



St. Agatha News

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Virtue of the Month: Faithfulness

June 2019

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 CSPC who volunteer their time and energy to provide fun, enriching activities for the children.
- our Snack Program Coordinator Ms. Morelli who ensures that we have tasty, nutritious snacks every day and all the volunteers who help in the snack room.
- 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 and Ms. Burrows 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. Pirrotta, Ms. Flood, Ms. Clarke, Ms. Tovmasyan, Mdm Naomi, Mdm Catherine, and Ms. Fernandes, who bring the gifts of patience, flexibility and empathy to their work with our students.
- Our lunchtime supervisors and volunteers: Ms. Morelli, Ms. Borusk, Ms. Tillander, Ms. Mendonca, Ms. Madden, Ms. Malec, Ms. Nazerath, Ms. Seccia 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.
- Mr. Henri who are moving to a new school in September. We thank him for his service and commitment to the students in their care and to our community.
- Mme Metwally and Mr. Hryniewski who will be retiring at the end of the school year. Both staff members have been part of the St. Agatha community for decades and will be missed. We thank them for their dedication to our students and we wish them many blessings as they enter a new stage of adventures.

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

Peace and God bless!

R. Auger
Principal

Anthony Naoum
Vice-Principal

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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

2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Number of School Days **194**

Number of Professional Activity Days **7**

Oct 5, Nov 16, Dec 7, Jan 18, Feb 15, Jun 7, Jun 28

Labour Day Monday, September 3, 2018

First Day Tuesday, September 4, 2017

Thanksgiving Day Monday, October 8, 2018

Christmas Break December 24, 2018-

January 4, 2019

Family Day February 18, 2019

Mid-Winter Break March 11-15, 2019

(inclusive)

Good Friday April 19, 2019

Easter Monday April 22, 2019

Victoria Day Monday, May 18, 2019

School Year Ends Thursday, June 27, 2019

St. Boniface Catholic Church

Father Robson

21 Markanna Dr. Scarborough

(416) 261-5983

Newsletters

The community has been receiving weekly updates through the School Messenger system on a weekly basis to keep the community up to date with upcoming events and notices. Please make sure your email is up to date on our system as we are going to move from a monthly newsletter to these weekly updates. Monthly Calendars will still be sent home as a hard copy.

School Messenger – Reporting Absences and Receiving School Messages

Please make sure that when reporting an absence or late arrival please use the Safe Arrival/School Messenger system. Thank you to everyone for using the system. If you are leaving for summer early, please make sure to let the office know in writing.

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 procedures in mind.

CSPC Pub Night

Our CSPC Pub Night is coming up on Friday, June 7 at 8pm at the Prague Restaurant. Tickets are \$20 and all funds are going to support the purchase of the Virgin Mary statue for the Grotto project. This will be a great night to get out and socialize with other parents in the St. Agatha community. Please see the flyer attached to the newsletter.

CSPC Purchases

Our CSPC has made a few purchases recently that we are excited to share. By September you should see:

- New pavement games and old lines repainted
- Removable padding which is personalized in the gym
- New Bike rack
- Outdoor classroom picnic tables
- Water bottle filling station on the 2nd floor
- New buzzers for our W5H team

Thank you to our parent community for their donations during the dance a thon which is making these purchases possible.

Art Show and BBQ

All are welcome to our annual art show which will be held on **Wednesday, 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 **Wednesday, June 5th** starting at 10am. Please RSVP to the office. If you were missed, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. This year we welcome the Director of the TCDSB Rory McGuckin who will be visiting during our tea. We appreciate and celebrate all of our volunteers.

Kindergarten Celebration

On **Friday, June 21 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.

Sports Update

We had an amazing outing at the City Track and Field Meet in late May. The following athletes competed against the top track athletes from across the city and had great results. Congratulations to Ethan – 9th in the 800m, Ellery – 6th in the 800m, Alex 8th in the 1500m, Aneta – 5th in the 200m, Polly, Maliyah, Nevaeh, Elena and Aneta – 4th in relay and finally Laila who finished 3rd in the Gr. 3 100m!

We also had a group of students participate in the Special Olympics portion of the City Track Meet. Congrats to Cody, Daniel, Kye, Marcus and Renna for their amazing finishes.

At our divisional and regional meets, St. Agatha athletes had some incredible finishes and we placed 3rd at the divisional meet. Go Sharks Go!

Thank you to Ms. McCowan, Ms. Raso, Ms. Balkovec, Ms. Bell, Mr. Jonathan, Mille Meade, Ms. Kelly and Ms. Sciberras for training our athletes. Our boys and girls soccer teams travel to their tournaments in June. Good luck to the team and thank you to Mr. Cianfarani and Mr. Elie for coaching.

Civvies Day Donation

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Civvies donation to Sick Kids this month. A total will be shared with the community next week but the response was excellent. Friday, June 21 will be our last Civvies day. We will be donating the money raised to St. Boniface to help pay a child's camp fees at Camp Boniface.

Graduation

Graduation will be taking place on Tuesday, June 25 starting at 5:30pm. The ceremony will be taking

place at St. Boniface and the reception will be at QSIS. More information to follow.

Play Day

On **Thursday, June 20 in the AM**, 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. The rain date is set for Monday, June 24. Thank you to Ms. Sciberras for organizing.

Canada Day Celebrations –June 27, 2019:

Students across the Toronto Catholic District School Board will celebrate Canada Day on the last day of the school year, Thursday, June 27th, 2019. 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 27th 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.

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 cheer and their banner will soon be on display.. Thank you to Ms. Murphy and Ms. Sciberras for their work with these students and Mr. Cianfarani, Mlle. Gingras and Mr. Elie who contributed to make this experience possible.

Overnight Trips

The Gr. 8s will be attending Teen Ranch for their end of the year trip.

Thank you to all the staff members who will be taking these students over night. These staff members voluntarily choose to be away from their families for roughly 5 days and it is very much appreciated.

Angel Foundation for Learning

St. Agatha is pleased to announce that **The Angel Foundation for Learning**, the charitable organization devoted to assisting students within TCDSB schools, has approved our school's funding request in support of our excursion to Camp Olympia and Teen Ranch.

Serving TCDSB students and making a positive difference, we congratulate The Angel Foundation for Learning for helping students since its inception in 1987.

Donations to the Foundation are welcome and can be sent to: The Angel Foundation for Learning, 80 Sheppard Avenue East, Toronto, ON M2N 6E8. Tax receipts for donations of \$20.00 or more will be issued. For more information about the Foundation visit www.angelfoundationforlearning.org



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.

School Online Banking

Next year, Cash online will be the preferred method of payment. There could be some items that will be Cash online only.

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.

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 or email to Mr. Aunger and we will ensure to review all the information as we create class lists for the 2019-2020 school year. Please remember that we do not accept teacher requests.

Parent/Guardian Voice Survey

The Parent/Guardian Voice Survey will be administered to our parent community, consistent with the requirement in PPM 145 to for anonymous school climate surveys. The link to the survey can be found at <https://bit.ly/2WnO8NJ>.

Additionally, the survey link will be posted on each school's portal page to make it easier for parents. The survey will be live from June 3-14 inclusive.

CSPC - Survey

The parent council and Administration is looking for feedback to help plan and identify opportunities for next year. A paper copy will be sent to families or you can copy the following link to complete the survey online.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RKKC9XR>

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**. Reminders are still sent by text message to Bell and **Gr. 6 and 7 Summer Literacy/Numeracy Camps** In May, applications were sent to all Gr. 6 and 7 students regarding the summer literacy and numeracy

School Calendar 2019-2020

The TCDSB school year calendar for 2019-2020 was approved by the Board on February 21, 2019. We are required to align our holidays and Professional Activity days with our co-terminous Board, the Toronto District School Board, in order to offset transportation costs.

A school year calendar must be prepared and submitted to the Ministry of Education, on or before May 1st of each school year. This is in accordance with the Education Act and *O. Regulation 304, School Year Calendar, Professional Activity Days*.

The school year calendar is defined as the period between September 1 and June 30 and must include a minimum of 194 school days, seven (7) of which must be professional activity days.

Number of school days	194
Number of Professional Activity Days	7
Labour Day	September 2, 2019
First Instructional Day	September 3, 2019
Thanksgiving Day	October 14, 2019
Christmas Break	December 23, 2019–January 3, 2020
Start of second semester for secondary schools	February 3, 2020
Family Day	February 17, 2020
Mid-Winter Break	March 16-20, 2020
Good Friday	April 10, 2020
Easter Monday	April 13, 2020
Victoria Day	May 18, 2020
Last day of classes for elementary students	June 25, 2020

Seven (7) Professional Activity (PA) Days for ELEMENTARY schools:

October 11, 2019

Provincial Education Priorities/Faith Development

Freedom Customers. For Rogers customers, Parents can still receive notifications in the app.

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.

Also, the student council has started posting pictures on Instagram. Please follow @StAgathaCS

Lunchtime Supervisor Positions

We are always looking for supply lunchtime supervisors who can work when other supervisors are absent. If you are interested, or you know someone who might be, please contact the school for the necessary paperwork.

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.

campus that are being offered in July. Applications are due on June 6.

November 15, 2019	Parent-Teacher Conferences
December 6, 2019	Provincial Education Priorities
January 17, 2020	Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting
February 14, 2020	Parent-Teacher Conferences
June 5, 2020	Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting
June 26, 2020	Provincial Education Priorities

Calendar information is posted on the board's website at www.tcdsb.org.