



PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

VIRTUE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

PEACEMAKING

Dear Precious Blood CS families,

Our Virtue of the Month for November is Peacemaking. Students will be learning about ways to make peace and forgive others. November 11th is an opportunity for all of us to remember and honour those who have died and to pray for peace. We will have a Remembrance Day Assembly on November 11th at 10:50 am over ZOOM with students at the school.

The week of November 15th is 'Bullying Awareness and Prevention week'. To mark the importance of this week at Precious Blood CS, all students will be involved in and Anti-bullying Magic Show on November 17th in the afternoon. The show is designed to give students an understanding of bullying as seen through the eyes of a person who is being bullied as well as helping students identify signs of bullying.

An important part of your child's education at Precious Blood CS is the home-school connection. Progress reports will be sent home on Tuesday, November 16th. This will give you some information about how your child is progressing in each subject area. Please see page 2 for an update from the TCDSB on Parent-Teacher Conferences.

As Autumn has finally arrived, cooler weather has arrived. For our younger students, please ensure their change of clothes includes a long sleeve shirt and pants. Also, your child will need a sweater at school. Please ensure it is plain navy, or plain white.

Thank you to everyone for following all the protocols related to our outbreak from Toronto Public Health. We recognize it is not easy to arrange for your children to be home, to complete the testing requirements, etc. Please keep those who are suffering from COVID-19 in your prayers. We wish them a speedy recovery. Please see page 3 for reminders related to COVID-19 protocols.

Yours faithfully,

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Vice-Principal

NOVEMBER 2021

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8:30am-3:pm

11:15am-
12:15pm

ENROLLMENT

HOURS OF OPERATION

LUNCH



NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: soar.tcdsb.org

Call 416-393-5258 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



Precious Blood CS Parent Council Update

Our next Precious Blood CS Parent Council Meeting is on November 25th @ **6:30pm** online. Please email the school if you would like to attend the next meeting online. A Zoom link will be sent to you an hour before the meeting.

Our council for the 2021-2022 year is:

- Chair: Gerry Nolan
- Vice-Chair: Robert Farinaccia
- Secretary: Alexandra Gekas
- Member at large: Kristin Clark
- Treasurer: TBD
- Teacher Representative: Carol-Anne Miller
- Staff Representative:
- Community Member: Alda Sanna

We have three positions still open, please email the school or the chair if you are interested in becoming a member of the council. The chair can be reached by email at cspc.preciousblood@tcdsb.org.

Our CSPC met earlier this week as a sub-committee to prepare to be a delegation for November 11th Board meeting. One of the options of the review would be changing the boundaries for PBCS, which would mean that west of Victoria Park Ave would become a part of the St. Catherine CS boundary. Please reach out to Gerry Nolan if you would like more information.

Please consider becoming a part of our Parent Council or helping in any way you can!

Church-School-Home Connection



Please visit the Parish website for more information.

Picture Day

Photo retakes and Graduation Photos will take place on November 29th. Feel free to visit Edge Imaging at www.edgeimaging.com for answers to frequently asked questions.



Parent-Teacher Conferences

A message from the TCDSB:

We deeply appreciate the time and consideration our staff and administrators give to nurturing learning within our Catholic school communities. While elementary teacher union work sanctions necessitate the cancellation of November's Parent-Teacher interviews with elementary teachers, the TCDSB assures you that it remains committed to promoting a strong relationship with parents and guardians as partners in their child's educational journey. We encourage parents to continue their normal practices of staying in contact with their child's teacher as needed to remain informed about their child's academic progress. Parents are also invited to engage with International Language (IL) Instructors (in IL schools) and Dedicated Early Childhood Educators (for students in kindergarten) during normally scheduled Parent Teacher interview times as they are not impacted by elementary union sanctions.

KEV Online Payment System.

Our online payment system is up and running. Please register at <https://tcdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>. This will allow you to pay online for school-based items such as student agendas and pizza on 'Pizza Day', as we are not accepting cash/cheque orders this year. All Grade 8 students need to be registered this year for Grade 9. It's a quick and easy way for you to pay. Please let the school office know if you are having issues with the system.

Allergy Reminder

Please do not send any food, snacks, etc., that could potentially harm one of our students. PBCS is a peanut and nut aware environment. Also, as a COVID-19 precaution, please do not send food or gifts to distribute for birthdays.



We thank you for helping to keep all students at Precious Blood CS safe.

COVID-19 Update

Thank you to all for following all the Toronto Public Health protocols concerning COVID-19 and ensuring that student passports are signed every morning.

As you are aware, if your child has ONE or MORE symptoms of COVID-19, your child must stay home and isolate for 10 days OR receive a negative COVID-19 test before returning to school.

1. Does the child/student have any of the following new or worsening symptoms?

 Fever > 37.8°C and/or chills Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	 Cough Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	 Difficulty breathing Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	 Decrease or loss of taste/smell Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	 Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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• If the child/student has a health condition diagnosed by a health care provider that gives them the symptom, select "No". If the symptom is new, different or getting worse, select "Yes".
• Anyone who is sick or has any symptoms of illness, including those not listed above, should stay home and seek assessment from their health care provider if needed.

If "YES" to any symptom:

 Stay home & self-isolate	 Get tested with a PCR test	Or	 Contact a health care provider
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Any unvaccinated siblings will also be sent home and must wait for the symptomatic sibling to test negative or isolate for 10 days. Vaccinated siblings may remain at school if they are symptom free.

After isolating or testing negative, please complete the 'Back to Child Care/ School – Confirmation Form' (attached). A copy of this form can also be obtained from the school, or can be accessed at the following link:

<https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/98ef-Attestation-for-Return-to-Child-Care-Day-Camp-School-Parents.pdf>

Please follow the instructions on this form as to when your child may return to school.

SickKids COVID-19 Saliva Testing Program

The Hospital for Sick Children will be continuing its **COVID-19 Saliva Testing Program** in partnership with Precious Blood Catholic School. This program offers COVID-19 saliva test kits to:

1. Symptomatic staff, students, and household members.
2. To those who have been identified by Toronto Public Health (TPH) as a high risk/close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 positive case.
3. To Cohort and/or outbreak testing will also be offered as recommended by TPH.

Test kits can be brought home from school, or they can be collected from the school by a non-symptomatic family member. Please feel free to pick up a testing kit between 8am-4pm.

Completed test kits can be dropped off at the front entrance of the school on Pharmacy Ave during school hours by a non-symptomatic family member. Please place your sealed saliva kit (containing your labelled saliva container and the completed lab requisition) inside the bag at the drop off location.

A reminder Sick Kids Staff will be on-site Friday, November 5th to provide support on November 5th, please consider participating in the School Wide testing.

Mask Wearing



Please check the fit of your children's masks on a regular basis. As the year progresses, some of the cotton masks are becoming loose and not fitting properly on students' faces. If the mask cannot stay over your child's nose without constantly slipping, it is no longer effective.

TRUSTEES 2021-2022

Wards

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