



St. Agatha News

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Virtue of the Month: Compassion

May 2018

Dear Families,

May promises to be an active month and is a precursor to what will unfold in June. The penultimate month of the school calendar year is packed with all sorts of academic, sporting, spiritual and fun events.

During the week of May 6th to 11th, we join the TCDSB in celebrating the gift of Catholic Education. The theme for this year's Catholic Education Week is "Catholic Education: Renewing the Promise" and focuses on the unique mission of Ontario Catholic education, the importance of its shared leadership by all those involved and the important role of Catholic education in our society. Catholic Education Week 2018 combines the themes of reconciliation, solidarity, love, justice and ecology.

Using resources developed by the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA), the TCDSB engages in a week-long celebration of the unique identity and distinctive contributions of Catholic education. Students will explore the mission of Catholic education through the sub-themes of: Remembering the Promise, The Promise is Within You, Praying the Promise, Living the Promise and Proclaiming the Promise. The scriptural passage that guides our theme is, "For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." Acts 2:39. We look forward to celebrating the important role Catholic Education plays in Ontario.

The school is very excited for the upcoming performances of Annie on May 15, 16 and 17. The students and staff have been hard at work and we look forward to watching the show. Tickets are on sale for only \$5 each!

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support.

Yours,

Mr. Aunger and Mr. Naoum

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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	194
Number of Professional Activity Days	7
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 all parents who make the parking lot a safe place for our students and visitors. Also, thank you to all parents who check in at the office and wait for their children in the atrium. It is very much appreciated.

Last month, Toronto City Council approved a speed reduction in front of school. The speed will be reduced to 30km/h.

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 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.schoolcashonline.com/> to begin the sign up process.

Annie Cast

Annie tickets are on sale! The performances will be taking place on May 15-17 at 6:30 in the gym. It is very exciting for our school community to have this event. Thank you to Mdm. Awadalla, Mlle. Goguen and Mlle. Metwally and all other staff members for their work.

Cast are asked to note the evening rehearsal on Friday, May 11.

Standardized Testing:

During May & June, a number of our students will be participating in standardized testing. These tests provide us with data to support our efforts to identify both individual and school-wide strengths and areas of need. The grade 2, 5 & 7 students will be completing the CAT 4 tests and the grade 3 & 6 students will be participating in the EQAO testing. Parents are asked to ensure promptness



and regular attendance during this time frame. Students will also benefit from ample sleep and nutritious snacks during the testing period.

Gr. 8 Graduation:

The grade 8 Graduation ceremony will take place on **Tuesday, June 26th at 6:00 pm** at Q-ssis Banquet Hall. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

Welcome to Junior Kindergarten:

On **Monday, May 7th at 6:00 pm**, children who will be attending Junior Kindergarten in September 2018 are invited to bring their parents to our *Welcome to Kindergarten* session. The children will have a chance to meet the JK educators and visit the kindergarten classrooms. There will be opportunities for the children to engage in hands-on activities and for parents to learn about school expectations and some resources available in our community.



Stewards of the Earth – Profiled in the Catholic Registrar

Mrs. McCowan, Ms. Tilander and Ms. Modica were profiled in an article revolving around the great work that they do at the school with the Stewards of the Earth. Please follow the link: <https://www.catholicregister.org/item/27213-schools-take-pope-s-lessons-on-environment-to-heart> to read the article.

There will be many Earth related initiatives throughout the month including litterless lunches. Thank you for your support.

Volunteer Tea and Art Show

Our volunteer tea and annual art show will be held on Tuesday, June 5. Please save the date. In the evening, there will be a BBQ and some silent and live auctions.

May is Speech, Language & Hearing Awareness Month:

Did you know that speech and language delays are the most frequently reported problem in children?

Early speech and language development has a **major impact** on future academic success. For example, research shows that a child's vocabulary when starting school is a prime predictor of school success or failure. We also know that early language skills are directly related to later reading

skills, and that children with poor language development have difficulty using language to learn math and science.

If you have a concern about your child's speech or language, your school Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) can help! Speak to your child's teacher or school principal to find out more, or contact the Speech and Language Department at 416-222-8282, extension 2261.

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, Gr. 7 leaders have the opportunity to attend the Camp O Leadership Camp and in June, the Gr. 8s will be attending Teen Ranch.

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.

CSPC Meeting:

Our next CSPC meeting will take place on **Tuesday, May 29th at 6:30 p.m.** All are welcome!

Sports Update

Track and Field is in full swing and tryouts are beginning for intermediate soccer for the divisional tournaments at the end of May. Please note any permission forms that come home.

L2L Tutoring

Our trained tutors in Grades 7 and 8 have begun working with students in Gr. 1-3 in French and English. It has been off to a great start.

Volunteers Needed for the Snack Room

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

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.

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 excursions to Mansfield, 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



Free Tennis!

The Ontario Tennis Association is offering **FREE** tennis programming to Scarborough kids ages 6-12 at 4 different locations. There is a spring and summer session with a total of 13 weeks of programming with 3 days per site per week. The program is funded by Ontario Trillium Foundation and we provide equipment for the kids. They are hoping to introduce tennis to 800 kids this summer.

You can find all the information on the program on their website at www.innercitykids.ca. If parents have any questions kidstennis@tennisontario.com

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