



St. Anselm Catholic School

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Lunch Hour: 11:15 – 12:15

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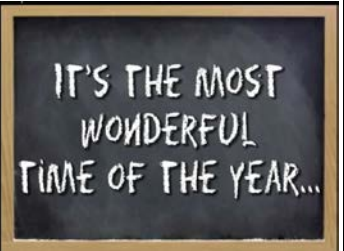
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Principal's Message

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year!

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce and welcome the many new staff members to the St. Anselm School Community; Ms. Hodgins—*M.E. Teacher*, Mr. Koen—*Special Education Teacher AM*, Ms. Favaro—*Special Education Teacher PM (LTO)*, Ms. Marcone—*Special Education Teacher (LTO)*, Mr. Carberry—*Education Assistant (LTO)*, Isla Henry—*D.E.C.E. (LTO)*, Ms. Szocinski—*Education Assistant* and Sarah Filippi—*Clerk Typist (Thursdays)*. Welcome to St. Anselm!

I am very excited to continue to work with the staff and parent community. We had a very productive school year and I am looking forward to building upon the successes of last year! We will continue to focus on building and strengthening our existing partnerships between the school, parent community and parish.

On behalf of the staff of St. Anselm, 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 the hard-working and conscientious staff of St. Anselm School: teachers, designated early childhood educators, educational assistants, school guidance counselor and social worker, Board support personnel, lunchtime supervisors, custodial staff, and Mrs. Bright our school secretary. 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, we can 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. 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.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you feel it necessary to discuss matters concerning your child.

Regards,
Donato Di Paolo,
Principal

Important September Dates:

- Catholic School Parent Council elections, 6:30 p.m., Wednesday September 26th Room #224
- First School Mass, Liturgy of the Word at St Anselm School Gym—Tuesday September 11th at 9:30 am. All are welcome!
- Grade 8 Teen Ranch Parent Info Night—Monday September 10th at 6:30 pm, Room #314
- Grade 8 Teen Ranch trip—Monday September 17th to Friday September 21st

2018/2019 Academic Year Staff Roster

STAFF MEMBER	ASSIGNMENT
D. Di Paolo	PRINCIPAL
C. Bright	SECRETARY
L. Nolis	HEAD CARETAKER
Open Position	AFTERNOON CARETAKER
L. Okolowsky, OCT H. Huggins, DECE Isla Henry, DECE (LTO)	FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN
Debora Paiano, OCT Jackie Lavelle, DECE	FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN
K. Messner	1
MS. Desloges	1/2
M. McLoughlin	2
A. Napoli	2/3
S. McMahan	3
M. Whyte	3/4
A. Wilson	4
J. Edwards	5
K. Angelone	5/6
D. Nespolo	6/7
A. Di Trani	7
N. Korczynski	7/8
S. Gundy	8
M. Marccone	SPECIAL ED (A.M. / P.M.)
L. Favaro	SPECIAL ED (P.M.)
J. Hodgins	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)
A. Corrigan	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
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. Moniz	EDUCATION ASSISTANT
Mr. Carberry	EDUCATION ASSISTANT
Ms. Szocinski	EDUCATION ASSISTANT
OPEN POSITION	LUNCH SUPERVISOR #1
R. Davis	LUNCH SUPERVISOR #2
A. Leung	LUNCH SUPERVISOR #3
S. De Brito	LUNCH SUPERVISOR #4

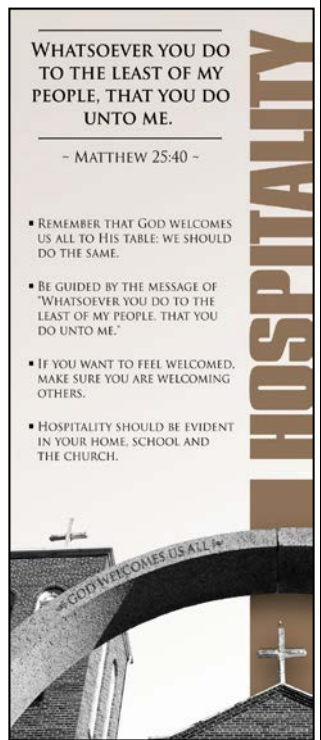
The Virtue for September: Hospitality

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 26th, 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

Curriculum Night is scheduled for Thursday October 4th. Please save the date. Specific info is forthcoming.

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

X-Country training begins the week of September 10th. Thank you Mr. Nespolo for once again coordinating the x-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.

We look forward to competing and giving our best at this year's meet. *Go Warriors Go!*

Terry Fox Run/Walk

The Annual Terry Fox Run will take place on Tuesday September 25th. 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. 10th and due back by Sept. 21st. 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 and Fr. Moore. Fr. Moore will continue to 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.

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.

The first Dress Down Day is Friday September 28th. ***Thank you for your support!***

Regular School Hours

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: 8:15 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 8:15 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 ordered and will arrive by the week of September 10th. 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, junior and intermediate 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 2018-2019 Academic Year

Careful consideration was given to the creation of this year's class lists during the end of the 2017/2018 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.

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 2014 are eligible for junior kindergarten in September 2018.
- Children born in 2013 are eligible for senior kindergarten in September 2018.

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.



Monthly Update from the Board 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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