



St. Agatha News

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Virtue of the Month: Gratitude

October 2019

Dear St. Agatha Community,

It is amazing how quickly a month flies. The staff, students and parents continue to show why it is awesome to be a St. Agatha and how St. Agatha provides the best bilingual education around. The students are respectful, hardworking and always trying to be kind to one another. The staff care about their students and are working to give your children the best education possible. Finally, the parents are welcoming and supportive which was evident at our Curriculum Night BBQ.

In this month of Thanksgiving, let us encourage our children to appreciate all the wonderful gifts that God has given them and ask them how they can give back to those around them to show their gratitude. From a simple positive morning greeting, to working with the poor in our city, there are thousands of ways for even our youngest learners to show appreciation of God's many blessings.

This month is our major fundraising campaign which concludes with a Dance on Halloween. Our CSPC is working hard to gather amazing prizes and provide a really fun experience for the students on Halloween. Please consider donating to the Dance a thon which helps to enhance the educational experience of the students. Donations can be made by cash, cheque or on line as well through <https://www.schoolcashionline.com/> and any donation over \$15 receives a tax receipt. Follow <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/Pages/TCDSB-School-Donations.aspx> on how to donate online.

We wish everyone restful and thankful Thanksgiving. God bless.

God bless!

R. Aunger
Principal

Ann De Agazio
Vice- Principal

TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2018-2019		
Wards		
1. Joseph Martino		416-512-3401
2. Ann Andrachuk		416-512-3402
3. Sal Piccinini		416-512-3403
4. Patrizia Bottoni		416-512-3404
5. Maria Rizzo, Vice-Chair		416-512-3405
6. Frank D'Amico		416-512-3406
7. Michael Del Grande		416-512-3407
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CPIC (Parent Engagement--TCDSB)

www.tcdsb.org/cpic
OAPCE Toronto
(Provincial Voice for Parents)
www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto

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

2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Number of School Days **194**
Number of Professional Activity Days **7**
Oct 11, Nov 15, Dec 6, Jan 17, Feb 14, Jun 5, Jun 28
Labour Day Monday, September 2, 2019
First Day Tuesday, September 3, 2019
Thanksgiving Day Monday, October 14, 2019
Christmas Break December 23, 2019- January 3, 2020
Family Day February 17, 2020
Mid-Winter Break March 16-20, 2020 (inclusive)
Good Friday April 10, 2020
Easter Monday April 13, 2020
Victoria Day Monday, May 18, 2020
School Year Ends Thursdav, June 25, 2020

St. Boniface Catholic Church
Father Robson
21 Markanna Dr. Scarborough
(416) 261-5983

Safe and Caring Schools

- In the parking lot, please respect the stop signs and cross walk in front of the entrance.
- If you are dropping off and walking your child into the yard and wish to stay, it is important to be behind the pylons so that staff can properly supervise the students. This applies to the kindergarten area as well.
- When using the kiss and ride, a great way to encourage independence is to have children exit the vehicle and carry their backpack on their own. It is amazing to see how quickly children can be out of the car and parents can be on their way when students do this on their own. We do recognize that our littlest learners need help but this could be a goal for the next few months.
- Parents are asked to not enter instructional areas between 9 and 3:30. It does seem easier to walk your child to class however, out of respect to the safety of all the students, it is important to follow these protocols
- In September, students practised a fire drill and a lockdown drill. Please ask your child about these protocols
- At the end of the day, students are asked to funnel out into the back yard and then walk around to either their bus or to the parking lot to be picked up.

School Photos:

School photos will be taken on Wednesday, October 2nd. Students are required to wear their uniforms for the photos.

Cash Online

All trips will be available online through <https://www.schoolcashonline.com/>. Please consider signing up if you haven't already. Cash and cheque transactions will always be available however cash online is the preferred method of payment.

High School:

The list of 2019 TCDSB Secondary School Fall Open House dates for Grade 8 students begin this month and available on-line at: <https://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/default.aspx>

All Open Houses begin at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise indicated. Grade 7 & 8 students and their parents/guardians are encouraged to attend one or more of the scheduled open houses to learn more about the various programs, services and activities as they prepare for a Catholic secondary school education.

ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF GRADE 8 STUDENTS

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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 on line application, please visit the TCDBS website at www.tcdsb.org → Admissions & Placement Department page, to view the "Parent Guide to Completing the Secondary School Online Application" information guide.

CSAC Meetings:

CSPC AGM and General Elections will take place on Tuesday, October 1. Please join us! If there are any new items of business, please contact the CSPC Secretary or contact the office to add your item to the agenda.

Another way for parents to get involved is through the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC), a parent-led advisory committee working with the TCDSB. Elections for CPIC vacancies will be held in early October. Further information is available on the Board's website at www.tcdsb.org under Parent Involvement.

Online Newsletter and Calendar

In the interest of being ecofriendly, monthly newsletters are only sent electronically. If you know of parents not receiving them, please tell them to contact the office. A paper version of the calendar will always be sent home to the youngest or only child of the family.

Please always check out our google calendar that show the dates of every activity in the school year.
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Dance a thon

The Dance a thon is the major fundraiser of the year for the school. The St. Agatha Community has always been generous during this effort and this money benefits all students. Some examples of where the money goes include: Lowering the cost of field trips by covering buses, provide a scientist in the schools experience for all students, supplying buses for large sporting events such as Cross country and track and field. Last year, funds bought a new sound system for the school and helped cover some classroom expenses. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time to make this event meaningful for the students and to all of our sponsors. Special thanks to Gina Katounas for spearheading our campaign.

Important Dance a thon Dates:

- Oct 9 – Forms go home
- Oct 17 – Early Bird Deadline
- Oct 18 – 1st Early Bird Draw
- Oct 23 – 2nd Early Bird Draw
- Oct 31 – Dance a thon
- Nov 7 – Dance a thon Prize assembly

Federal Elections

The federal elections are being held in the St. Agatha gym on Monday, October 22. Voters will only be allowed to enter the school by doors by the gym and there will be security posted in the hall to ensure that voters stay in that area. We are happy to offer our facility to the community for an important part of our democratic process.

Appreciation Days

This month, we recognize a few groups in our school for all of their hard work.

- Wednesday, October 2 – Custodian Appreciation Day. Thank you Mr. Bayani, Mr. Clint and Mr. Perry!
- Friday, October 5 – World Teacher Appreciation Day.
- Thursday, October 24 – Child Care Worker and Educational Childhood Educator Appreciation Day. We are thankful to all of our CYWs, EAs and ECEs in the school for all that they do for the students.

PA Day

Friday, October 11 is a Board PA Day and there is no school for students. On the PA Day, staff will begin the day with mass along with staffs of St. Boniface and St. Nicholas. Afterwards, we will be spending the rest of the day looking at math resources and analysing areas of mathematical strengths and needs of our students. We will continue to be focusing on problem solving with our students with continued practise of the fundamental understanding of numeracy.

Online Math Tutors

TVO provides free online math tutoring for students in Grades 7-10. Students can log in and work through math problems with qualified teachers. Please google 'TVO online tutoring' or follow the following link: <https://homeworkhelp.ilc.org/>. You can also find tutorials on thousands of math concepts.

Math Resources for Parents

We will be focusing academically on mathematics this year and looking to see how we can improve our student mathematical success. For parents, there are many resources on line that can help your child. Please visit the school board website: tcdsb.org and search thinkMATH@home. There are a lot of fun math activities available.

News from the Parish

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - PARENT INFORMATION

One of the following Meetings in the Church MUST be attended by the Candidates and their Parent(s) /Guardian(s):

Thursday, November 7th, 2019 at 7:00 pm
OR
Saturday, November 9th, 2019 at 11:00 am

Permission to Leave:

Students are not allowed to leave the school property during the school day. The only exception to this rule is for students who are being picked up by a parent. Please check in at the office.

Student Agenda Books:

This year we will be using the student agents that are provided for free to all students from Gr. 1 to 8. We strongly encourage the use of a planner to support the development of organization skills and to facilitate ongoing communication between home and school. Student agenda books for children in grades 1 – 8 are available and have been graciously supplied by our CSPC.

Terry Fox Walk:

On Friday, September 27, the school participated in the Terry Fox Run. We had great weather and the students enjoyed walking through the neighbourhood and encouraging cars to honk in support. In total, the school raised over \$800 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Thank you to everyone for their support.

'Remind':

If you are interested in receiving reminders about school events via text message, you are invited to join 'Remind' (which is free), by sending a text to **(647)931-1274** with the message **@stagathacs**

Community Event

The Scarborough Village Residence (SVR) is the seniors men's shelter run by the City of Toronto that opened in May at the site of the old Comfort Inn at 3306 Kingston Road.

SVR and the Local Community Liaison Committee will be hosting a Community BBQ and Celebration. The BBQ and Celebration are confirmed for Wednesday, October 16, 2019 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Scarborough Village Residence at 3306 Kingston Road. All local residents are welcome and the event is free!

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