

St. Charles Catholic School

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student name grade

Student Signature: _____ Room: _____

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Acknowledgement:

The above signatures acknowledge that you have read the St. Charles Catholic School Handbook and Code of Behaviour and that you have discussed it with your child. Thank you for your ongoing support and co-operation.

This Agenda is intended to provide parents and children with some general information about St. Charles Catholic School: school times, academic and non-academic activities and general information. Teachers, parents and students are encouraged to use the Agenda to assist students in planning, organizing their work, and reminding them of upcoming assignments/tests and school events.

School Year Calendar: 2016 - 2017

September 5, 2016	Labour Day
September 6, 2016	First Day of School
October 7, 2016	P.A. Day (Provincial Education Priorities)
October 10, 2016	Thanksgiving Day
November 18, 2016	P.A. Day (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
December 2, 2016	P.A. Day (Provincial Education Priorities/Faith Day)
Dec. 26 to Jan. 6	Christmas Holidays
January 9, 2017	School resumes in 2017
January 20, 2017	P.A. Day (Assessment, Evaluation, and Reporting)
February 17, 2017	P.A. Day (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
February 20, 2017	Family Day (no school)
March 13 – 17, 2017	March Break
April 14, 2017	Good Friday (no school)
April 17, 2017	Easter Monday (no school)
May 22, 2017	Victoria Day (no school)
June 9, 2017	P.A. Day (Assessment, Evaluation, and Reporting)
June 29, 2017	Last day of school (regular dismissal time)
June 30, 2017	P.A. Day (Provincial Education Priorities)

School Day

8:30 a.m. SHARP	Entry Bell
8:35 a.m.	Morning Exercises
10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Morning Recess
11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:40 p.m. - 1:55p.m.	Afternoon Recess
3:30 p.m.	Dismissal

School Information

Principal:	Mrs. R. Bottero
Secretary:	Mrs. D. Iaccino
Head Custodian:	Mr. T. Medeiros
CSPC Chair:	Mr. Frank Franco
Superintendent:	Mr. Michael Caccamo
Trustee:	Ms. M. Rizzo
Parish:	St. Charles Borromeo Parish
Pastor:	Fr. James Reposky

ALLERGY ALERT

St. Charles Catholic School is an allergen aware school. There are a number of children who suffer from severe and life-threatening allergies to certain foods, such as peanuts and nut products. We, at St. Charles, would appreciate the co-operation of the whole school community for their vigilance in NOT sending any lunches or snacks that contain peanuts or nuts, which could potentially harm a child. For the celebration of your child's birthday, please do not send food items. Please choose alternative ways to celebrate student birthdays—stickers, pencils, etc.

Mission Statement for the Catholic Schools of Ontario

Catholic Education is a process through which the community of the school, the home, and the Church develops within its students a way of living which embodies the life of Jesus Christ.

The Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations represent an integral component of TCDSB students' character formation. We envision students who are:

- **discerning believers formed in the Catholic faith community** who celebrate the signs and sacred mysteries of God's presence through word, sacrament, prayer, forgiveness, reflection and moral living;
- **effective communicators** who speak, write, and listen honestly and sensitively, responding critically in light of gospel values;
- **reflective, creative and holistic thinkers** who solve problems and make responsible decisions with an informed moral conscience for the common good;
- **self-directed, responsible, life-long learners** who develop and demonstrate their God-given potential;
- **collaborative contributors** who find meaning, dignity and vocation in work which respects the rights of all and contributes to the common good;
- **caring family members** who attend to family, school, parish, and the wider community;
- **responsible citizens** who give witness to Catholic social teaching by promoting peace, justice and the sacredness of human life.

Toronto Catholic District School Board

OUR MISSION

In a school community formed by Catholic beliefs and traditions, our Mission is to educate students to their full potential by providing:

- leadership in the shared responsibility for education that exists among schools, students, families, parishes, and community;
- a safe and welcoming learning environment that is an example of Christian community;
- role models of Gospel Values and Catholic doctrines, teachings and beliefs;
- guidance in what students need to learn;
- instruction in the learning process itself;
- religious, academic and technological instruction;
- integration of Catholic, Christian beliefs into the total learning experience and;
- feedback on student proficiency and performance.

VISION OF OUR STUDENTS

We envision students who:

- are formed in the Catholic faith;
- apply Christian values to life's opportunities, challenges and choices;
- pursue academic excellence;
- demonstrate relevant knowledge and ability;
- display self-esteem and self-respect;
- strive to be the best they can be;
- demonstrate skills for developing and maintaining personal and family wellness and;
- demonstrate global perspective and community responsibility

VISION OF THE TCDSB

To provide students with the qualities they will require, our Vision of the TCDSB is a school system that:

- is Christ-centered;
- is student focused;
- demonstrates a clear sense of purpose;
- is visibly and demonstrably Catholic;
- reflects empowering leadership;
- applies collaborative decision-making;
- is innovative and provides role models among all stakeholders.

Catholic School Graduate Expectations

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- **A reflective, creative and holistic thinker** who solves problems and makes responsible decisions with an informed moral conscience for the common good.
- **A self-directed, responsible, life-long learner** who develops and demonstrates his/her God-given potential.
- **A collaborative contributor** who finds meaning, dignity and vocation in work which respects the rights of all and contributes to the common good.
- **A caring family member** who attends to family, school, parish, and the wider community.
- **A responsible citizen** who gives witness to Catholic social teaching by promoting peace, justice and the sacredness of human life.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Attendance/Punctuality

The Education Act states that students must attend school regularly and punctually. Parents are to notify the school (416-393-5250) of a child's absence. You may call anytime and leave a message on the answering machine. This system requires full parental co-operation to be effective. The student should also bring a written note to the school (to be given to the classroom teacher) on the day of his/her return. **Extended absences, for reasons other than health, require notification to the principal. An Extended Absence Form must be completed by parents.**

The school bell rings at 8:30 a.m. sharp and student entry begins immediately. Students are expected to arrive prior to the singing of the national anthem and opening prayers. Students who arrive late for school must check in at the main office to ensure safe arrival and to help in keeping accurate attendance profiles. Students will be given a late slip and tracking of tardiness is maintained by the teacher and office. Consequences for tardiness could include making up the missed time. Persistent tardiness will result in a report being made to the Social Worker.

Children's Safety

Parents are strongly encouraged to park their vehicles away from entry to the parking lots, and bus loading zones at the back of the school. Wherever possible, please park on the same side of the street to avoid having your child cross the road. *Please choose safety over convenience.* During the school day, all outside doors are locked. Parents, wishing to access the school, must ring the front door buzzer and identify themselves to the school secretary.

All visitors to the school must report to the office immediately upon entry in order to sign in and receive a visitor pass.

Student supervision by staff begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends with dismissal or the departure of the last bus. Please do not drop off your children before 8:00 a.m. or expect extended supervision of your child beyond the school day.

Safe Arrival Program

If a child does not arrive at school and a phone call or note has not been received, there will be an attempt to alert parents by telephone at home, or at their place of employment. The purpose of this program is to provide a service for parents to check that their children have arrived at school safely. The program recognizes that the ultimate responsibility for children rests with the parents.

"Early" Student Dismissal

No student is permitted to leave the school grounds without permission. Students leaving the school during the day for ANY reason are required to have permission, in the form of a note, from their parents/guardian. This note should be given to the teacher. Parents/Guardians picking up their child(ren) must meet them at the office and sign them out in our Sign Out Book.

Also, students eating lunch at school are not permitted to leave the school grounds during lunch hour, unless they have been signed out and are accompanied by a parent/guardian. This too must be done at the office.

Visitors to the School

Parents/guardians are always welcome at St. Charles. You have a standing invitation to join us at our assemblies, liturgies and performances. **However, since your identity may not be known to the school staff, we ask that you comply with the Board's policy and begin your visit by reporting to the Main Office to sign in.** In this way, we can avoid the presence of unauthorized persons in the building and maintain the safety and security of our students, staff, and building.

All TCDSB schools operate on a "closed campus" policy; thus only students, staff, and parents/or guardians are permitted in the building. All others are TRESPASSING. Students from other schools, friends of our students, and older siblings are not authorized to visit.

Visitors to the school are required to:

- Clearly state the purpose of their visit
- Sign the log book
- Abide by the principal's or designate's decision regarding the interference of classroom routines.

Address And Other Information Changes

Please inform the school Main Office immediately of any changes in address, telephone number, cell numbers, or other important information so that we may have our records updated in case an emergency should arise. Please be certain that the school has the **name and accurate telephone number of a relative or neighbour who may be contacted in the event that the parent/guardian cannot be contacted in an emergency.**

Medical Information Update

Please inform the Main Office or Administration of any change or newly diagnosed **medical condition which may adversely affect the health or well-being of your son/daughter, if not attended to properly.** This would include any conditions such as asthma, severe allergies, anaphylactic responses, prescription medications that must be taken during the school day etc. **All such information is held in strictest confidence and is shared only with those who have a "need to know".**

Dispensing of Medication

Please do not send medicine with your child.

If your child requires medication, we request that this be administered at home. We do not have the staff or facilities to safely keep and administer medication. In extreme situations, where medication must be administered during the course of the day, we request WRITTEN PERMISSION. By law, school staff is not allowed to dispense prescription or non-prescription medication without parental and medical authorization. "Request and Consent to Medication" forms are available from the office. Children should not keep any medication on their person or in their bags, unless the appropriate consent forms have been completed.

Good Health

This is very important for good learning to take place. Students who are sick should receive proper medical attention and should not attend school until they are feeling better. If your child becomes ill during the day, he/she should let his/her teacher know and the office will monitor him/her, then contact the parent/caregiver if deemed necessary. It is essential for all parents/guardians to **keep the office informed of any changes in home, work and emergency telephone numbers.** These telephone numbers are very important, if your child requires immediate medical attention.

Health Services

Public Health Nurses are no longer assigned to the school by the Public Health Unit. If you have any health concerns regarding your child, please call your family physician or call your local Health Unit.

Pediculosis (Head Lice)

Pediculosis is considered to be a nuisance, and not a health concern.

If you find your child has head lice, notify our school secretary who will call for a technician who will check all students in the class and any sibling within the school. If your child is found to have head lice, you will be asked to administer treatment and report to the office, upon your child's return to school. Your child will be readmitted to school when it is determined that there are no eggs or nits.

If your child has head lice, please keep your child at home. Purchase an appropriate shampoo for head lice and follow the instructions for the medicated shampoo. Please inform the school of this problem.

Lost and Found

All students' belongings should be marked with the student's name. If articles are found, students will bring them to the Lost and Found box, which is situated in the stairwell by the south doors. All unclaimed articles will be donated to a charity at the end of each term and/or school year.

Fire Drills

By law, three separate fire drills are held in both the Fall and Spring seasons. Students are reminded of their exit door as well as alternate exit. For very definite safety reasons, during a Fire Drill all pupils are to leave the school in single file as quickly and as quietly as possible. Once outside, pupils are to line up in single file in the designated areas so that attendance may be taken. Students will not proceed back into the school until it is deemed safe to do so. Upon sounding of the fire alarm, all staff members will ensure that all students evacuate the building. Any visitors or parents in the school must also evacuate the building. Teachers of special needs students, if applicable, will provide assistance to ensure they are safely outside.

Lockdown Drills

Twice a year (Fall and Spring), the school also holds Lockdown Drills. Students and staff practice internal or external lockdown procedures.

Assembly

When the outside bell rings, all students are to proceed immediately to their designated entrance. Students must line up to enter and exit the building in a safe and reasonably quiet manner. Students will enter and exit the building by way of their designated entrance. Pupils are not to be in the building before 8:30 a.m. or after 3:30 p.m. unless they are participating in an activity, under the direction of a teacher or other adult.

Athletic and Extra-Curricular Activities

Participation in extra-curricular activities is a privilege afforded to pupils to fulfill their responsibilities as students and members of the St. Charles community. This privilege will be removed for poor academic performance and/or conduct which reflects a lack of courtesy and respect.

School Materials

Please impress upon your children the importance of caring for all texts, library books and other supplies. In that regard, we urge our students to take excellent care of the materials they receive from public funds. ***Any child who loses or defaces a book will be asked to contribute to cover the cost for the replacement of the item.***

All students are requested to cover their textbooks at the beginning of the school year with some form of paper or plastic covering in order to keep them in good shape. A school bag of some type, or even a plastic bag would be most useful in protecting your child's materials.

Educational Excursions

The expectations of the Ontario Curriculum can be complemented by educational trips. In order for your child to leave the school property, a school consent form must be completed. Costs for the trips are kept to a minimum and no child will be denied the excursion for financial reasons. Please contact the teacher or the office, if finances are not available for trips.

Catholic School Parent Council

St. Charles has in place a very active Catholic School Parent Council (C.S.P.C.) whose members are parents elected in September each year for the academic year.

All parents/guardians are encouraged to attend the monthly Council (CSPC) meetings and to become actively involved in our school community in any way they can. Parents discuss school issues, provide advice on policy and procedures and support school programs and special events.

Meetings are usually held on the **third Monday of each month**. Please consult the monthly newsletters for confirmation. All are welcome to attend. **Meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the library.**

Assessment and Evaluation

The evaluation of students is an ongoing process. Teachers gather data in a variety of ways including: daily observations, student conferences, project work, homework assignments, presentations, class participation, quizzes, and tests. As of September 2010, there have been some changes to the manner in which reporting is done. Official provincial report cards will be issued in early February and in June. Parents are asked to return the third page of the report card after each reporting period. You will also be getting an Interim Report Card in the Fall.

The Staff of St. Charles Catholic School attempts to keep parents informed of their children's achievements as well as areas of concern. Only by working together (home and school) can we provide the best support system for all students in our care. This can be achieved through report cards, personal interviews, telephone calls, newsletters, portfolios, and other forms of home and school communications.

Homework Guidelines

Homework can be beneficial to children in many ways. It can help to: develop a sense of responsibility; teach organizational skills; provide practice of skills taught in class; complete work begun in class; and provide a basic communication link between home and school.

Types of Homework

- Work assignments to be completed for the next day
- Completion of classroom assignments
- Project work
- Studying for quizzes and/or tests
- Review of daily lessons
- Independent reading.

Parent Involvement

Parents can support their child with their homework by: checking the Agenda; providing a suitable environment and setting times conducive to homework completion; providing assistance when necessary; monitoring completion; signing forms and tests as required by the teacher. Parents can also assist by ensuring their children go to bed early.

Ontario Student Record (O.S.R.)

Each student who attends school in the province of Ontario has an established Ontario Student Record. This is a continuing record, which shall be used for the improvement of instruction for your child by school personnel. If, at any time, you wish to review the contents of this record, please contact the principal and make an appointment to do so.

Child Abuse

All professionals have a legislated duty to report reasonable grounds to suspect that a child is or may be suffering from physical harm, sexual or emotional abuse, or neglect. This law promotes the best interests, protection, and well being of children.

Communication

Parental concerns and student issues should be resolved with the child's teacher first. If a resolution is not achieved, then the Principal shall be informed and every attempt will be made to resolve the parental concerns.

You are always invited to share questions, comments and concerns with your child's teacher. Please contact the teacher to set up a convenient meeting time.

SAFE SCHOOLS Practices and Procedures

Code of Conduct

At St. Charles, we strive to teach our students to be the best they can be. We encourage the development of positive self-esteem and self-respect as students apply Christian values to life's opportunities, challenges and choices. We model an individual and community responsibility for our actions. The cornerstone upon which all of our standards of discipline is founded can be summarized in a single word: **respect**. Every person involved in the St. Charles School community is expected to treat another person with dignity, courtesy, and respect at all times.

RESPECT

Respect is the founding principle upon which all relationships are based at St. Charles Catholic School.

RESPECT FOR SELF AND OTHERS

"The Board and its staff are fully committed to the elimination of discrimination and will actively foster the creation of an environment which respects the racial, ethnic, and cultural plurality of our system and our society at large." (T.C.D.S.B. Race and Ethnic Relations and Multiculturalism Policy, Regulation #1)

Gospel values promote that students who respect self and other reflects a positive self-image. **Jesus' Golden Rule** (love one another as I have loved you; treat others as you would like to be treated) is an excellent motto for St. Charles students to uphold. The respectful individual is mindful and supportive of the rights of **all** others in the community.

RESPECT FOR TEACHING AND NON-TEACHING STAFF It is understood that all staff members are responsible for all pupils at all times. Every member of staff has complete authority in the school and at school events. Consequently, students are to regard **all staff** members as they would their regular classroom teacher.

RESPECT FOR PROPERTY

School property such as textbooks, library materials, physical education equipment, team uniforms, computers, software, furniture, etc., are for everyone's use. Pupils who are responsible for vandalism, damaged or lost articles are expected to pay replacement costs. Defacing school property including textbooks and desks will not be tolerated. Gang logos and Tags (Graffiti) on notebooks are totally inappropriate and will be consequenced.

School Code of Conduct

EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT BEHAVIOUR

- Students are expected to demonstrate appropriate behaviour, courtesy and respect for themselves, respect co-operation/tolerance for others and respect for property;
- Parents are partners in the education of their children. It is expected that they will assist the school by reinforcing the application of these rules; Teachers have the authority and responsibility to maintain discipline and order in the classrooms, halls, excursions and extra-curricular activities, as well as in and around school property.
- The Principal has the responsibility for maintaining the positive atmosphere which is necessary for learning.

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL'S CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- All students are required to conduct themselves in a Christian manner;
- Attend school regularly and punctually;
- Leave the school grounds promptly at dismissal time;
- Display a positive attitude towards school and learning;
- Display good manners;
- Use a respectful tone of voice to address peers and adults;
- Be prepared for each class with required materials and homework assignments completed;
- Follow school and class rules and routines diligently;
- Use appropriate language at all times;
- Respect community members and their property;
- Respect the rights of others;
- Devote time for test preparation;
- Solve problems through conflict resolution and mediation;
- Accept and develop self-discipline;
- Accept discipline imposed by one acting in the role of a firm, judicious parent;
- Dress Code in effect – length of skirts/tops;
- On Civvies Day, dress so that personal appearances should be neat and clean;
- Gum chewing **IN** the school building is not allowed;
- May help a teacher **ONLY** with teacher supervision;
- Students will be required to make up missed work.

SAFETY AND PLAYGROUND RULES

The safety of our students is our first priority. Any dangerous activities are not permitted. The definition of dangerous is at the discretion of school personnel following Catholic values

and T.C.D.S.B. safety policy. In order to provide a safe and happy environment for all students, students are to adhere to all the following rules at all times:

- a) Leave **all valuables** such as **cards, collections, toys, or electronic devices*** including, but not limited to, iPods, cell phones, cameras, handheld electronic games, etc., at home. The school is not responsible for lost items. Expensive jewelry is discouraged. **Again, we strongly advise that these electronic devices be kept at home. If they are brought to school, they are to be powered OFF and stored out of view.** (*TCDSB Interim Code of Conduct Policy, June 2007*);
- b) Acceptable items include any nerf-like ball, soft basketball, tennis ball, skipping ropes;
- c) No climbing fences or trees;
- d) Sports equipment such as hard balls, rackets, bats, hockey sticks, scooters, or skateboards are not allowed in the school yard;
- e) No throwing of objects;
- f) No interference with neighbours' property; stay out of restricted area;
- g) **"Hands off" Policy: Students are to keep hands and feet to themselves at all times;**
- h) Playing games that endanger the safety of the students such as "crack the whip", "checking", Red "A", lifting and dropping other students, tackle football or any other rough play will not be allowed;
- i) Students are not allowed in the parking lot unsupervised. If a ball goes into the parking lot, students are not allowed to retrieve it without teacher supervision;
- j) Students are not allowed to leave school property at any time, unless appropriate permission is obtained;
- k) Students are to line up promptly at the warning bell;
- l) Once dismissed for recess, students require a "Washroom Pass" to come into the school for a drink or use of the washroom. At dismissal students should leave school grounds, and go home;
- m) Inappropriate language (i.e. swearing) or comments are not acceptable;
- n) Bus students must always board the buses unless written permission is received by the office in advance.

LUNCH TIME RULES

In order to ensure that lunch time is a calm, healthy and enjoyable experience for all students and staff, the following Lunch Time rules will be in place:

- No snacks to be taken outside at lunch recess;
- Each student is to remain at his/her assigned seat to eat his/her lunch;
- No one is to be out of his/her seat without permission. Permission is given by the teacher/supervisor to get a drink or use the washroom; Garbage is thrown out and lunch bags are placed in bins as you line up for dismissal;
- Quiet conversation is allowed; good manners are expected;
- No food throwing (whatsoever) is allowed;
- No one should touch anyone else's food; No one should share food due to allergies;
- Students are expected to provide their own cutlery;
- We are a nut allergen school. No peanut butter, Nutella or any other nut product should be brought to school;
- Any uneaten food should go home in the student's lunch bag;

- Students walk quietly, in single file, and in an orderly fashion as they exit by their assigned door;
- Students must not remain or go back to class once dismissed.

LUNCH TIME EXPECTATIONS

1. Students are expected to clean up after themselves. About five minutes before dismissal, students will prepare to throw out their garbage and tidy up the area on and around the desk.
2. When the teacher/supervisor/class monitor sees that everything is clean, and orderly and that students are sitting quietly, students will be asked to line up for exit.
3. Dismissal is by the teacher/supervisor, **only** at the sound of the bell. The teacher/supervisor will dismiss by class [only if students are ready], in the already established and designated order.
4. The staff on duty will monitor the exit of students. The teacher/supervisor must make sure that classrooms are empty before leaving the area of supervision.
5. Please be reminded that ALL lunch drop offs should be at the office, NOT in classrooms
6. Parents **must** go to office to drop off lunches. Parents should **NOT** meet child en route to the school.

INDOOR RECESS RULES

- All students must remain SEATED;
- All students must be involved in a quiet activity;
- All students may have their snack. All garbage should be placed in the receptacle;
- All students must respect the property of others. They must not touch anyone else's belongings;
- Indoor voices only are allowed;
- Computer access is permissible only with teacher permission and supervision.

PROVINCIAL SAFE SCHOOL ACT

The Provincial Safe School Act was amended by the Ontario Government on February 1, 2008. Bill 212, an Act to amend the Education Act in respect of behaviour, discipline and safety is now in effect. The TCDSB has revised its Safe School Policy to incorporate Ministry regulations while continuing to emphasize the importance of prevention. For more details, please go to the TCDSB website:

www.tcdsb.org/policyregister/CodeofConduct.htm. The procedures described in the Safe School document will be used with discretion with younger students.

Actions occurring outside of school hours, but impacting upon school routines or activities may be dealt with at the school. Support services, Police, or C.C.A.S. intervention will be initiated, if needed.

Inappropriate behaviours will not be tolerated. In keeping with the new legislation, **A Progressive Discipline Continuum** has been developed with staff, parent, and student input. All verbal and physical assaults, as well as other inappropriate behaviours will be documented on a School Incident Form and housed in the main office.

Suspension

Under subsection 306 (1) of the Education Act, a principal shall consider whether to suspend a pupil if he or she believes that the pupil has engaged in any of the following activities while at school, at a

school-related activity or in other circumstances where engaging in the activity will have an impact on the school climate:

- Uttering a threat to inflict serious bodily harm on someone.
- Possessing alcohol or illegal drugs (weapon or items that can be used as a weapon eg. pointy rulers).
- Being under the influence of alcohol and drugs
- Swearing at a teacher or an adult in a position of authority.
- Committing an act of vandalism that causes damage to school property at the pupil's school or to property located on the premises of the pupil's school.
- Bullying.
- Any other activity that is an activity for which a principal may suspend a pupil under the policy of the board.

Under clause 306 (1) 7 of the *Education Act*, a pupil may be suspended if he or she engages in an activity that is an activity for which a principal may suspend a pupil under a policy of the board.

Under Board policy, activities for which a principal may suspend a pupil include:

1. Persistent opposition to authority;
2. Habitual neglect of duty;
3. Wilful destruction of school property; vandalism causing damage to school or Board property or property located on school or Board premises;
4. Use of profane or improper language;
5. Use of tobacco;
6. Theft;
7. Aid/incite harmful behaviour;
8. Physical assault;
9. Being under the influence of illegal drugs/alcohol;
10. Sexual harassment;
11. Racial harassment;
12. Fighting;
13. Possession or misuse of any harmful substances;
14. Hate-motivated violence;
15. Extortion;
16. Distribution of hate material;
17. Inappropriate use of electronic communications/media;
18. Other – defined as any conduct injurious to the moral tone of the school or to the physical or mental well-being of others.

Suspension Pending Possible Expulsion

Under subsection 310 (1) of the *Education Act*, a principal shall suspend a pupil if he or she believes that the pupil has engaged in any of the following activities while at school, at a school-related activity or in other circumstances where engaging in the activity will have an impact on the school climate:

1. Possessing a weapon, including possessing a firearm.
2. Using a weapon to cause or to threaten bodily harm to another person.
3. Committing physical assault on another person that causes bodily harm requiring treatment by a doctor
4. Committing a sexual assault.
5. Trafficking in weapons or in illegal drugs.
6. Committing robbery.
7. Giving alcohol to a minor.
8. Any other activity that, under a policy of a board, is an activity for which a principal must suspend a pupil and, therefore in accordance with this Part, conduct an

investigation to determine whether to recommend to the Board that the pupil be expelled.

TCDSB Acceptable Use Policy

The **TCDSB Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)** governs the proper use of technology and electronic communication in our schools. The purpose of the AUP is to provide students and their parents with a set of guidelines that outline the safe and appropriate use of technology within our Catholic School system. Included in the AUP is a definition of **electronic communication** to include social media, website publishing, and the use of **personal electronic devices (PED's)**. In addition it addresses expectations surrounding the **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)** policy effective as of September 2012. While these devices are not mandatory for classroom activities, they may be included when there is a clear educational purpose that has been identified by the teacher.

Definition:

Electronic communication includes but is not limited to Internet use, e-mail, and social media, browsing, publishing or posting on websites, downloading, accessing or storing files and use of personal electronic devices.

The use of an electronic communication system within the Board has an educational and professional purpose. The term ***educational and professional purpose*** includes classroom activities and limited high quality, self-discovery activities.

All parents and students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the AUP. For parents, the full text of the TCDSB AUP can be found at:

<http://www.tcdsb.org/board/policies/aup>

A summary of the AUP expectations for students in the TCDSB:

Behaviour Expectations:

- It is a privilege, not a right, to use the Board's network and devices. Privileges may be restricted or taken away if the AUP is violated.
- Students must use their own student account and keep it private when using the board network or devices.
- Students must use the network and electronic communication for educational purposes only.
- All students and their parents must sign the "Student Access Agreement" before they will be allowed to use the Board's network and devices.

Personal Safety & Privacy:

- A student should tell the school Principal or teacher immediately if they feel uncomfortable or not safe because of a message they received from an electronic communication such as an email, text message or photo.
- Parents should discuss with their children the importance of protecting their personal

information and privacy when using any electronic communication such as the internet.

Password Management:

- TCDSB student logins grant access to WiFi, school computers and devices, and educational third-party services e.g., Google Apps for Education (GAFE).
- Password management is very important and students must personally create their own password and it must be a strong password.
- Students must keep their password secret, and never disclose or share a password.
- When creating a password we recommend that you make it easy to remember, but hard for others to guess. Avoid using personal information such as your name, email address, or mailing address.
- **Password creation checklist:**
 - ✓ 8-16 characters
 - ✓ At least 1 upper-case letter
 - ✓ At least 1 lower-case letter
 - ✓ At least 1 number
 - ✓ No space
 - ✓ No accented characters

Unacceptable Activities:

- Trying to access or "hack" parts of the Board network or any other computer network is prohibited.
- Purposely breaking, destroying and intentionally abusing Board computers, network, hardware, software, or electronic devices.
- Installing, accessing or sharing unauthorized equipment, software or media files such as games.
- Engaging in any bullying or threatening behaviour such as cyberbullying, making threats, or posting inappropriate material about another student to a social media site is unacceptable and will be dealt with according to the Education Act or school codes of conduct.
- Impersonation or using a false identity.
- Any use of inappropriate language (obscene, profane, threatening, harassing, bullying, racist or disrespectful) posted publically, privately, or on any websites.

Plagiarism and Copyright Infringement

- Students must not plagiarize and must obtain permission for any copyright materials they use.

Bring Your Own Computer / Personal Electronic Device (PED):

- The student use of PEDs is a privilege, not a right and can be removed if it interferes with student learning.
- Students can bring Personal Electronic Device (PED) such as cell phones and laptops to school, but are not allowed to use them during class time unless allowed by the teacher. Students are responsible for securing their own devices and

MUST turn them off and put them away during regular school hours.

- The teacher may send a student to the office if a PED is used inappropriately during class time. The administrator may confiscate the device and store it securely until the matter is resolved.
- The school Principal may decide when and where PEDs are allowed in the school.
- Students can use PED's to connect to the school network for internet access only. PEDs are NOT permitted in examination rooms, unless the teacher has granted permission.
- Board Technical support will not be provided for any hardware, software or connectivity issues, and users may not install any Board/Ministry licensed software, unless the software has been licensed for home use.
- All student PEDs must have anti-virus protection on them before they can connect to the Board's network.
- Students cannot take pictures or capture video with their PEDs in private areas such as washrooms or change rooms.
- Any pictures or videos published electronically and taken on school property or at a school event must have the permission of the individual(s), their parents or the principal/designate.
- Any images or video that negatively impact the school climate must not be captured, transmitted or posted under any circumstances.

Accessing TCDSB Wi-Fi Network with a Personal Device

- The TCDSB provides students with Wi-Fi access on their personal devices for educational purposes only. Students must restrict their use of Wi-Fi to this end.
- Access to Wi-Fi with a personal device is restricted to the **TCDSB-Guest** network.
- Any personal device connected to a Wi-Fi network other than the **TCDSB-Guest** (including but not limited to **TCDSB-Misc**) will be identified and banned from all TCDSB Wi-Fi networks.

Disciplinary Consequences:

- In the event that a student violates this policy, the student (and parent, where applicable) will be provided with a notice of violation and will meet with a school administrator/designate.
- A school administrator/designate may deny, restrict or suspend a student's access to the Board's network upon any violation of this policy or other rules of the school. Appropriate legal authorities will be contacted if there is any suspicion of illegal activities.
- The Board will cooperate fully with legal authorities in any investigation relating to illegal activities conducted through the Board's system.

...that together you may with **ONE VOICE** glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:6



Year of the Parish, the second in our three-year pastoral plan of *Together with One Voice—Family, Parish and School*.

This does not mean that we are no longer focusing on our families. Families remain at the centre of Catholic education.

However for 2016-2017 we look to celebrate our parish families, and the connections between our parishes and our school communities.

It is a time to find ways to nurture the relationships that are working well, and to build stronger relationships among all our schools and parishes.

Throughout the year, we will be celebrating the initiatives that schools and parishes are undertaking together. We want to hear about your good news stories, best practices and special events.

Share them via email to parish.project@tcdsb.org or via twitter using the hashtag #parishproject.

Appropriate Dress Code

St. Charles has a Colour Dress Code for all students registered. Below, please find a guideline to assist you when purchasing articles of clothing for your children:

TOPS - White or Blue

Collared Polo/Golf Shirt

Collared Dress Shirt/Blouses

Long or Short Sleeved turtlenecks in Winter

Navy or White Sweater hoodie, Vest or Pull-Over

BOTTOMS - Navy (Dark Blue)

Navy Dress Pants or Cotton Pants

Navy Walking Short

Navy Skorts or Capri Pants for Girls

(No Jeans or striped Athletic Pants)

Please remember that all tops and pants are to be plain with no visible logos, stripes, etc. We encourage all students to "Catch the Spirit". If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school. School Spirit Wear is also included.

Civvies Day 2016-2017



Unless otherwise stated, the Loonie goes towards St. Charles School activities.

Students can choose to participate in Civvies Days in one of two ways: show school spirit by following the theme of the month OR simply dress down.

Fri. Sept. 16 Fri. Sept. 30	NAME TAG Day (dress down, create and wear a name tag and introduce yourself to five new people every recess) (\$1.00) TERRY FOX Day (\$2.00 for Terry)
Fri. Oct. 14	FALL HARVEST Day(\$1.00)
Mon. Oct. 31	C OSTUME Hallowe'en Dance-a thon (pledges)
Fri. Nov. 25	CRAZY HAT/HAIR Day (\$1.00)
Fri. Dec. 23	SANTA HATS or RED, WHITE AND GREEN (\$1.00)
Thurs. Jan. 27	All White Winter Wonderland(\$1.00)
Tues. Feb. 14	RED and PINK Day (\$1.00)
Fri. Mar. 10	BEACH Day (\$1.00)
Fri. Apr. 21	TWIN Day- dress like a friend (\$1.00)
Fri. May 19	SUPERHERO Day (\$1.00)
Wed. June 29	CANADA Day Theme (red & white) (\$1.00)

Pizza Lunch

Every Friday, unless specified. Refer to schedules, under separate cover.



CSAC Specialty Lunch

Every Monday, unless specified. Refer to schedules, under separate cover.

The fundamental expectation of students in our Catholic Schools will follow the ethic of our Catholic faith, where empathy, care for others, and respect for life are present. If you are aware that a student or group of students is in a dangerous situation, then you should tell a caring adult in the school community immediately.

TCDSB Prayer for Harmonizing our Faith through Family, Parish and School

Almighty and Ever-loving God,
We give you thanks
for the blessings of our Families,
where the seed of faith is planted;
for the Body of Christ, the Church,
where faith is celebrated;
and for our Schools,
where faith is nurtured.

Lord, we believe that Catholic Education
is at its best
when Families, Parishes and Schools
play, pray and work together
to spread the Good News to all

Help us to imitate the unity of the Trinity
as we continue to grow
in our faith and love towards you,
and to one another.

Through the guidance of the Holy Family,
the model of all Christian families,
and the intercession of all the Saints,
may our Families, Parishes and Schools
remain places where the Gospel is shared
with joy, courage and love.
We pray through Christ our Lord,

Amen

