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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

October 2019

Principals' Message

We had a great first month of school at St. Andrew's! We celebrated a beautiful first mass of the school year and we invite you to attend our October School Mass, on Thurs. Oct. 17th, at 1pm. Our TCDSB Pastoral Plan this year is "We Believe". We are so fortunate to share our faith in God with one another. We also believe in each and every one of our students at St. Andrew Catholic School. We believe we have a dynamic school community with many talents to share with one another. We are very happy to announce that our Girls' Softball Team came in second place at their Divisional Tournament in September. We are very proud of our team members and coaches! We also believe in the importance of the school, home and church partnership. With this in mind, we invite you to attend our **Meet the Teacher/Curriculum Night, taking place on Wed. Oct. 2nd, starting at 5:15pm.** This year you will not only be able to meet your child's teacher and hear about what they are learning, but our Public Health Nurses will also be present. There will also be some gently used school uniforms available for you to take home, if you wish. Following the Curriculum Night, at 6:50pm in the school library, we will have our first Parent Council Meeting of the new school year, with our Annual General Meeting and elections. Please join us, in order to further strengthen the partnership between school and home.

On behalf of the staff at St. Andrew Catholic School, we wish all of our families a Blessed Thanksgiving! There will be **no school for students** on Thanksgiving, which is Monday **October 14th**. As well, **Friday, October 11th is a P.D. Day**, and so there will be no school for students.

Halloween Dance

The first dance of the school year is our Halloween Dance, taking place on Thurs. October 31st. For a small cost of \$3.00 the students can dance for a portion of the day to a live DJ. All funds are spent on activities around the school for the students.

Birthday, Halloween, and Holiday Treats

St. Andrew School is an allergen-aware school as we have students in our care who are severely allergic to peanuts and tree nuts. Parent(s) and guardian(s) are asked to only send non-food items for birthdays, if you would like to send something in to share with your child's classmates. Alternatives include stickers, pencils or erasers. Thank you for your co-operation.

School Safety

Many thanks to the visitors who have checked in at the main office upon their visit to the school. It is extremely important that we are able to identify all visitors to the school. This will eliminate trespassers, reduce the traffic in the corridors and prevent unnecessary interruptions in the classrooms. Hall passes are available in the main office for those who have permission to be in the building. Parents who would like to speak to their child's teacher are asked to make an appointment to do so. It is not possible to speak to a teacher once class is in session. Please write a note in your child's agenda to schedule an appointment or leave a message for your child's teacher with our office staff.

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Call 416-393 Your sch number here
or the TCDSB Admissions
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throughout the school year: Follow
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Parents in the School Yard

Kindergarten to 8 parents, please do not linger in the school yard with your children before school begins. Your child(ren) should be dropped off at the appropriate yard where supervision is provided by school staff. Neither the students nor the staff are able to determine who might be a stranger in the yard. This is a highly unsafe practice and must stop for the best interest of our students. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

Student Nutrition Program

The Student Nutrition Program began at St. Andrew School on Sept. 9th. Students receive a healthy morning snack, consisting of 2-3 of the food groups (e.g., fruit/vegetable, grain product, milk and alternative) for 5 days a week. **We are asking you to please contribute a suggested amount of \$5/ per month, for 1 child, or \$10 total for 2 or more children. If you would like to provide a donation for the year it is \$45 (October to June), for one child. For 2 or more children, we are asking for \$70 for the full year.** This is a universal program where snacks are made available to all students. Your contributions help sustain the program. Tax receipts are available for donations of \$20 or more. We are asking that monthly donations of \$5.00 be sent to the school on the **first Friday of each month, starting on Fri. Oct. 4th.** If you are paying for the full school year, we are asking that you submit the full amount by **Fri. Nov. 1st.** We thank you for supporting this important Student Nutrition Program.

Update on Negotiations with CUPE

The Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) is involved in province-wide, central collective bargaining with the Council of Trustee Associations and the provincial government. At the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB), CUPE represents caretaking, maintenance and warehouse staff, office clerical and technical staff, school based support staff including Child and Youth Workers and Education Assistants, and secondary school supervisors as well as International Language Instructors. The TCDSB has been advised that the members of the CUPE will begin job action as early as Monday, September 30, beginning with work-to-rule sanctions. The health and safety of students and staff is deeply important to us.

If there is any impact to regular school operations, parents will receive communications through the following methods:

- School Messenger (please ensure that your school has current and up to date telephone numbers and email addresses on file for your family)
- Twitter (follow @TCDSB)
- TCDSB website www.tcdsb.org
- 24-hour telephone information line 416-222-8282 ext. 2873

The Board wishes to assure parents and students that every effort will be made to ensure that all elementary and secondary schools, day care centres, before- and after-school programs and nutrition programs will continue to remain open as long as it is safe to do so. Parents are encouraged to contact their local school principal with any questions or issues of local concern.

Introducing the Secondary School Online Application for Registration (SEC SOAR.TCDSB.ORG)

We are announcing some exciting news regarding the Secondary School Application Process for enrolment in September 2020. On **Tuesday, October 15, 2019**, the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) will officially launch the new **Secondary School Online Application** website, **SEC SOAR.TCDSB.ORG**. All grade 8 students (and their parents) will be applying online this year.

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. We will be having a Parent Information Meeting later in October, to further explain the new Grade 8 application to High School Process. Parents of Grade 8 children are strongly encouraged to attend the Information Meeting. Please bring your grade 8 son or daughter with you. A separate letter will be sent home with our grade 8 students regarding the Parent Information Meeting for High School registration.

PARENT OPPORTUNITIES & INFORMATION

Safe Schools Advisory Committee: Parent Reps Needed

TCDSB Seeks 2 Parent Reps for Safe School Advisory Committee. **Application deadline October 18, 2019**. [Click here for an application and more information.](#)

TCDSB ENVIRONMENT STEERING COMMITTEE

TCDSB is seeking 2 community/parent representatives for its Environment Steering Committee.

All positions are voluntary and candidates must be parents who presently have children enrolled in TCDSB.

Applications are available

at: <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Documents/Parent%20Community%20Member%20Application%20Form-2016-R.pdf>

Completed applications can be sent via email to communityrep@tcdsb.org **Application deadline: OCTOBER 25, 2019**

Toronto CPIC Annual Report 2018-2019

[Click here to access the Toronto Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Annual Report for 2018-2019.](#)

CPIC Elections

October 28 and 29, 2019

Nomination forms accepted until October 18, 2019

<https://www.tcdsb.org/CPIC-Elections>

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES & INFORMATION

Elementary Athletics

October 17, 2019— Elementary Cross-Country Regionals (East and West)

October 22, 2019-- Elementary Cross-Country City Finals

High School Open Houses for Grade 8 Students and Their Families

High school information nights are being hosted at secondary schools around the City **until October 16th**. [Click here for a complete schedule of dates, times and locations.](#)

BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

OAPCE: Oct. 1

Student Achievement Committee: Oct. 2

Labour Relations Ad Hoc Committee: Oct. 3

By-Laws Ad Hoc Committee: Oct. 7

Governance and Policy Committee: Oct. 8

Corporate Services Committee: Oct. 10

SEAC: Oct. 16

Regular Board: Oct. 17

[Click here to review information and agendas.](#)

To view minutes or video broadcasts from previous meetings, select the **Past Meetings** tab on the page.

Policies Currently Under Review/Revision:

Update to Trustee Code of Conduct Policy T.04

Update to Awards Funds and Scholarships Policy FF.01

Update to Catholic School Parent Councils Policy S.10

EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **October is Hispanic Canadian Heritage Month**
- **October is also Principals' Month**
Recognition Days:
- **October 2, 2019 Custodial Workers' Appreciation Day**

- **October 5, 2019 World Teachers' Day**
- **October 25, 2019 Early Childhood Educators and Childcare Worker Appreciation Day**

Walk to School Day: October 2, 2019

Walk to School Day is an opportunity for all of us—students, staff, families—to focus on improved health and well-being, active lifestyles and building safer communities for everyone. Register your school for Walk to School Day and receive a Certificate of Participation from Canada Walks. [Click here for more information.](#)

Feast of Creation: An Ecumenical Gathering

Celebrate the Season of Creation with contemplative prayer and music. **Friday, October 4** from 6:30 – 8 p.m. at St. Basil's Church (50 St. Joseph Street, Toronto). [Click here for more information on this and other upcoming events at The Mary Ward Centre.](#)

World Mental Health Day

October 10, 2019

<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/world-mental-health-day.aspx>

System-Wide PA Day

Friday, October 11, 2019

Thanksgiving

Monday, October 14, 2019

International Day for Eradication of Poverty

October 17, 2019 <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/international-day-for-eradication-of-poverty.aspx>

Inaugural Rosary Bowl

The Toronto Rosary Bowl will take place **Saturday, October 19th** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Blessed Cardinal Newman (100 Brimley Road South, Scarborough). [Click here for more information about this family-friendly event.](#)

Federal Election

October 21, 2019

Mark Your Calendar!

Special Services Information Fair

November 9, 2019 (watch for details www.tcdsb.org)

TRUSTEES

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