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ST. BRENDAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

October 2019

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s).

The first month of school has launched the year of “We Believe” and it has been an exciting time! The St. Brendan community has been engaged in celebrating its first Bruin Pride, launched the school messenger for all office communication, new board newsletter branding and preparation for school learning initiatives in Mathematics, Me To We Day and Tweekie for Terry Fox Walk. The journey in partnership with all has begun as parents have participated in school activities together with teachers and students, be they tournaments, or trips. A special thanks to the generous contributions from the parent community for our food drive, and Sharelife civvies days. As a community we will continue build higher levels of engagement among our students. We look forward to seeing you at Curriculum Night/CSPC BBQ night on Thursday.

As we embark on a new academic year, we have an opportunity to look critically at what we do best and at what we need to improve in our quest for better academic results. This year we continue to take a board wide focus on math. As our Board, the Toronto Catholic District School Board, we continue to broaden the partnership of “We Belong” “We Believe” “We Become” in our faith. The Virtue for the month of October is **GRATITUDE**. Whenever we gather as community we offer thanks to our God. The blessings of food, friends, family and freedom are all gifts. As we unite in the celebration of Thanksgiving. We wish all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Your Partner in Education,
A. Martin
Principal

Virtue: Gratitude “It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.” — **Mother Teresa**

Welcome to October. Already everyone at St. Brendan C.S. is busy and fully engaged in school life. In September, we focused on the Virtue of Hospitality as we welcomed many new students (and some staff too,) to our school community. As we embrace October and the autumn season, we have much planned for the month ahead. This month we will focus on the Virtue of Gratitude. Students are asked to reflect on all that we have to be grateful for and how we can demonstrate our gratitude. We also ask that our families participate in our Food Drive for the food bank at St. Joseph's Church. We kindly ask that you donate non-perishable items.

Thanks in advance for your generosity.

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556
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8:30- 3:00
HOURS OF OPERATION ↗
11:15-12:15
LUNCH HOUR ↗

NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: soar.tcdsb.org
Call 416-393-5282 or the
TCDSB Admissions Department
at 416-222-8282, ext. 2383.

For general information about the Toronto Catholic District School Board, please visit the website at www.tcdsb.org

Stay in touch with the latest news throughout the school year:
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PHOTO DAY OCT 4
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THIS IS THE DAY,
THE LORD HAS MADE.
LET US REJOICE AND
BE GLAD.

~ PSALM 118:24 ~

- GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR EVERY DAY HE GIVES US.
- IF WE EXPECT OTHERS TO BE GRATEFUL FOR WHAT WE DO, WE SHOULD SHOW APPRECIATION TO OTHERS.
- EVERYTHING WE HAVE TO BE THANKFUL FOR COMES FROM GOD.
- REMEMBER THE STORY OF THE LEPERS WHO JESUS HEALED AND THINK OF HOW MANY RETURNED TO SHOW THEIR GRATITUDE.

GRATITUDE



Brendan CSPC (Catholic School Parent Council)

Hi St Brendan Parents & stakeholders!

It was my pleasure to see returning CSPC members & to meet so many new members of our St Brendan community at the CSPC Annual General Meeting, Election & our new parent welcome!

We have already established our new Executive for the upcoming year. I am blessed again this year with the privilege of Chairing such a committed and devoted group of community members.

Our newly elected Executive for St Brendan Catholic School Parent Council for 2019-2020 is as follows:

Chair Rose-Marie Fraser

Vice Chair Michael Haswell

Treasurer-Rib Wicik

Secretaries-Lisa Nugara, John Fong & Angela Selbie

Principal Arlene Martin

Vice Principal Anthony Naoum

Teacher Rep Ms. Morra-Boscia

School-Church Liaison-Ruth McDonnell

Voting Members

Non Voting Members

Currently, we are still looking for more volunteers for the curriculum night & CSPC bbq, which is next week Friday, October 3, 2019. We are hoping to see you all there. We also hope to do our annual Enhancement Fee Drive. Please look out for information on the Enhancement Fees and other relevant information on the St Brendan parent created & maintained website: www.stbrendancspc.com for more information on how you can show your support to the St Brendan CSPC and directly impact your child's enhanced learning! Lastly, Halloween Bingo is a major tradition at St Brendan! We hope to see you there too and are calling out for volunteers to help plan and support this event also!

These events don't happen without our incredible parent, student, staff & community volunteers. We are blessed to have many leaders from our parent community.

I want to recognize the hard work of our Fundraising and Fun Raising Committee: New volunteer: Brandon-Fun Raising Chair & returning Fundraising Chair's-Danielle & Daniela—affectionately known as "D squared." Please come out, lend a hand, enjoy an event and meet others in our Catholic Faith-based community!

To contact the CSPC or myself:

CSPC-TCDSB email is: cspc.stbrendan@tcdsb.org

CSPC telephone number is: 416-397-6800 ext 88359 both are checked every Tuesday / Wednesday

My text/telephone # for urgent matters is: 416-276-0239

If you are interested in volunteering for the CSPC BBQ after the Curriculum Night presentations,

Please email:

cspc.stbrendan@tcdsb.org



Online Payments for St. Brendan activities is here. Our school is over 92.5% usage

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Follow these instructions to create your School Cash Online account today.

Create Your Profile:

Go to <https://tcdsb.schoolcashionline.com>

Confirm Your Email:

Check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside. Sign in with your new login details.

Stay connected by selected "Yes" to email notifications about upcoming fees.

I want to receive email notifications for new fees assigned to my student and updates on school-related activities.

Birthday/Special Day A reminder that we celebrate with non-food items to keep our allergy free zone. Pencils, stickers, and rewards are best way to ensure everyone can enjoy the celebration.

Reading Program: Our reading program has traditionally been a strong intervention for our primary emergent readers. We are fortunate to have such a strong parent volunteer team leading this initiative. We thank our reading team members.

School Halls and Yard Safety: Thank you for your support and understanding in ensuring it is staff and students only in the school yard and halls prior to school and during school hours so we can ensure student safety. If you would like to speak with the teacher, the office staff will page them to come down to the office to meet you or you can set an appointment through the agenda or a phone call.

Civvies Day

There is a Civvies \$2 collection for Sharelife once a month you can pay for these ten civvies days online.

Students are expected to be in dress code on non-civvies days. Orange Shirt Day was a TCDSB initiative that symbolically recognizes the Every Child Matters movement which our school participated in.

Terry Fox

Funds raised 550 in online donations plus on kev and with twoonies exceeded our 1000 goal.

School Registrations

All Registrations require the following documents: Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate, Health Card, Immunization Record, Proof of Permanent Address, Telephone numbers for home, work and emergency contact.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

A sign-in procedure is in place for anyone visiting the school at any time. **All visitors must report to the office upon entering the school.**

ATTENDANCE

Student Absence/Lateness

ALL student attendance is reported **directly on the Safe Arrival system**. Absences greater than 10 days **MUST** be reported to the office so that appropriate documentation can be obtained.. **When a student arrives late for school, he or she must report to the office before going to class.**

Early Dismissal-Children who **must** leave before dismissal, must be signed out by parent/guardian at main office.

October is Autism Awareness Month

The following are some websites that may be of interest for those looking to learn more about autism:

Autism Ontario: www.autismontario.ca

Autism Canada: www.autismcanada.org

FOOD Drive

Canned food and non-perishable goods will be collected Oct.1-12th. Thanks to our Grade 3/4 staff and students who are organizing the school collection. Our school will deliver donations to St. Joseph Church

WASTE FREE LUNCHESES & Boomerang Lunches Daily

The Toronto Catholic District School Board remains committed to the environment and continues to look for innovative ways to promote conservation through energy and waste reduction initiatives.

We are asking parents to fully participate with your child in a "Waste Free Lunch Program" at our school. Be part of helping us become leaders in this environmental friendly waste reduction program. Lunches and snacks should be packed in a re-usable container not in disposable bags. Thank you for your ongoing support with our environmental efforts. All refuse will be sent home for disposal daily as we continue the initiative that was started last year.

SAFETY SMARTS

Please take time to review street safety rules with your child. This will reinforce the lessons taught at school during the school year. Parents are asked to review traffic safety rules with their child. Reminders not to walk on roadways/ in-between cars, follow sidewalks and use the crosswalk and corner intersections to cross. A discussion will help keep your child safe. Having a pre-determined plan for safe arrival and departure with your child will help them make good decisions.

October - Guidance Corner 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. I have included an article link called : Seven Ways to Foster Gratitude in

Kids https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/article/item/seven_ways_to_foster_gratitude_in_kids

Schools are busy integrating the second year of our new pastoral plan, We Believe, into the wonderful work already being done in their school communities. An overview of the 3-year plan can be found here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/rooted-in-christ/Pages/overview-of-the-plan.aspx>. Please help your child understand the importance that "Christ is present as the one around whom we build relationships; we celebrate our dignity, heal our differences, reconcile conflicts and move on to a better future for all." As a community of believers of Christ we need to be reminded that we are always here to continue to do God's work on earth and believe that we can be a positive support to all who need us.

High school Open House nights have already begun 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. High School application forms will be made available for Grade 8 students online on October 15, 2019.

Rim Shaloufe Sanchez
(pronounced Reem)
Elementary Guidance Counsellor/Teacher
Area 7 & 8

TECH TIME



<https://www.prodigygame.com/>



TVO -To log in and register, you'll need your Ontario Education Number (OEN), found at the top of your [report card near your name](#).

UTORING PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS

Homework Help

Homework Help is free, real-time math tutoring by certified Ontario teachers available to students in Grades 7 to 10 in all [English-language school boards](#). Students have access to live, interactive online math help funded by the Ministry of Education. This program is password protected and not available to the general public.

TVOKids Homework Zone

Homework Zone is a TVO segment that invites students to call or email questions to a teacher who provides answers, solutions and tips on air. The focus of the segment is on literacy, math and science, and an archive of the videos is made available online for students, parents and educators.

SOS Devoirs

SOS Devoirs, which is operated by TFO, provides tutoring services and educational resources such as dictionaries and multimedia learning objects to French-language students from Grades 1 to 12. Students can get help in any subject matter from specialized teachers via chat, by phone and by e-mail. SOS Devoirs' tutoring services are available Monday to Thursday, from 3:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., during the school year.

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