.ocif.ca/>

Celebrating the Year of the Parish 2016-2017

The second year in our three pastoral plan focusing on "Together With One Voice: Harmonizing our Faith Through Family, Parish and School".

It is an opportunity to celebrate the important role that our parishes play in our school communities and in the lives of the students, staff and families that we serve.

During the Year of the Parish, we look for ways to more fully engage our staff and students in the lives of their local parish community, and to welcome our pastors and parish community into school events and activities.

Let's celebrate the Family-Parish-School partnership!

Schools are encouraged to work with their local parish to develop their own parish project. Get more information and ideas here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/YearoftheParish/Pages/Parish-Project.aspx>

and here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/YearoftheParish/Pages/default.aspx>

September's Virtue is Hospitality

Find all the monthly resources associated with our virtues of the month online

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

School Year Calendar 2016-2017

Labour Day	September 5, 2016
First Instructional Day	September 6, 2016
Thanksgiving Day	October 10, 2016
Christmas Break	December 26, 2016–January 6, 2017
Start of second semester for secondary schools	February 6, 2017
Family Day	February 20, 2017
Mid-Winter Break	March 13–17, 2017
Good Friday	April 14, 2017
Easter Monday	April 17, 2017
Victoria Day	May 22, 2017
Last day of classes for elementary students	June 29, 2017

Seven (7) Professional Activity (PA) Days for ELEMENTARY schools:

October 7, 2016, November 18, 2016, December 2, 2016, January 20, 2017, February 17, 2017, June 9, 2017, June 30, 2017

***Seven (7) Professional Activity (PA) Days for SECONDARY schools:**

October 7, 2016, November 18, 2016, December 2, 2016, February 17, 2017, June 28, 29, 30, 2017

[Draft Calendar of PA Days and Exam Days 2016-2017.](#) *(Please confirm these dates with your local school)*

Board and Committee Meetings

Standing committees and Board meetings are generally held on Thursdays. All meetings take place at the Catholic Education Centre, and these public committee and Board meetings are webcast live via the website at

<https://www.tcdsb.org/LiveAtTCDSB/Pages/Default.aspx>. If you wish to address the board as a delegation, please register online here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TrusteesoftheBoard/boardmeeting/information/Pages/Delegation-Information.aspx>. Agendas and minutes, as well as archived video from past meetings, are also available via the board's website www.tcdsb.org.

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Our Lady of Wisdom CES Calendar
of Events September

2016



Year of the Parish

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Virtue of the Month is "Hospitality"	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5 Labour Day	6 First Day of School 1 st Round of Student Computer User ID's	7 Open House for Elementary Gifted Students CEC, 2 nd floor 7-9 pm.	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 CSPC Annual General Meeting and Elections 6:30 p.m. in Library	15	16	17
18	19	20 2nd Round of Student Computer User ID's	21 Pizza Order Forms Due to School	22 Fire Drill	23	24
25	26 Curriculum Night at 6 p.m.	27	28 First School Mass at 9:45 a.m. at Annunciation Parish	29	30	

Notes: Due to the current Work to Rule teacher labour action/Sanctions Model, softball in September 2016 will most likely not occur. Dates for regional sports are pending.