

# St. Cyril Catholic School News

## Our virtue for September is *Hospitality*

### St. Cyril Catholic School

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TCDSB)

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Voice for Parents)

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Enrollment: 335 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.



September 2015

On behalf of the St. Cyril Catholic School staff, I would like to welcome you back for the 2015-2016 school year. I trust that the summer holidays have been a time to relax, to rejuvenate, and to spend precious time with family and friends. I would like to extend a special welcome to new staff and students joining our school community.

This September, the Toronto Catholic District School Board is launching a new three-year pastoral plan which will run from September 2015 to August 2018. The theme for the three year plan is "Together with One Voice: Harmonizing our Faith through Family, Parish and School". For September 2015, the focus will be on the Family. Please visit the TCDSB website at [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org) for details.

This year, curriculum night will take place on September 29, beginning at 7 p.m. The evening will be an opportunity for you to meet your children's teachers and to hear about the year's curriculum. Further details will be sent home closer to the date.

This newsletter contains important information and dates for the school year. Also included are forms that you are asked to complete, sign, and return to the school by Friday, September 11.

May God continue to bless our school community and to guide our students in the coming school year. We look forward to seeing you at the various events this month.

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](http://www.tcdsb.org).

Stay in touch with the latest news throughout the school year: Follow @TCDSB on Twitter

# 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.*

*Amen*



## School Hours

9:00 a.m. entrance bell  
10:42 – 10:57 morning recess  
11:45 – 12:05 lunch  
12:05 - 12:45 lunch recess  
2:10 – 2:25 afternoon recess  
3:30 p.m. dismissal



## Supervision

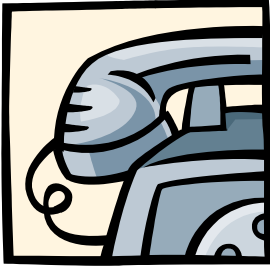
Students are supervised from 8:45 a.m. until classes begin at 9 a.m., during both morning and afternoon recesses, throughout the lunch hour, and until 3:45 p.m. after school.

**Children must not be left unattended in the school yard before supervision begins at 8:45 a.m. or after 3:45 p.m.**

**Please note that students are not permitted to enter the school before 8:45 a.m., unless they are scheduled to meet with a teacher or to take part in extra-curricular activities.**

## Safe Arrival/Pupil Absence

**The safety of our students is of utmost importance.** Parents are asked to call the school to report student absences. A message can be left on the school's answering machine at any time of the day or night - 416-393-5270. If the school does not receive a message before the start of the day, we will call your home or place of work, in order for us to properly account for all of our students.



## Students Leaving for Appointments

If on occasion your child needs to leave the school before dismissal time, a dated note signed by a parent must be brought to the school for the classroom teacher's attention. Students leaving early are to be picked up at the office and signed out.

## Student Data Updates

Please keep us informed regarding changes in any of the following information:

- Home address/telephone number
- Change in parents' business phone numbers
- Change in emergency contact person



## Lates

When late for school, students **must** report to the office for an admit slip before reporting to their classes.

## Bus and Traffic Safety

Students who ride the school buses to and from school are expected to behave in a safe manner that does not endanger themselves or other students.

**If a bus is late, please call the bus company directly, indicating the route information.**

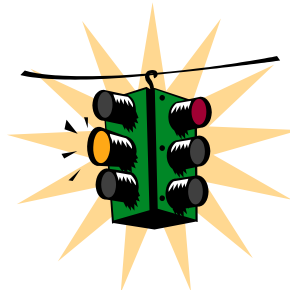
Bus loading zones must be kept clear during pick-up and drop-off times. **Please follow the bus zone signs posted in front of the school on Kempford Blvd.**

## Drop off and Pick up of Students

Please note that teacher supervision is provided for 15 minutes before morning classes and for 15 minutes after dismissal at the end of the day. It is unsafe to leave children unattended outside of these hours.

Parents are asked to drop their children off in the drop-off area of the parking lot, but please do not leave your vehicle in the curb or in the parking spaces. The spaces are assigned to staff members and parking in the curb is unsafe, as children must often pass between parked cars to reach the school yard. Parked cars along the curb also prohibit larger vehicles from passing. If your child is picked up, please establish a meeting point and arrive at school as close to dismissal time as possible.

For your convenience, a 20-minute drop off/pick-up area has been designated immediately after the 'Bus Loading Zone' on Kempford Blvd. Please be aware that cars parked in the Bus Loading Zone will be ticketed.



***"Please put safety ahead of convenience."***

## St. Edward the Confessor Parish Church Link

A strong and vibrant collaboration between the home, the church, and the school is vital for our young people to learn and grow in God's love.

We encourage our families to become active members of both school and church activities. Important dates for students receiving the Sacraments of First Holy Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation will be shared as soon as we receive them.

***Please note that if your family worships at another of our Catholic churches, you may wish to speak with your local priest about sacramental preparations.***

## School Masses

Our first Mass will be on September 14 at 10 am at St. Edward Church. Parents/guardians are welcome to attend all liturgical celebrations.

## Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC)

The School Council is a valuable asset to the school.

**The first CSPC meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 6 at 7 p.m. in the gym. This meeting will include the elections for this year's council.**

All parents are invited to attend the scheduled meetings. Please see the monthly calendars for dates. We would like to have one parent representative from each class attending our meetings. If you can spare a couple of hours each month, please come and assist the CSPC with its important work.

## Parent Volunteers

Parent volunteers are a terrific addition to our school. If you are interested in volunteering at the school, please contact our office for more information. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated. We need parents to assist with the milk program and other CSAC sponsored events.

## Visitors to Our School/School Doors

**Parents and guardians are always welcome at St. Cyril School, but for the safety of our students, certain procedures must be followed at all times.** All visitors to our school building or portables, including parents, guardians and caregivers, are expected to begin their visit at the school's office. Visitors will be asked to sign in and wear a visitor's badge so that students can clearly distinguish between visitors and strangers to our school. Please leave a message with the school office, if you would like to make an appointment to speak with one of your children's teachers.

For the safety of our students, all visitors are asked to use the main doors and to ring the buzzer, in order to gain entrance.

## Lunch Hour

**All students who stay for lunch are expected to remain on school property during the lunch hour.** If students leave the school grounds without permission, we will notify you and appropriate consequences will be administered. This rule is in place for your children's safety and we appreciate your assistance in helping us to enforce it.



## Administration of Medication

School staff members of the TCDSB are not permitted to administer any type of prescription medication during the school day without written, signed authorization by you, the parent, and the prescribing doctor. The forms to dispense any medication must be updated on a regular basis and are available from the school secretary.

Please note that staff is not permitted to administer non-prescription medication to students.

## Student Illness

If a student becomes ill during the school day, we will call home to request that the child be picked up. It is very important that all telephone numbers are up to date and that we have an emergency contact number as well.



## Anaphylaxis

Anaphylaxis is a rapid, severe, potentially life threatening allergic reaction, caused by exposure to a “trigger” (allergen). We have a number of students and some staff members who have serious allergies, in particular to nuts or nut products.

**We ask for your cooperation in several ways:**

- Alert school staff immediately if your child has a serious allergy.
- Please do not send nuts or nut products to school. **For the safety of all students, please do not send food items as birthday treats.**
- Classes that have class members or staff members, who are anaphylactic, will be given additional information to help ensure the safety of those who are susceptible to anaphylactic reactions.
- Parents/guardians of children who require an Epi- Pen must provide completed medical forms from their doctor and consent forms for the administration of the Epi-pen. These forms are available in the office

**Two Epi –pens are required. One is to be carried by the student at all times in a fanny pack and one is to be kept in the school office.**

## Appropriate Dress

All TCDSB schools follow an Appropriate Dress Code.

The **Appropriate Dress Code** consists of any combination of **white and navy blue garments** (i.e. plain white top, navy blue bottom; navy blue top and bottom). **No denim is permitted, except for scheduled dress down days.**

Only white or navy sweaters, vests, or sweatshirts can be worn in the school, in order to comply with our dress code.



## Excursions

Included is a Local Excursions Permission Form. This authorizes the school to take your child on short walking excursions in and around the vicinity of the school, for example going outside for environmental studies or to the local library. These trips are considered a part of the routines of the school and you will not receive a written notice.

Throughout the year, your child will also participate in excursions that enhance the classroom curriculum. For trips of this nature, you will be notified regarding date, time, cost, etc., and your signed permission will be required to allow your child to participate.

## Accessing the Newsletter and Calendar on the School Website

Each month we post the school newsletter and calendar on the school's website in the “What's New” section.

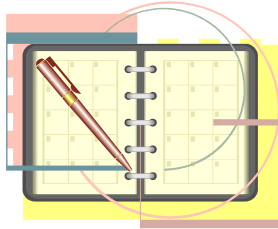
Please visit our board's website at [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org) and search for St. Cyril in the “Schools” section. The monthly newsletter is found in the “What's New” section.

The following is the direct link:  
<http://www.tcdsb.org/schools/stcyril/Pages/default.aspx>

## Student Agendas

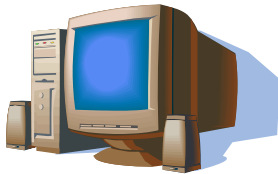
Student agendas will be distributed this year to students in Grades 1-8. The agenda is a great tool for students to record daily assignments and note upcoming events and tests. The agenda is also useful for communication between the home and school. As well, in the opening pages, the agenda includes important information about St. Cyril Catholic School.

Thank you to our CSAC for covering the cost of the agendas!



## TCDSB Acceptable Use Policy for Technology

In order for students to access the internet at school, parents are asked to sign an acceptable use policy agreement. A copy is included with this newsletter.



## Student Accident Insurance

Providing a safe environment is our number one concern at the school. However, occasionally unforeseen accidents occur. Please review the Student Accident Insurance Application provided by the Reliable Insurance Company. **If you would like to purchase this insurance, please send the completed form directly to the insurance company. Valuables**

Students are asked **not to bring** expensive items to school that can be lost, stolen or broken, causing unnecessary upset to everyone involved.

## Cell Phones

**Cell phones are to be powered off and out of view on school property.**

Students are not allowed to text message or call with their cell phones at school.

Parents are asked to call the school office, if an important message is to be given to their children, and students will be given permission to use the school telephones in emergency situations.

## Virtues of the Month

Each month, schools in the Toronto Catholic District School Board highlight and celebrate an important virtue as a community. The virtue for September is **Hospitality**.

The virtue is introduced at the beginning of each month and discussed throughout the month. At the end of each month, a school assembly recognizes students who have made a special effort to exemplify the virtue.

October – Gratitude

November – Peace

December – Charity

January – Courage

February – Love

March – Forgiveness

April – Justice

May – Compassion

June – Faithfulness

## TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2015-2016

### Wards

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## St. Cyril School Staff 2015 - 2016

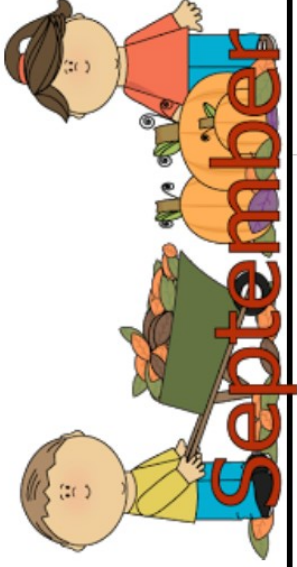
Mme R. Leone	Principal
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Mme R. McNeil	Gr. 3
Mlle Ogokeh	Gr. 3/4
Mme A.-M. O'Keefe	Gr. 4
Mme H. Lavertu	Gr. 6 FI a.m. and Gr. 5 FI p.m.
Ms. Palermo	Gr. 5 a.m. and ESL p.m.
Mr. D'Ippolito	Special Education a.m. and Gr. 6 p.m.
Ms. D. Scuglia	Gr. 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. English classes
Mme Silva	Gr. 8 FI a.m. and Gr. 7 FI in p.m.
M. P. Bernotas	French Specialty Teacher (Physical Education)
Ms. G. Delfino	French Specialty Teacher (English and Religion)
Ms. D. Wales	French Specialty Teacher (English and Music)
Ms. P. Ford	Vocal Music (Wednesdays)
Mr. J. Simone	Vocal Music (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings)
Ms. J. Krzyskowski	Instrumental Music
Ms. B. Moore	Library Technician
Ms. N. Rios	Education Assistant

## School Calendar 2015 – 2016

September 3, 2015	P. A. Day on provincial priorities – no school for students
September 8, 2015	First Day of Classes
October 12, 2015	Thanksgiving Day
November 12, 2015	Parent/Teacher Conferences in the evening
November 13, 2015	P. A. Day for students
	Parent/Teacher Conferences in the a.m.
December 21 –	
January 1, 2016	Christmas Holidays
January 22, 2016	P.A. Day – no school for students; Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting Day for Staff
February 11, 2016	Parent/Teacher Conferences in the evening
February 12, 2016	P. A. Day – no school for students
	Parent/Teacher Conferences in the a.m.
February 15, 2016	Family Day
March 14 –18, 2016	Mid-winter Break
March 25, 2016	Good Friday
March 28, 2016	Easter Monday
May 23, 2016	Victoria Day
June 10, 2016	P.A. Day – no school for students; Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting Day for Staff
June 29, 2016	Last day of classes for students
June 30, 2016	P. A. Day on provincial priorities – no school for students

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416-393-5270



Virtue of the Month  
*Hospitality*

Quote of the month  
"Whatsoever you do to the least of my people that you do unto me."  
Matthew 25:40

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labour Day	8 Back to School  First day of school	9	10	11	12
13	14 -School Mass 10:00 am @ St. Edwards	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 -Community BBQ @ 7:00 pm	26
27	28	29 -Curriculum Night 7:00 pm	30 -Terry Fox run			

**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