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It is has been so fast that the days and weeks evolve into another calendar month. Already we are in the beginning of October. With this wonderful month of seasonal change and the recognition of cooler weather yet to come, we are also given the opportunity to reflect and to give thanks for all the goodness we share in this our wonderful community. Our Curriculum Night allowed parents the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and to become acquainted with the school subjects and plans for curricular design of the upcoming year. We welcome as well Ms. Ritaca to our Kindergarten room and Ms. Highland as our grade one teacher. As well, we welcome Ms. McIntosh into our French program for the afternoons. October also presents a day to give thanks to the Lord for all of the good things that have been bestowed upon us here in Canada, our wonderful school of St. Bartholomew and that of our children and families. St. Bartholomew was outfitted with a new furnace two years ago so even with the cooler weather we should be quite comfortable indoors. Our students continue to come into school and to exit the school through the east yard area and enter that area through the north and east gated walkways. While school safety and security is paramount we welcome our visitors to the school. Simply phone to make an appointment to meet with a teacher or drop in to see me. Our blessings continue through our active parent community that works so hard to support the school and all of our students. At this reflective time of the year and throughout, let us all continue to reinforce the values of friendship, responsibility and mutual respect. There is so much for us to be thankful of within St. Bartholomew Catholic School.

**'Let us pray
for one another,
that the Lord will carry us
and that we will learn
to carry one another.'**
Pope Benedict 2009





Monthly Update from the Board

October 2017

TCDSB Digital Store

As our students continue to learn and adapt to the rapid advances in technology, the Toronto Catholic District School Board is committed to providing to all of our students and their families, equal access to the latest technology. We recognize the importance of promoting the 21st Century Competencies by supporting digital literacy, creativity, innovation, collaboration, and the overall needs and aspirations of all students. To that end, the TCDSB continues to be on the leading edge of providing technical upgrades and assistance by providing you with a very special opportunity: the TCDSB Digital Store. Visit our website for more information: <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/DigitalStore/Pages/default.aspx>

TCDSB Adopts Parent Charter of Principles and Student Charter of Principles

In support of its vision of transforming the world through innovation, the Toronto Catholic District School Board is the first school board to formally adopt guiding sets of principles outlining parent and student rights. The TCDSB is taking the lead in establishing principles designed to address the basic rights elements of a sound Catholic education to which parents and students are entitled during a period when individual rights is a major topic of discussion in other sectors such as the airline travel industry.

The Student Charter of Principles starts: *“A student is entitled to reasonably participate in decisions that affect his/her education and school life. The Board will pursue equity and inclusion for all students of the Board. A student is entitled to a spiritually, socially, emotionally and physically safe, and positive, school environment, where he/she is respected and treated in a manner consistent with our Catholic values and teachings.”*

The Parent Charter of Principles begins with: *“The Board will provide a faith-based publicly funded school with education grounded in Catholic doctrine, traditions and teachings for your child. A parent or guardian will have opportunities for involvement in his/her child’s education. A parent or guardian is entitled to a reasonable expectation that his/her child is learning in a safe, healthy, caring and accessible school, free of discrimination, prejudice, bullying and harassment.”*

Both documents can be found on the TCDSB website at <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/CharterofPrinciples/Pages/default.aspx>

TCDSB Continues to Focus on Improving Results

The Toronto Catholic District School Board continues to report improvements over time. Literacy results are high, with improvements evident over the past five years. Mathematics results

are less impressive and mirror province-wide results in that area.

Reading and writing results are strong in both Grade 3 and Grade 6, either approaching or exceeding 80% at or above the Provincial Standard. In Primary and Junior, mathematics results remain low both in the Board and Province. At the secondary level, Grade 9 applied mathematics scores have shown improvement but continue to be low. In both Grade 9 academic mathematics and OSSLT, the Board mirrors the Province and maintains strong results with 80% or more meeting high standards. The EQAO results continue to point to mathematics and the applied level as an area of focus.

CSPC Workshop

All Catholic School Parent Council members are invited and encouraged to attend the fall workshop to be held **October 23rd, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.** at the Catholic Education Centre. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn about the roles and responsibilities of CSPCs, network with your colleagues from other schools and share best practices. Dinner will be provided.

OAPCE-Toronto Conference

All parents are welcome to attend the annual Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education Conference October 13th and 14th

Mental Wellness: Developing Your God-Given Potential

- Conference \$40, Gala Dinner \$40 (Networking Reception included)
- Keynote speaker: Sara Westbrook
- Conference, AGM, Mass and Commissioning Ceremony (Saturday 8-4) St. Joan of Arc CHS, 1 St. Joan of Arc Rd., Maple, ON L6A 1W9
- Networking Reception (Friday 6-10)

Gala Awards Dinner (Saturday 7-10) Hilton Garden Inn, 3201 Highway 7, Vaughan, ON L4K 5Z7

For more information and registration: www.oapce.org

TCDSB Launches Phase 2 School Cash Online

TCDSB will be implementing the School Cash Online Payment option in all schools, in 5 phases throughout the 2017/2018 school year. This new cashless system offers parents the convenience of paying online for school activities and purchases from the convenience of their home. This includes payments for school trips, activities, sports-related fees, and pizza lunches - just to name a few.

Phase 2 has launched and all parents in Phase 2 schools are encouraged to register now. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

The following is a list of the schools included in the Phase 2 launch:

Annunciation	Brebeuf
Canadian Martyrs	Cardinal Carter Academy
Chaminade College	Dante Alighieri
Holy Cross	Holy Name
Holy Rosary	James Cardinal McGuigan
Our Lady of Lourdes	Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Loretto Abbey	Madonna
Marshall McLuhan	Notre Dame
Senator O`Connor	St Anselm
St Brigid	St Catherine
St Denis	St Francis Assisi
St Isaac Jogues	St John (Toronto)
St John XXIII	St Joseph
St Joseph Morrow Park	St Mary
St Michael	St Michael Choir
St Paul	

TCDSB Celebrates Canada150 and Our Own History

150 Heritage Moments being shared via Twitter.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/affiliates/canada150/heritagemoments/pages/default.aspx>

Important Dates to Note

October is...

Autism Awareness Month <https://www.tcdsb.org/Pages/October-is-Autism-Awareness-Month.aspx>

Child Abuse Prevention Month

Dress Purple Day October 24th

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Pages/October-is-Child-Abuse-Prevention-Month.aspx>

Hispanic Canadian Heritage Month

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/HispanicCanadianHeritage/Pages/default.aspx>

Learning Disabilities Month <http://www.ldao.ca/about/october-is-learning-disabilities-awareness-month/>

Walk to School Month

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/environment/transport/Pages/Walk-to-School-Month-.aspx> Walk to School Day October 4th

October 2—National Custodial Workers Day <https://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2018/Pages/octoberappreciationmonth.aspx>

October 4—Walk to School Day: 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. For more information, visit

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/environment/transport/Pages/Walk-to-School-Month-.aspx>

October 5—World Teachers' Day

<https://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2018/Pages/octoberappreciationmonth.aspx>

October 6—Rosary Day

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Rosary-Day.aspx>

October 10—World Mental Health Day

<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/specialeducation/mhs/Pages/Default.aspx>

October 11—International Day of the Girl <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/international-day-of-the-girl.aspx>

October 16-20—School Bus Safety Week

October 16-20 Waste Reduction Week

Take the Waste-Free Lunch Challenge Oct. 20 as part of Food Waste Friday

Waste Reduction Week in Canada is a national environmental campaign that builds awareness around issues of resource efficiency, responsible consumption and production, and promotes actions that recover more discards for recycling and conserve natural resources. We encourage TCDSB elementary schools to take the Waste-Free Lunch Challenge during Waste Reduction Week to kick-off environmental awareness all year long. To register for The Waste Free Lunch Challenge or for more information, visit:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/environment/waste/Pages/Waste-Free-Lunch-Program.aspx>

October 17—International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

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

October 17—A Catholic Call To Serve (ACCTs) <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/catholic-call-to-serve.aspx>

October 25—Early Childhood Educator and Childcare Worker Appreciation Day

<https://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2018/Pages/octoberappreciationmonth.aspx>

Reminders

TCDSB Celebrates The Year of the School in 2017-2018

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

Find resources and information online, including the Spotlight on Your School initiative to celebrate the people who make our school communities welcoming and caring places of learning.

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

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>

CPIC Elections October 2 and 4

Monday, October 2--Odd Numbered Wards—2 Parent Member Representatives per Ward

Odd Numbered Wards	Voting Locations
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)

Wednesday October 4, 2017--Even Numbered Wards

Ward 6- 2 Parent Member Representative
Ward 10-1 Parent Member Representative

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

Election of 2 Parent Members At Large

Monday, October 16th, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

Location: Catholic Education Centre

(80 Sheppard Ave. E (Sheppard/Yonge))

Nomination forms available at all TCDSB school offices

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Guidance Corner

*My name is Miss Vincent and I am the school Guidance Teacher/ Counsellor. I will be visiting your child's school on a regular basis to deliver classroom programming on a wide-variety of topics, as well as providing counselling services on an individual or small group basis. I have been a teacher with the TCDSB for more than two decades, and in my role as Guidance Teacher/ Counsellor in Scarborough for the past 18 years. I will be providing regular updates to my **Guidance Corner** in the school newsletter each month. During the month of September I spent time getting acquainted with a number of classes in the school, helping students to know who I am and to understand how I can support them during the school year. I encourage students, teachers, administrators and parents to follow me on Twitter @ginvin25 to see all of my Guidance related tweets. Please do not hesitate to contact me through the school principal or secretary, if I can be of any assistance to you or your child during the school year.*

During the month of October, we focus on having an "attitude of gratitude". Help your child to see the blessings in everyday activities and to be grateful in the simple things. Consider keeping a family Gratitude Journal, or sharing things that you are grateful for in your life. A couple of good articles on the topic of Gratitude can be found here: <http://www.pbs.org/parents/special/article-ten-ways-raise-grateful-kid.html>

High school Open House nights begin this month for Grade 8 student and parents. The complete list can be found here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/school/openhouses/pages/default.aspx>. Grade 7 parents are also welcome to attend. Please make time to visit the high schools of interest to see what they have to offer.

Students in the junior and intermediate grades will be continuing the use of My Blueprint Educational Planner during the school year. Information can be found at: www.myblueprint.ca

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