



## St. Elizabeth Catholic School

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[www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto](http://www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto)

Enrollment: 211  
Hours of Operation: 8:30 – 3:00  
Lunch Hour: 11:15 – 12:15



October, 2017

## St. Elizabeth School News

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have had a great start to our school year and have really settled into our routines. A small reorganization took place at the end of September but the transition took place smoothly thanks to our great staff and students. The Virtue of the Month for October is *Gratitude* and we certainly have much to be grateful for in our wonderful school community. We will be focusing our efforts this month to helping those less fortunate with our Me to We "We Scare Hunger" Food Drive and our milk bag initiative. For the Food Drive, students are requested to bring in canned and non-perishable goods (such as pasta, peanut butter and baby food) to St. Elizabeth School.

I look forward to working with our re-elected and new members of our CSPC (parent council). Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in Mr. Pedra's room. We hope you can join us. I would like to thank our CSPC for covering the cost of our Gr.1-8 student agendas. These will serve as an important communication tool between home and school.

The staff of St. Elizabeth School is committed to excellence in education and to providing many varied academic and extra-curricular activities. We look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. R. Tropea*

### VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: GRATITUDE



"Blessed are those who can give without remembering and receive without forgetting."



*Best Wishes to Everyone for a Blessed and Happy*

*Thanksgiving*





## LITURGICAL NEWS

Our First school Mass will be held on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, at St. Elizabeth School. We thank Father Yaw and all the staff of Our Lady of Peace for their partnership. Thank you to Ms. Camilleri and her class for organizing this Mass.



## CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

Our runners have been training hard with their coach, Mrs. Tulino. The Divisional Cross-Country Meet will be held on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at Centennial Park. The Regional Cross-County Meet will take place on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at Centennial Park as well. Good luck to all our cross-country participants and many thanks to Mrs. Tulino!

## CSAC BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ/CURRICULUM NIGHT/CSAC AGM & ELECTIONS

On Thursday, September 21st, we had our CSAC Back to School BBQ/ Curriculum Night, CSAC AGM and elections. We were happy to see everyone at this fun event. We thank BBQ Brothers who took care of our BBQ needs again this year. Thank you to Mrs. Di Cerbo and Mrs. Medina for all their help in organizing this event. Special thanks to Mrs. Tulino, Mr. Pedra and Mr. Mac Sweeney for their assistance with the set-up.



## STUDENT DATA INFORMATION

It is important for our school to have up-dated records for your child. Please contact the office immediately if any information changes regarding student data or health. We require up-to-date contact numbers so that parents can be reached quickly in the event of an emergency. If you have not done so, please hand in the information sheet that was given out on the first day of school.



## FUNDRAISERS

Our World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser has begun in earnest. Thank you for all those who are participating and to those who have given a voluntary donation for our school. Please note that all unsold chocolate and monies are due back to the school by Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at the latest. Many thanks for supporting this initiative which helps pay for things like buses and Scientists in the School.

## VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOL

Parents and visitors to our school are welcome. In the interest of maintaining a secure, safe and orderly school environment we request the following:

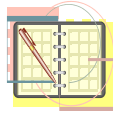
**ALL VISITORS MUST REPORT TO THE MAIN OFFICE UPON ENTERING THE SCHOOL BUILDING**



## STUDENT TELEPHONE USE

Student telephone use will be limited to EMERGENCY situations. Students will be required to make necessary "social" arrangements prior to coming to school.

## STUDENT AGENDAS



We encourage you to take some time to read the first 18 pages of the student agendas as they contain some pertinent information about such things as our school appropriate dress code and our code of conduct as well as other important information about our school operations. Parents of JK and SK students have received these pages in a separate package.

## SCHOOL PARKING LOT

The parking lot is reserved for staff use only. For the safety of our students, we ask that you park your car in the court in front of our school (Rollins Place) and walk your child across to the school. Students can then walk up the front pathway to the east gate and into the yard. Please do not use the school parking lot at any time. Students who are picked up after school, meet their parents/caregivers in front of the school.



## TRANSPORTATION EXPECTATIONS

At the start of the school year it is a good practice to review expectations of students while in transit to and from school on the school bus.

- Remain seated at all times in your assigned seat.
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself
- Be courteous to the bus driver.
- Refrain from shouting on the bus.



## WASTE FREE LUNCH PROGRAM



The Toronto Catholic District School Board has approved the introduction of a DAILY WASTE FREE LUNCH PROGRAM in all elementary schools. This initiative is best described in the following 3 steps:

Lunches and snacks should be packed in re-usable containers not disposable bags.

In order to avoid spills, we ask that food items be placed in containers that are re-sealable.

Leftover food can be disposed of in the green bins at school.

We encourage all students to participate. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the environment! We also want to thank Ms. O'Leary and Mrs. Strong and the wonderful Green Machine Team for all their work in and around the school to ensure that we are all being good stewards of our Earth.



## ALLERGY ALERT

There are a number of students with severe life-threatening allergies to things such as peanuts, nuts and eggs etc., and bee stings. Under *Sabrina's Law*, students are required to have 2 epi-pens with them at school and during any school excursions. Please ensure that your epi-pens are valid. Expired epi-pens will be returned to you for disposal. We ask that all students bring snacks and lunches that are peanut and nut-free.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

During the Autumn, all TCDSB Secondary Schools welcome Gr. 7 and 8 students and their parents to Open Houses. This affords you the opportunity to meet staff, see the facilities and learn more about the programs, services and extra-curricular activities offered at the schools. For a complete list of dates and locations for TCDSB Open Houses, please visit: <http://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/default.aspx>



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## Monthly Update from the Board

### TCDSB Digital Store

As our students continue to learn and adapt to the rapid advances in technology, the Toronto Catholic District School Board is committed to providing to all of our students and their families, equal access to the latest technology. We recognize the importance of promoting the 21st Century Competencies by supporting digital literacy, creativity, innovation, collaboration, and the overall needs and aspirations of all students. To that end, the TCDSB continues to be on the leading edge of providing technical upgrades and assistance by providing you with a very special opportunity: the TCDSB Digital Store. Visit our website for more information:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/DigitalStore/Pages/default.aspx>

### TCDSB Adopts Parent Charter of Principles and Student Charter of Principles

In support of its vision of transforming the world through innovation, the Toronto Catholic District School Board is the first school board to formally adopt guiding sets of principles outlining parent and student rights. The TCDSB is taking the lead in establishing principles designed to address the basic rights elements of a sound Catholic education to which parents and students are entitled during a period when individual rights is a major topic of discussion in other sectors such as the airline travel industry.

The Student Charter of Principles starts: *“A student is entitled to reasonably participate in decisions that affect his/her education and school life. The Board will pursue equity and inclusion for all students of the Board. A student is entitled to a spiritually, socially, emotionally and physically safe, and positive, school environment, where he/she is respected and treated in a manner consistent with our Catholic values and teachings.”*

The Parent Charter of Principles begins with: *“The Board will provide a faith-based publicly funded school with education grounded in Catholic doctrine, traditions and teachings for your child. A parent or guardian will have opportunities for involvement in his/her child’s education. A parent or guardian is entitled to a reasonable expectation that his/her child is learning in a safe, healthy, caring and accessible school, free of discrimination, prejudice, bullying and harassment.”*

Both documents can be found on the TCDSB website at

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

### TCDSB Continues to Focus on Improving Results

The Toronto Catholic District School Board continues to report improvements over time. Literacy results are high, with improvements evident over the past five years. Mathematics results are less impressive and mirror province-wide results in that area.

Reading and writing results are strong in both Grade 3 and Grade 6, either approaching or exceeding 80% at or above the Provincial Standard. In Primary and Junior, mathematics results remain low both in the Board and Province. At the secondary level, Grade 9 applied mathematics scores have shown improvement but continue to be low. In both Grade 9 academic mathematics and OSSLT, the Board mirrors the Province and maintains strong results with 80% or more meeting high standards. The EQAO results continue to point to mathematics and the applied level as an area of focus.

### CSPC Workshop

All Catholic School Parent Council members are invited and encouraged to attend the fall workshop to be held **October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.** at the Catholic Education Centre. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn about the roles and responsibilities of CSPCs, network with your colleagues from other schools and share best practices. Dinner will be provided.

## OAPCE-Toronto Conference

All parents are welcome to attend the annual Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education Conference October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>

### Mental Wellness: Developing Your God-Given Potential

- Conference \$40, Gala Dinner \$40 (Networking Reception included)
  - Keynote speaker: Sara Westbrook
  - Conference, AGM, Mass and Commissioning Ceremony (Saturday 8-4) St. Joan of Arc CHS, 1 St. Joan of Arc Rd., Maple, ON L6A 1W9
  - Networking Reception (Friday 6-10)
  - Gala Awards Dinner (Saturday 7-10)
- Hilton Garden Inn, 3201 Highway 7, Vaughan, ON L4K 5Z7

For more information and registration: [www.oapce.org](http://www.oapce.org)

## TCDSB Launches Phase 2 School Cash Online

TCDSB will be implementing the School Cash Online Payment option in all schools, in 5 phases throughout the 2017/2018 school year. This new cashless system offers parents the convenience of paying online for school activities and purchases from the convenience of their home. This includes payments for school trips, activities, sports-related fees, and pizza lunches - just to name a few.

**Phase 2 has launched and all parents in Phase 2 schools are encouraged to register now. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)**

The following is a list of the schools included in the Phase 2 launch:

Annunciation	Brebeuf
Canadian Martyrs	Cardinal Carter Academy
Chaminade College	Dante Alighieri
Holy Cross	Holy Name
Holy Rosary	James Cardinal McGuigan
Our Lady of Lourdes	Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Loretto Abbey	Madonna
Marshall McLuhan	Notre Dame
Senator O'Connor	St Anselm
St Brigid	St Catherine
St Denis	St Francis Assisi
St Isaac Jogues	St John (Toronto)
St John XXIII	St Joseph
St Joseph Morrow Park	St Mary
St Michael	St Michael Choir
St Paul	

## TCDSB Celebrates Canada150 and Our Own History

150 Heritage Moments being shared via Twitter.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/affiliates/canada150/heritagemoments/pages/default.aspx>

## Important Dates to Note

October is...

- **Autism Awareness Month** <https://www.tcdsb.org/Pages/October-is-Autism-Awareness-Month.aspx>
- **Child Abuse Prevention Month**  
**Dress Purple Day October 24<sup>th</sup>**  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Pages/October-is-Child-Abuse-Prevention-Month.aspx>
- **Hispanic Canadian Heritage Month**  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/HispanicCanadianHeritage/Pages/default.aspx>

- **Learning Disabilities Month** <http://www.ldao.ca/about/october-is-learning-disabilities-awareness-month/>
- **Walk to School Month** <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/environment/transport/Pages/Walk-to-School-Month-.aspx> Walk to School Day October 4<sup>th</sup>
- **October 2—National Custodial Workers Day**  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2018/Pages/octoberappreciationmonth.aspx>
- **October 4--Walk to School Day: an opportunity for all of us—students, staff, families—to focus on improved health and well-being, active lifestyles and building safer communities for everyone.**  
[Register](#) your school for Walk to School Day and receive a Certificate of Participation from Canada Walks. For more information, visit <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/environment/transport/Pages/Walk-to-School-Month-.aspx>
- **October 5—World Teachers’ Day**  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2018/Pages/octoberappreciationmonth.aspx>
- **October 6—Rosary Day** <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Rosary-Day.aspx>
- **October 10—World Mental Health Day**  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/specialeducation/mhs/Pages/Default.aspx>
- **October 11--International Day of the Girl** <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/international-day-of-the-girl.aspx>
- **October 16-20--School Bus Safety Week**
- **October 16-20 Waste Reduction Week**  
*Take the Waste-Free Lunch Challenge Oct. 20 as part of Food Waste Friday*  
Waste Reduction Week in Canada is a national environmental campaign that builds awareness around issues of resource efficiency, responsible consumption and production, and promotes actions that recover more discards for recycling and conserve natural resources. We encourage TCDSB elementary schools to take the Waste-Free Lunch Challenge during Waste Reduction Week to kick-off environmental awareness all year long. To register for The Waste Free Lunch Challenge or for more information, visit:  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/environment/waste/Pages/Waste-Free-Lunch-Program.aspx>
- **October 17--International Day for the Eradication of Poverty**  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/international-day-for-eradication-of-poverty.aspx>
- **October 17—A Catholic Call To Serve (ACCTs)** <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/catholic-call-to-serve.aspx>
- **October 25—Early Childhood Educator and Childcare Worker Appreciation Day**  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2018/Pages/octoberappreciationmonth.aspx>

## **Reminders**

### **TCDSB Celebrates The Year of the School in 2017-2018**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Year%20of%20the%20School/Pages/default.aspx> Find resources and information online, including the Spotlight on Your School initiative to celebrate the people who make our school communities welcoming and caring places of learning.  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Year%20of%20the%20School/Pages/Spotlight-on-Your-School.aspx>

### **Improving Access to School Bus Information for Toronto Parents**

*Toronto Student Transportation Group and Boards Launch Transportation Portal*

Toronto District School Board and Toronto Catholic District School Board parents are now able to access their children’s transportation information online and receive email notifications if there are any school bus cancellations or delays, thanks to the launch of a new online transportation portal.

[www.torontoschoolbus.org](http://www.torontoschoolbus.org).

### **High School Open House Dates**

TCDSB Secondary schools welcome grade 8 students and their families to explore programs and services

<https://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/Default.aspx>

### **CPIC Elections October 2 and 4**

**Monday, October 2--Odd Numbered Wards—2 Parent Member Representatives per Ward**

<b>Odd Numbered Wards</b>	<b>Voting Locations</b>
1	<b>St. Benedict</b> 2202 Kipling Avenue (Kipling/North of Rexdale Boulevard)
3	<b>St. Bernard</b> 12 Duckworth St. (Lawrence/one block east of Jane)
5	<b>Blessed Sacrament</b> 24 Bedford Park Ave. (Yonge and Lawrence)
7	<b>Holy Spirit</b> 3530 Sheppard Ave. E. (Sheppard and Birchmount)
9	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b> 444 Sherbourne St. (Sherbourne/South of Wellesley)
11	<b>Senator O'Connor</b> 60 Rowena Drive (Victoria Park/south of Ellesmere)

**Wednesday October 4, 2017--Even Numbered Wards**

**Ward 6- 2 Parent Member Representative**

**Ward 10-1 Parent Member Representative**

<b>Even Numbered Wards</b>	<b>Voting Locations</b>
6	<b>St. Clare</b> 124 Northcliffe Blvd. (Dufferin/St. Clair)
10	<b>St. Mary (Secondary)</b> 66 Dufferin Park Ave. (Dufferin/south of Bloor)

**Election of 2 Parent Members At Large**

**Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Location: Catholic Education Centre  
(80 Sheppard Ave. E (Sheppard/Yonge))

*Nomination forms available at all TCDSB school offices*

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