



ST. CECILIA

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

LEARNING WITH HEARTS, HANDS & MINDS – GROWING IN HARMONY

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

September, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

With summer vacation behind us, welcome back to a new and exciting academic year!

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I write to you as the principal of St. Cecilia Catholic School. Since joining the community last week, I have felt warmly welcomed by the many staff, students, and families that I have met. With a focus on ensuring an enriching and well-rounded experience for the children, I look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year, and with God's blessings, for years to come. Building positive relationships and fostering a culture of trust and respect will be the foundation in my serving and supporting all members of the St. Cecilia community.

This year marks the second year of the TCDSB's three-year pastoral plan: "**Rooted in Christ: we Belong, we Believe, we Become**". Inspired by St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians, our 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. In creating us, God expressed his love for us as members of his family and calls us to share that love with one another. This year, we acknowledge that our belonging to God also shapes our perspectives on what we do and how we do it.

Throughout the year, an opportunity for involvement I hope you will consider is with our Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC). This year, the CSPC Annual General Meeting and 2019-20 elections will be on Tuesday, September 24th, at 7:00pm. Information on the election, along with nomination forms for a position on the council were sent home last week. Please consider completing the nomination form and returning it to the school.

I look forward to seeing you around the school and in the community, and to a future together filled with success and happiness.

Regards,
Stephen Dempsey
Principal

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www.tcdsb.org/cpic

CPIC (PARENT ENGAGEMENT - TCDSB) ↻

www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto

OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS) ↻

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ENROLLMENT	HOURS OF OPERATION	LUNCH HOUR
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Vice Principal: A. Ruscitto-D'Addario
Secretary: Javiera Vidal
Clerk Typist: Emilia Ganhao
Custodian: Scott Conway
Pastor: Fr. Joseph Tran

NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: soar.tcdsb.org

Call 416-393-5218 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: Follow @TCDSB on Twitter.

Dress Code

A reminder to all families that the TCDSB has a common dress code for all students (K to Grade 8) in elementary schools.

Students must wear any combination of white and navy garments (i.e., plain white or navy blue top with a plain navy blue bottom; no denim or jeans).

Students are expected to wear this attire while at school, on excursions, participating in competitions and tournaments and attending mass at St. Cecilia's Church.

Curriculum Night & BBQ Thursday, September 26th



Picture Day:

Thursday, October 10th



SAFE DRIVING AND RESPECTFUL PARKING

A reminder to all that the parking lot is for staff only. Kindly park on the street when visiting the school or picking up/dropping off your child.

As well, in the interest of everyone's safety, please take extra care when driving in the school community. Respect posted speed limits, do not park "left wheels to curb," and avoid blocking neighbors' driveways, even if only for a brief moment. As well, remember the City of Toronto's Idling Control By-Law, which prohibits engine idling for longer than 60 seconds.

TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

RE: STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

THE TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD DOES NOT PROVIDE ACCIDENT INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR STUDENT INJURIES THAT OCCUR ON SCHOOL PREMISES OR DURING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES. ACCIDENTS CAN AND DO HAPPEN. SOME INJURIES INCUR MEDICAL, DENTAL OR OTHER EXPENSES THAT ARE NOT COVERED BY PROVINCIAL HEALTH CARE OR EMPLOYER GROUP PLANS. AS A PARENT OR GUARDIAN, YOU BECOME RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE EXPENSES.

We do make available the insuremykids® Protection Plan for students through Reliable Life Insurance Company. Participation in such a programme is voluntary and the costs are to be paid by the parent or guardian.

www.insuremykids.com

Any questions should be directed to Reliable Life Insurance Company toll free at: **1-800-463-KIDS (5437)**.



If you received a letter from Toronto Public Health, please update your child's immunization record with us using one of the following options:

Phone: 416-392-1250

[Online reporting](#)

Fax: 416-338-2487

If your child does not have all the needed vaccines, please contact your health care provider.

416.338.7600 | toronto.ca/health |  TORONTO Public Health

TCDSB Special Services Department
As part of the TCDSB's goal of *Fostering Student Achievement and Well Being*, the Special Services department endeavours to support our special education students in achieving academic excellence and meeting the Ontario Catholic Graduate School Expectations. The department offers a variety of supports to students based on their need(s) and/or identification(s). For further information please visit the Special Services department link:

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

Parents/caregivers are reminded that if they require support in accessing the Special Services department link, they may ask the school principal for assistance. Alternately, for families who require access to a computer to visit the site, they may access an electronic device through the Toronto Public Library.

Message from CSPC

Welcome back to all of our returning families and a special welcome to all of our JK students and new families. We hope you had a fun and restful summer and are looking forward to connecting with our St. Cecilia families and staff community as the school year starts. September is a very busy month and here are some of the highlights:

Activity Fee

You have received a notice home about our Activity Fee. It is the *only* monetary "ask" we make throughout the year and as our main fundraiser it supports everything we do: *augment student programming, beautify our grounds, support graduation and sacramental events, equip sports teams, support clubs and provide for staff classroom needs, and much, much more!* It is the same pricing as last year. It is easy and preferable to pay via "School Cash Online" - our online system. Please see further below for a quick recap:

Welcome Back BBQ - Curriculum Night

This yearly event is put on by CSPC and will be combined with Curriculum Night on *September 26th, 2019* - please save the date! A great opportunity to enjoy a free BBQ dinner and connect with St Cecilia families, meet our new principal and meet the teachers!

CSPC AGM and Election

The fall is the time we elect our parent and executive council at our Annual General Meeting (AGM). All are welcome to attend- it is a great way to stay in touch. The date is *September 24th, 2019 at 7pm in the gymnasium*

How to stay in Touch

There are a few ways to stay in touch:

'like' the St. Cecilia Facebook page www.facebook.com/stceciliaparents/
sign up for the blog <http://stceciliaparentcouncil.weebly.com/>

How to register to create your own School Cash Online Account:

1) Create your profile:

Go to <https://tcdsb.schoolcashionline.com> and click on "Get started today"

2) Confirm your email

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

3) Add a Student

Click "Add a student" and fill in the required fields

You may also pay via cash/cheque in the office.

Looking forward to a fabulous year!

CSPC Chair

Marisa Cuoco

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