



St. Agatha News

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Virtue of the Month: Hospitality

September 2018

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! We hope you had a wonderful summer. September is always an exciting time for staff, parents and students alike – a time filled with new beginnings, new friendships and nervous anticipation. On a monthly basis, we will continue to highlight theological virtues. The virtue of the month for September is **Hospitality**. Students will be encouraged to look for ways in which they can ensure that all members of our community feel welcome, included and valued.

This school year marks the beginning of the TCDSB three-year, pastoral plan ‘Rooted in Christ – We Belong, We Believe, We Become.’ Catholic education is built on the partnership among our families, parishes and schools and we are looking forward to celebrating the foundation of our school community.

Back to school season signals a time of new beginnings with high hopes and expectations for this new school year. We extend the virtue of hospitality to our new staff and students joining us and they all bring new talents, thoughts and ideas to the school. We are fortunate to welcome to the St. Agatha Family Mlle. Lenzo (FI ELP), Mlle. Robino (FI SK/1), Mdm Li (FI Gr. 4/5) Ms. Ma (Gr. 6 and Core French), Mr. Elie (Gr. 7), and Mlle. Shahinyan (French Specialty). Over the summer, Mdm. Stagg found a new position closer to home and we wish her luck.

We congratulate Ms. Modica who was married over the summer! Ms. Modica will now be known as Ms. Raso.

Please plan to join us for the **Welcome BBQ and Curriculum Night** on **Thursday, September 20th**, beginning at 5:00 pm. (Please see form) This will be an opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and learn about the curriculum and other expectations for the coming year while gathering for a BBQ.

At St. Agatha, we are able to provide a quality French Immersion program where our students learn the 2 official languages of Canada. We look forward to working together with the parent, school and parish communities to provide an excellent Catholic and dual language education for all of our students.

God bless!

R. Aunger
Principal

Anthony Naoum
Vice-Principal

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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

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	<u>Monday, September 3, 2018</u>
First Day	<u>Tuesday, September 4, 2017</u>
Thanksgiving Day	<u>Monday, October 8, 2018</u>
Christmas Break	<u>December 24, 2018- January 4, 2019</u>
Family Day	<u>February 18, 2019</u>
Mid-Winter Break (inclusive)	<u>March 11-15, 2019</u>
Good Friday	<u>April 19, 2019</u>
Easter Monday	<u>April 22, 2019</u>
Victoria Day	<u>Monday, May 18, 2019</u>
School Year Ends	<u>Thursday, June 27, 2019</u>

St. Boniface Catholic Church

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

Staff List

French Immersion

FI ELP – Mlle Meade with Mdm Catherine
FI ELP – Mlle Lenzo with Mdm Naomi
FI SK/1 – Ms. Robino
FI Gr. 1 – M. Attila
FI Gr. 1 – Mdm Fossi
FI Gr. 2 – Mdm Clarisse
FI Gr. 2 – Mdm Katu
FI Gr. 3 – Mlle Goguen
FI Gr. 3/4 – M Remigio
FI Gr. 4/5 AM – Mdm Li
FI Gr. 4 PM – Mlle Gingras
FI Gr. 5 AM – Mdm Chan Lee
FI Gr. 6 PM – Mdm Metwally
FI Gr. 6 PM – Mlle Metwally
FI Gr. 7 AM – Mlle Gingras
FI Gr. 8 PM – Mdm Chan Lee

English Program

ELP – Murphy with Ms. Fernandes
Gr. 1/2 – Mrs. Balkovec
Gr. 3 – Mrs. Bell
Gr. 4/5 AM – Ms. Murphy
Gr. 4/5 PM – Ms. Murphy
Gr. 5 PM – Mr. Cianfarani
Gr. 6 AM – Ms. McCowan
Gr. 6 AM – Ms. Ma
Gr. 7 AM – Mr. Ellie
Gr. 7 PM – Ms. Sciberras
Gr. 7 PM – Mr. Elie
Gr. 8 AM – Ms. Sciberras
Gr. 8 AM – Mrs. Raso
Gr. 8 PM – Mrs. Raso

French Specialty

M. Pelliccione
Mr. Cianfarani
Mrs. Kelly
Mlle Metwally
Mlle Shahinyan

Instrumental Music – Ms. Vandersluis
Vocal Music – Mr. Hryniewski
Spec Ed – Ms. Ciechonska
EAs – Ms. Al Turks, Ms. Flood, Ms. Jardine
CYW – Ms. Pirrotta
Library Tech – Mrs. Moulds
Lunchtime Supervisors – Ms. Borsuk, Ms. Novia,
Ms. Mendonca, Ms. Madden, Ms. Morelli, Ms.
Tilander, Mr. Rosario
Head Custodian – Mr. Icaro
Custodian – Mr. Pyke
Custodian – Mr. Papadopoulos
Secretary – Mrs. Poirier
Clerk Typist – Mrs. Burrows

Class Assignments:

At the end of each school year, class lists are created based on the projected enrolment for the following school year. The actual enrolment, however, rarely

matches the projections exactly and it is often necessary to make changes to class groupings. For this reason, your child's class and teacher assignment should be considered tentative until the end of September.

Student Supervision:

Beginning at 8:45 a.m., an adult is in the school yard supervising students as they arrive at school. **Please do not drop students earlier than 8:45 a.m., since they will be unsupervised.**

Kiss and Ride and Safe Schools Policy

Last year, we had great success with our Kiss and Ride drop off in the morning and afternoon. Please remember when dropping off students to be patient and pull ahead as far as possible. If you would like to walk your child to the yard, parents must park in an available parking spot. In the afternoon, only valid parking spaces are allowed for parking. If all spots are full, parents are asked to circle or park off site.

In the AM, there will be a gathering area set aside with cones in the yard for parents to socialize. This allows staff to properly supervise the students. This area will begin on the 2nd day of school.

All visitors are asked to report to the office and are not allowed in instructional zones during the school day. It can be a lot quicker just to walk to the classroom but for the safety of all students, visitors are asked to wait in the atrium.

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.

Absences & Lates:



Please use our Safe Arrival Program for student absences and/or lates by calling 416-393-5302 before 9:00 a.m.

We also have a night line, so you can call in your child's absence in the evening prior to their absence, press '2' and leave a message and it will be picked up the following morning. Please leave your child's name, clearly spelling the last name, and the reason for the child's absence.

Students arriving after 9:00 a.m. must enter through the front door of the school and report to the office to get a late slip before going to class.

Please recognize that if your child is late, they are missing out on valuable curriculum time that can have a direct impact on their learning.

Thank you, in advance, for supporting our efforts to impress upon our students the importance of punctuality.

Student Accident

Insurance:

The Toronto Catholic District School Board **does not** provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school premises or during school activities. Accidents can and do happen. Some injuries incur medical, dental or other expenses that are not covered by provincial health care or employer group plans. As a parent or guardian, you become responsible for these expenses.

We do make available the insuremykids® Protection Plan for students through Reliable Life Insurance Company. Participation in such a program is voluntary and the costs are to be paid by the parent or guardian.

This program offers a variety of plans and benefits at affordable rates. Benefits included are:

- ~ dental expenses (resulting from an accident)
- ~ total and permanent disability
- ~ paralysis/loss of use
- ~ special disability benefits
- ~ death benefits.

If your child is not covered by your employer's plan for medical/dental accident benefits not paid by OHIP, Reliable Life offers a plan tailored to your needs. Plan rates vary from \$13.00 to \$33.00 per child. All rates are one-time annual premiums. Family rates for 3 or more children are also offered.

If you wish to subscribe you may apply 24/7 directly at:

www.insuremykids.com

Any questions should be directed to Reliable Life Insurance Company toll free at:
1-800-463-KIDS (5437).

Student Agenda Books:

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.

Dress Code:

All students are expected to wear appropriate Dress Code attire. The Dress Code consists of a combination of white or navy blue tops with navy blue bottoms, (e.g. plain white top & navy blue bottom or, navy blue top & navy blue bottom, navy socks, no denim, no stripes, no patterns, no logos).

Any shoe colour is acceptable and running shoes are strongly recommended to ensure that the children can play safely (i.e. flip flops are not sturdy and could allow injury). Please note that the Dress Code does not require that you purchase any items from a particular supplier.

Dress-Down Days:

Throughout the school year, there will be special 'dress down' days. On these days, students will be allowed to wear clothes other than the dress code, but are always expected to wear modest and appropriate attire. Dress-down days will be announced via the school calendar and/or notes home.

School Photos:



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

Allergy Alert:

Please note that we students who have **threatening allergies**



have a number of **dangerous, life-** to certain foods.

For that reason, we expect that students will not bring to school any items that contain peanuts or nuts. If a caregiver prepares your child's lunch and snacks, please remind them about this policy.

If your child has an allergy for which an epi-pen has been prescribed, please contact your child's teacher and the Principal, to discuss your child's safety plan. This plan must include two epi-pens: one to be carried by your child and one to be stored in the main office.

Snacks and Treats for Classes

Due to the number and variety of allergies, parents are asked not to send food to school to celebrate events. Stickers, pencils and other consumable school supplies are always welcome. Thank you for respecting this policy.

Terry Fox Walk:

On Friday, September 28, we will be participating in our school 'Terry Fox Walk'. Students in Gr. 1 – 8 will walk in the neighbourhood and students in JK and SK will complete a modified (shorter) version. This is a fundraising event and students are encouraged to donate a 'Toonie for Terry' in support of the Terry Fox Foundation. Students are allowed to wear red & white in support of this Canadian hero.



The Terry Fox Foundation

High School:



The list of 2018 TCDSB Secondary School Fall Open House dates for Grade 8 students is now complete 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).

Snack Program

Our snack program will continue this year with Ms. Morelli leading the program. Please consider making a donation to the snack program which goes a long way to support child nutrition at St. Agatha. Also, please remember that in the AM, students receive a snack of a grain, dairy and vegetable/fruit when packing your child's lunches.

Lunch Time Supervisors

This year, Ms. Rafter will not be returning to St. Agatha as a lunchtime supervisor. We thank her for her dedication beyond lunchtime and her contributions to St. Agatha. She will be missed. With that, we are always looking for lunchtime supervisors even on a substitute basis. Please contact the office if interested.

School Online Line Banking

This year, Cash on line will be the preferred method of payment. All school trips and any other event that requires money, will be found on line. Parents are still able to pay cash but are encouraged to pay on line.

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.

CSAC Meetings:

All parents are invited to the meetings held by the Catholic School Advisory Committee. The first CSAC meeting for the year will take place on **Wednesday, October 3rd. at 6:30 p.m.** CSAC elections will take place at this meeting. If you are interesting in becoming involved, please join us!

Online Newsletter and Calendar

This newsletter is only going out electronically. If you know of anyone who is not receiving this, please advise them to call the office.

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.

'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

Acceptable Use Policy:

Included in this newsletter is a Student Internet Agreement form. The agreement summarizes the *TCDSB Acceptable Use Policy*. This policy governs the proper use of technology and electronic communication in our school. The purpose of the AUP is to provide students and their parents with a set of guidelines that outline the safe and appropriate use of technology. Throughout the first few weeks of school, classroom teachers will be reviewing these expectations with the students; parents are asked to do the same. Once you have reviewed the agreement with your child, students (Gr. 1 – 8) and their parents are asked to sign and return the Student Internet Agreement form. For the complete text of the policy and related documents, visit:

<http://www.tcdsb.org/board/policies/aup>.

Personal Electronic Devices (Cell phones, etc.)



Students will not be allowed to use personal electronic devices unless given permission by and directly supervised by a teacher. If your child has a cell phone for safety reasons, we expect that it will be turned off and stored in your child's backpack during the school day and during any school-related activity. Please do not attempt to contact your child or encourage your child to contact you via the cell phone. Should you need to contact your child during the school day due to an emergency situation, please contact the office.

If personal electronic devices are used inappropriately or without teacher permission at school or during any school-related activity, the item will be confiscated and will only be returned when a parent accompanies the child to the office to retrieve it.

Curriculum Night:

Please plan to join us for **Welcome BBQ and Curriculum Night on Thursday, September 20th,**

beginning at 5:00pm. The curriculum night will follow at 6:30pm. This will be an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and learn about the curriculum and other expectations for the coming year. We look forward to working together with the parent, school and parish communities to provide an excellent Catholic education for all of our students. Thank you to our Fantastic CSPP for the BBQ.

Before and After Care

Cravola Colour Cycle Program

This year, the St. Agatha community will have the opportunity to recycle used markers and keep them away from landfills. A box will be set up in the atrium for the community to deposit markers that have outlived their lifespans. Thank you to Ms. Lodge for taking up this initiative.

Special Service from the TCDSB

As part of the TCDSB's goal of Fostering Student Achievement and Well Being, the Special Services department endeavours to support our special education students in achieving academic excellence and meeting the Ontario Catholic Graduate School Expectations. The department offers a variety of supports to students based on their need(s) and/or identification(s). For further information please visit the Special Services department link:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SpecialEducation/Pages/default.aspx>

Parents/caregivers are reminded that if they require support in accessing the Special Services department link, they may ask the school principal for assistance. Alternately, for families who require access to a computer to visit the site, they may access an electronic device through the Toronto Public Library.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY and ROUTINES

Well-rehearsed school bus routines are an important part of school bus safety. Please assist us by reviewing these expectations with your child:

Getting on the Bus Safely:

- Be at the bus stop at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled pick-up time.
- Wait at the designated stop in a safe place, well back from the side of the road.
- Remember the 'Danger Zone' is anywhere close enough to the bus to touch it. The bus driver cannot

St. Agatha has a before and after school program. If you require more information, please contact Vanessa at Network Child Care Services stagatha@networkchildcare.com

see you when you are in the 'Danger Zone'.

- Wait until the bus comes to a full stop before attempting to get on the bus.
- Hold the handrail as you get on the bus.
- Do not push or shove.

Riding the Bus Safely:

- Take your seat promptly and sit properly, facing forward at all times.
- Hold backpacks, books and parcels on your lap.
- Do not stick your feet out into the aisle – someone might trip.
- Keep your head and arms – everything – inside the bus.
- Remain seated on the bus while it is moving
- Talk quietly. The driver must concentrate on driving the bus safely.
- Do not eat or drink while on the bus.
- Obey the bus driver at all times.

Leaving the Bus Safely:

- When you leave the bus, hold the handrail and take two large steps away from the bus.
- Items that can easily cause injury while getting on and off a bus include loose shoe laces, backpack straps and the strings on hooded shirts. Please secure them.
- To cross the street in front of the bus, walk ahead at least ten giant steps. Cross only when the driver gives you the signal.
- If you drop something near the bus, do not pick it up. Tell the driver or an adult.
- If everyone is getting off the bus, the people at the front leave first. Do not push.

- **When you arrive at your bus stop, if you do not see the person who meets you there, tell the bus driver immediately.**

Students must remember that riding the school bus is a privilege, not a right. Out of concern for the safety of all, the privilege of using the bus will be removed in the case of serious or persistent misbehaviour.

Thanks to all families who have signed up on the transportation portal as it will allow us to communicate and keep you updated on service related issues. If you haven't signed up yet, please visit

<https://busplannerweb.torontoschoolbus.org/Subscriptions/Login.aspx>.

TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2018-2019		
Wards		
1.	Joseph Martino	416-512-3401
2.	Ann Andrachuk	416-512-3402
3.	Sal Procininni	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
8.	Garry Tanuan	416-512-3408
9.	Jo-Ann Davis	416-512-3409
10.	Barbara Poplawski, Chair	416-512-3410
11.	Angela Kennedy	416-512-3411
12.	Nancy Crawford Taylor Dallin	416-512-3412
	Student Trustee Joel Ndongmi	416-512-3413
	Student Trustee	416-512-3417

Please note:
Attached are important permission forms, as well as other documents from the CPSC. Please complete and return them to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Thank you!



ST. AGATHA CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

September 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Newsletters are emailed only. Please ensure that your email is updated at the office		<i>Always be eager to practise hospitality—Romans 12:13</i>				1
2	3 Labour Day	4 First Day of School 	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Mass AM 	13	14 Snack Program Envelopes Due	15
16 Safe School Week - Fire and Lockdown Drills - Parking Lot and Yard Safety	17 Snack Program Begins Fire Drill in AM	18 Lockdown Drill in AM	19 Pizza and Milk Orders Due	20 CSPC Welcome Back BBQ and Curriculum Night 5:00pm We Day	21	22 First Day of Fall 
23 30	24	25	26 Boys Flag Football	27 Girls Flag Football	28 Toonie For Terry Terry Fox Run in PM Pizza Day and Red and White Day 	29 School Calendar: goo.gl/Khb6QU

THE VIRTUE OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER IS HOSPITALITY

TCDSB Acceptable Use Policy for Technology

Student Internet Agreement Grades K-3

As a student of the Toronto Catholic District School Board:

1. I will use the computer and Internet for schoolwork only. I know it is not for playing games.
2. I understand the rules from the TCDSB Acceptable Use Policy that my teacher has explained to me.
3. My password belongs to me only and I will not share it with others. I will not share other students' passwords.
4. I will respect others' work. I will not use other people's work and pretend that it is mine.
5. I will tell the teacher what I am doing when asked.
6. I will tell a teacher right away if I see something on the Internet that is inappropriate or makes me feel uncomfortable.
7. I understand that if I bring my own computer or electronic item to school to use in the classroom I must follow the school rules about computer safety and behaviour. I will connect my personal device to the TCDSB Wireless Guest Network. I am not allowed to connect to any other network.
8. I understand that if I bring my own computer or electronic item to school to use in the classroom I am responsible for its safety.
9. I understand that if I do not follow the rules I will not be able to use the Internet or the computer at school.
10. I will not write or post mean or hurtful things about other people on the Internet.

I have read and understand the above agreement.

Student Name:		Parent/Guardian Name:	
Signature:		Signature:	
Date:		Date:	

The full version of the Toronto Catholic District School Board Acceptable Use Policy may be found at <http://www.tcdsb.org/board/policies/aup>

Student Internet Agreement
Grades 4-8

As a student of the Toronto Catholic District School Board:

1. I will use the TCDSB network for educational purposes only.
2. I have been made aware of the TCDSB Acceptable Use Policy (Surf Right) by my teacher and he/she has explained it to me.
3. I will not share my password with others and I will respect the privacy of other people. I will not share other people's passwords or personal information.
4. I will respect the TCDSB Plagiarism and Copyright guidelines and will not present the work of other people as my own.
5. I will explain my activities on the Internet to a teacher or supervisor when asked and understand that any material I create or save while on the TCDSB network may be viewed by a teacher or supervisor.
6. I will not engage in cyberbullying and will report any instances of cyberbullying to a parent, teacher or principal.
7. I will tell a teacher or supervisor immediately if I access a site that is inappropriate or unsafe.
8. I understand that if I bring my own computer or electronic device to use in the classroom I must respect the TCDSB Acceptable Use Policy guidelines regarding content, security, safety and ethical use. I will connect my personal device to the TCDSB Wireless Guest Network. I am not allowed to connect to any other network.
9. I understand that if I bring my own computer or electronic device to use in the classroom I am responsible for the safety and security of that device.
10. I understand that not following these guidelines may result in loss of computer and network privileges and/or any other consequences deemed necessary by my school.

I have read and understand the above agreement.

Student Name:		Parent/Guardian Name:	
Signature:		Signature:	
Date:		Date:	

ST. AGATHA CURRICULUM NIGHT WELCOME BBQ

being held on Thursday, September 20th from 5-6 pm

REMINDER!! Meet the Teachers and Staff, Get Involved!

Student's First name _____ Last name _____

Teachers name _____

Phone number _____

E-mail address _____

		Qty	Amount
Chicken Souvlaki *	\$5.00		
Hot Dogs *	\$4.00		
Veggie Samosas *	\$1.00 (2 per serving)		
Juice Box	\$0.50		
Assorted Pop	\$1.00		

*Complimentary salads with food purchase.

Total cash amount enclosed: _____

(cash only/exact change, as no change will be provided)

****Please return order form with money in a baggie and only one form is needed to be completed per family. ****

Prices will go up on day of BBQ, so pre-order now! Please complete and hand in by Sept. 14th at the latest.

If you can offer some assistance please indicate one or more of the following tasks:

_____ Pre Order Ticket Preparations and shopping (Next couple weeks, as available)

_____ Set Up 1:00 pm

_____ Food Wranglers 2:00 - 6:00 pm (food preparation, servers, and BBQ chefs)

_____ Clean-up crew 6:15 pm

Volunteer chefs to make homemade salad and help cook souvlaki at home for BBQ?

Yes _____ No _____ Type of Salad _____

Name _____

Email _____

Phone number _____

***** A lot of help is needed to make this event a success, any time you can give would be appreciated! *****

***** There will be music, 50/50 draw and ice cream truck to support CSPC. *****



St. Agatha Catholic School VOLUNTEER SIGN UP SHEET

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to a new school year at St. Agatha! We invite you to share your time and talents with us as a volunteer. Listed below are areas where we need volunteers. Please consider volunteering in any area that interests you. **We urgently need 2-3 parents willing to coordinate Pizza lunch this year!**

If you have questions regarding a particular area, please contact the representative listed or the office. Please complete the attached form and return it to the school office by **September 14, 2018**. Thank you! Also note that ANY help is appreciated

Please check	Opportunity	Role	Timing	Contact for more information
	Welcome Back BBQ	Food preparations, set up/clean-up, solicit salad donations	Thurs Sept 20, 2018	cspc.stagatha@tcdsb.org
	Lunchtime Supervision	Supervise classes during lunchtime	Lunchtime daily as available	Please reach out to school office.
	Nutrition Program	Help with preparation and serving of daily morning snack to classes	Mornings daily as available	Please reach out to school office
	Helping in classrooms	Providing additional support in classrooms	As available during the school day	Please reach out to school office
	Garden Clean-up	Help with the beautification of our school gardens	Typically in Fall and Spring	Please reach out to school office
	Dance-a-thon	Solicitation of donors AND/OR set up/clean-up AND/OR counting of donations	October 1-31, 2018	gkatouna@hotmail.com
	CSPC Parent Council Involvement	Attend monthly meetings and have an opportunity to take on an executive or committee role	First meeting October 3, 2018 at 6:30 pm	All welcome, please attend
	Grant Research & Submission	Find & coordinate grant submissions on behalf of school to generate learning materials or new equipment for students	During 2018-2019 School Year	cspc.stagatha@tcdsb.org
	PRO Grant Submission and Coordination	Coordinate planned events throughout year and submission of report and application in May 2019	During 2018-19 School Year	cspc.stagatha@tcdsb.org
	Pizza & Special Lunch Days	** URGENT- we need 2-3 parents to coordinate this year ** Assist with coordination of pizza/special lunch deliveries & reconciliation	Once-a-month over school year	cspc.stagatha@tcdsb.org

Student Name(s): _____ Grade(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Name (First & Last): _____

Phone Number & E-mail _____

**ST. AGATHA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
INFORMATION SHEET & PERMISSION FORM 2018-2019**

Please complete, and return on form per child as soon as possible.

Student's Name: _____ Teacher(s): _____ GRADE: _____

Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Father's Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact Person (Other than Parent)

Name: _____ (Relationship) _____

Please consider each of the following items, and sign where permission is given.

General Permission for Walking Excursions:

I give permission for my child to take part in supervised activities in the immediate vicinity of the school, such as public libraries, local high schools, recreation centres, the local church, walking tours of the neighbourhood and local stores during the 2018-2019 school year.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: _____

Lunch Permission (Check one)

My child will be staying for lunch at school My child will be going home for lunch

It is understood that children who remain at school for lunch may not leave the school grounds during the noon hours. Written permission from parents must be sent to school to excuse your child from eating lunch at school. All students are expected to abide by their parent's instructions. The school will contact parents when it is determined that a student has left the school without permission.

Parent's/Guardian Signature: _____

Media Consent/Student Information Release

I give consent to *St. Agatha Catholic School* and the TCDSB to use specific information which have been approved for the purpose of promoting the students and/or school. I give permission for my child to be photographed or filmed by local media, including television stations and newspapers, for the purposes of promoting my child's school or the Toronto Catholic District School Board as a whole.

Parent's/Guardian Signature: _____

Medical Alert

a) My child has a severe allergy (anaphylactic) to the following: _____

b) My child requires medication for the above allergy: _____

c) My child has the following medical condition: _____

Details of Treatment: _____

Parent's/Guardian Signature: _____ Initials of Principi/VP _____

Internet Usage

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Toronto Catholic District School Board Monthly Update September 2018

Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Elections

Be a voice for Catholic parents.

Support parent engagement in TCDSB Schools.

Election of two parent representatives in each of Wards 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 is scheduled for October 3, 2018.

Election of parent representatives for vacant seats in Wards 6 and 10 will be held October 2nd.

Election of Members at Large takes place Monday, October 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

For detailed information including election locations, see

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/ParentInvolvement/CPICElections/Pages/default.aspx>

CPIC is a provincially mandated and funded committee that supports student academic achievement through increased parent involvement. CPIC is a parent-led committee of volunteers who work locally and centrally to engage parents more fully in Catholic education. CPIC members provide information and advice on parent engagement to the school board, create initiatives that promote and facilitate parent engagement, and educate parents to support them in their children's learning at home and/or at school. Consider running, or nominating someone you think would be a strong voice for parents.

Nomination forms are available at all TCDSB school offices. Please forward completed nominations forms to the CEC: Manuela Sequeira, by September 22, 2018. Nomination forms are available at all TCDSB school offices.

Municipal Elections - NOTE BEFORE YOU VOTE

All are reminded before the next Municipal Election on **October 22, 2018**, including the election of Catholic school trustees, to check your school support on your latest property tax bill to ensure that you are registered as a Catholic school support. TCDSB's assessment department can assist with any questions:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/Assessment/Pages/default.aspx>

For more information about the election, see:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/trusteesoftheboard/pages/municipal-elections.aspx>

New Trustee Ward Boundaries for 2018 Municipal Election

The Toronto Catholic District School Board at a Special Board Meeting on August 8, 2018 approved the establishment of new Trustee Ward boundaries for the upcoming Municipal Elections on **October 22, 2018**. This was done to comply with new legislation passed by the Government of Ontario to reduce the number of Toronto City Council seats from 47 to 25 by aligning ward boundaries with current provincial and federal ridings which included a directive to redistribute TCDSB Trustee Ward boundaries. Existing Trustee Wards, including the local Catholic schools they represent, remain unchanged and the new boundaries DO NOT come into effect until December 1, 2018. For a map of the new boundaries visit:

https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TrusteesoftheBoard/Documents/180813_Board_Approved_Realignment_WithStreets.pdf

For more information about the new boundaries, including the Board report on the realignment of trustee wards to the new 25 City of Toronto ward boundaries, visit: <https://www.tcdsb.org/board/trusteesoftheboard/pages/new-trustee-ward-boundaries.aspx>

Important Reminder About Liability Insurance

All parents are reminded to consider checking the adequacy of their liability insurance through their homeowners'/tenants' insurance policy to cover claims arising out of injuries caused by their child at school. Student Accident Insurance application forms are forwarded to schools for distribution, and can also be purchased on-line at www.insuremykids.com. TCDSB's Risk Management continues to strongly promote this product as an inexpensive form of dental, disability and life insurance.

Register Now: School Cash Online

Parents/guardians are reminded to create their School Cash Online profile, in order to receive updates and information on upcoming school activities, including pizza lunches, civvies days, field trips, and much more. Paying through School Cash Online offers a safe and convenient payment option that eliminates the need to send cash or cheques to school. For more information and to create your account visit www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/schoolcashonline

Bus Transportation Information and Updates

Communications with parents regarding bus transportation for students is a priority. In order to stay informed, parents are encouraged to register on the Toronto Student Transportation Group (TSTG) portal today by visiting www.torontoschoolbus.org. This portal provides TCDSB parents with online access to their children's transportation information and up to the minute email notifications regarding school bus cancellations or delays. If you have any issues signing up on the portal, please contact support@torontoschoolbus.org and staff will assist you with the registration of your account.

September's Virtue is Hospitality

This is a perfect way to kick start our year focusing on "we Belong" as we open our classrooms, schools, offices and ourselves to making everyone feel welcome.

The virtue calendar for the month is attached for your reference, but please note that all resources for the month of September, and for the monthly virtues throughout the year can be found on our website at <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/VirtueoftheMonth/Pages/Default.aspx>

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year as we launch our new pastoral plan: *"Rooted in Christ: we Belong, we Believe, we Become"*

Inspired by St. Paul's letter to the Colossians: "Live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith..abounding in thanksgiving."

Learn more about our new pastoral plan:

- [Watch the Launch of the Pastoral Plan May 9, 2018](#)
- [Pastoral Plan Prayer](#)
- [We Belong to God—Pastoral Plan Song](#)
- [An Overview of the Plan](#)
- [Discussion Topics focusing on the first year of our plan--"we Belong"](#)
- [View the artwork for our new pastoral plan](#)
- [See photo highlights from the launch of our new Pastoral Plan](#)

During the first year of the plan, we focus in depth on the concept of belonging. Students and staff are invited to explore how "we Belong" to our school community (or place of work), to our family, to our parish and to our world. We are also

invited to consider what we can do to ensure that everyone around us feels a sense of belonging—our students, our parent communities, our staff, our pastors and other members of our local parishes.

Throughout the year, share your stories on Instagram and twitter using the hashtag **#TCDSBweBelong**

Open Houses

Students in grade 8 and their families are reminded that TCDSB secondary schools are hosting open houses this fall—a great way to meet staff and students, check out the school facilities and learn about the programs and services being offered. Complete schedule is online: <https://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/default.aspx>

Integrated International Language Program Surveys

In July 2018 the Board unanimously approved the preservation of the existing International Language Programs in 44 TCDSB schools. In accordance with the Board approved motion, all elementary schools will be surveyed to determine their interest in providing a new International Language program at their school in future years. Surveys will be conducted in all schools starting November 18 and completed by January 2019. More information to come.

Important Dates to Note for September:

- September is Ukrainian Heritage Month
<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/Ukrainian-Canadian-Heritage-Month/Pages/default.aspx>
- September 1—Day of Prayer for Care of God’s Creation
- September 8--International Literacy Day
- September 9--Grandparent’s Day
- September 20--WE Day Family September 20th
<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/news/2017-2018/pages/we-day-family.aspx>
- **Coming Soon:** Rosary Day and World Teachers Day to be celebrated on Thursday, October 4th.
- National Custodial Workers Day scheduled for October 2nd
More information to come in the October issue

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Student Transportation Update – Tuesday August 21st, 2018



Dear Parent/Guardian:

With less than 2 weeks to go before schools start we wanted to update families on the status of school bus transportation in Toronto. We have been receiving weekly reports throughout the summer from our school bus operators including:

Attridge Transportation
First student Canada
McCluskey Transportation
Sharp Bus Lines
Stock Transportation
Switzer-Carty Transportation
Wheelchair Accessible Transit

and last week they confirmed for us that they had sufficient drivers to cover all routes and sufficient spare drivers to ensure proper coverage of the school bus routes. They continue to recruit and train drivers knowing that some drivers will leave the industry shortly after school start-up.

Over the next week, school bus operators will have completed start-up meetings with their drivers and assigned all routes. We have requested that we receive a detailed report identifying the driver assigned to each route so that we can be sure that there are no routes without drivers. Should the need arise, we have confirmation from multiple school bus operators that they have the capacity to take on additional work. You can also expect to see many of the buses out on the roads over the next two weeks performing dry runs to ensure drivers are comfortable with their routes and that the scheduled times are accurate.

Thanks to all families who have signed up on the transportation portal as it will allow us to communicate and keep you updated on service related issues. If you haven't signed up yet, please visit <https://busplannerweb.torontoschoolbus.org/Subscriptions/Login.aspx>. The portal will continue to be your one stop shop for valuable information.

If you have any issues signing up on the portal, please contact us at support@torontoschoolbus.org and staff will assist you with the registration of your account.

We hope that everyone continues to enjoy the rest of summer and we look forward to a successful start to the 2018-19.

If you have any general transportation inquiries please contact us at transportation@torontoschoolbus.org

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