



St. Dunstan Catholic School

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D U N S T A N

OCTOBER 2020



From the Principal:

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

As we enter into the month of October, we focus our attention on the Virtue of Gratitude. Let us reflect on how truly blessed we are for what God has given us. We have so much to be thankful for in our lives and Jesus reminds us that whenever we gather as a faith community to worship, we offer our thanks to God. As we prepare for the celebration of Thanksgiving, we need to take time to reflect on the many gifts God has bestowed upon us and remember to give Him thanks for all of the blessings in our lives.

It is fitting that during the month of October, UNESCO acknowledges the vital role educators play in our society, on “World Teacher’s Day”. We are truly grateful for the ongoing care and commitment demonstrated by teachers to all of our students. On Monday, October 5th, it is World Teacher’s Day and a time that we stop to reflect on the incredible role teachers play in the lives of children. I would like to take this opportunity to give thanks to all of the educators at St. Dunstan who instill the values of our Catholic faith and guide students to reaching their full potential.

On behalf of the St. Dunstan Staff, I would like to **wish all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday on Monday, October 12th.**

Yours sincerely,
S. Gardiner-Hunt,
Principal



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www.tcdsb.org/cpic
OAPCE Toronto
(Provincial Voice for Parents)
www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto

BELL TIMES:

9:00 ARRIVAL
10:25 A.M. RECESS
11:45 LUNCH HOUR BEGINS
12:45 LUNCH HOUR ENDS
2:25 P.M. RECESS
3:30 DISMISSAL

St. Dunstan Catholic Church

Pastor:
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TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2020-2021

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Student Supervision:

Beginning at 8:45 a.m., an adult is in the school yard supervising students as they arrive at school. **Please do not drop students earlier than 8:45 a.m., since they will be unsupervised.**



Absences & Lates:

Please use our Safe Arrival School Messenger Program to report student absences and/or lates using one of the options, below:

- 1) The **SchoolMessenger app** (Apple/Google Play Store) or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>) Select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
- 2) Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>. Select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
- 3) Call the toll-free number:

1 (833) 251-3286

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Allergy Alert:

Please note that we have a number of students who have **dangerous, life-threatening allergies** to certain foods. For that reason, we expect that students will not bring to school any items that contain peanuts or nuts. If a caregiver prepares your

child's lunch and snacks, please remind them about this policy.

If your child has an allergy for which an epi-pen has been prescribed, please contact your child's teacher and the Principal, to discuss your child's safety plan. This plan must include two epi-pens: one to be carried by your child and one to be stored in the main office.

Bus Transportation Information and Updates

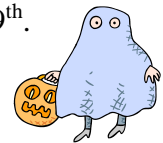
In order to stay informed, parents are encouraged to register on the Toronto Student Transportation Group (TSTG) portal today by visiting www.torontoschoolbus.org. This portal provides TCDSB parents with online access to their children's transportation information and up to the minute email notifications regarding school bus cancellations or delays.

Secondary School Applications:

High school applications will be available online for Gr. 8 students on October 8th at secsoar.tcdsb.org. Applications are due online by Thursday, October 29th.

Halloween Costumes:

Students are invited to wear Halloween Costumes on Friday, October 30th. However, **NO WEAPONS** of any kind are allowed at school. If a costume includes a replica weapon, it **must** be kept at home. Masks may be worn only as directed by the teacher. There is some risk that Hallowe'en costumes (or parts thereof) may be lost or damaged. Please consider this when deciding to participate or not. Wearing Orange & Black is another option to consider. Treats will not be shared at this time.





Monthly Update from the Board

October 2020

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

COVID-19

Toronto Public Health has updated some of the information related to the screening of students/staff with COVID-19 symptoms.

- Review the handy flowchart designed for schools <https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/9858-COVID-19-Decision-Guide-for-Schools.pdf>
- Quick reference sheet for families: <https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/901a-What-to-do-if-your-child-has-Covid-19-Symptoms.pdf>.

Updates are continuously made to the **Frequently Asked Questions** section of the Board's website <https://www.tcdsb.org/forstudents/back-to-school/pages/faq.aspx>.

For information specifically about the virtual school (St. Anne Catholic Academy) please refer to <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/back-to-school/Pages/virtual-school.aspx>

Log in issues and password reset: Students who need their passwords reset should contact their teacher for assistance.

We also encourage families to visit the **latest updates** page for recent communications <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/back-to-school/Pages/latest-updates.aspx>

The **Return to School Action Plan** which is continually updated as information is added or revised. <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENT/S/back-to-school/Pages/reopening-plan.aspx>

Other resources including **mental health supports for students and their families** can be

found

here <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/back-to-school/Pages/resources.aspx>

Sign Up for School Messenger

The student absence reporting system is also used to disseminate critical and urgent messages from your school, and from the school Board. For more information

<https://go.schoolmessenger.com>).

Get Updates on School Bus Service

<https://busplannerweb.torontoschoolbus.org/Cancellations.aspx>

PARENT OPPORTUNITIES & INFORMATION

Safe Schools Advisory Committee: Parent Reps Needed

TCDSB Seeks 2 Parent Reps for Safe School Advisory Committee. **Application deadline October 30, 2020.** [Click here for an application and more information.](#)

Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC) Elections

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

CPIC Elections

October 28 and 29, 2020

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

School Year Calendar for 2020-21

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

International Languages Elementary (ILE)

Program - After Hours Registration

<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/schoolprogramsk12/internationallanguages/pages/saturdaydayschoolregistration.aspx>

Virtue of the Month for October— Gratitude

Resources and information:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/VirtueoftheMonth/Pages/Default.aspx>

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

Registration for Night School

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

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

Welcoming Newcomers to TCDSB

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is committed to the nurturing of a caring Catholic learning environment so that all students can feel empowered by what they are learning; supported by the teachers and staff from whom they are learning; and welcome in the environment in which they are learning. Newcomer students in grades 7 - 12 are invited to participate in the annual **Newcomer Student Leadership Conference** on **October 15, 2019**. For more information about the conference, visit the Conference [registration page](#).

Schulich Leader Scholarships | Creating the next generation of technology innovators

Launched in 2012, this \$100 million program funds 50 undergraduate scholarships each year, across top Canadian universities. Our most promising students can pursue their dreams and become the next global pioneers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

www.schulichleaders.com

Youth Drop-in Basketball Program

Brown Community Recreation Centre, 454 Avenue Road

Starting October 8, 2020

Info: Jodie.ferrante@toronto.ca

EVENTS AND OBSERVANCES

October is...

- **Autism Awareness Month**
 - **Child Abuse Prevention Month**
 - **Learning Disabilities Awareness Month**
 - **Latin Hispanic Canadian Heritage Month**
 - **Principals' Month**
- Recognition Days:**

- **October 2, 2020 Custodial Workers' Appreciation Day**
- **October 5, 2020 World Teachers' Day**
- **October 22, 2020 Early Childhood Educators and Childcare Worker Appreciation Day**

Other October Observances

- **Rosary Day October 7, 2020**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Rosary-Day.aspx>
- **National Catholic Healthcare Week, October 4-10, 2020**
http://www.chac.ca/NCHCW/index_e.php
- **Walk to School Day October 7, 2020**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/environment/transport/Pages/Walk-to-School-Month-.aspx>
- **World Mental Health Day October 10, 2020**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/world-mental-health-day.aspx>
- **Thanksgiving October 12, 2020**
- **International Day for Eradication of Poverty October 17, 2020**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/international-day-for-eradication-of-poverty.aspx>
- **School Bus Safety Week October 19-23, 2020**
School bus driver appreciation day
October 21, 2020
- **Take Me Outside Day October 21, 2020**
<https://takemeoutside.ca/>
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October Meetings

- October 5, 2020 Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education
- October 6, 2020 Governance and Policy Committee
- October 8, 2020 Corporate Services Committee
- October 14, 2020 Special Education Advisory Committee
- October 15, 2020 Board
- October 27 Ad Hoc Bylaw Committee
- Agendas and Minutes:



COVID-19 SCREENING PASSPORT

Parent to complete each day and send along
with child to school

STUDENT NAME: _____

Does your child have any of the following:



FEVER



COUGH



DIFFICULTY
BREATHING



SORE THROAT,
TROUBLE
SWALLOWING



RUNNY NOSE
OR RED EYES



LOSS OF TASTE
OR SMELL



NOT FEELING WELL,
TIRED OR SORE
MUSCLES



NAUSEA,
VOMITING,
DIARRHEA

- Has your child been in close contact with someone who is sick or has confirmed COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
- Has your child returned from travel outside Canada in the past 14 days?

**If you answered YES to any of these questions, go home & self-isolate right away.
Call Telehealth (1 866-797-0000) or your health care provider, to find out if you
need a test.**

"My child does not have any of the symptoms/risk factors above."

DATE: _____ PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

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