



ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

September 2019

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to St. Andrew! We'd like to extend a very special warm welcome to the new students, families and staff joining our school community. We are looking forward to a wonderful school year, working with you in partnership, for the benefit of our students. A special welcome to our new staff members:

- Ms. S. Barcena, Kindergarten
- Ms. F. Labib, Grade 1
- Ms. E. Elia, Gr. 2
- Ms. A. Pereira, Gr. 4
- Mr. M. Sist, Gr. 5
- Ms. S. Martins, Gr. 6
- Ms. L. Babiarz, Special Education
- Ms. B. Muron, Vice-Principal

We would like to also welcome back:

- Ms. S. Razouk, Gr. 6

We would like to wish Ms. A. De Marco, Mr. S. Tekavcic, Ms. M. Dragicevic, Ms. A. Ferrara, Ms. R. Merogi, Ms. P. De Marco, Ms. C. Cichelli and Ms. R. Gallo all the best in their new schools, and/or in their new roles.

TCDSB School Year Calendar 2019-2020

Thanksgiving Day	October 14, 2019
Christmas Break	December 23, 2019–January 3, 2020
Family Day	February 17, 2020
Mid-Winter Break	March 16–20, 2020
Good Friday	April 10, 2020
Easter Monday	April 13, 2020
Victoria Day	May 18, 2020
Last day of classes for elementary students	June 25, 2020

Seven (7) Professional Activity (PA) Days for ELEMENTARY schools:

October 11, 2019, November 15, 2019, December 6, 2019, January 17, 2020, February 14, 2020, June 5, 2020, June 26, 2020

Vehicular Traffic and Student Safety



We are continuing to block the entrance from Kipling Ave. in front of the school with pylons from 8:30am to 9:15am and from 3pm to 4pm. This is to ensure the safety of our students. The entrance from Kipling Ave. into the church parking lot will still be open. A reminder to parents that it is absolutely essential that the utmost care is taken when driving in the

school and church parking lot, in front of the school, and on Farr Avenue by St. Andrew Daycare.

Please enter and exit the parking lot with the utmost care. We appreciate your support as we continue to put pedestrian safety, and especially the safety of our students, as our number one priority.

Ms. M. Rohel: Principal Ms. B. Muron: Vice-Principal		
PRINCIPAL and VICE-PRINCIPAL		
Flora Cifelli, 416-222-8282		
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CPIC (PARENT ENGAGEMENT - TCDSB)		
www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto		
OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS)		
744	9:00am-3:30pm	11:45-12:45
ENROLLMENT	HOURS OF OPERATION	LUNCH HOUR



NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: soar.tcdsb.org
Call 416-393-5295 or the TCDSB Admissions Department at 416-222-8282, ext. 5320.

For general information about the Toronto Catholic District School Board, visit www.tcdsb.org

Stay in touch with the latest news throughout the school year: Follow @TCDSB on Twitter or Toronto Catholic DSB on Instagram

Agendas

Agendas have been handed out to students in grades 1-8. The cost of the agenda is \$6.00. Each student is expected to purchase and use the agendas on a regular basis. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are asked to check their child's agenda on a consistent basis and review the School Handbook, located at the front of the Student Agendas. Please send \$6.00 with your child as soon as possible. Thank you to the Parent Involvement Funding Grant for helping to reduce the cost of the Student Agendas.

Class Reorganization

Class reorganization is never an easy situation but nonetheless is often necessary during the first four weeks of school. If your child's class will be affected, your support is appreciated. Please be advised that you will be notified in writing should any changes occur.

School Uniforms

Please be advised that all students are required to conform to the uniform policy at TCDSB. Students need to be dressed in navy bottoms and white or navy tops. This includes all sweaters, sweatshirts, or hoodies that are worn inside the school. No logos or stripes are permitted, unless it is a St. Andrew School logo. Also, no jeans or jeggings are permitted. Parents will be notified in the event that students do not conform to the dress code and will be asked to bring the appropriate attire to school. If a parent is unable to come, we will loan the student appropriate garments for the day.

Register Now: School Cash Online

Parents/guardians can now create their School Cash Online profile, in order to receive updates and information on upcoming school activities, including pizza lunches, 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/schoolcashionline We will also provide support for creating your School Cash Online profile during our St. Andrew Curriculum Evening, on Wed. Oct. 2nd, 2019. We will be continuing to accept cash, as an option, as well.

Indigo Adopt A School Program

We are thrilled to announce that our school has been adopted by the Sherway Gardens Indigo Store! From September 14th to October 6th, this store is going to fundraise on our behalf. We are also going to be asking supporters to purchase specific books for our library through a registry on indigo.ca. This is where you can help to make a difference. Share our social media posts that link to the Adopt a School registry for our school. For every unique title that is purchased from our registry, Indigo is going to donate a second copy of the same book to our school. You can follow our school's Twitter account for updates: @StAndrewTCDSB

Immunizations for the 2019-2020 School Year



If you received a letter from Toronto Public Health, please update your child's immunization record with them, by:

Phone: 416-392-1250

Fax: 416-338-2487

Or update the immunizations using the following website: www.toronto.ca/studentvaccines

Attendance and Punctuality

Attending school regularly and punctually is important not only for academic progress but also for the growth of personal responsibility and life skills. Regular and punctual attendance is important for these reasons:

- It is required under the Education Act of Ontario.
- It is important that children have a positive start to their day.
- It is important that children receive instruction they need to carry out learning tasks effectively.
- It is important in the development of responsibility which is necessary for keeping a job in their adult years.

Please ensure your child arrives on time for school. In the event that a student is late for any reason, **there is a late admission slip that will be issued to the students at the office for entry to the classroom.** We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Safe Arrival Policy

REPORTING YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods: 1. Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence. 2. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>. The first

time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence. 3. Call the toll-free number **1 (833) 251-3286** to report an absence using the automated phone system. It is important to note that when setting up your account, you must register using the email address and phone number associated with your child's student record.

Student Information

Please ensure that all information regarding your child/children is up-to-date at the school. We need to have the correct home telephone numbers, cell numbers, work numbers, home address, and emergency contact. If these numbers change over the course of the school year, please let the school know promptly, in writing.

Lunch Routines

Students who remain at school for lunch **MAY NOT LEAVE THE SCHOOL GROUNDS** anytime during the lunch hour without written parent permission. In order for a student to leave the school grounds for lunch, we require a parent/guardian to come to the school to sign out the student from the main school office, at 11:45am.

High School Open House Dates

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 at each location. The complete schedule will be available online: <https://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/default.aspx>

Anaphylaxis Alert

We would like to inform you that we are an **allergen aware school**. There are students in attendance who suffer from severe and life threatening allergies to certain foods such as **peanuts, nut products, sesame seeds, eggs, seafood and shell fish**. **Anaphylaxis is a severe and life threatening allergic reaction**. The best way to reduce the risk of accidental exposure to allergens is to avoid sending food products which may contain potential allergens in your child's snack or lunch, specifically peanuts and nuts. Also, kindly remind your child not to share food with others. Also, please do not send food treats for sharing on birthdays or special occasions. There are many alternatives such as stickers, pencils, or erasers. If you have any questions, please talk to your child's teacher.

First Holy Communion (gr. 2-8) and Confirmation (gr. 7)

Children (gr. 2-8) attending St. Andrew School, who will be preparing to receive their First Holy Communion must be registered at St. Andrew Church. The evening registration is taking place on **Wed. Sept. 11th and Thurs. Sept. 12th from 5pm to 7pm**, at the St. Andrew Parish Office. A photocopy of the child's Catholic Baptismal Certificate is required for registration. A letter with more information has been sent home with our grade 2 students. Parents of children in grade 3 to 8 who would like their child to receive their First Holy Communion this school year, are able to pick up a registration package from the St. Andrew School Office. If you have any further questions, please call the parish office. Students in grade 7 or grade 8 who would like to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation this year are asked to register at the St. Andrew Parish Office (with parent present). Evening registration at the church is also taking place **on Wed. Sept. 11th and Thurs. Sept. 12th from 5pm to 7pm**. More information has been sent home with all of our grade 7 students. Grade 8 students may request a registration package from our school office.

Pastoral Plan: This Year we Focus on “Rooted in Christ: we Believe”

In the second year of our pastoral plan, “Rooted in Christ, we Believe” our focus turns to what we believe in as a Catholic education community. Resources for the Year: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/rooted-in-christ/webelieve/Pages/weBelieveResources.aspx>

Consider who inspires you, who nurtures your faith, who acts as a mentor and role model of Catholic living.

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.

CSPC (Catholic School Parent Council) News

Parents are invited to consider becoming a member of the St. Andrew Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC). Your participation is encouraged as parent council members work with the school to provide opportunities for students to engage in exciting activities and

events in the school. The first CSPC meeting for this school year is scheduled to take place at the end of our Curriculum Evening, on Wed. October 2nd, 2019. All parents/guardians are invited to attend our first CSPC meeting of the year. Elections will also take place on this evening.

September Events and Meetings

- 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 8--Grandparent’s Day
- September 9—Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day <https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2019/pages/fasd.aspx>
- September 10--Governance and Policy Committee Meeting
- September 12—Corporate Services Committee Meeting
- September 14—Talking Faith—Hindu and Catholic Youth Event <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/News/2019-2020/Pages/HinduCatholic.aspx>
- September 16—Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
- September 18—Special Education Advisory Committee

General Information To Note:

- The School Year Calendar for 2019-2020 is posted on the board’s website at <https://www.tcdsb.org/calendar/pages/schoolyearcalendar.aspx>
- The remaining Board and Committee meetings for the 2019 calendar year are also on the website <https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2019/pages/board-meetings.aspx>
- For information specifically for students including scholarships, contests, job and community service opportunities, visit <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/default.aspx>
- For information specifically targeted for parents, including information about the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee and the Ontario Association for Parents in Catholic Education, see <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Pages/default.aspx>

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