



St. Anselm Catholic School

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Hours of Operation: 8:30 – 3:00
Lunch Hour: 11:15 – 12:15

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Year of the School!

September, 2017

St. Anselm C.S.



Principal's Message

Dear Parent(s) and or Legal Guardian(s),

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year!

It is with great pleasure that I join the St. Anselm Catholic School Community. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mr. Walo the best of luck in his new role as principal of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Elementary School and to thank him for his dedication and hard work over the years at St. Anselm Catholic School.

I am excited and eagerly looking forward to developing and building upon the existing partnerships between the school, parent community and parish. On behalf of the staff of St. Anselm Catholic School, I would like to welcome back all of those children returning to our school and extend a sincere welcome to those families new to our school community. We look forward to working with you and your children throughout this academic year with renewed enthusiasm and great expectations.

I would also like take this opportunity to recognize, thank and welcome to the new-year the hard-working and conscientious staff of St. Anselm Catholic School: teachers, designated early childhood educators, educational assistants, school secretary and clerk typist, school based support team staff, lunchtime supervisors and our school's custodial team. The staff is dedicated to helping your children—*our children*—achieve success as students, grow into their roles as members of Canadian society, and to helping them become full members of our Church.

Our main objective at St. Anselm Catholic School is to continue to foster a strong partnership of home, school and parish. This is extremely important since through strong partnerships, can we help our children grow spiritually, intellectually, emotionally and socially. Each of us has an important role and contribution to make to the community of St. Anselm Catholic School. With your support and cooperation, we can accomplish the learning goals set out for your children and endeavor to make St. Anselm Catholic School the best learning environment for your children.

I strongly encourage parents and legal guardians to contact the school whenever you feel it necessary to discuss matters concerning your child. We will always make ourselves available to meet with you to discuss your concerns.

We look forward to working with you this year!

Sincerely,

Donato Di Paolo
Principal

Important September Dates:

1. Grade 8 Teen Ranch Overnight Outdoor Ed. Excursion—**September 18th – 22nd**
2. Welcome Back family BBQ & Curriculum Night—**Tuesday September 26th**
 - BBQ: 5:00-7:00 p.m.
 - Curriculum Presentations in Classrooms: 7:00-7:15 & 7:20-7:35
3. Catholic School Parent Council Elections (CSPC)—**Wednesday September 27th 6:00 p.m.**
4. Terry Fox Run/Walk—**Thursday September 28th**
5. We Day at the Air Canada Centre
6. Sarah & Claire's Food Drive Begins on September 29th to October 5th

2017/2018 Academic Year Staff Roster

| STAFF MEMBER | ASSIGNMENT |
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| D. Di Paolo | PRINCIPAL |
| C. Bright | SECRETARY |
| M. Ritacca | HEAD CARETAKER |
| L. Nolis | AFTERNOON CARETAKER |
| L. Okolowsky, OCT H. Huggins, DECE | FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN |
| Debora Paiano, OCT Jackie Lavelle, DECE | FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN |
| K. Messner | 1 |
| W. D'Souza | 1 |
| S. McMahon | 2 |
| M. McLoughlin | 2/3 |
| A. Napoli | 3 |
| A. Wilson | 3/4 |
| K. Angelone | 4 |
| M. Whyte | 5 |
| J. Edwards | 5/6 |
| D. Nespolo | 6 |
| N. Korczynski | 7 |
| A. Di Trani | 7/8 |
| S. Gundy | 8 |
| K. Blanchet | SPECIAL ED (A.M. / P.M.) |
| M. Wilson | SPECIAL ED (P.M.) |
| J. Colquhoun | SPECIAL ED., MEDD |
| A. Era | FRENCH |
| T. Marrelli | FRENCH |
| N. Dalla Giustina | PHYSICAL ED (M., T., W. & F) |
| L. Lontos | VOCAL MUSIC (MONDAY & WEDNESDAY) |
| D. Figiel | INSTRUMENTAL & STRINGS PROGRAM (Thursday & Friday) |
| M. McCoy | School Based Support Team Member— PSYCHOLOGY ASSOCIATE |
| A. Kaszkowiak | School Based Support Team Member— SPEECH & LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST |
| J. Johnson | School Based Support Team Member— SOCIAL WORKER |

| STAFF MEMBER | ASSIGNMENT |
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| M. Grobin | School Based Support Team Member— ASSESSMENT & PROGRAMMING TEACHER |
| C. Mack | School Based Support Team Member— GUIDANCE |
| S. Trudell | LIBRARY TECH. (Wed. P.M. & Thur., Fri. All Day) |
| M. Galac | EDUCATION ASSISTANT |
| E. Kopanygin | EDUCATION ASSISTANT |
| Ms. Hyka | EDUCATION ASSISTANT |
| M. Pacheco | LUNCH SUPERVISOR #1 |
| R. Davis | LUNCH SUPERVISOR #2 |

Please join me in welcoming the following staff that are new to our school community:

- Ms. Colquhoun, Special Education teacher, MEDD program
- Ms. Di Trani, Grade 7/8 teacher
- Mrs. Edwards, Grade 5/6 teacher
- Ms. Hyka, EA
- Ms. L. Okolowsky, FDK Teacher

Welcome to the St. Anselm school community!

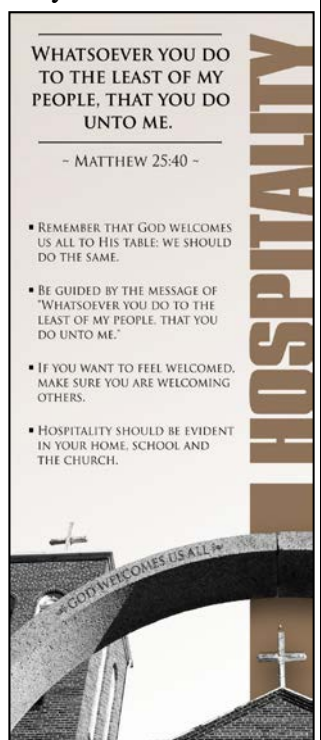
The Virtue for September: Hospitality

Monthly Virtues are celebrated by all the Board's schools, and each helps to support the pastoral plan's yearly theological theme.

As school community members are welcomed home to their schools in September, it seems fitting that the month's virtue is Hospitality.

Hospitality, however, is more than just a welcoming back.

Today hospitality is more important than ever, and it is only through a deep moral obligation to hospitality that we can transform our



communities. The quote for the month is from Matthew 25:40, "Whatsoever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto me". In our school community and in our homes we can discuss the concept of the least of our people or the stranger who needs our hospitality, be it the newly arrived to Canada or the new student at our school. Today hospitality is more important than ever, and it is only through a deep moral obligation to hospitality that we can transform our communities.

I hope the theme of hospitality remains with us throughout this school year.

Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations

To help students grow in faith and hope, they will continue to grow in familiarity with the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations. The Expectations are a common language around Faith that allows all of us to articulate our Catholicity.

The overall Expectation is to produce a graduate of the Toronto Catholic District School Board who is: *A discerning believer formed in the Catholic Faith community who celebrates the signs and sacred mystery of God's presence through word, sacrament, prayer, forgiveness, reflection and moral living.*

Written in language that elementary students can understand, the Ontario Graduate School Expectations are as follows:

1. *I AM A BELIEVER!* I believe that God is an awesome God...I believe and have faith in God...I believe that God is with us always.
2. *I HAVE A VOICE!* I speak, write and listen as Jesus would want me to...I care about others and speak up for them....I am honest.
3. *I HAVE IDEAS!* I have thoughts and opinions that matter...I make good choices...I have hope for the future...I solve problems with knowledge, understanding and prayer.
4. *I AM A LEARNER FOR LIFE!* I use my gifts and talents given to me by God...I always do my best. I build on my strengths and weaknesses...I set goals

5. *I AM A TEAM PLAYER!* I co-operate with others in all that I do...I value everyone's work...I respect and listen to others.
6. *I CARE!* I love God, myself and my family...I care about and respect my 'family' at school, at Church, in the community, and the world...I care about and respect God's creation and everything in it.
7. *I HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES!* I am a peace-maker...I am fair...I am forgiving.

Please discuss the Catholic Graduate Expectations with your children, model the expectations yourselves, and celebrate when your children put them into practice.

Catholic School Parent Council AGM & Elections

You will be kept informed of the dates of our regular Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC) meetings, and of all important issues, discussions and outcomes pertaining to and arising from those meetings. The CSPC is the means by which you, the Parent/Guardian, have an opportunity to voice your opinion and to influence school operations.

Elections for the executive of the St. Anselm Catholic School Parent Council will be held on the evening of Wednesday September 27th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The first Council meeting will follow immediately after the elections.

Nomination forms have been sent home with children. Please take time to complete a nomination form if you are interested in running for an elected position or if you would like to nominate another parent/guardian for an elected position. Please return the nomination forms to the school as soon as possible.

Curriculum Night & CSPC Sponsored Community BBQ



The St. Anselm Catholic School Parent Council has once again sponsored the annual community BBQ for all to enjoy. This year the BBQ will take place on Tuesday September 26th, from 5:00 to 7:00

p.m. Harvey's will once again be onsite to provide fresh hamburgers and hotdogs for all to enjoy. Thank you CSPC for your generosity and we hope to see you there!

Curriculum night follows the BBQ, with two sessions offered. The first session begins at just before 7:00 p.m. The second session will begin at 7:15 p.m.

Curriculum Highlights

Teachers will continue the practice of providing a monthly curriculum highlight attached to the monthly newsletter. The curriculum highlight will provide you with a snapshot of the learning for the month. The first curriculum highlight is coming in October's newsletter.

X-Country Running Club

The X-Country running team has already begun training. Thank you Mr. Nespolo and Mrs. Wilson for coordinating the cross-country program at St. Anselm. A special thanks is also extended to the many teachers and parents who also assist and help train our runners. The Divisional Meet is Thursday October 12th. We look forward to competing and trying our best. ***Go Warriors Go!***

Terry Fox Run/Walk

The Annual Terry Fox Run will take place on Thursday, September 28th. Pledge forms will be sent home. Parent volunteers are always welcome to assist with this event. Please contact the school if you can assist. Thank you Mrs. Whyte for coordinating this event!

Pizza Lunch

We are pleased to once again offer monthly pizza lunches to students. Students will be able to continue to purchase pizza from Pizza Nova on the last Friday of each month. Order forms will be sent out the week of Sept. 11th and due back by Sept. 22nd. A special thanks is extended to Mrs. Nousiainen and all other parent volunteers for making our pizza lunches possible.

Local Excursions

Throughout the school year, your child will be walking to various locations in the immediate neighborhood. Please sign and return the Permission form for Local/ Regular Use Sites and return it as soon as possible. Formal Consent forms will be used for excursions beyond the local community area.

The Lunch Mom Program

The Lunch Mom Program (TLM catering) is being offered again this fall. The program runs Monday-Friday. It has been very well received and will continue to serve hot lunches to students.

Each semester, The Lunch Mom provides a new menu and an order form to parents/guardians at the school. Parents and guardians have the option of choosing lunch any number of days/week they wish.

Order forms have been sent home. Please return the order form to the office if you are interested in participating.

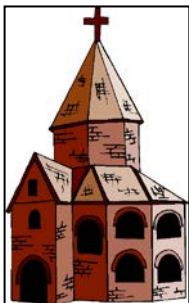
Unlike some hot lunch programs, all children have the SAME lunch every day. This helps ensure that each participating child has the opportunity to try new, healthy foods. FOODS ARE GROUPED LOOSELY BY DAY TO HELP WITH FUSSY EATERS - for example, Monday is Pasta Day, Tuesday is Vegetarian day, Wednesday is "Chicken Finger Lover Day", Thursday is "Beef Lover Day", Friday is "fun day". Gluten-free, vegetarian, dairy-free, and egg-free options are provided upon request. There is no pork used in the preparation of any foods served by TLM Catering.

The Lunch Mom currently provides approximately 3000 hot lunches per week at seven of Toronto's private and public schools.

For further information, please visit TLM's website www.thelunchmom.com

Our Parish: St Anselm Catholic Church

We look forward to continuing our strong working relationship with St. Anselm Catholic Church. We are excited to welcome the new pastor, Fr. Moore, to the school community. Fr. Moore will provide us with spiritual guidance and leadership, and will also be the celebrant of the school's monthly liturgies. Fr. Moore will facilitate the administration of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion to the grade two students, and the Sacrament of Confirmation to the grade seven students.



Liturgical Celebrations

There are three pillars supporting Catholic Education: the home, the church, and the school. The staff members of St. Anselm look forward to working with our parish to develop the spiritual awareness of our students. In addition to delivering the Religion and Family Life Programs, and in helping to prepare students to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation, our staff will also plan a series of monthly liturgical celebrations throughout the liturgical year. Parents are always welcome to participate and join in these celebrations. Please check our monthly newsletter for the time and dates of planned celebrations.

Appropriate Dress Code in Effect for all Grades (Full Day Kindergarten to Grade Eight)

The Toronto Catholic District School Board has implemented an appropriate dress code for all of its elementary schools.

The Appropriate Dress Code at St. Anselm Catholic School is essentially made up of navy blue and white clothing.

Elementary school dress code items may be purchased at most clothing retailers throughout the GTA. We also have items available for purchase through CO CAPTAIN clothing.com. An order

form is attached for your convenience and forms were also sent home for your consideration. During the BBQ and Curriculum Night, CO CAPTAIN clothing.com will have sizing samples on site for your convenience.

Dress Down Days

During the school year, there will be monthly themed dress down days. A Catholic Charity is chosen and the monies collected will be sent directly to the organization. The name of the Charity selected will be included in each month's Newsletter.

In September, we will be raising funds for **Free the Children**. Information on the organization can be found at www.freethechildren.com. We encourage students to make a minimum donation of **\$2.00**. The first Dress Down Day is Friday September 29th. *Thank you for your support!*

Regular School Hours

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| Entrance Bell | 8:30 a.m. |
| Morning Recess | 10:15 – 10:30 a.m. |
| Lunch | 11:15 – 11:35 a.m. |
| Lunch Recess | 11:35 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. |
| Afternoon Recess | 1:40 – 1:55 p.m. |
| Dismissal | 3:00 p.m. |

Visitors to Our School

Visitors, particularly parents/guardians are most welcome. In the interest of maintaining a secure, orderly school environment, please begin your visit to the school by informing the main office.

Early Dismissal From School And Late Arrival To School

If you are taking your child out of the school during the school day, please inform the Office. The Office will contact your child using the public address system and request him/her to come to the office. Please remember to sign your child in/out at the office, at all times.

If you are bringing your child to school after the start of the day, please report first to the Office.

We thank you for your consideration and understanding. By adhering to the aforementioned steps, you will help to keep our—*indeed your*—school safe.

Accident Insurance Forms

Accident insurance forms have been sent home. We strongly encourage you to enrol your child/children in the plan. **Insurance forms are to be sent directly to the company selling the policies.**

The Safe Arrival Programme

The *Safe Arrival Programme* is the means by which school staff, with your cooperation, is able to determine if a student who is absent from school is safe at home or elsewhere.

The **Programme** works as follows:

- Parents are to call the School before 8:30 a.m. or before 12:15 p.m. to inform the School that their child or children will be away.
- Please leave a message on the school voice mail for absences
- When a child is determined to be absent, and no information regarding the absence has been received from the child's parent/guardian, the Office will attempt to determine the whereabouts of the child by phoning the child's home and emergency contact phone number.

It is important, therefore, that you provide the school with up-to-date phone numbers (home, business, and cell) and emergency contact information for your child or children. Throughout the year, please inform the Office of any change in phone numbers and contact information.

School Yard Supervision

Before School: 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Lunch Period:

11:15 a.m. - 11:35 a.m. (In classrooms)

11:35 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. (In yard)

After School (Bus Students Only): 3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

There is no staff supervision in the school yard before 8:00 a.m. If parents send their children to school before staff are available for supervision, parents are responsible for their children's safety.

Agenda Books

Agenda books have been distributed to all primary and junior students. In an effort to ensure effective communication between the home and school, St. Anselm's is pleased to be able to continue to provide students in primary and junior grades with an Agenda. The Agenda outlines the expectations of the school along with helpful information for students and parents. Parents are encouraged to review the agenda with their child(ren) on a regular basis.

Anaphylactic Allergies

A conservative estimate is that one in fifty Canadians suffers from life-threatening allergies to certain foods, medications, or insect stings, or non-food materials such as latex. These allergies produce a hypersensitive (anaphylactic) tissue reaction to an allergen. For those susceptible, exposure to even a small amount of the substance to which they are allergic can cause an anaphylactic reaction. Peanuts and nut products are the most common foods that cause anaphylaxis, but shellfish, fish, eggs, sulphites, milk, sesame seeds, or any other food can cause this dangerous condition. Symptoms may include any of the following: flushing of face and body; swelling of eyes, face, lips, tongue and throat; hives; vomiting; diarrhea; wheezing; a feeling of foreboding, fear, and apprehension; weakness and dizziness; inability to breathe; loss of consciousness; and coma.

The recommended emergency treatment for a student suffering an anaphylactic reaction is the administration of epinephrine (adrenaline) by an auto-injector (e.g., EpiPen®). The person affected must then be rushed to hospital to receive further medical attention, even if the symptoms decrease with the administration of the epinephrine.

What we can all do to keep our children safe at

school:

Please do not send any peanut or peanut products (e.g., peanut butter) or other nut or nut products (e.g., hazel nut chocolate spreads) or non-food products (e.g., latex bandages, balloons etc.) to school. Be on guard and read the labels on food and non-food products to ensure that they do not contain allergens that may cause an anaphylactic reaction.

Responsibilities of Parents with Anaphylactic students:

Parents of those students known to suffer from anaphylactic reactions are to inform the school. As well, they are to ensure that their child carries an EpiPen® at all times, and that another EpiPen® is stored at a central location at school. The requirement for two EpiPens® to be at school with your child is provincial law and Board policy.

Responsibilities of School Staff to Anaphylactic students:

School staff shall keep one EpiPen® stored in a central location. As well, staff members will be aware of which students may suffer an anaphylactic reaction, and some have been in-serviced in the proper response to an anaphylactic emergency. The in-servicing of staff will be conducted twice per school year.

Administration of Medication



The School's staff is not permitted to administer any type of prescription medication unless written, signed authorization from the parent(s) and the prescribing physician is on file. The forms granting staff permission to dispense prescription medication must be updated on a regular basis and they are available from the school office.

Please contact the school to discuss any specific conditions or circumstances that your child may have which would require the administration of medication.



Birthdays

Classroom teachers recognize and acknowledge their students' birthdays. Parents and guardians are asked not to bring or send cakes and other food items to their child's classroom. This will allow the school to better control entry of foods that may pose a health issue to students. The office will also continue the tradition of recognizing students' birthdays by announcing the names of students on the P.A. Students will also receive a peanut-free chocolate treat from the office.

Student Placement for the 2017-2018 Academic Year

Careful consideration was given to the creation of this year's class lists during the end of the 2016/2017 academic year.

Classroom placement of children was based upon a wide variety of factors, and was made with the best interest of all children in mind. Each placement decision took into consideration the needs of one child, a classroom of children, and the school's staffing model.

It is the principal's responsibility to confirm the assignment of children into classrooms, keeping in mind the recommendations made by the school's staff.

A decision, therefore, to place a child in a classroom based exclusively on the wishes of parents or guardians is not always possible.

Many schools face the presence of combined grades classrooms. Combined grades are and will continue to be a reality at St. Anselm. The teachers and the principal consider many factors when placing children into straight or combined classes; for example, learning styles, social skills, academic needs, placement the previous year, etc.

The Ministry of Education too has come to acknowledge the increasing numbers of combined grade classrooms within Ontario's schools. It has published a brochure entitled *An Introduction to Combined Grades* to better inform parents of the pedagogical validity of combined grades. You may consult the brochure at the following web address:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/publications.html>

Tentative final student placement decisions are in flux until the first day of school in September; in fact, the composition of classrooms and teachers assigned to them are not officially finalized until the last day of September.

Throughout September, adjustments in class structure may have to be made because of enrollment numbers that change almost daily throughout the last week of August and the first few weeks in September. Indeed, in the past some classes underwent significant alterations on or about the 30th of September.

**JUNIOR AND SENIOR (FULL DAY)
KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT**

**Please call the school for additional information:
416-393-5243.**

**Frequently asked questions about
registration—Catholic Elementary Schools**

Who can register at TCDSB elementary school?

- Catholic children—custodial parent must have proof of Catholicity
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What documents do I need?



- Child’s birth certificate
- Catholic Baptismal certificate (or other proof of Catholicity)
- Record of immunization
- Proof of residency: such

as a lease, utility bill etc.

If your status is other than Canadian citizen, landed immigrant or permanent resident, please contact the TCDSB Admissions Department at 416-222-8282, extension 5320.

Can I send photocopies of the documents?

Please provide original documents where possible to the school at the time of registration. School will make copies and return the originals to parents.

How old does a child have to be for kindergarten?

- Children born in 2013 are eligible for junior kindergarten in September 2017.
- Children born in 2012 are eligible for senior kindergarten in September 2017.

Is JK mandatory?

Although it is not mandatory, if a parent chooses not to send their child to junior kindergarten, they will still be placed in senior kindergarten the following September in order to keep children with their same aged peers.

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Monthly Update from the Board September 2017

TCDSB Celebrates the Year of the School in 2017-2018

This begins the third year of our three year pastoral plan focusing on Together With One Voice: Family, Parish and School. Find resources and information here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Year%20of%20the%20School/Pages/default.aspx>

This is the year to share your ideas about your own school community.

Students are invited to put the Spotlight on Your School!

Through video or song, shine the light on the best that your school has to offer.

Who are the people who make it special? **Parent volunteers, Priests and others from the parish community, Dedicated teachers, Talented and enthusiastic students**

Consider creating a school song or a 30-second video clip that celebrates your school.

- **Celebrate Your Diversity, Celebrate Excellence, Celebrate Your Faith, Celebrate Your School**

Use the hashtag #ShineOnTCDSB!

Deadline for submissions is Friday, February 23, 2018.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Year%20of%20the%20School/Pages/Spotlight-on-Your-School.aspx>

TCDSB Sings O Canada

To celebrate the 150th anniversary of Confederation, TCDSB has created a CD compilation highlighting the unique voices of TCDSB students singing our national anthem. Professionally recorded and mastered, the TCDSB Sings O Canada CD will be made available to all TCDSB schools for our Year of the School, so that the 11 renditions of O Canada can be used during morning exercises.

TCDSB congratulates the winner of the CD cover design, Angela Lee from Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts, whose creation celebrates the cultural diversity of our school board as well as our country. There were so many great submissions that the Board decided to award a second place prize for the back cover of the CD. The winning artwork for the back cover was created by Ava Chau at Prince of Peace, whose creation captured elements of our Canadian identity, while also focusing on the arts and our cultural diversity.

The 10 schools featured on the CD are:

- Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School
- Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School
- Holy Spirit Catholic School
- St. Malachy Catholic School
- Father John Redmond Catholic Secondary School
- Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts
- St. Mary Catholic Academy
- St. Robert Catholic School
- St. Bernard catholic School
- St. Mother Teresa Catholic Academy

As well as a bonus track from Martina Ortiz Luis, a Cardinal Carter student who was chosen to sing the anthem at all home games for the Toronto Maple Leafs in the 2016-2017 season. Martina was also asked to be part of the panel to help select the ten winning entries.

All the submissions received for consideration can be found online here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/affiliates/Canada150/VideoContent/Pages/Cover-Design-Submissions.aspx>

and

<https://www.tcdsb.org/affiliates/Canada150/VideoContent/Pages/Music-Video-Submissions.aspx>

To hear the unique renditions of O Canada which will be featured on the CD, or to see photo highlights from the June 28th celebration, see: <https://www.tcdsb.org/affiliates/Canada150/VideoContent/Pages/TCDSB-Sings-O-Canada.aspx>

Improving Access to School Bus Information for Toronto Parents

Toronto Student Transportation Group and Boards Launch Transportation Portal

Toronto District School Board and Toronto Catholic District School Board parents are now able to access their children's transportation information online and receive email notifications if there are any school bus cancellations or delays, thanks to the launch of a new online transportation portal.

Parents with children who are transported by school buses can register for the new Transportation Portal by visiting www.torontoschoolbus.org.

Created by the Toronto Student Transportation Group, which oversees bussing for the TDSB and TCDSB, the portal is one of several improvements being made to ensure an effective start to the 2017-18 school year, including:

- **Installing GPS on all buses for the 2017-18 school year** so that the school boards and bus operators can track the status of buses and improve the timeliness and accuracy of communication to parents. Efforts are underway to integrate the GPS with the Transportation Portal so that in the future, parents will be able to track their children's buses in real time.
- **Increasing call centre staff during peak times**, such as the start of school, to improve responsiveness and communication to schools and parents.
- **Assigning all Principals from special needs congregated schools to a bus operating division** to provide advice and insight on school issues with transportation and assist with driver training.
- **Providing bus operators with routes earlier in the planning process** to give them enough time to match all routes with drivers.
- **Improving collaboration and communication with the bus operators on route planning**, which will continue throughout the summer to provide additional time to address any driver coverage issues that may arise.
- **Establishing the Transportation Working Group**, comprised of central and school-based staff from the TDSB and TCDSB, to assist in identifying bus service issues and develop solutions.

TCDSB Launches School Cash Online Phase 1

TCDSB will be implementing the School Cash Online Payment option in all schools, in 5 phases throughout the 2017/2018 school year. Phase 1 launches today, June 21st.

Phase 1 – June - September

- Phase 2 –end of September/beginning of October
- Phase 3 –November
- Phase 4 – December/January
- Phase 5 – January/February

School Cash Online is an application that offers parents the convenience of paying online for school activities. Details about the application’s benefits and registration process can be found at:
<http://www.kevsoftware.com/movies/ParentRegEnglish/>

For more information about School Cash Online in TCDSB schools, including complete lists of the schools included in each phase, visit: www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/schoolcashionline/

Mark Your Calendars! CPIC Elections Coming in October

CPIC Elections – Monday October 2, 2017

Odd Numbered Wards—2 Parent Member Representatives per Ward

| Odd Numbered Wards | School Locations |
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| 1 | St. Benedict 2202 Kipling Avenue (Kipling/North of Rexdale Boulevard) |
| 3 | St. Bernard 12 Duckworth St. (Lawrence/one block east of Jane) |
| 5 | Blessed Sacrament 24 Bedford Park Ave. (Yonge and Lawrence) |
| 7 | Holy Spirit 3530 Sheppard Ave. E. (Sheppard and Birchmount) |
| 9 | Our Lady of Lourdes 444 Sherbourne St. (Sherbourne/South of Wellesley) |
| 11 | Senator O’Connor 60 Rowena Drive (Victoria Park/south of Ellesmere) |

CPIC Elections – Wednesday October 4, 2017

Even Numbered Wards

Ward 6- 2 Parent Member Representative

Ward 10-1 Parent Member Representative

| Even Numbered Wards | School Locations |
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| 6 | St. Clare 124 Northcliffe Blvd. (Dufferin/St. Clair) |
| 10 | St. Mary (Secondary) 66 Dufferin Park Ave. (Dufferin/south of Bloor) |

High School Open House Dates

TCDSB Secondary schools welcome grade 8 students and their families to explore programs and services
<https://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/Default.aspx>

Night School Registration for Fall Session

For information about course options, locations and registration, see:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/ContinuingEducation/Pages/Default.aspx>

Registration has opened for night school credit courses, eClass and Saturday language programs.

Visual Arts Saturday School at Father John Redmond Catholic Secondary School and Regional Arts Centre

ALC101 – One full grade 9 Arts credit course

The delivery of this program will be taught at Father John Redmond C.S.S. and Regional Art Centre at 28 Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive in Etobicoke.

Saturdays 9am-12:30pm, from September 16th, to May 26th, excluding holidays. Classes will be 3.5 hours for a period of 28 weeks.

Applications are due **Thursday, September 14th, 2017.**

[Please click here for further details.](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

For students looking to complete their 40 hours of community service, please see:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/default.aspx> for all the latest information about organizations seeking volunteers. This includes the Toronto Santa Claus Parade and Vegfest.

Navy League Cadets—East Toronto

NLCC Ark Royal offers a free Navy Tradition Based Program, for Ages 9-12 at Monarch Park Collegiate (Danforth and Coxwell area). Navy League Cadets is committed to developing Canada's youth through moral guidance and encouragement, as well as mental and physical training designed to develop patriotism, good citizenship, a sense of duty, self-discipline, self-

respect and respect for others, in a modern nautical environment built on sound naval traditions. This

Programme has nothing to do with recruiting for the CF. The free program focuses on the development of self-esteem, self-worth, team work and citizenship.

Information: <http://www.arkroyal.ca> or (647) 783-0718

TCDSB Student Artists Featured at Nuit Blanche September 30-October 1, 2017

We Are / C'est Nous: TCDSB's celebration of Canada150 through art, culture, history and the environment using mixed media on tessellating tiles. The artworks created will display the talents of Artists from a diverse range of backgrounds. Each panel will demonstrate a unique view of what it means to be Canadian. The tiles are designed to connect to all other tiles, forming a veritable collaboration of themes. The themes reflect Arts and Culture, History and the Environment. This artist collective will embrace the beauty of Canada by providing images from over 200 communities in Toronto celebrating *Canada150*. On display at Monsignor Fraser College, Isabella Campus, 146 Isabella Street (rear of the building).

Passage Into Light: Monsignor Fraser College focuses on Canada as a home to many migrants who escaped economic strife, war, and persecution. Their interactive installation is a symbolic narrative on migration. It celebrates the history of Canadian compassion and acceptance. It also highlights how a tradition of acceptance can change lives and consequently transform a nation in profound ways.

Spectators will follow the journey of afflicted migrants. The migrants' future resides beyond this entrance. Those who enter will first be greeted by three illuminated dwellings entirely adorned with mirror mosaic. Initial contact is both jarring and captivating. A peek through the peep holes of each of these dwellings reveals a story of transformation.

The voyage culminates with a fourth dwelling. This red-and-white mosaic dwelling radiates a kaleidoscope of colours. The installation is indoors at 146 Isabella Street.

School Year Calendar

To review the school year calendar for 2017-2018, including PA days and exam dates, see <https://www.tcdsb.org/school/SchoolYearCalendar/Pages/Default.aspx>

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