

## School Hours

8:00 a.m.	Office opens
8:30 a.m.	Morning classes begin
10:12 – 10:27 a.m.	Morning recess
11:15 – 12:15 p.m.	Lunch period
1:40 – 1:55 p.m.	Afternoon recess
3:00 p.m.	Dismissal

## Absences

If a student is absent from school:

**1. Parents/Guardians must call the office and give the date(s) and the reason(s) for the absence prior to 8 a.m.**

2. Parents/Guardians are to submit a signed and dated note to the office indicating the date(s) of the absence and the reason(s) for the absence.

## Lunch Policy

Students who stay at school for lunch are expected to do the following:

- Sit down and eat lunch in a quiet and orderly manner.
- Remain in their own classroom until told to leave by the supervising staff member.
- Tidy up after eating lunch and put garbage in the appropriate containers.

## Allergy Alert!

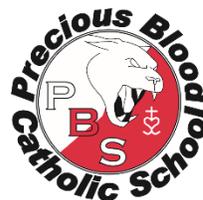
There are many students in our school with a severe life-threatening food allergy to peanuts and other food items. Exposure to the smallest quantities of nuts can cause severe life threatening reactions.

We at Precious Blood Catholic School would appreciate the co-operation of the entire school community in **NOT** sending any lunches or snacks that contain peanuts or nuts, which could potentially harm a child. Please make sure all of your children's caregivers are aware of the food restrictions. **Please consult with the classroom teacher prior to sending food for birthdays and special occasions.** (Birthdays will be acknowledged each morning during the announcements.)

If you have any questions please talk to your child's teacher or the school staff.

## Driving Students to and from School

Parents and guardians are asked to drop off and pick up their children on one of the side streets around the school (i.e. Courton Dr., Inniswood Dr. or Hexham Dr.) The school parking lot is for staff use only. Under no circumstances should a parent or guardian leave their vehicle in the bus loading zone.



## **PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

### **History & Tradition**

On January 20, 1953, an indenture was signed between James and Jesse Grant of the Village of Wexford, of the township of Scarborough, and the Toronto and Suburban Separate School Board, granting this land for the simple fee of \$1.00. And so we have the beginnings of Precious Blood Catholic School.

Doors were opened for the first time in September 1954 with a student enrolment of 444. Sr. St. Agnes was our first principal. Along with several other staff members over the years, Sr. St. Agnes belonged to the Daughters of Wisdom. The number of staff in 1954 totalled 15 with only one male teacher. The school property was valued at \$250,000 and the school equipment valued at \$6,000.

As the suburbs grew quickly from farmlands and a dirt road (Pharmacy Ave.), so did the school population. By 1963, Precious Blood Catholic School reached an all-time high enrolment of 920 students. By June 1966 work was under way for an addition to include two kindergarten rooms, a library, and a gymnasium.

Over the years, Precious Blood Catholic School has seen many changes, but a strong tradition of close contact between the school and Precious Blood Church has been maintained. Today, we also enjoy a rich multicultural make-up in our school community. The world owes its salvation to the Blood of Jesus through which He reunited the faithful with God and won for them the Kingdom of Heaven.

### **Heritage Celebrations**

African Canadian Heritage --- February  
Celtic Canadian Heritage --- March  
Hispanic Canadian Heritage --- April  
Asian Canadian Heritage --- May  
Aboriginal Heritage Month --- June  
Italian Canadian Heritage --- June  
Portuguese Canadian Heritage --- June

## **Catholic Social Teaching**

- Human Dignity
- Rights and Responsibilities
- Promotion of Peace
- Solidarity
- Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers
- Community and the Common Good
- Role of Government
- Participation and Subsidiarity
- Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
- Stewardship of Creation

## **Virtues of the Month**

September --- Hospitality  
October --- Gratitude  
November --- Peace  
December --- Charity  
January --- Courage  
February --- Love  
March --- Forgiveness  
April --- Justice  
May --- Compassion  
June --- Faithfulness

## **Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations**

1. A Discerning Believer
2. An Effective Communicator
3. A Reflective, Creative and Holistic Thinker
4. A Self-directed, Responsible, Lifelong Learner
5. A Collaborative Contributor
6. A Caring Family Member
7. A Responsible Citizen



## **Progressive Discipline School Model**

This model takes into account each situation on an individual basis and considers mitigating factors such as age of students, type/level (minor vs. major) of offence and frequency of occurrence. Every effort will be made to provide a range of interventions, supports, and consequences for each individual situation or incident as it occurs.

- An informal or formal discussion with the student
- Parent/guardian involvement: phone call, correspondence, interview
- Withdrawal of a recess period, detention of the student
- Meeting with the principal or vice principal
- Removal of the student from a classroom to an alternate supervised setting within the school
- Referral to the School Based Support Team, Guidance Counselor or Social Worker
- Loss of privileges to attend/participate in school related functions or extracurricular activities
- Utilization of a behavioral, attendance, or performance contract
- Payment for repair or replacement of damaged property
- Involvement of, or referral to, an outside agency (e.g. Catholic Children's Aid Society).
- Suspension as set out in the Education Act and TCDSB policy
- Suspension pending expulsion under the Education Act and TCDSB policy

## **Appropriate Dress Code**

Board policy requires students to follow the school appropriate dress code every day. The appropriate dress code consists of white or navy shirts (plain /no logo) and blue pants/skirts/walking shorts (no jeans). Parents are welcome to purchase dress code clothing from a variety of stores of their choice. Any sweaters, etc. worn over the dress shirt while in school must also follow the dress code. Hats are not to be worn inside the school building.

Children are also expected to dress sensibly for the weather, recognizing that there will be daily recess periods outside. During winter weather, students will be asked to leave their boots in the hall and should have indoor shoes to wear during day. Appropriate clothing, as outlined by classroom teachers, should be worn for physical education classes.

## **Electronic Communications and Media Devices**

The school cannot be responsible for expensive electronic devices lost on school premises. Therefore, electronic video games, etc. are not allowed and students are encouraged to leave their cell phones at home. However, if for safety reasons a student must bring a cell phone to school, it must be powered off and stored in the student's bag. Permission from staff must be granted prior to use. Taking pictures or videos with camera phones or cameras is strictly forbidden without permission of staff.

## **Catholic School Parent Council**

Precious Blood has always had an active and supportive parent community. The CSPC provides input on behalf of parents and supports school and community initiatives. The 2015-16 CSPC will be looking for new members. Please look for more information regarding their first meeting in the September newsletter.

**TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
MULTI-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN**



*The Precious Blood Creed*

*We believe:*

- 1. Everyone is made by God  
“I know God loves me”*
- 2. Everyone is important at Precious Blood  
“I am Special”*
- 3. We will treat each other the way we want to be treated.  
“I will always be thoughtful.”*
- 4. We want a safe school  
“I am happy”*
- 5. We want a clean school  
“I will take care”*
- 6. We will make a difference!*

