



# SANTA MARIA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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# CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

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Parents are encouraged to sign up for an electronic copy of the newsletter. Email Mrs. Carreiro-Neto at [ana.carreiro-neto@tcdsb.org](mailto:ana.carreiro-neto@tcdsb.org) to subscribe or unsubscribe. Newsletters will be sent out at the beginning of each month and posted on the school's website – <http://santamaria.tcdsb.org>

## International Language Classes

### New students are welcome!

Dear Parents:

Did you know that the TCDSB International Languages Dept. is offering International Language classes for JK to Grade 8 students at your children's school on Saturday mornings from 9:30am to 12:00pm?

We are accepting new students so please call or visit the school on Saturday mornings at 9:30am for more information.

We are also able to offer new International Language classes if parents of at least 23 children are interested.

**Please call us at 416-222-8282 ext. 2495 for more information.**

We continue to invite parents to sign up for the School Cash Online Payment system. We are learning how to navigate this new system, if you had trouble signing up, please try again. This new cashless system offers parents the convenience of paying online for school activities and purchases from the convenience of your own home! This includes payments for school trips, activities, sports-related fees, just to name a few, as well as providing the following benefits:

- A convenient fee payment option that saves time
- Reduces paper
- Student safety - no more need to send cash or cheques to school
- It's quick and easy to register

Below is the link to a very short movie where you can see the benefits to parents. The video demonstrates the online registration process and shopping experience.

<http://www.kevsoftware.com/movies/ParentRegEnglish/>

The video and other important information is also available directly from the front page of the **Santa Maria C. School** website or the TCDSB website ([www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org)) or the direct URL: <https://tcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

Registration for this online service for parents at Santa Maria Catholic School and only takes 5 minutes. Please note that participation in the application is voluntary and **Santa Maria C. School** will continue to accept payments using traditional methods of payment.

### Office Hours

The school office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. An automated answering system is available for messages 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please leave messages on voice mail if you call outside of school hours. Do your best to call when the secretary is available. **Do not leave important messages with student office helpers.**

### When dropping off lunches

Parents, if you are dropping off lunches, kindly label your child's lunch and leave it on the table outside the main office. Communicate with your child in the morning before

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OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS)

224	8:30-4:30	11:45-12:45
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ENROLLMENT	HOURS OF OPERATION	LUNCH HOUR
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## NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: [soar.tcdsb.org](http://soar.tcdsb.org)

Call 416-393-5368 or the TCDSB Admissions Department at 416-222-8282, ext. 5320.

For general information about the Toronto Catholic District School Board, visit [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org)

Stay in touch with the latest news throughout the school year: Follow @TCDSB on Twitter or Toronto Catholic DSB on Instagram

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school if a lunch is going to be dropped off. We want to foster independence in our students; therefore, we will not be interrupting classes to inform students that their lunch has been dropped off. Instructional time is sacred. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### **Safe Arrival Programme**

Please contact the school by phone, written note or e-mail if your child is going to be late or absent. Leave messages with the office, NOT on the teachers' voice mail boxes. We are required to contact any parents who do not contact us and this saves us time and worry when we cannot get a hold of parents. We will call home if the school has not been notified.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Regular school attendance and punctuality are important for student progress. Children should be kept home only when they are ill. Appointments, whenever possible, should be arranged outside of school hours. Being on time for the start of class is important. The bell rings promptly at 9:00 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Your child (ren) should be in the school yard by this time so that they can assemble with their peers and be involved in all activities from the beginning of class. Students who arrive late disrupt the class and must come to the office for a late slip. On extremely cold/rainy days, children should not arrive in the morning or at noon hour until five minutes before the bell, at which time they will be allowed to go directly to their classes.

### **Dress Code**

Please be reminded that all students must adhere to the dress code - a combination of plain white and navy blue clothing (no denim) and no LOGOS please.

#### White or Navy Tops:

Includes: long or short sleeved, collared shirts or blouses; long or short sleeved collarless t-shirts; turtleneck, sweaters, cardigans, vests, hoodies and fleeces.

#### No sleeveless shirts.

#### Navy Bottoms:

Includes: pants (cotton, fleece, nylon, corduroy); shorts, skirts, skorts, tunics. Length must be to mid-thigh for all shorts and skirts.

No demin (jean) of any type, lycra, yoga pants, jeggings, tights/leggings (unless under a skirt).



### **Medication / Student Illness**

Staff of the TCDSB is not permitted to administer any type of prescription medication during the school day unless we have written authorization signed by the parent and a physician. The forms to dispense any medication must be updated yearly and on a regular basis; these are available from the office. Also, please be advised that staff cannot dispense non-prescription medications to students, and students are not to keep medication in their desks or knapsacks. When your children are ill, please keep them at home. Sick children do not learn well; they can spread germs to others and cannot be supervised indoors during outdoor activities. If children are well enough to come to school, they should be outside getting exercise and fresh air during recesses and other outdoor activities. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

### **Visitors**

It is Board policy that ALL visitors must report to the office upon entering the school to sign in and receive a visitor's badge. We welcome parents, but we have an obligation to know who is in the school and the reason for the visit. Parents, unless it is an emergency, please make arrangements to speak with staff before or after school. Parents are asked not to escort their children to the classroom. Students are to line up in the schoolyard and enter the building in an orderly fashion with their peers. We are trying to foster independence in our students.

### **Personal Belongings**

To avoid losses and disputes over ownership of lunch boxes, running shoes, and/or other belongings we ask that you write your child's name on all belongings. We have a new acceptable user policy when it comes to electronics. Teachers may ask students to use their cell phones or other devices for instructional purposes. **Please note that the school is not responsible for lost items. If students**

**bring their electronics to school, they are responsible for them.** Parental support in this area is required and greatly appreciated. Please monitor your child's activity on the internet and the various social media sites. If students bully their classmates on any site, they will face consequences. Activity that occurs outside of school impacts the school climate and consequences will be imposed.

### Appropriate Winter Wear

Students should be wearing appropriate foot wear for running and jumping. Running shoes provide support. Students should also come prepared to go outside; jackets, sweaters and boots for the winter season. Please label your child's clothing. Students should come to school prepared to go outside. Board protocol will be followed.

### Important Dates

First Communion Dates: **Sunday, May 27, 2018 at 5 pm**  
 Sacrament of Confirmation: **Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 5 pm**



Congratulations to the following recipients for November's Peacemaking certificate.

TEACHER	PEACEMAKING CERTIFICATE
Ms. O'Neill/Ms. Dang	Marianna S-T.
Ms. Alfano/Ms. Figueiredo	Caroline A.
Ms. Festa	Mafalda L.
Ms. Gallo	Alyssia A.
Ms. De Bonis	Olivia Da S.
Mr. Ferrinho	Leonor R. Dos S.
Ms. Azavedo	Cristiana B.
Ms. Thornton	Carolina H-S.
Ms. Pastore	Gabriel A.
Mr. Kubath	Eduardo B. C.
Mr. Tucci	Kerryanne S.

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