PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

As a school community, we focus on the virtue of compassion during the month of May. We also honour Mary, Jesus’ mother and whose heart was filled with so much love and compassion and on Mother’s Day we show our appreciation for all the women in our lives who love and care for us.

Throughout the month of May, our students will be asked to consider carefully the words they use in conversation with others and to remember that their words have power. They will be asked to consider what it is like to be in someone else’s shoes, to emphasize with how they are feeling and provide comfort to them when needed.

As we approach the end of the school year, we turn our attention to the Virtue of Faithfulness in June. We encourage our students to show their faithfulness to others, as witnesses of Christ.

We have much to be thankful for at Regina Mundi! Thank you to our dedicated staff, who help to foster a nurturing and caring environment that encourages our children to follow Jesus’ teachings.

Thank you to Father Jim and Father Michael for helping to connect school and church with monthly masses and regular visits to our school.

Thank you to our outstanding parent community and our hard-working CSPC members and other parent volunteers who work hard all year to enrich the experiences of our students.

Lastly, I congratulate the students at Regina Mundi for another successful year with many accomplishments. On behalf of the staff, I wish you all a very happy and safe summer holiday. We look forward to another exciting and successful new school year in September.

R. Agostino
APPLICATION TO REGISTER FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

Applications for registration to schools in the Toronto Catholic District School Board can be made on-line or in person. Applications may be made electronically on the Student Online Application for Registration (S.O.A.R.) at http://soar.tcdsb.org. Please contact the school if you expect your child will be transferring to another school before the next school year commences in September 2019. Also, if you are planning an extended summer vacation, whereby your children will not be returning until after the first week of September 2019, please let us know as soon as possible. Staffing and classroom organization are directly related to student enrolment and therefore it is crucial that we have the most accurate information possible as we begin to plan for next year.

CLASS PLACEMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

The tentative staffing model is based on the projected enrollment for the 2019-2020 academic year and may be reorganized in September 2019 with additional student registrations.

The process for staff allocation and class lists is underway. Each student will be individually discussed and placed according to what staff believes is best for the child.

Our goal is to establish balanced classes to provide effective working groups which will benefit all children in each class. Teachers from both the receiving and sending grades will meet to carefully consider the following criteria:

- Learning Styles
- Social Grouping
- English as a Second Language
- Balance of males/females
- Academic abilities
- Special Education Needs
- Behavioural Needs
- Siblings in the same class
- Previous placement in combined classes

The teachers who have been working with the students all year know them well and will make a determination of placement in their best interest, in consultation with administration.

FIRST DAY PROCEDURES FOR SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

Please read and keep the following information regarding the first day of school.

JK and SK Students: Line up by class in the kindergarten yard.
Grades 1-8 Students; gather in the school yard by 8:20 am. Parents are kindly reminded that for safety, the school yard is only for students and staff. Parents wishing to wait for their child to enter the building are asked to remain behind the gate.

Students will line up in front of the grade level sign posted. Class lists will be posted by the grade level. If there is inclement weather on the first day of school, grade 1-8 students will enter the gym at 8:15 am and staff will provide directions to them.
ALLERGY AWARENESS

We have children at Regina Mundi Catholic School, who have life threatening food allergies. Contamination from these products can easily spread throughout the classroom, on desktops and on school buses. Please remind your child of the absolute necessity of regular hand washing before and after eating and that food is not to be shared with others. Cross contamination poses a severe health risk to any child with a life-threatening allergy.

Please note that food items that do not contain nuts but are made to closely resemble the smell and taste of peanut butter or other nut products (e.g., WOWBUTTER) are not to be brought to school. It is difficult to monitor and distinguish them from real peanut butter. Labelling the food item as nut-free will not suffice.

SAFETY IN THE PARKING LOT:

✔ Please be patient and extra cautious when dropping off or picking up your child in the parking lot. **Please drive carefully in and out of the parking lot and be cognizant of your surroundings.**
✔ There is no parent parking before 8:30 am.
✔ Supervision begins at 8:15 am in the school yard.
✔ If picking up your child by car at the end of the school day, please park your car and walk to the school yard.
✔ Please obey the signs for handicap parking, entrance and exit.

NAVY BLUE AND WHITE DRESS CODE

A reminder that students are to wear the navy blue and white dress code. The dress code is expected for excursions and during gym classes. Inappropriate dress may not be worn including, but not limited to spaghetti straps, racer-back tops, midriff revealing tops, short shorts, biking shorts. Logos, sayings and pictures that address or display sexual content, substance abuse, violence, profanity, inappropriate references to nationality, race or gender, or articles of clothing in serious disrepair, are not permitted.

MONTHLY VIRTUES

The Catholic Community Award is a monthly award given to **students** who may be the “unsung heroes” of our community. They are the students whose daily efforts contribute to nurturing our Catholic school communities. The Catholic Community Award is based on the monthly virtues.

**May: The Catholic Community Award: Criteria for the Virtue of Compassion**

☐ students who think before speaking and about how their words make people feel
☐ students who reflect on how their actions make people feel. They follow the golden rule- “do to others as you would have them do to you (Matthew 7:12)
☐ students who do not react to other people’s moods and instead make an effort to try and understand
☐ students who are considerate to others, helping others to feel better

**June: The Catholic Community Award: Criteria for the Virtue of Faithfulness**

☐ students who display respect for times of prayer
☐ students who turn to God during times of doubt, difficulty and transition
☐ students who question, explore, and experience the full range of emotion in their relationship with God
☐ students who persevere and do not give up
2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Victoria Day
May 20, 2019

Last day of classes for elementary students
June 27, 2019

Professional Activity (PA) Days for ELEMENTARY schools:

June 7, 2019 Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting
June 28, 2019 Provincial Education Priorities

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Parent Council Meetings take place once a month in the school library at 6:30 pm. All parents/guardians are encouraged to attend these meetings. We need your assistance with fundraising and community building events.

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THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, AND FAITHFULNESS.

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