



St. Agatha News

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Virtue of the Month: Faithfulness

June 2018

Dear Families,

As the school year comes to an end, we reflect upon the past several months with a sense of gratitude for the many people who make St. Agatha such a warm, exciting place to be. On behalf of our students, we extend a heartfelt 'Thank You' to:

- the parents in this community who support us in so many ways.
- members of the CSAC who volunteer their time and energy to provide fun, enriching activities for the children.
- our Snack Program Coordinator who ensures that we have tasty, nutritious snacks every day
- our Crossing Guards and Bus Drivers who ensure the safe arrival and departure of our students.
- Fr. Robson and his pastoral team who lead us in the development and celebration of our faith.
- Ms. Poirier who makes the office a welcoming and efficient environment.
- Mr. Bayani, Mr. Pike, and Mr. Papadopolous who work hard to keep our school clean and safe.
- our support staff: Ms. Jardine, Ms. Al Turk, Ms. Taplin, Ms. Pirrotta, Ms. Flood, Mdm Naomi, Mdm Catherine, Mdm Nancy and Ms. Fernandes, who bring the gifts of patience, flexibility and empathy to their work with our students.
- Our lunchtime supervisors and volunteers: Ms. Rafter, Ms. Borusk, Ms. Tillander, Ms. Mendonca, Ms. Madden and Mr. Rosario whose commitment to our students helps create a safe and caring community.
- our teaching staff, all of whom are dedicated to creating the best possible environment for learning for each and every one of our students.

This extensive list brings to mind the expression, "It takes a village to raise a child." Thank you all so much for being a part of our 'village'.

We would also like to take this opportunity to bid a fond farewell to the members of our community who will not be returning in September:

- Our grade 8 students, who are filled with mixed emotions of sadness and excitement as they leave St. Agatha and move on to high school.
- Mdm. Lazizzera, Mdm Da Silva and Ms. Gomes who are moving to new schools in September. We thank them for their years of service and commitment to the students in their care and to our community.

We wish all of them and you God's blessings in all future endeavours. Have a safe and enjoyable summer. See you in September!

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2.	Ann Andrachuk	416-512-3402
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Peace and God bless!

Yours,

Mr. Aunger and Mr. Naoum

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www.tcdsb.org/cpic

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(Provincial Voice for Parents)

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BELL TIMES:

9:00 ARRIVAL
10:42 A.M. RECESS
11:45 LUNCH HOUR BEGINS
12:45 LUNCH HOUR ENDS
2:10 P.M. RECESS
3:30 DISMISSAL

2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Number of School Days	<u>194</u>
Number of Professional Activity Days	<u>7</u>
Oct 6, Nov 17, Dec 1, Jan 19, Feb 16, Jun 8, Jun 29	
Labour Day	<u>Monday, September 4, 2017</u>
First Day	<u>Tuesday, September 5, 2017</u>
Thanksgiving Day	<u>Monday, October 9, 2017</u>
Christmas Break	<u>December 25, 2017- January 7, 2018</u>
Family Day	<u>February 19, 2018</u>
Mid-Winter Break	<u>March 12-16, 2018 (inclusive)</u>
Good Friday	<u>March 30, 2018</u>
Easter Monday	<u>April 2, 2018</u>
Victoria Day	<u>Monday, May 21, 2018</u>
School Year Ends	<u>Thursday, June 28, 2018</u>

St. Boniface Catholic Church

Father Robson
21 Markanna Dr. Scarborough
(416) 261-5983

Online Newsletter

If parents are hearing that families are not receiving online communication, please encourage those parents to contact the school to update their emails. Any communication that does not require money or a signature are being communicated on line.

Safe and Caring Schools

Thank you to everyone who have worked to make our parking lot and yard safe. With less parked cars in the lot, parents are parking on the streets and at the plaza. Please remember to be good neighbours and if possible support the businesses at the plaza.

Next year, we will continue with our safe school policies that have been put in place. During the first few days, it will be understandable that more parents will be in the yard and perhaps dropping off in the morning and picking up in the afternoon however, please keep our new procedures in mind.

School Online Banking

We are going to begin using the Kev on line banking system. The Gr. 6 trip to the McMichael Art Gallery in June and the Kinder trip to Earthbound Kids and the Primary trip to Willowgrove Farm in June will be our test run on the system. Please log into your cash online account to pay. Parents may pay with cash or cheque as well if they have not signed up.

Next year, Cash on line will be the preferred method of payment.

Now, with a few clicks, you can pay for your child's class trips and so much more from your own home. All you have to do is register an account, attach your children and in no time you will be able to make payments online. Many different payments are accepted. Please visit <https://tcdsb.schoolcashionline.com/> to begin the sign up process. If you have any difficulties or questions, please call the office and speak to Ms. Poirier.

Art Show and BBQ

All are welcome to our annual art show which will be held on **Tuesday, June 5**. The Art pieces are currently on display in our atrium and on our twitter feed. In the evening, silent and live auctions, a performance by our intermediate bands and an ice cream truck! Bids are already coming in for the silent auction items if you are interested in a owning your child's classes art piece.

Volunteer Tea

The volunteer tea will be taking place on **Tuesday, June 5th** starting at noon. Please RSVP to the office. If you were missed, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. We appreciate and celebrate all of our volunteers.

Provincial Election – June 7

St. Agatha will be a polling station again for the Provincial Election on June 7. The school has working with Elections Ontario to ensure as little disruption as possible to the school. Voters will be directed to enter the school at doors beside the gym. A security guard will be present to ensure that the general public does not go up the stairs or walk down the hall. Notices will also be visible to make sure voters do not enter other areas of the school.

Kindergarten Celebration

On **Wednesday, June 20 at 1:00 pm**, the kindergarten classes invite parents for a celebration of the end of the kindergarten year in the gym. Each class will perform a song and we will celebrate the end of a fantastic year for our littlest learners.

Play Day

On **Wednesday, June 27th**, all students will participate in an outdoor Play Day. Student teams will be created and all will enjoy some fun games and friendly competition. Some of the games will involve water, so students should be prepared to get wet. Please ensure that your child wears a **hat, sunscreen and running shoes**. A **water bottle** is highly recommended as well.

Canada Day Celebrations –June 28, 2018:

Students across the Toronto Catholic District School Board will celebrate Canada Day on the last day of the school year, Thursday, June 28th, 2018. Students will dress up in red and white, and gather in their school yards, fields and gyms with their Canadian flags, to join with students and staff from across the Toronto Catholic District School Board in the singing of the National Anthem at 9:30 a.m.

Virtue of the Month:

The virtue for the month of June is 'Faithfulness'. Our final assembly will take place on **Thursday, June 28th at 9:45 am and 11:00am** All are welcome.

Dress Code Reminders:

As the warmer weather arrives, we remind students that modest and appropriate attire are expected at school (i.e. no short shorts, no spaghetti straps, etc.). When in doubt, please contact the school for direction. Students should not wear flimsy footwear such as 'flip flops' since these do not provide adequate protection from injury in the school

Library and Textbooks

Please look around your home, child's room and under beds for any library books or textbooks. Replacing these materials can be quite costly.

Baby Chicks!

We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our Baby Chicks currently incubating in Ms. Murphy's class. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn about the life cycle. Once they emerge from the eggs, the chicks will visit classrooms.

French Spelling Bee

Congrats to all of our school French Spelling Bee competitors at the school. A special shout out to Clemence in Gr. 4 who competed in a community competition in April and placed 5th!

Friends for Life

Ms. Murphy's Gr. 4/5 is finishing the Friends for Life Program which was taught by our school Psychologist Dr. Gendron. It was an excellent learning opportunity for the students to learn about communicating their feelings and goal setting.

Camp O – Gr. 7 Leadership Experience

At the beginning of May our Gr. 7 leaders headed up to Olympia Sports Camp in Huntsville for the Camp O leadership experience. They learned many valuable skills for their leadership tool box leading up to and at Camp. At the camp they were recognized for their incredible banner which is on display in the atrium and place 2nd for their lip sync. More impressively, they were recognized as the school with the potential to host the camp next year. Thank you to Ms. Murphy for her work with these students and staff who contributed to make this experience possible.

Camp Boniface

Attached to the newsletter is information about Camp Boniface. This is an excellent and inexpensive camp option if you are looking for something in the summer for your students. Unfortunately, Camp Tournel had to withdraw their camp from St. Agatha due to lack of interest.

Photos of St. Agatha in Action

The St. Agatha twitter feed actively posts photos of our students in action. Please follow @StAgathaSchool to see the kids and all the wonderful opportunities and activities at the school.

Kindergarten Registration

Registration for our French Immersion Program has been amazing and new registrations are now being put on a waitlist or being redirected to other French Immersion programs. Spots are still available in our English Program. Please direct any new families to <http://soar.tcdsb.org> to begin the registration process.

Overnight Trips

This month, our Gr. 8s are heading off to Teen Ranch. Thank you Ms. Modica, Mrs. McCowan and Mr. Cianfarani for supervising our students.

Welcome Back BBQ and CSPC AGM – Save the Date

Our Welcome Back BBQ will be taking place on **Thursday, September 20** and our CSPC AGM will be on **Wednesday, October 3**. All are welcome.

Sports Update

Our Track and Field team had an outstanding season finishing 1st in their Division! Our team headed off to regionals and 4 students went on to cities. Congrats to Elia, Liam, Luca and Aneta who finished 1st in the Gr. 200m! Thank you to Ms. Sciberras, Ms. Balkovec, Ms. Modica, Mr. Remigio, Ms. Bell, Ms. Kelly and Mlle. Meade for coaching.

Our soccer teams are doing very well and both teams are moving on to regionals. Thank you to Mr. Cianfarani and Mr. Elie for coaching.

This year, St. Agatha has had a fantastic sports season. Please join the school in thanking all the coaches who volunteer their time to coach and teach the athletes.

Volunteers Needed for the Snack Room

Ms. Morelli is in need of parent volunteers to help with the snack program on throughout the week and for next year. If you have a morning to spare, please contact the school.

Morning Meal Program Update

The Morning Meal program is trying to deliver the food earlier in the day for an earlier distribution to students. This way students should be adequately hungry to eat the lunch prepared for them at home. Please keep in mind that the program provides a dairy, whole grain and fruit/vegetable option which would replace the necessity for a morning snack from home.

Lunchtime Supervisors Needed

We are still in need of lunchtime supervisors. If you are interested in the position, please contact the office for the proper paperwork.

Donating Dress and Suits for Graduation

We are in the process of collecting used dresses and suits that could be donated to students to wear at graduation. Students from St. Agatha, St. Boniface and St. Nicholas will benefit from the donations. If you have anything to donate please drop it off at the office. Thank you to Mary Rafter for organizing this initiative.

Pub Night Sponsors

Thank you to our sponsors for our CSPC Pub Night:

- Sweet Pea Soap Company Gift Basket
- Canadiana Flowers Gift Basket
- Four Your Health 5 fitness classes
- Unilever Canada Various products
- Paramount Canada various movie related items.

Please support these businesses when possible.

Returning and Requests

Please make sure to inform the office if you are not returning to St. Agatha for the new school year. This allows us to plan better for the school year.

In terms of classes for next year, if your child has any needs or concerns you feel we need to be aware of to support success in the following school year, please write a letter to Mr. Aunger and we will ensure to review all the information as we create class lists for the 2018-2019 school year. Please remember that we do not accept teacher requests.

Remind:

If you are interested in receiving reminders about school events via text message, send a text to **(647)931-1274** with the message **@stagathacs**

TCDSB SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2018-2019

Number of school days 194

Number of Professional Activity Days 7

Labour Day September 3, 2018

First Instructional Day September 4, 2018

PA Day: Provincial Education Priorities/Faith Development October 5, 2018

Thanksgiving Day October 8, 2018

PA Day: November 16, 2018 Parent-Teacher Conferences

PA Day: December 7, 2018 Provincial Education Priorities

Christmas Break December 24, 2018–January 4, 2019

PA Day: January 18, 2019 Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting

PA Day: February 15, 2019 Parent-Teacher Conferences

Family Day February 18, 2019

Mid-Winter Break March 11–15, 2019

Good Friday April 19, 2019

Easter Monday April 22, 2019

Victoria Day May 20, 2019

PA Day: June 7, 2019 Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting

Last day of classes for elementary students June 27, 2019

PA Day: June 28, 2019 Provincial Education Priorities