



PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

VIRTUE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

GRATITUDE

Dear Precious Blood CS families,

It always seems right that the Virtue of the Month for October is Gratitude. Not only on Thanksgiving Day, but during the rest of the month is a great time to take stock of all the things for which we are grateful. It is easy to compare ourselves to others, especially on social media, and feel we are missing out or need more. This in turn can affect mental health. You may want to spend time with your child this month looking at all the things for which you feel grateful. **Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever** – Psalm 136:1.

We can also be grateful for the staff we have at Precious Blood CS. On October 2nd, it was Custodian Appreciation Day. On October 5th, it is World Teacher Day. On October 21st, it is Early Childhood Educator and Child Care Worker Appreciation Day. A huge thanks to the staff for everything they do for the students at Precious Blood CS.

On September 30th, we marked National Truth and Reconciliation Day, formally known as Orange Shirt Day. A virtual assembly was held, and Ms. Augello and Ms. Brown's classes explained the purpose of the day and brought to life the voices of Indigenous people affected by the Residential school system. Students wrote messages of hope and support on orange hearts. Throughout the day classes were involved in different virtual and hands on activities.



As Autumn has finally arrived, with it comes cooler weather. 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. Your child should not be wearing any other colour sweaters inside the school.

Please check the fit of your child(ren)'s masks on a regular basis. As the year progresses, some of the cotton masks are becoming too loose and are constantly falling down. The mask should fit over the nose and not slide down easily.

Our school reorganization will take place on October 12th. Students will start in their new classes on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. Please note the school is closed on October 11th for Thanksgiving. Happy Thanksgiving!

Yours faithfully,

Colleen Hayward

Ms. C. Hayward
Principal



Recreation of a Norval Morrisseau (First Nations – Ojibway) painting by Ms. Brienza's Grade 8 class.

GRATITUDE 2021

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ENROLLMENT	HOURS OF OPERATION	LUNCH
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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 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: TBD
Staff Representative: TBD
Community Representative: TBD

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.

Please consider running for our Parent Council or helping in any way you can!

Church-School-Home Connection

We will have monthly prayer services or Masses with Father Xavier. Our first school Mass was on September 15th. It was a wonderful way to start our school year.

Please visit the Parish website for more information: <https://www.preciousblood.ca/contact-us/>

Picture Day

Our picture day is **October 15th**. Feel free to visit Edge Imaging at www.edgeimaging.com for answers to frequently asked questions. Retakes will take place on November 4th. Please make sure your child is in dress code for picture day.



Dress Code

Our student dress code is navy blue and white. Please see the agenda for a breakdown of acceptable and unacceptable wear. Students are expected to be in dress code, unless it is a SPIRIT Day, or they are instructed by their teacher to wear something else. Many of our students are wearing multi-coloured sweaters inside. We are working on Precious Blood CS spirit wear in navy to offer options to families to support wearing proper dress code. We will share more information shortly. We are also working on Grad sweaters for this fall.

Yes These are some sample dress code items that may be worn.



No Items below are **not** approved



Secondary School Applications – SOAR Secondary: Attention Grade 8 Parents

A reminder Secondary Applications are due on **NOVEMBER 1**.

Please go to Secondary School Online Application website, SEC.SOAR.TCDSB.ORG, if you have not completed your child's application.

For a full guide to completing the online application, please visit the TCDBS website at www.tcdsb.org → Admissions & Placement Department page, to view the "Parent Guide to Completing the Secondary School Online Application" information guide.

Virtue of the Month Recipients

Congratulations to all our recipients of the Virtue of the Month for September. Our Virtue for September was Hospitality. The students chosen were welcoming to others, including new staff and students. Congratulations to all! A list of the recipients will be included in next month's newsletter, when all the permission forms have been returned to school and we have permission to publish first names and last initial in the newsletter.



Allergy Update

As Halloween approaches, please remember that there are students with allergies in the school. Please do not send any food, snacks, etc., that could potentially harm one of our students. This includes peanuts and nuts (e.g., peanut butter, Nutella, etc.) The extra vigilance needed at Halloween will be greatly appreciated by students and their parents with allergies. We thank you for helping to keep all students at Precious Blood CS safe.



Hallowe'en

Students are welcome to wear their costumes to school on Friday, October 29th. Students must wear a cotton or medical mask – costume masks are not allowed and are not a suitable alternative. Students are also reminded that all costumes are expected to be appropriate for a Catholic elementary school. When choosing a costume, please refrain from using costumes that represent a cultural group or ethnicity. As well, please ensure that costumes do not promote violence; this would include anything with weapons or replicas of weapons (e.g., plastic swords, knives, etc.). Such items are to be kept at home. Unfortunately, due to air ventilation, blow up costumes are not allowed. Older students are asked to be mindful of both their costume and face painting choices, as we do not want to frighten our younger students.



Your child's teacher may give you more direction about activities taking place in the classroom. Students are not allowed to bring in treats, which include pencils, stickers, candy and chocolate, to be shared with other students.

Students are encouraged to bring in a non-perishable food item as a donation on Hallowe'en.

COVID-19 Update

Thank you to all for following all the Toronto Public Health protocols concerning COVID-19. Our morning routine is becoming smoother with student having their passports 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



Cough



Difficulty breathing



Decrease or loss of taste/smell



Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea

* 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".

If "YES" to any symptom:



Stay home & self-isolate



Get tested



Contact a health care provider

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.

During the week of October 12th, PBCS is scheduled to receive testing kits from the Hospital for Sick Kids, which we will be able to send home or can be picked up and then returned to school. Sick Kids will pick them up and test them. We will send home more information on how it works and the start date.

After isolating or testing negative, please complete the return to school form. There is a copy in the back of the red passport folder. Please let us know if you need a new copy. Please follow the instructions as to when your child may return to school on this form. You can access a copy 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>

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