



# SANTA MARIA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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# CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

October 2019

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The month of October is synonymous with the theme of Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is celebrated in the autumn to give thanks for the harvest and for the many blessings we have received throughout the year: the gifts of food and shelter, family and friends, health and happiness and our faith and commitment to the Lord. In our bounty, we are reminded to pause and reflect on these blessings and remember to share our time, talents, and treasures with those who are less fortunate. This Thanksgiving let us take the time to pause and celebrate with our loved ones by giving thanks to God. The virtue for October is GRATITUDE. On October 5th, we celebrate **World Teacher Day!** Join us in thanking all our teachers.

We will be analyzing our EQAO and CAT4 data and developing our learning goals for the school year on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

## Catholic School Advisory Council News

Thank you to all who nominated themselves for our Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC). It is my pleasure to introduce this year's parent council:

Chair – Susana Garcia

Treasurer – Irene Perez

Secretary – Maria Perez

Parent at Large – Aurora Guido and Marta Pleitez

**Please take note of the following parent council meeting date: October 2nd, we will decide on all dates for the year. All are welcome! Parent council will be consulted about our learning goals for the year.**

## Halloween Fun

On Thursday, October 31st, students and staff are invited to dress up for Halloween. In partnership with our parent council, we will be having a dance and a parade for all students. **Parent council will be purchasing movie tickets and we will select 1 winner from each class for the best costume.** Just a reminder that replicas of weapons are not allowed as part of costumes (swords, knives, guns). Let's have some fun on Halloween.



Ana Carreiro-Neto

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Susana Garcia

CSPC CHAIR ↗

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OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS) ↗

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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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## Cross Country

Our students have been training hard during the day for our cross-country team. They show great conviction and determination and are eager to have the chance to represent our school at the meets. Our divisional meet is at Centennial Park on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Students who advance will attend the regional meet on October 17<sup>th</sup>, also at Centennial Park. The city meet will take place on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Earl Bales Park for those who advance from regionals. We would like to thank our coaches: Ms. Pastore and Ms. Thornton.

## The We Team 2019 – 2020

The WE Team would like to welcome you to another exciting year! On September 19<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Ianni and nine of our student leaders attended WE Day at the Scotiabank Arena. After a day of inspirational speakers and presenters, our leaders came back inspired to DO GOOD! These are the words being used to inspire youth to make a difference. Our efforts this year will begin with one of our favourite campaigns, WE Scare Hunger. All students are asked to donate non-perishable food items by bringing them to school during the week of Monday October 28<sup>th</sup>, to Friday November 1<sup>st</sup>. All food donations will be delivered to our local North York Harvest Food Bank.



### Orange Shirt Day

This will be celebrated on Monday September 30<sup>th</sup>. On this day, staff and students are invited to wear orange shirts and/or orange accessories. By doing this, we are showing our support and honouring the children who survived the Indian Residential Schools and remembering those that didn't. The message being emphasized to our school community, is that EVERY CHILD MATTERS!

### 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).



**Walking to School!** It is imperative that we work together to ensure the safety of our students. Parents dropping off their children kindly adhere to signs and please give yourself enough time to deal with traffic. We are promoting walking to school. Walking or cycling can add to our daily physical activity. When you walk or cycle to school, you will feel energized and ready to learn. You will also be doing your part to protect the environment!

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### School Cash On-line

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.keysoftware.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.schoolcashionline.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.

### SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Grade 8 students and their parents/guardians are welcome to attend one of the scheduled open houses at TCDSB secondary schools this fall. Learn more about the various programs, services and activities as you prepare for Catholic secondary school education. The following is the information received from our secondary schools regarding open houses this fall. Please note that the information is also posted on the board's website at <https://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/default.aspx> and the website will be updated if any of the information should change over the next few months.

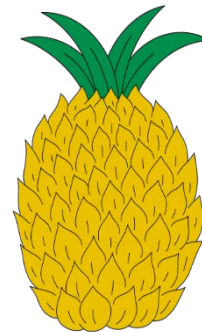
Oct. 4, 2019 – St. Mary C.S.S.

Oct. 11, 2019 – Bishop Marrocco/Thomas Merton

Oct. 9, 2019 – St. Oscar Romero

Congratulations to the following recipients for September's Hospitality certificate.

TEACHER	HOSPITALITY CERTIFICATE
Ms. Pascale/Ms. Dang	Tyana E-B
Ms. Alfano/Ms. Figueiredo	Ian M.
Ms. Festa	Chole L.
Mr. Ferrinho	Theo O.
Ms. Lombardo	Alyssa F.
Mr. Tucci	Ayden L. P.
Ms. Alvez	Andre T.
Ms. Ianni	Josue R.
Ms. Thornton	Rodrigo S.
Ms. Pastore	Alizze H-D.
Ms. Scerbo	Cohen B.



**ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF GRADE 8 STUDENTS**

We are announcing some exciting news regarding the Secondary School Application Process for enrolment in September 2020! On **Tuesday, October 15, 2019**, the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) will officially launch the new **Secondary School Online Application** website, **SECSOAR.TCDSB.ORG**.

Some exciting features of the online application include:  
 easy tracking of the status of your child’s application,  
 complete the Specialty Program Application along with your regular program application through one application,  
 email notifications for offers of placement,  
 accept/decline offers of placement you receive electronically.

Important note: a current email address on file with your elementary school is required in order to create your child’s application/account on October 15th, 2019. If you do not have an email address on file, please be sure to submit this information to your elementary school office before Tuesday, October 8th, 2019.

For a full guide to completing the online application, please visit the TCDBS website at [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org) → Admissions & Placement Department page, to view the “Parent Guide to Completing the Secondary School Online Application” information guide.

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Thank you for supporting our fundraiser. All profits help fund scientist in the schools, buses for school trips, and other school events.



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