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Hours of Operation: 8:30 – 3:00
Lunch Hour: 11:15 – 12:15



St. Elizabeth School News

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It seems hard to believe, but we are already entering the final month of the 2018-19 school year. The virtue of the month for June is *faithfulness*. As we prepare to send our students off for a summer of leisure and fun, we pray that God may protect them. Our Grade 8 graduates will be off to high school and into the wider world, and so we pray that God may bless them and keep them strong in their faith. We hope and trust the lessons they have learned at St. Elizabeth Catholic School will serve them well for years to come.

As always, June is an exciting month in which we end one school year and also make plans for another. Ms. Tulino and the Grade Eight students have been busy preparing for their graduation. There are many successes to celebrate as staff and students have worked diligently throughout the year. The relationship of school, family and parish that is so critical to Catholic education is illustrated clearly in the words, actions, and work of our Grade 8 Students. It has been both a privilege and a pleasure to see them develop academically, spiritually and socially. We wish them the very best in all their future endeavours.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students, staff and parents/guardians for making this school year an enjoyable and fulfilling experience for everyone, especially under unforeseen challenging circumstances. To those who are leaving our school community, I hope you reflect back on the time you spent at St. Elizabeth as enjoyable and rewarding. On behalf of the entire staff, we wish everyone in our community a pleasant and wonderful summer.

- Paolo Fietta, Acting Principal

A Summer Blessing

May you walk with God this summer in whatever you do and wherever you go. Walking with God means... walking with honesty and with courage. Walking with love and respect and concern for the feelings of others.

May you talk to God this summer on every day and in every situation. Talking with God means... praying words of praise for the beauty of creation. Saying prayers of thanks for friends and good times. Asking God's help in all your decisions. Expressing sorrow when you have failed. May you talk with God every day.

Amen.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Friday, June 7th is a Ministry mandated PA Day for teachers for Assessment and Evaluation so there is no school for students. The last instructional day of the year is Thursday, June 27th. Friday, June 28th is a PA Day and there is no school for students. Thank you.

LITURGICAL NEWS



GRADE 8 GRADUATION MASS

Our Grade 8 Graduation Mass, which will be our final School Mass for the year, will be held on Friday, June 21st at 10:00 am at **Our Lady of Peace Church**. Everyone is welcome to attend!



GRADE 8 GRADUATION LIST OF IMPORTANT DATES



Friday, June 21st

School Mass honouring our Gr. 8 graduates,
10:00 am, Our Lady of Peace Church
Afternoon, Grade 7/8 Graduation Dance (School Gym)

Monday, June 24th

Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony, 7:00 pm,
St. Elizabeth School Gym, Reception follows in the
School Library

Tuesday, June 25th

Grade 8 Graduation Luncheon at the Mandarin



PIZZA/CIVVIES DAY

Our final pizza/civvies day for the year will be held on Friday, June 19th. Many thanks to Mrs. Tulino and her team of student helpers for running our pizza days all year!



We are fortunate this year to be able to offer two Play Days. The first will be held on Friday, June 14th and will feature activities and games provided by Everblast. Thank you to Ms. Nicholas for organizing this! Our second one, the traditional end-of-year Play Day will be held on the morning of Monday, June 17th with a rain date of Tuesday, June 18th. Students will participate in various team-themed games. We will then serve hotdogs and frozen yogurt to all students. Thank you to Ms. Tulino for organizing this and thank you to our CSPC for their generosity as they are providing the hotdogs and frozen yogurt for everyone. Please speak to your child's teacher if they are not participating in the hotdog lunch due to food allergies. Thank you to all the staff for assisting with the games and the cooking!

CANADA DAY CELEBRATION AT OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH

Everyone is welcome to attend 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, June 23th and afterwards meet in the church hall for a Canada Day Celebration. Our students will be providing artwork, which will be exhibited in the Church Hall for this occasion.



REPORT CARDS

Second-term report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, June 25th.

TRACK AND FIELD

The track and field season is now complete and it has been an exciting season. Our St. Elizabeth athletes demonstrated skill, sportsmanship and team spirit throughout the competitions. Eight of our athletes advanced to the regional competition on May 17th, Abby, Joshua, Alliana, Juzefina, Natalie, Nickolas, Aida, and Stephanie. Abby and Nickolas then advanced to the city finals where Abby placed 2nd in the city in the 200m race and Nickolas 5th in the shot put. Congratulations to all the athletes and their coaches, Mrs. Tulino, Ms. Austin, Ms. O'Leary, Mr. Pedra and Mr. Mac Sweeney on a great season.



SOCCER

The intermediate boys' soccer season has started at St. Elizabeth. The boys will be competing in their divisional tournament on Wednesday, June 5th at Centennial Park. Good luck to the boys and many thanks to their coach, Mrs. Tulino!

CLASSES FOR NEXT YEAR

When determining where to place students, the following factors are considered: Learning Styles, Academic Abilities, Social/Emotional/ ESL/Special Education, Behavioural needs, equitable balance of boys and girls and a student's previous placement. Our aim is to ensure that every class is as balanced as possible, to ensure that all students attain their full academic potential and well-being. During the summer months, we will experience continued changes to our enrolment, thereby possibly impacting class placements and our staffing model in September. As in previous years, we are anticipating some changes to take place during the month of September and kindly request your patience as these changes are made. Parents of students involved in any possible changes will be notified as changes become necessary. After September 30th, classes will be set and changes are not normally made.



LAST DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR FOR STUDENTS

The last day of school for students will be Thursday, June 27th. Please note that school will dismiss at 3:00 pm as usual. **Friday, June 28th is a P.A. Day for staff.**

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL SEPTEMBER, 2019

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER, 2019 is **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd**. Gr. 1-8 students are asked to assemble in the schoolyard under their appropriate grade level, which will be posted on the wall. Kindergarten students are to assemble in the Kindergarten yard.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BBQ/CURRICULUM NIGHT - SAVE THE DATE!

Our Back-To-School BBQ/Curriculum Night will take place on the evening of Thursday, September 26th. More details will be provided in early September, but please mark this date in your calendars. This fun event has been a St. Elizabeth tradition for many years and we hope everyone can join us!



A SPECIAL THANK –YOU!

We would like to extend a very big Thank You to the parents who volunteered for CSPC this year. Many great initiatives happened because of your hard work and dedication to our students! Special thanks to our Chair, Stacie Medina and to our Co-Chair, Rina Varma. Thanks are extended as well to all parents who helped out in big and small ways all year-- flipping pancakes on Shrove Tuesday; doing up skates on skating days; being a scientist for the day for our Scientist-in-the-School program; supervising on trips etc. A special thank you to Mrs. Tina Di Cerbo who ran both the QSP magazine campaign and the QSP cookie campaign and who helps with play day, Shrove Tuesday and anything (and we mean “*anything*”) that comes up throughout the year!!

Working together in partnership with such terrific volunteers has been a privilege and a pleasure!

The entire staff of St. Elizabeth School extend our warmest wishes to you all for a happy and safe Summer!

See you in September!!





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”.

Virtue of the Month for June—Faithfulness

Resources and information:

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

Contests and Other Opportunities for Students

MLB Remix™ powered by SoundCloud

Create your own version of, "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" to compete to win a trip to the 2019 MLB® All-Star Game® presented by Mastercard! Fans will have the opportunity to showcase their musical talent and bring in MLB All-Star Week™ with their own personal flair. The song entries will be judged by the renowned Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. **Deadline June 13, 2019.** <https://www.mlb.com/forms/mlb-remix-contest>

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?Entt=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?Entt=RDMEVB0193&R=EVB0193&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/nationalindigenoumonth/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/>
 - June 28th is a PA day for all elementary schools. **Last day of classes is June 27th.**
 - June 26th to 28th are PA days for most secondary schools. (When in doubt, check with your local school for details.)
 - July 1st—Canada Day—Happy 150th Canada!
 - July 2nd—Summer School Begins
 - July 3rd—Angel Foundation for Learning Golf Tournament
https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/?page_id=6197
 - July 12-14th—Steubenville Toronto <http://steubenvilletoronto.com/>
- 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

Don't Miss Out on the Latest News and Information:

- Visit the Board's website www.tcdsb.org
- 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/tdcaa/pages/tcdsb-athletics.aspx>

Guidance Corner

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/programsservices/schoolprogramsk12/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://footstepstosuccesstcdsb.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/**](http://www.modernmami.com/summer-activities-for-kids/)*

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