

St. Cyril Catholic School News

*Our Virtue for June is Faithfulness
Happy are those who have not seen, yet still believe. John 20:29*

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Enrollment: 350 students

Hours of operation:
Office Hours
8:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.
School Hours
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Lunch hour:
11:45- 12:45 p.m.



June 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Congratulations to our many students who received the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation this year! It was a pleasure to be a part of these very special occasions with your families. On June 5th, a special luncheon will be held to honour these students. Many thanks to the parents and teachers assisting with the preparations.

On May 30, our Kindergarten classes celebrated their Spring concert and SK Graduation. It was a pleasure to welcome parents, grandparents, and family members for this special event. Many thanks to the teachers and parents for all of their preparations for this celebration! On June 20 we are looking forward to the graduation Mass and ceremony of our Gr. 8 class!

We look forward to seeing you this month at our last CSPC meeting on June 4 at 7 p.m. and for our last school Mass on June 11 at 10 a.m. at St. Edward Church.

We are looking for lunch time supervisors for next year. Please call the office, if interested.

Sincerely,
R. Leone



NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME:

Call 416-393-5270 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.

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A Summer Blessing

God of all times and seasons, as this school year ends, we turn to you with hearts filled with grateful amazement at all you've helped us to learn and be.

Every time one of us extended a helping hand to another, every time we forgave each other, every time we put our trust in you, your Son, Jesus Christ, was present among us.

We have grown in our love for you and in our desire to walk in your ways.



School Mass

Please join us on **Tuesday, June 11 at 10 a.m.** for our school Mass at St. Edward the Confessor Church.



Communion and Confirmation Luncheon – June 5

Congratulations to our Gr. 2 and Gr. 7 that received the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation this year. The students are looking forward to a special luncheon on June 5 in the school gym. Thank you to parents and staff helping to organize this wonderful tradition at our school!



Jump Rope for Heart!

Through everyone's generosity we raised \$4,407.10 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation! Many thanks to everyone who participated and a special thank you to Mrs. Palermo for organizing this special event.

St. Cyril Catholic School Parent Council News (CSPC)

Our next CSPC meeting will be on June 4 at 7 p.m. in the library. All parents are welcome!

Save the following dates:

CSPC AGM - Sept. 17, 2019 at 7 p.m.
Welcome Fair and BBQ – Sept. 20 from 4-7 p.m.

Thank you to Ms. Landry for preparing the urns at the front of the school and for the new plants at the front and in the butterfly garden!

Thank you to all of our volunteers!

Many thanks to all of our volunteers who have dedicated so much time and care in support of our students. Events such as Carnival, chess, concerts, First Communion/Confirmation luncheons, graduations, pizza lunches, play day, Scientists in Schools, W5H, and the many sporting events, such as cross country, track and field, hockey, skating, swimming, volleyball, and basketball could not proceed without your help. We are fortunate to have parents and grandparents willing to assist in so many ways!

A special thank you to our CSPC members who dedicate time each month to collaborating on issues important to our school!



Student Council and WE Team

Congratulations to our student council and WE Team members for their student leadership on numerous initiatives. Thank you to Mlle. Ogokeh for overseeing student council and to Mme Lavertu for her planning with the WE Team. We look forward to continued great work from our student leaders!

First Holy Communion

On Sun May 26, some of our gr. 2 students received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. On June 1, additional gr. 2 students will be receiving this Sacrament. The students have been diligent in preparing for this special day, through prayer and song. May God bless them as they continue their spiritual journey and strengthen their faith. We look forward to the special Luncheon for all gr. 2 students, on June 5.

Mrs. Wales
(Religion Teacher)



On sauve la terre, un marqueur à la fois!

Mme Pierini's Grade One class has initiated the collection of dried out markers to help our school get re-certified as an Eco-school!

On Monday, May 13th, all students were invited to bring in any brand of dried out markers to fill the bin that is located in the school foyer.

At the end of June, we will ship the bin off to Crayola, where the markers will be recycled.

Just think of how many markers we can keep from going into a landfill, if each St. Cyril Student brings in 3that will be over 1 thousand markers!!

Everyone, please have a look around your homes over the next few weeks and bring in those markers.....

So we can help save the Earth, 1 marker at a time!

Merci!



Swim Team News!

On May 4 and 5, the St. Cyril Swim Team competed in the annual TCDSB swim meet. We did very well and our coaches were happy with our results. A special thank you to Ms. Romero, Ms. Yu and Mr. Bernotas for coaching the team and accompanying them to the two day tournament. We look forward to seeing some new faces next year! We were treated to a swim team party on May 8 that everyone enjoyed.



Ma sortie à Mansfield

Ma sortie à Mansfield était absolument une expérience que je ne vais jamais oublier. Ce voyage était tellement amusant et différent, et il a permis de nous créer des nouvelles amitiés avec d'autres personnes dans notre classe que nous n'avons pas trainé avec beaucoup à l'école. Nous avons participé à nombreuses activités qui ont créé un lien plus fort et des compétences de travail en équipe les uns avec les autres.

Premièrement, une activité qu'on a jouée était « instinct de survie ». J'ai apprécié ce jeu parce que c'était semblable à une chasse au trésor, car nous devons trouver des points d'eau et de nourriture dans la forêt. Ce jeu nous a également appris beaucoup de choses sur les animaux de la forêt, car chaque élève s'est vu attribuer un animal et certains animaux seront les chasseurs et d'autres seront chassés.

Mon activité préférée était « survivant des bois ». Cette activité nous permet de construire un abri avec des bâtons et des feuilles. Il nous a aussi appris à faire du feu- de compétences très importantes à savoir en cas d'une émergence.

En conclusion, j'encouragerais certainement d'autres classes à fréquenter Mansfield car c'est une expérience d'apprentissage amusante et à nulle autre pareille.

Olivia Comisso
Mme Silva 8^e



ME to WE Water Walk 2019 May 6, 2019

Dear parents/guardians;

As we did last year, my grade 5 and 6 students French Immersion students will be organizing a Water Walk on June 6. This fundraiser will help provide safe water in a developing country and help children, mostly girls, attend school instead of fetching water for their families. \$25 can provide safe water for one person for life. Last year, more than \$3,300 was raised at our school. Many fundraising activities will take place in the weeks of **June 3** and **June 10**: bake sale, lemonade sale, bracelet sale, as well as canvassing. A letter to parents will provide all the details, as well as the link below. If at all possible, please **donate online** using this link, then click on **2019 St. Cyril Catholic School**.

<https://www.crowdrise.com/hlnelavertu>

Of course **cheques** (made to **Me to We Water Walk**), and **cash** are also accepted. Donations received prior to June 7 will be matched by ME to WE. Pizza lunches will be offered to the classes that raise the most money. Please be generous; the lives and futures of many children depend on it.

Thank you,

Mme Lavertu and the Grade 5 and 6 French Immersion classes

St Cyril's 2019 Water Walk Activities

\$1 donation for each special dress-down day

Monday, June 3– Dress-down Day (favourite meme or character) and freezies sale (\$1)

Tuesday, June 4 – Bake sale

Thursday, June 6 – Water Walk (morning) freezies sale

Monday, June 10 – Bracelet sale and Dress-down Day (Sports jersey)

Tuesday, June 11 – Lemonade and freezies sale

Thursday, June 13 – Lemonade and freezies sale

St. Cyril School Yearbook

The yearbook club has been hard at work capturing life at St. Cyril School during the 2018-2019 school year.

During the month of June the yearbook is available for \$15 and holds many treasured memories of the current school year.

Many thanks to Mr. D'Ippolito and the yearbook team!

Medieval Times

The grade 4 classes went to Medieval Times on May 23. We have been studying this topic and we will have a social studies test about it. We learned about the importance of not bullying others. There were knights who fought and the white and black knight won the battle. We were on the yellow team and we ate lunch while watching the fight. We got a lot of good food: chicken, garlic bread, potato and corn. There were a lot of things we could buy like a wooden swords, fencing swords, light up roses and much more. There was a man who had an eagle. The eagle flew around the stadium. In the stadium there was a queen, king and knights. We had a lot of fun at Medieval Times.

Katya and Tayanna

Guidance Corner for June

There are a number of summer learning opportunities available for intermediate students. A Summer Enrichment Camp for Grade 6,7 and 8 students helps to continue the development of necessary skills for success in both Literacy and Numeracy. <https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/ContinuingEducation/Pages/Default.aspx>

The Summer Reach Ahead program offers students going into Grade 9, the opportunity to earn a high school credit through a variety of learning experiences at the high school they will be attending in September. You would have received registration information about the Summer Transition course in the acceptance package your child received from their September high school.

Graduating Grade 8 students can now begin their Community Involvement hours beginning July 1st. Guidelines on how to attain this graduation requirement can be found at:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/programs/services/schoolprograms/k12/guidancecooped/communityservice40hours/Pages/default.aspx>

The Footsteps to Success summer day camp is being offered at St. Timothy, Saint Mother Teresa and Father Henry Carr during July and August. This free camp is available for children aged 10-13. More information and registration forms can be found here:

<https://footstepstosuccess.tcdsb.weebly.com/>

It is important to keep your child active and motivated to continue learning during the summer months. Be creative with how you can involve your child in a variety of inexpensive and entertaining learning opportunities during July and August. I have included a couple of links for some fun ways to keep your children busy during the summer holidays:

<http://www.modernmami.com/summer-activities-for-kids/>

<https://www.todayparent.com/family/activities/unique-summer-camps-in-toronto/>

Students who may need counselling support during the July and August can access services from the Kids Help Phone:

www.kidshelpphone.ca (1-800-668-6868) at East Metro Youth Services

<http://www.whatsupwalkin.ca/> (416-438-3697), or through your local hospital Emergency Room.

Have a wonderful summer,

Liliana Compagnone
Elementary Guidance Counsellor

Spending Time with Family and Friends – Advice from our Psychology Dept.

We've all experienced the feeling of joy and contentment that comes from spending time with a close friend or family member. Being able to walk away from an encounter with the sense that we are loved and feeling re-energized to carry on with our day. Spending time with family and friends can

give a boost to our mental health in many ways. "When it comes to our well-being, other people matter."

- Spending time with family and friends strengthens our relationship with them and in turn helps us to gain a sense of belonging
- When we spend time with others it gives us the opportunity to share our feelings and experiences and offers emotional support.
- When we support others it promotes our own well-being
- When we build strong social connections it helps us to feel more secure, happier, and gives us a sense of purpose.

Many children and youth look forward to the carefree days of summer and enjoy their time off from the school routine. However, for some children/youth the summer break may be a time of uncertainty. They may have a lot of unstructured time and may have difficulty with a change in their daily routine. There's a few things that can help children feel more at ease:

- Maintain your son/daughter's schedule as much as possible eg. bedtime, mealtime
- Post a schedule: By outlining the day's events your son/daughter will know what is planned for the day and may feel more at ease. For younger children you can use pictures
- Allow time to play outdoors, or just hang out and have some quiet reflection (without electronic devices).
- Schedule activities eg. every afternoon go to the playground or for a walk

Information obtained from www.nhs.uk and www.childmind.org

Speech, Language, and Hearing Information and Suggestions

The TCDSB Speech, Language, and Hearing Dept. recommends that all students receive a hearing test and have their hearing monitored by their family pediatrician. Hearing loss can leave gaps in the incidental learning of general information, vocabulary, and a nuanced understanding of language.

Students with language impairments are 4 to 5 times more likely to have reading difficulties in school.

Half of all cases of hearing loss are preventable. Practise good hearing. Turn down the volume!

Monthly Update from the Board June 2019

Important Information

Summer School Registration Continues

Check here for registration information, as well as important dates to note course options, locations and more.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/continuingeducation/pages/default.aspx>

School Year Calendar for 2019-2020

<https://www.tcdsb.org/calendar/pages/schoolyearcalendar.aspx>

Want instant alerts about your child's absence? Sign Up for School Messenger

To enhance our existing absence-checking procedure we introduced a new student absence reporting system called SafeArrival making it easier for you and staff to verify student attendance. With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
2. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
3. Call the toll-free number 1 (833) 251-3286 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time up to a maximum of 10 consecutive days. It is important to note that when setting up your account, you must register using the email address and phone number associated with your child's Trillium account. In addition, schools will use the SchoolMessenger Communicate

automated notification system to contact parents whose child is absent when the absence was not reported in advance.

Get Updates on School Bus Service

Register for the Toronto Student Transportation Group Parent Portal to receive real time notifications about school bus cancellations or delays. The parent portal will be updated and re-open in mid-August for sign up.

<https://www.torontoschoolbus.org/transportation-portal/Account/Register/>

International Languages Elementary (ILE) Program - After Hours Registration

- [International Languages Elementary \(ILE\) After Hours Calendar 2019-2020.pdf](#)
- [ILE After Hour Centres - 2019-2020.pdf](#)

Online registration:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/InternationalLanguages/Pages/Saturday-School-Registration.aspx>

Rooted in Christ: we Belong, we Believe, we Become (Pastoral Plan)

Throughout the year, we have seen our Pastoral Plan come to life in our school communities in many different ways, as we witnessed how our students and staff continue to be welcoming places of learning, where all are included and all are accepted, all are valued and all belong. Visit our website to see all the submissions from across the Board:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/rooted-in-christ/Pages/we-Belong-submissions.aspx>

Some of the photos from the year-end event have been posted to our website

[https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/news/2018-](https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/news/2018-2019/pages/webelong.aspx)

[2019/pages/webelong.aspx](https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/news/2018-2019/pages/webelong.aspx) and we hope to add a short video of the highlights from the day to that page soon as well.

REMINDER: In September 2019 we shift our focus to “we Believe”.

Contests and Other Opportunities for Students

Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Month Poster Competition

September is Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Month--an occasion to recognize and celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Ukrainian Canadians to Canada. Toronto Catholic District School Board invites students

to design a poster acknowledging the contributions of Ukrainian people to the Canadian mosaic. The winning entry will be used in connection with the celebrations in September 2019. Deadline **5pm on June 17th, 2019.**

Details:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/UkrainianCanadianHeritagePosterCompetition.aspx>

Toronto Public Library Offers Tutoring and Support for Students

<https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/detail.jsp?E=RDMEVT25984&R=EVT25984>

Youth Homework Help & Mentorship 4-7 pm for Grades 8+. Drop in. No registration required.

Mon Jun 03, Mon Jun 10, Mon Jun 17, Mon Jun 24 at **High Park Library** Community Room Receive one-on-one support in important aspects of your academic life and career including homework and course tutoring, high school course selection, college, university and scholarship applications, employment assistance such as résumé building and mock interviewing. https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/detail.jsp?E=RDMEVB0193&R=EDB0193&utm_source=Teen+News&utm_campaign=Teen+News+-+May+9%2C+2019&utm_medium=email

Free Museum Admission for Children

Royal Ontario Museum: Every 3rd Monday of the month, the Museum will be open to the public for free General Admission from 5:30pm – 8:30pm.

Art Gallery of Ontario: Free General Admission every Wednesday from 6:00pm – 9:00pm.

AGO Free After Three: For youth ages 14 to 25. All Ontario High School students can visit the Gallery for free after 3 pm Tuesday to Friday during the school year. Simply present a valid student ID at the ticket desk.

Gardiner Museum: Children and youth aged 18 and under are always free. Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

Textile Museum: Children aged 5 and under are free.

Aga Khan Museum: Admission to the Museum and all exhibitions is free each Wednesday from 4pm to 8pm.

The Power Plant: Admission all year round is free!

Museum of Contemporary Art Toronto: Children and youth 18 and under are always free.

Free admission for everyone on the last Sunday of each month from 10am to 2pm.

Events and Observances

Mental Health

#HearNowON is a youth engagement project designed to hear student voices from across the province. TCDSB High School students are invited to share their thoughts on mental health education and enhancing wellness at school at the Toronto Student Forum:

Toronto #HearNowON Student Forum
Saturday, June 8, 2019 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Novotel Toronto (45 The Esplanade, Toronto)
Students can register online (parent permission required) at

<https://www.wisdom2action.org/hearnowon/>

Sponsored by School Mental Health Ontario in partnership with Wisdom2Action and supported by the Ontario Student Trustees' Association.

TCDSB Celebrates Canada Day

Elementary Schools are encouraged to celebrate Canada Day on the last day of classes, **June 27, 2019 by dressing in red and white and joining together at 10 a.m. to sing the national anthem.**

We look forward to your participation as we share our pride in what it means to be Canadian!

June is...

- **June 3-7 Indigenous Education Week**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/forcommunity/heritagecelebration/nationalindigenousmonth/pages/indigenouseducationweek.aspx>
- **Italian Canadian Heritage Month**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/ItalianCanadianHeritage/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Portuguese Canadian Heritage Month**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/PortugueseCanadianHeritage/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Filipino Heritage Month**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/FilipinoHeritageMonth/Pages/default.aspx>
- **June 12th—Filipino Heritage Day**
- **Deafblind Awareness Month**
<http://www.cdbanational.com/deafblind-awareness-month/>

Other Important Dates:

- June 7th—PA Day for Elementary Schools

- June 9th—Pentecost
<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/pages/pentecost.aspx>
- June 12th—Filipino Heritage Day
<https://www.tcdsb.org/forcommunity/heritagecelebration/filipinoheritagemonth/events/pages/filipinoheritageday.aspx>
- June 19th—Sickle Cell Awareness Day
- World Refugee Day—June 20
<http://www.un.org/en/events/refugeeday/>

Visit www.tcdsb.org for more information about any of these events.

June Meetings

- June 3: OAPCE
- June 4: Governance and Policy Committee
- June 6: Corporate Services Committee
- June 11: Catholic Education and Living our Catholic Values Sub-Committee
- June 12: SEAC
- June 13: Regular Board
- June 17: CPIC

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- Subscribe to ENews to receive updates via email every week
<https://web1.tcdsb.org/InterestSubscription/subscription.aspx>
- Or Follow @TCDSB on twitter to get updates throughout the day
- Athletics News:
<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/schoolprogramsk12/healthoutdoorphysed/tcaapages/tcdsb-athletics.aspx>

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Virtue of the Month
Faithfulness

Quote of the month
Happy are those who have not seen,
yet still believe.
John 20:29

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<i>1 First Communion at 4:30 p.m. at St. Edward Church</i>
2	3 <i>WE Walk—dress down day (favourite meme or character) and freezies sale</i>	4 <i>Milk ticket sale at 8:45 am; WE Walk bake sale</i> <i>CSPC at 7 pm in the library</i>	5 <i>Communion and Confirmation Luncheon at 11:45 am in the gym</i>	6 <i>WE Water Walk in the am; freezies sale; St. Cyril Gr. 7&8 band performance at 1 pm in the gym</i>	7 P.A. DAY <i>Assessment and Evaluation Day</i> NO SCHOOL	8
9	10 <i>WE Walk—bracelet sale and dress down (sports jerseys)</i>	11 <i>School Mass at 10 am at St. Edward Church; WE Walk—lemonade and freezies sale</i>	12 <i>Jump Rope for Heart final assembly at 9:30 a.m. in the gym</i>	13 <i>WE Walk—lemonade and freezies sale</i>	14 <i>Pizza day/ dress down day.</i>	15 
16 	17	18 <i>Gr. 5 and 6 excursion to the Science Centre</i>	19 <i>Sub lunch</i>	20 <i>Gr 8 graduation Mass at 4:00 pm; dinner in the church hall to follow</i>	21	22 <i>CSPC Argos' Game event at 4 pm at BMO Field</i>
23	24	25 <i>Play day</i>	26 <i>Play day-rain date</i>	27 <i>Sub lunch</i> <i>Canada Day dress in red/white. Last Day of Classes</i>	28 P.A. DAY NO SCHOOL <i>School is Out!</i> 	29 

DRESS CODE IN EFFECT—ONLY NAVY AND WHITE **SCHOOL HOURS 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.**

ABSENCES—PLEASE Call 1-833-251-3286; ONLINE go.schoolmessenger.ca; SchoolMessenger Mobile App