



St. Cyril Catholic School News

Our virtue for October is *Gratitude*

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:24)

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CPIC (Parent Engagement--
TCDSB)
www.tcdsb.org/cpic
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www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto

Enrollment: 325 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.



October 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians:

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at our curriculum night and we look forward to seeing you at our community barbeque on September 30 and for our next Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC) meeting on October 4 at 7 p.m. in the library. Our CSPC is a dedicated group of volunteers who contribute much to the life of the school through sponsored events, but equally the council is a forum through which parents and guardians can have a voice in the education of their children. Your knowledge and expertise is a valuable resource for us in meeting the spiritual, intellectual, social and emotional needs of the students in our care. At the next meeting, the scheduled dates for this year's meetings will be established and communicated through both the parent and school newsletters.

As we have done in previous years, we are planning a Thanksgiving food drive, with all proceeds going to the Table of St. Francis. I would like to thank you in advance for your generosity. Opportunities that encourage our children to focus on the needs of others are always welcome, but particularly at times like Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,
R. Leone



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Call 416-393-5270 or the TCDSB Admissions Department at 416-222-8282, ext. 2383.

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A Thanksgiving Blessing

May an abundance of gratitude burst forth as we reflect upon what we have received.

May the harvest of our good actions bring forth plentiful fruit each day.

May our basket of blessings surprise us with its rich diversity of gifts and its opportunities for growth.

May all that nourishes our life bring us daily satisfaction and renewed hope.

May we slow down our hurried pace of life so that we can be aware of, and enjoy, what we too easily take for granted.

May we always be open, willing, and ready to share our blessings with others.

May we never forget the generous One, who loves us lavishly and unconditionally.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Amen



Thanksgiving Food Drive

In keeping with October's virtue of "Gratitude", St. Cyril will be holding our annual Thanksgiving food drive from October 3- 14th. We are hoping to fill 20 reusable grocery bags with non-perishable food items such as canned vegetables, canned fruits, pasta and rice to donate to The Table of St. Francis. Please bring your food donations to the bags located in the front foyer beginning next week.

St. Cyril Catholic Parent School Council News (CPSC)

Thank you and congratulations to the parents volunteering to be on this year's council. The members of the executive are:

- Co-chairs: Philip Doyle and Raphael Leong
- Treasurer: Shirley Kmecz
- Secretary: Darlene Ellenor

Our next meeting is on October 4 at 7 p.m. in the library. All parents/guardians are welcome!

Safe Arrival

Please continue to call the school's office **before** the start of the day to report any student absences on our voice mail. This method reduces the amount of time needed to contact parents and it alerts us to a potential problem as soon as possible.

It is of crucial importance that we have accurate contact information for parents, guardians, and an emergency contact person, in the event that we need to reach you during the day.

Secondary School Open Houses

Each year, our local Catholic secondary schools hold information evenings for parents. These meetings are a valuable occasion for parents and students to visit the schools in our area, as they make important decisions regarding high school.

Please visit:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/default.aspx> for a full listing of open house evenings in our school board.

Milk Program

Our milk program will start on October 3. Milk tickets will be sold on Tuesday mornings before school beginning on Tuesday, September 27. Last year's tickets will be accepted until the end of December. Students can purchase 8 tickets for \$6. Single cartons of milk cost \$1 (exact change only).

Reconciliation/First Communion/Confirmation Dates

The following are dates for sacramental registration nights at St. Edward Parish and the dates for Communion and Confirmation:

Registration Night for First Reconciliation and First Communion: Wednesday, October 19, at 7 p.m. at the church

Registration Night for Confirmation: Thursday, October 27 at 7 p.m. (church)

First Communion Weekend:
Saturday, May 6, 2017: 11 a.m. - Church
Sunday, May, 2017 - 2 p.m. - Church

Confirmation Weekend:
Saturday, April 29, 2017 - 11:00 a.m. - Church
Sunday, April 30, 2017 - 2 p.m. - Church

Math Homework Help for students in Grades 7-10

Students can get free online math help for Grades 7-10. Math tutors are available from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. from Sunday-Thursday.

Visit www.Ontario.ca/homeworkhelp to register.



Voila Learning!

Free online homework help in French every Monday to Thursday from 5 – 8 p.m.

Please review the pamphlet that students are bringing home with this newsletter for more details or visit www.voilalearning.com.

Adult English and French Courses

The Continuing Education Department of the TCDSB is offering English and French courses for adult immigrants.

Please call 416-397-6600 or 416-397-6593
www.tcdsb.org/adulted
contact.adulted@tcdsb.org

October is Autism Awareness Month

In Canada, October is Autism Awareness Month. Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and autism are both general terms for a group of complex disorders of brain development. These disorders are characterized, in varying degrees, by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication and repetitive behaviours. Autism statistics from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) identify around 1 in 68 children as on the autism spectrum; a ten-fold increase in prevalence in 40 years.

www.autismontario.ca

Rosary Apostolate in Schools (RAIS)

Once again, we are fortunate to have volunteers visit the school monthly to pray the rosary with our students.

Dress down day donations

On pizza days, students have the option of dressing down for the day. A donation of a loonie or two is encouraged. The money is used to sponsor organizations such as the Angel Foundation and ShareLife.

Ex Libris, Fall 2016

It's been an exciting month in the library. The students are enjoying many of the new books purchased at the end of last year. Thank you to Mrs. Leone for her contribution in June and the C.S.P.C. throughout the year. On Tuesday the 2nd Annual Adopt-a-Book was held. It's always nice to meet families in our community and I am grateful for the support of the event, and the best part is that the students will benefit by the addition of new, quality French and English books!

If you were unable to get up to visit on Tuesday, there still is a selection of books that can be adopted before they are returned, ranging in price from \$3.00 TO \$15.00. If you wish to participate, send me a message, or call me at the school and we can make the arrangements for your choice. I'm looking forward to another great year in the library with our students!

Learning through play in Mme Ghabour & Julien's JK/SK F.I. CLASS

Mme Ghabour's & Mme Julien's students enjoyed singing the poem: "Pomme de reinette et Pomme d'api"! They have also learned about different types of apples. They did the painting below after they practiced recognizing the different colors. In addition, they know about the importance of eating an apple. "An apple per day keeps the doctor away".



Learning through play in Mme Guegueirre & Sarrouh's JK/SK F.I. CLASS

The children have shown great interest in singing songs, reciting simple poems ("comptines"), reading books, writing using different mediums: on white boards, on boogie boards and on paper. They enjoy building and creating using different materials.

The children are observing the seasonal changes around us. They have noticed the leaves ("les feuilles") beginning to change colours and we have discussed how they will begin to fall down. We are learning new songs for "l'automne" (fall) as well as for Halloween. They are very excited about dressing up for Halloween!



Practice of Lockdown Protocol

On October 14, 2016, we will be having the first of four practices of our lockdown procedures. Staff and students are aware of the Board's protocol for these serious events.

In case of an emergency, our students could be relocated to the following two sites:

- Skyview on Yonge St.
5444 Yonge St.
- St. Edward the Confessor Church
75 Churchill Ave.

Staff at St. Cyril School would notify you, if this relocation were necessary.

Student Council News!

Dear parents/guardians and staff,

We are introducing the St. Cyril's Student Council for 2016-2017. Our members are students from grades, 6, 7 and 8. If you don't know much about us, here is a little something about the group. We are not just a club but a group of friends helping our local and some global communities. We are also part of the WE Schools program. We help raise money for charities and collect various items throughout the school year to support many agencies such as St. Vincent de Paul, The Table of St. Francis, and the Me to We program. We have many events starting in October.

Our Food Drive is starting in the month of October:

It will run from October 3rd to October 14th. We will be collecting pasta, soup, lentils, beans and canned food items. Items will be collected in the main foyer of the school.

The annual and famous St. Cyril Halloween Dance:

The Halloween Dance is an amazing day for the students to have fun and dance their socks off!

We will be selling glow sticks for 50 cents and we will be holding the Halloween Dance on October 31st. Make sure that your children don't bring any toy weapons such as knives, swords, masks, guns and more so nobody gets hurt, because "no 'body got time for that".

**We are ordinary leaders making a difference in our school and we are here to serve you St. Cyril!
Have a great school year!
Your Student Council!**

Athletics News – Mr. Bernotas

We are organising sports for the months of September to November. Cross country running practices continue for students in Grades 3 to 8 every school day morning at 8:30 a.m. and during classroom DPA.

Intermediate Boys Basketball

We will be practicing, for now on Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:30. Parents must make arrangements for pick up at 4:30. If you decide to allow your children to get home on their own or with someone else they will need to provide a note to Mr. Bernotas before the first practice on the particulars.

Intermediate Boys and Girls Volleyball

We will be practicing, for now on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:30 to 4:30. Parents must make arrangements for pick up at 4:30. If you decide to allow your children to get home on their own or with someone else they will need to provide a note to Mr. Bernotas before the first practice on the particulars.

Junior Boys and Girls Volleyball

We will be practicing, for now on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 12:05 to 12:45. **Please note that this is a change in time from the note that came home.**

In addition, we are starting up intramural primary indoor soccer during the morning recesses and intramural junior volleyball

during the afternoon recesses. We expect to start these in the next week or so.

Proper footwear!

Students should have running shoes at school at all times, in order to participate safely in all indoor and outdoor activities.

Monthly Update from the Board October 2016

October 19: Go Purple Day

October is Child Abuse Awareness Month. October 19th has been set aside as a day to raise awareness among students about the signs of abuse and neglect, and what to do if they, or someone they know, is being/or suspected of being abused or neglected

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Pages/October-is-Child-Abuse-Prevention-Month.aspx>

#iBreaktheSilence

Interested in Parent Engagement?

Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Elections Coming

October 3rd for Wards 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12

<https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/parentinvolvement/cpicelections/pages/scheduled-cpic-election-for-even-numbered-wards.aspx>

October 5th for vacancies in Wards 1, 7, 11

<https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/parentinvolvement/cpicelections/pages/election-to-fill-cpic-vacancies.aspx>

And October 17th for Parents at Large

Learn more about CPIC here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/ParentInvolvement/Pages/default.aspx>

You Can Work Wonders with ShareLife

During this Year of the Parish, schools are invited to partner with their local parishes to see how they can support the annual campaign, and help ShareLife agencies work wonders.

<http://www.sharelife.org/Public/Home.aspx>

Secondary Night School, Saturday Language Classes & eClass Registration Continues until October 7th

Get detailed information online:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/ContinuingEducation/Documents/flyer.pdf>

Overseas Credit Courses in Italy

Get all the information online:

https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Documents/SUMMER2017FLYER_3.pdf

Information Meetings October 4th and 5th

Celebrating the Year of the Parish 2016-2017

The second year in our three pastoral plan focusing on "Together With One Voice: Harmonizing our Faith Through Family, Parish and School".

It is an opportunity to celebrate the important role that our parishes play in our school communities and in the lives of the students, staff and families that we serve.

Let's celebrate the Family-Parish-School partnership!

- <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/YearoftheParish/Pages/Parish-Project.aspx>
- <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/YearoftheParish/Pages/default.aspx>

Upcoming Events

October is...

- **Autism Awareness Month**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/october-is-autism-awareness-month.aspx>
- **Hispanic Canadian Heritage Month** www.tcdsb.org
- **October 5th: Walk to School Day**
<http://www.saferoutestoschool.ca/international-walk-school-daymonth>
- **October 5th: World Teacher's Day**
- **October 6: Rosary Day**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/pages/rosary-day.aspx>
- **October 7: System-wide Professional Activity Day.** No classes for students
- **October 10: World Mental Health Day**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SpecialEducation/mhs/Pages/Default.aspx>
- **October 11th: International Day of the Girl**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Pages/International-Day-of-the-Girl.aspx>
- **October 11-25th: Elementary Cross Country**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/schoolprogramsk12/healthoutdoorphysed/tdcaa/pages/tcdsb-athletics.aspx>
- **October 17th and 18th: Ontario College Information Fair**
<http://www.ocif.ca/>

- **October 21st: Welcome Reception for Newcomers to Canada**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/forcommunity/newcomers/pages/welcome-reception-for-newcomers-2016.aspx>
- **October 22nd: Empowering Mothers in Education--Spanish Speaking Advisory Committee Conference**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/news/pages/2016-october-22-spanish-speaking-advisory-committee-conference.aspx>
- **October 26th: Early Childhood Educator and Childcare Worker Appreciation Day**
- **October 28th: An Evening to Feed the Soul Gala** in support of the Angel Foundation for Learning
<https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2017/pages/An-Evening-to-Feed-the-Soul-Gala.aspx>
- **October 29th: Father Patrick Fogarty October 29th: Father Patrick Fogarty Awards Dinner**—celebrating excellence in Catholic education across Ontario
<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/33rd-annual-fr-fogarty-awards-dinner-saturday-october-29.aspx>
- **October 31st: Halloween.** Learn about the Christian origins of All Hallows Eve
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/News/2012-2013/Pages/Halloween--Christian-Tradition.aspx>

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Virtue of the Month
Gratitude

Quote of the month
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 	3 RAIS School Photo Day! Milk program begins	4 Milk tickets on sale @8:45 am CSPC meeting 7:00 pm in the library	5 World Teachers' Day!	6 Rosary Day	7 P.A. Day— Provincial Priorities NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	8
9	10 NO SCHOOL 	11	12 Divisional cross country meet	13	14-Pizza/Dress Down Day Practice of lockdown protocol	15 
16	17	18	19 We Day at the Air Canada Centre Regional cross country meet Reg. for Reconciliation and 1st Communion—7 p.m. at the church	20	21	22
23 <hr/> 30	24 <hr/> 31 Halloween	25 City cross country meet	26 Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day!	27 Open House at Brebeuf College at 7 p.m. Reg. for Confirmation—7 p.m. at the church	28 -Whittamore Farm for Gr. 1 & 2 Pizza/Dress Down Day	29 

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

ABSENCES—PLEASE Call the school when your child is absent or will be late