



ST. BARTHOLOMEW CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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September 8th, 2015

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you had a restful time with your children over the summer months.

It is my great pleasure and honour to be appointed the new principal of St. Bartholomew Catholic School. I look forward to meeting you throughout the school year and, in particular, at the Curriculum Night on Thursday, September 24th, 2015 and at the Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC) AGM on Monday, September 28th, 2015.

I have met with the staff as a group and am impressed with their love of the school community and in particular their students. Together, we look forward to mentoring and nurturing your children academically, socially, and emotionally in their educational journey.

Catholic education addresses the search for meaning, the desire of the person to understand human life as an integration of body, mind, and spirit. Rooted in this vision, Catholic education fosters the search for meaning as a lifelong spiritual and academic quest. The expectations guiding the journey of learning for all students in Catholic schools, therefore, are described not only in terms of knowledge and skills, but necessarily in terms of value, attitudes and actions informed by reason and faith.
(Ontario Catholic School Catholic Expectations. 2nd Edition. P15, 2011)

Your child will receive a number of handouts today including the dates for our 2015-2016 school masses at St. Bartholomew's Church. If you schedule permits, you are more than welcome to join us.

Our school is an eco friendly school. If you are new to the community or your email has changed, please provide your current email address to the office in order to receive future correspondence by email.

Looking forward to working with you and your children in the coming year.

God Bless,
Anne Marum
Principal
St. Bartholomew Catholic School

School Hours 2015-2016

School Day Begins	9:00 am
AM Recess	10:42 – 10:57 am
Lunch Break	11:45 – 12:05 pm
Lunch Recess	12:05 – 12:45 pm
PM Recess	2:10 – 2:25 pm
School Day ends	3:30 pm

Staff for 2015-2016

JK/SK ELP	Mrs. Cuda(Teacher)	Mrs. Garcia(ECE)
Gr. 1/2	Ms. Dippolito	
Gr. 3/4	Ms. O'Reilly	
Gr. 5/6	Mr. Henn	
Gr. 7/8	Mr. Del Mundo	
French/Sp.Ed.	Mrs. Scali	
Phys.Ed.	Ms. Pinnock	
Vocal Music	Mr. Stock	
Instrumental	Ms. Kryszkowski	
E.A.	Mrs. Zambri	
E.A.	Mrs. Fung	
Caretaker	Mr. Mozo	
Assistant	Mr. Papadopoulos	
Principal	Mrs. Marum	
Secretary	Mrs. Fernandes	

Appropriate Dress Code

The Toronto Catholic District School Board implemented an Appropriate Dress Code in all of its elementary schools in September 2011.

The Appropriate Dress Code consists of any combination of white and navy blue garments (e.g. plain white top, navy blue bottom or, navy blue top and bottom, no denim). Parents are encouraged to speak to their local school principal for details.

The many advantages for parents, students and schools are outlined in a question and answer [pamphlet](https://www.tcdsb.org) for parents. (on the Board website) <https://www.tcdsb.org>

In keeping with our commitment to reflect Christian values in our day-to-day lives and to abide by the social teaching of the Church and our own Mission and Vision Statement, the Toronto Catholic

District School Board has implemented a Sweatshop-Free Purchasing Policy. This requires that all vendors provide assurances that the manufacturing of apparel is in keeping with the provisions and procurement requirements of the Suppliers Fair Labour Practices Agreement.

We would request that all of our school communities consider safe, just and healthy employment standards whenever and wherever they are shopping. For more information on this policy, please click on Sweatshop Free Purchasing Policy F.P.04. A list of school apparel suppliers who have declared compliance with our policy, is available on our board [website](#).

We encourage parents who have any questions about the Dress Code at their local school to speak to their school principal and/or their Chair of the Catholic School Parent Council.



St. Bartholomew – Elementary Catholic School

School Liturgies 2015-2016

Wednesday, September 23rd, 2015	1:15 p.m.
Thursday, October 15th, 2015	1:15 p.m.
Tuesday, November 17th, 2015	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, December 15th, 2015	1:15 p.m.
Wednesday, January 20th, 2016	9:30 a.m.
Thursday, February 18th, 2016	1:15 p.m.
Thursday, March 31st, 2016	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, April 19th, 2016	1:15 p.m.
Thursday, May 19th, 2016	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, June 21st, 2016	1:15 p.m.



TCDSB Monthly Update

September 2015

TCDSB School Year Calendar 2015-2016

Number of school days	194
Number of Professional Activity Days	6
Labour Day	September 7, 2015
First Instructional Day	September 8, 2015
Thanksgiving Day	October 12, 2015
Christmas Break	December 21, 2015–January 1, 2016
Start of 2nd semester for secondary schools	February 1, 2016
Family Day	February 15, 2016
Mid-Winter Break	March 14–18, 2016
Good Friday	March 25, 2016
Easter Monday	March 28, 2016
Victoria Day	May 23, 2016
Last day of classes for elementary students	June 29, 2016

Six (6) Professional Activity (PA) Days for ELEMENTARY schools:

September 3, 2015	Provincial Education Priorities/Faith Development
November 13, 2015	Parent-Teacher Conferences
January 22, 2016	Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting
February 12, 2016	Parent-Teacher Conferences
June 10, 2016	Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting
June 30, 2016	Provincial Education Priorities

Six (6) Professional Activity (PA) Days for SECONDARY schools:

September 3, 2015
November 13, 2015
February 12, 2016
June 28, 29, 30, 2016

Two PA days devoted to Provincial Education Priorities and supporting Article 19 of the Collective Agreement.

One PA day devoted to Faith Development.

The remaining three PA days will be devoted to system priorities, annual learning plans and local goals articulated in the School Learning Improvement Plans.

“Together with One Voice:

Harmonizing Our Faith Through Family, Parish and School”

TCDSB has launched a new three year pastoral plan for 2015 through to 2018. The specific emphasis for 2015-2016 is on the **Family**. Stay tuned for more detailed information. The poster developed for the new plan, as well as other resources can be found on the board’s website here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/TW1V>

Parent Engagement

TCDSB values the involvement of parents in the education of their children, and welcomes their participation in the lives of our school communities. Find out how you can get involved as a member of the **Toronto OAPCE** (Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education), or as a member of **Toronto CPIC** (Catholic Parent Involvement Committee). At the local level, check out the next meeting of your CSPC (Catholic School Parent Council).

Visit the Parent Portal to get all the latest news and information

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Pages/default.aspx>

CPIC elections

Interested in serving as a representative on CPIC? Elections are taking place October 5th and 7th. Get all the details here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/ParentInvolvement/CPICElections/Pages/Default.aspx>

Registration for TCDSB Night School, Saturday Language Programs and eClass Courses starts September 3rd

Classes will run from September 28th/29th through to January 19th/20th. Specific schedule of dates, time and locations are on the website. EClass Courses start on October 5th and run through until January 20th. Saturday International Languages classes will begin September 26th and continue through to June 4th. For more information about class locations, course options and details about registration, visit:

www.tcdsb.org/continuinged

Elementary International Languages Registration

Enrich your child’s education through International Languages Instruction, Cultural Awareness and a Celebration of Traditions. The program is offered for Elementary-aged children and runs from Saturday September 19, 2015 to Saturday June 11, 2015.

Register online or in-person on Saturday September 19, 2015 at all locations.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/IntLang>

Learn More about Full-time Programs for Gifted Students

Parents of elementary school children who are gifted, are invited to attend an open house to learn more about the full-time program options in Toronto Catholic District School Board schools **Wednesday, September 9, 2015, 7:00 p.m.** at the Catholic Education Centre, 80 Sheppard Ave. East (Second floor Boardroom). Free underground parking is available.

Secondary School Open Houses

All Toronto Catholic District School Board secondary schools welcome grade 8 students and their families to open houses each fall. This is an opportunity to meet some of the staff, check out school facilities and learn more about the various programs, services and activities as you prepare for Catholic secondary school education. Visit the board’s website at

<https://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/Default.aspx> to confirm the dates and times.

Conflict Resolution Resources

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is a Catholic educational community committed to the creation of an environment which fosters mutual respect for the dignity and well-being of all stakeholders including but not limited to students, staff, parents and volunteers and focuses on working towards mutually acceptable solutions that are consistent with relevant Board policies.

At the TCDSB, staff work diligently to ensure concerns are addressed in a respectful and professional manner that is consistent with the Education Act and all other relevant legislation and Board policies. Members of the TCDSB community are offered a variety of options to ensure their concerns are addressed appropriately. Visit the board website for details:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Pages/Conflict-Resolution-Resources.aspx>

In addition, as of September 1, 2015, the Government of Ontario has granted new powers to the Ontario Ombudsman's Office to investigate complaints against school boards. The Office of the Ontario Ombudsman now has the responsibility to oversee school boards and address matters brought to its attention by members of the general public. [Ombudsman Ontario Brochure](#)

For more information on the role of the Ontario Ombudsman go to: www.ombudsman.on.ca

Some Upcoming Events to Note

- **September 1, 2015**—[World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation](#)
(Declared by His Holiness Pope Francis)
- **September 2, 2015**--[14th Annual Catholic Education Mass](#) 6 p.m. at St. Paul's Basilica in Toronto
- **September 5, 2015**—[International Day of Charity](#)
- **September 21, 2015**—[International Day of Peace](#)
- **October 5, 2015**—World Teachers' Day
- **October 7, 2015**—[Rosary Day](#)
- **October 7, 2015**—[ACCTS—A Catholic Call To Serve](#)

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<https://www.tcdsb.org/ENews>

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