



St. Agatha News

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Virtue of the Month: Gratitude

It is amazing how quickly a month flies. In short time that we have been at St. Agatha it is apparent how wonderful this community is. 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 have been 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.

There are many exciting events and activities going on in the school from Cross-Country to Volleyball. Our Grade 8s start the process to choose their high school next year and begin to focus on the pathway that will lead to future success. On October 31st we will have our big fundraising event for the year as our children 'Whip' and 'Dab' to the music at our Dance-a-thon. Thank you to everyone for supporting this event that goes directly to support student achievement. If you have something to donate to create a greater incentive, please contact the school.

We would like to congratulate our night caretaker Mr. Cusack who has been promoted to a job at St. Timothy. Mr. Cusack was an important part of the St. Agatha Community and a coach of our hockey team. He will be missed.

We wish everyone restful and thankful Thanksgiving. God bless.

God bless,

R. Aunger
Principal

Anthony Naoum
Vice-Principal

October 2017

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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
10:45 A.M. RECESS
11:45 LUNCH HOUR BEGINS
12:45 LUNCH HOUR ENDS
2:25 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 Monday, September 4, 2017
First Day Tuesday, September 5, 2017
Thanksgiving Day Monday, October 9, 2017
Christmas Break December 25, 2017- January 7, 2018
Family Day February 19, 2018
Mid-Winter Break March 12-16, 2018 (inclusive)
Good Friday March 30, 2018
Easter Monday April 2, 2018
Victoria Day Monday, May 21, 2018
School Year Ends Thursday, June 28, 2018

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

TRUSTEES 2016 - 2017

Wards

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| 1. Joseph Martino | 5. Maria Rizzo | 9. Jo-Ann Davis |
| 2. Ann Andrachuk | 6. Frank D'Amico, Vice-Chair | 10. Barbara Poplawski |
| 3. Sal Piccininni | 7. Michael Del Grande | 11. Angela Kennedy, Chair |
| 4. Patrizia Bottoni | 8. Garry Tanuan | 12. Nancy Crawford |

Thank You

- To all of our Volleyball, Flag Football and Cross Country Coaches!
- Ms. McCowan and Ms. Modica for taking kids to We Day!
- Amazing parent volunteers who do so much in the school!

Safe and Caring Schools

Parking Lot AM and PM

Parents are encouraged to use the zone in front of the new addition as a “Kiss & Ride” drop off for students. Parking is not permitted in the bus loop and we would like to ensure enough spots for staff. Thank you for your co-operation in keeping our students safe.

Attendance



Please be reminded to call the school before 9:00 a.m. if your child is going to be absent for any reason. The safe arrival of all students is very important to everyone. Our “call answer” further facilitates your ability to leave a message. Thank you for your continued assistance in reporting absences.

Just a reminder to put your child’s name on their uniform items to assist us in matching lost items with students.

Visitors in the school:

We ask that parents drop off and pick up their children at the designated exits. If you are picking up your child we ask that you come to the office and the office will have your child paged to come down. This is the only way that we can reduce the number of adults in the school and more easily identify a stranger should they access the school.

School Photos:

School photos will be taken on Wednesday, October 4th. Students are required to wear their uniforms for the photos.



High School:

The list of 2017 TCDSB Secondary School Fall Open House dates for Grade 8 students begin this month and available on-line at:

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. High school applications will be distributed at the end of October and due at school by early November (details to follow).

CSAC Meetings:

CSPC AGM and General Elections will take place on Monday, October 2. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by the date change. Please join us!

CSPC held the annual BBQ on Curriculum Night, Sept. 21. The event was a great success and provided a terrific opportunity to meet the teachers, as well as other parents.

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, we are planning to send the monthly newsletter and calendar to the parent community online instead of printing hard copies. Please make sure that your email is up to date on your child's information form. There will always be hard copies available. We will start this in the new calendar year.

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.

'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

CSPC Curriculum BBQ

On behalf of the Staff and Students, we would like to thank the parents who helped organize and make our annual BBQ an amazing success. In particular, we would like to acknowledge the efforts of Tanya Baksh and her team. The food, salads and the ice cream truck made this night a great one to kick off the year.



One more thing...

This year we have been able to supply each class with their own set of plates and washing bins, thanks to some generous donations from our school community.

I'm pleased to add that many of our students are joining in the effort to help with our Eco School status by participating in the cleaning and maintenance of these plates.



A few words from "Shark Bites"

Thank you to all of the student and parent volunteers who helped make our Bake Sale a success!! - I am happy to report that **we raised \$400** for the Student Nutrition Program. This amount will help to cover the cost of feeding our kids a healthy snack for about 2 days. - So, no more cookies and cupcakes, it's delicious cantaloupe and carrots from now on. Bon Appetit!



This month many of our students were able to see the arrival of 3 new butterflies, thanks to the efforts of Miss Mary. Students were excited to come in each morning and see what had happened overnight in the show case. They learned how to tell the difference between male and female butterflies and finally, set them free. Such a great learning experience!



Some of our grade 3 students enjoyed Tea with the Teacher. It is an opportunity for the teacher and students to get to know each other a little better at the start of the year. They have tea and biscuits while they chat about important things in their lives. Here is Jadyen and Elijah's official photo taken at the end of their chat.



Terry Fox Walk

The sun came out for our Annual Terry Fox Walk. The day started with an assembly in the gym and then a modified walk around the school. We raised over \$1000 to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation. Thank you to Ms. McCowan for organizing this event.



St. Agatha School Stewards of the Earth

Front beds

Last June, Mrs. Tilander and a handful of classes were instrumental in planting the front beds to help celebrate Canada 150 and we continue to still enjoy the beautiful colours. Thank you to Mrs. Tilander and to our students for beautifying respecting our gardens.

Three Sister Gardens

We have seen yet another season of tomatoes and a small handful of herbs. It is our hope that we can reinforce the cedar beds and build two more before the fall in preparation for the new growing season. If there are any families who are on the midst of replacing a fence and have old slats of 1" x 6" that are in good shape, we would appreciate having them to deter the weeds from crowding the beds.

Naturalizing the corner

Last year, our Grade 7 students planted a section of the north east corner of the yard with white spruce, to track the changes of plant growth over a period of time. This area is roped off so that the maintenance workers leave it untouched. Photos and documentation will be shared with the school community.

Vermi-composting

Thanks to Mrs. Monica Dominguez, our students were given an opportunity to learn about an incredible natural resource; worms! With time and patience, Ms. Dominguez demonstrated how we can utilize red wigglers to manufacture soil in small containers using the leftover veggies and fruits from snacks. And no, it does not smell! We are hoping to introduce more classes to this excellent learning approach.