



# SANTA MARIA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

November is a month of remembrance. Every family has experienced the loss of a loved one. Children need to learn about their heritage through the stories of their ancestors. On November 12th, we will have a Remembrance Day assembly. Staff and students are invited to make a donation on November 12<sup>th</sup> and all funds raised will go to our veterans.

### Catholic School Advisory Council News

**Our parent council organized a successful hot dog lunch. The kids enjoy a hot lunch and the school makes some money. For November, our parents are going to make grilled cheese sandwiches – yummy!**

Upcoming School Council Meetings:

November 8, 2018

January 10, 2019

February 7, 2019

March 7, 2019

April 4, 2019

May 9, 2019

June 6<sup>th</sup> – tentative fun fair



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 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.



# CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

November 2018

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[www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto](http://www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto)

OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS) ⓘ

230	8:30 – 4:30	11:45
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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. 2383.

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

Stay in touch with the latest news throughout the school year: Follow @TCDSB on Twitter.

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# International Languages Elementary (ILE) Program: November Update

## IL Survey to Be Conducted in All TCDSB Elementary Schools

On July 12<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Trustees of the TCDSB approved a motion to survey parents in all TCDSB Elementary Schools to determine whether parents wish to continue or initiate an International Languages program at their child's school.

Process and Timelines:

- **One survey will be sent to each family with the Progress Report card with the oldest or only child in each family.**
- All surveys must be completed and returned in the sealed envelope provided, **to the school principal** no later than **November 27, 2018.**
- No survey will be accepted after November 27<sup>th</sup>.

Should parents wish to have a translated version to assist with the completion of the English survey, they can request a translated copy from the school principal or download a copy of the target language from:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/InternationalLanguages/International-Language-Survey/Pages/Default.aspx>. Translations are available in Spanish, Portuguese, Ukrainian, Arabic, Filipino, Chinese (Simplified and Traditional) Tamil, and Italian.

All parents are encouraged to participate to ensure that results reflect the individual and collective voice of the school community. Surveys from **67% of all families in the school must be completed and returned in order for the results to be considered viable.** In order to determine if the program is to be continued, using the Board approved model or to move the IL program to an alternative model, **the majority of 51%** should be attained for the preferred selection.

In January, a report will be submitted to the Board of Trustees. This report will include a list of results by school, including the response rates for each school. However, only schools with the required 67% response rate will receive a detailed summary of parent responses.

For updated information regarding the International Languages Elementary (ILE) Program please visit:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/schoolprogramsk12/internationallanguages/pages/change-to-international-languages-program.aspx>

## News from The Toronto Public Library

Mad Science on Friday, November 16, 2-3 pm. This is the one hour workshop for a maximum of 30 children at the local public library!

### Program Description: DESTINATION JUNGLE

During this fun workshop Mad Science will safari Junior Explorers through the exotic, tropical world of jungle life. Children will be energized when we take a closer look at rain, light, insects and plants. Stinky bug juice and our pet "snake" will excite everyone. Children will make a Jungle Paw Print to bring home with them.



## 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.**

### Regular School Hours

8:45 a.m.	Outdoor Supervision Begins
9:00 a.m.	Entrance
10:42- 10:57 a.m.	Morning Recess
11:45a.m.	Lunch Begins
12:45 p.m.	Afternoon Classes Begin
2:10-2:25 p.m.	Afternoon Recess
3:30 p.m.	Dismissal
3:45 p.m.	All Students must be picked up!

### 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 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.

**Proper Foot Wear**

Students should be wearing appropriate foot wear for running and jumping. Flip flops are not appropriate foot wear. Running shoes provide support. Please label your child’s clothing.

**As the colder weather approaches, students should come to school prepared to go outside. Board protocol will be followed.**



Congratulations to the following recipients for October’s Gratitude certificate.

TEACHER	GRATITUDE CERTIFICATE
Ms. Pascale/Ms. Dang	Idna M.
Ms. Carneiro/Ms. Figueiredo	Katia O.
Ms. Festa	Andrew L.
Mr. Ferrinho	Vitoria G. S.
Ms. Ferrinho	Alyssa F.
Mr. Tucci	Nekayla J.
Ms. Azavedo	Ariela P.
Ms. Thornton	Analiese A.
Ms. Pastore	Zander P.
Ms. O’Neill	Jennifer D.C.
Ms. Giovinazzo	Kerryanne S.

**Kids and Flu**

The flu germs spread when people cough, sneeze or talk. The flu germs can also live on surfaces like toys, countertops, and door handles for up to eight hours.

Students can pass the flu germs to each other, to school staff and to family members before they show symptoms. Children under five, seniors and people in poor health are at greater risk of complications from flu.

Vaccination is the best protection against flu. It takes 2 weeks for the vaccine to be fully effective so get it early.

Tips on staying healthy this flu Season:

1. Get your flu shot early
2. [Wash your hands](#) often
3. Avoid touching face and eyes
4. [Cover your cough](#) or sneeze
5. Do not share drinking cups and utensils
6. Disinfect common surfaces like door handles, hand railings, keyboards, cell phones and tablets.

For more information, visit [toronto.ca/health/flu](http://toronto.ca/health/flu)



## Important Dates

First Communion Dates: **Sunday, June 2, 2019 at 5 pm**

Sacrament of Confirmation: **Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 5 pm**



## CHRISTMAS GIFTS

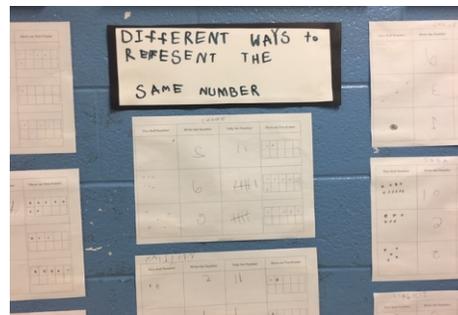
We will be collecting the following items to donate to Our Lady of Guadalupe Church for Christmas baskets. All donations need to be at school by Monday, December 3, 2018.

We are collecting the following items:

Gift Cards  
Canned Food  
Toys



## Math Work – ELKP Classes



### TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2018-2019

#### Wards

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