

## NUTRITION PROGRAM



**Friday June 14(last day)**

**Thank you Ms. Gatti & all parent volunteers for your tireless work and commitment!**

The last day of school will be on:

Thursday, June 27, 2019

School will resume on:

Tuesday, September 3, 2019



# St. Benedict Banner

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*"Happy are those who have not seen, yet still believe."* John 20:29

## Principal's Message

June already! How quickly the year has passed. Take the time with your child to reflect on their growth, learning and activities that have taken place this year. There have been many accomplishments to celebrate.

As you plan for the summer months ahead, be sure to schedule in regular time for reading, writing, math practice and general exploration and learning. A regular routine of reading, library visits, journal writing and math games is all it takes to encourage greater growth in your child as a learner. These activities will reinforce the growth seen this year. We have included some websites in this newsletter for you to visit with your child during the summer months.

As we prepare for the end of the school year, we are focussing on the virtue of Faithfulness. The quote from John's gospel reminds us, **"Happy are those who have not seen, yet still believe."** Let's encourage our students to continue to put their faith into action by bringing the Gospel spirit into every aspect of their lives. As we send our students off for a summer of fun and relaxation and our graduates off into the wider world, we look forward to seeing all our returning students on September 3.

We would like to thank, parents, volunteers, our CSPC, the St. Benedict church staff and especially Fr. Dave for the support they have extended towards our school during the past year. By all of us working together, great things will continue to happen for students in our school.

**Have a restful, rejuvenating and safe summer!**

M. Gagliardi (Principal)



Graduation is fast approaching and arrangements and preparations are underway for this year's Grade 8 Graduation celebration.

**Wednesday June 19**

- Mass at 9:30am at St. Benedict Church
- "Clap-Out" at 11:00 am at the school
- Graduation Ceremony and Awards celebration at Panemonte Banquet Hall at 5:30pm followed by dinner and dance for the graduates at 7:00pm

<b>First day of School</b>	September 3
<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	October 14
<b>Christmas Break</b>	Dec. 23 – Jan 3
<b>Family Day</b>	February 17
<b>March Break</b>	March 16-20
<b>Easter Break</b>	Good Friday – April 10 Easter Monday – April 13
<b>Victoria Day</b>	May 18
<b>Last Day of school</b>	June 27
<b>Prov. Education Priorities - Faith Development Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting</b>	October 11, December 6, June 26
<b>Parent-Teacher Conferences</b>	Jan 17, June 5 Nov. 15 Feb. 14

We would like to extend a warm Happy Father's Day to all fathers and caregivers on  
**Sunday, June 16, 2019.**  
*Fathers, enjoy your day!*

### School Agendas



Student agendas will be provided in the first week of September for all students in grades 1 to 8 at a price of **\$6.00.**

Please remind yourself **NOT** to purchase an agenda planner during the summer holidays. During the first few weeks of the school year, the staff will be helping students develop the “agenda habit” by teaching them how to enter assignments and track regular follow-up. School staff will be monitoring the use of agendas on a regular basis. We ask you to do the same at home.

The agendas represent a learning tool for students, a **communication tool** for parents, and a teaching tool for educators. We trust that through the cooperative efforts of all concerned, we may be able to help our students achieve their full potential.

The agenda also contains the **student/parent handbook, which details our school/Board policies and procedures.**



### Class Organization and Combined Grades

When the children come to school on Tuesday September 5, a class and grade organization will already be in place. The decision as to which class a child has been placed in is completed with discussion between teachers and administration. The various abilities, needs and strengths of the students are considered in their class placement. It is important to understand that due to a possible increase or decrease in enrollment, changes may need to be made in grade organization, teacher assignments and the placement of children, during the month of September. **All classes are tentative.**

### What is a Combined Classroom?

Combined classes group children from two consecutive grades in one classroom. Schools combine classes for a variety of reasons. This includes organizing classes to meet student learning needs and combining grades to balance class size. All classrooms include students with a range of skills and abilities. Combined classes are neither better nor worse than single-grade classes. They are simply one of the many ways schools meet students’

### CSPC Meeting

There will be **no** June meeting. The AGM will be held in September 2019. The exact date will be sent home in early September.

### Report Cards

Final report cards go home on **Tuesday June 25.** Please return page 4 of the report by **Wednesday, June 26.** Grade 8 report cards will be distributed on **June 19.**



### Lost and Found Articles



We would ask that you encourage your child to check the lost and found articles at school if they are missing articles of clothing. The pile of lost clothing in the lost and found has been increasing. If these articles are not claimed by the middle of June, they will be donated to charity. You may also call the school and make an appointment to come and check the lost and found articles. Let’s make this a priority soon!



For complete and updated information about events happening at St. Benedict Church please visit:  
<http://www.stbenedicts.ca>



academic and social development needs. If your child is affected by any reorganization, we will alert parent/guardian by letter in September.

### Are You Moving for September 2019?



If you know that you will be moving out of the area and that your child (ren) will not be attending St. Benedict C.S. in September 2019, please inform the school as soon as possible!

## TCDSB Pastoral Plan 2018-2021

### Rooted in Christ: we Belong, we Believe, we Become

We thank the many students, staff, parishes, employee federations, trustees and other Catholic leaders who participated in last month's launch of the Board's pastoral plan. It was truly wonderful to celebrate this launch as we focused on renewing the promise of Catholic education. We are honoured to launch the second year of the theme for our new 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*"), our new pastoral plan strengthens our sense of belonging to God and one another, expresses our belief in God through our vision and mission, and works to achieve our goals as people on a common mission. We look forward to focusing on "**we Believe**" for the 2019-2020 school year.

### 2019 Canada Day Celebrations

This year's Canada Day celebration will take place **June 27th, 2019**. Schools and offices across the Board are invited to participate in the Canada Day Spirit Day and show our Canadian pride by wearing the Canadian flag colours **red and white**. **This will be a Civvies Day**.

### June is...

- National Indigenous People's Month
- Italian Canadian Heritage Month
- Portuguese Canadian Heritage Month

- Filipino Canadian Heritage Month

### Reminders:

June 28<sup>th</sup> is a PA day for all elementary schools. **Last day of classes is June 27<sup>th</sup>**.

### Get all the latest news and information:

- Visit the Board's website [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org)
- Subscribe to ENews to receive updates via email every week
- Follow @TCDSB and @StBenedictTCDSB on twitter to get updates throughout the day



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Here are some math websites to check out to help you encourage your children to continue learning during the summer holidays.

<http://www.edugains.ca/newsite/math/clips.html>

<http://oame.on.ca/CLIPS/index.html?ePractice=T>

<http://oame.on.ca/mathies/>

<http://nlvm.usu.edu/en/nav/vlibrary.html>

<http://www.figurethis.org/index.html>

<http://cemc2.math.uwaterloo.ca/mathfrog/>

<http://nrich.maths.org/public/search.php?search=oware>

### Sunglasses – Not Just for Adults!



Parents are more aware about protecting their children's skin from the sun but may not be as attentive to their eyes.

Ultraviolet radiation (UVR) from the sun can also damage the eyes causing conditions such as cataracts (clouding of the lens of the eye). Research shows that these conditions are now occurring in younger people.

A wide brimmed hat can protect the eyes from some of the rays but rays can still be reflected from surfaces such as water, concrete or other shiny surfaces. Sunglasses that provide 100% UVA and UVB protection can prevent eye damage. Choose glasses that are sturdy, fit snugly to your child's face and provide 100% UVA and UVB protection. Children's sunglasses that meet these conditions are inexpensive and fun to wear!

For more information, call Toronto Health Connections at 416-338-7600 or visit [www.toronto.ca/health](http://www.toronto.ca/health) (see A-Z index, Sun Safety).

## Track and Field

Our track and field team has been training very hard this year. We are very proud to announce that the team placed **first at the divisional meet** qualifying 49 athletes to the regional meet on May 17, and finished in **second place at the regional meet**. 17 athletes advanced to the City Finals on May 23 at Varsity Stadium.

## Thank you! Thank you!

We raised an amazing **\$1500.00 for cancer** and **\$500.00 for the Angel Foundation** on April Civvies Days. Thank you St. Benedict community for your ongoing generosity!

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