



## St. Elizabeth Catholic School

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Enrollment: 234  
Hours of Operation: 8:30 – 3:00  
Lunch Hour: 11:15 – 12:15



## OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2019

Dear Parents/Guardian:

We welcome the month of October with its unseasonable warm weather! The Virtue for the month of October is *GRATITUDE*. We give thanks for the numerous ways in which God has richly blessed us. Whenever we gather as a faith community, we offer thanks to our God. We are thankful for our families, our friends and the blessing of good health. The blessings of food, friends, family and freedom are all gifts from our Creator God. As we celebrate Thanksgiving, it was important to take some time to remember those among us who are less fortunate. Over the course of the past several weeks human tragedies and tropical storms have devastated a number of countries. Let us keep all those affected by these natural disasters in our thoughts and prayers.

Thank you to all Parents and Guardians who attended our Curriculum Night on September 26th . We had a tremendous turnout! CSPC BBQ was hugely SUCCESSFUL! Thank you to the Parent community for your consistent support to the CSPC in all of their endeavors to continue to strengthen the home school relationship! It was quite a wonderful experience to see Teachers and Support Staff in service to Parents continuing to strengthen relationships and serving hamburgers and treats to Parents on Curriculum Night!

CSPC elections was also held on Curriculum Night. Please join me in congratulating the new Co-Chairs team Ms. Digings and Ms. Soto-Varma, Executive members: Ms. Morrone-Secretary and Ms. DiCerbo- Treasurer. Members at Large: Ms.C. Acosta, Ms.R. Vergara, Ms.A. Digings , Ms.A. Cabral, Mr.M. Wahbi, Ms. N. Sara-Manzo, Ms.D. Morrone, Ms.J. Cardella and Ms. R. Varma. A heart felt thank you to our previous 2017/2018 CSPC members for their hard work and dedication to CSPC! We look forward to working very closely with the new team to continue to foster a safe, welcoming, and caring school community at St. Elizabeth. Our first meeting will take place on Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in room 208. All Parents/Guardians are invited to please attend. Your support and input is always needed and greatly appreciated! Once meeting dates for the 2019-2020 school year is set, this will be communicated to the school community.

We are looking forward to our upcoming Halloween parade on October 31<sup>st</sup>. The students from FDk to Gr.8 will be paraded in Cloverdale mall at 9:30 am on Halloween day. The parents are invited to come.

We welcome Mr. J. Angotti , a Teacher Candidate from Nipissing University who will be working in Ms. Brissette's FDk class.

On behalf of all Staff, I take pleasure in wishing all members of St. Elizabeth community, A Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving! Friday October 11<sup>th</sup> will be a PA day. There will be no school for students on Friday.

If the only prayer we say in life is *THANK YOU*-it is enough!



Yours in Christ,  
Sherryann Ambrose  
Principal

## **October is Autism Awareness Month**

In Canada, October is celebrated as Autism Month. Autism is characterized by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication and repetitive behaviors. Autism statistics from the US identify around 1 in 68 children as on the autism spectrum—a ten-fold increase over 40 years. The increase in the number of students with autism has also been observed in the TCDSB. There are over 1,400 students with Autism in our schools, making this the third largest exceptionality in the Board (TCDSB). Please visit [tcdsb.org](http://tcdsb.org) for more information on Autism. In celebration of Autism month, at St. Elizabeth, we will be celebrating Autism Day on October 18<sup>th</sup> where all students are invited to wear mix matched socks, meaning “We Are The Same But Different”.



## **School Masses, Mark your Calendars**

We will be celebrating our Welcome Back and Thanksgiving Mass on Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Peace Parish Church, our Advent Mass on Tuesday December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the school gym, Ash Wednesday Mass on Wednesday February 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 a.m. in the school gym, our Easter Mass on Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the school gym and the End of the Year Mass on Tuesday June 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady Of Peace Parish Church. As one school community, all Parents/Guardians are invited to please join Staff and Students in celebrating our school Mass!



## **Bus Safety Presentation**

We held our first school level Bus Safety presentation earlier this month. Students who use the bus to get to and from school were reminded of the following: How to get on the school bus safely, ride safely, appropriate and safe behavior while on the bus and how to leave the bus safely. We recently implemented taking daily attendance of students who use the school bus after school. Each student is assigned a seat on the bus and is not permitted to switch seats with any other student unless instructed to do so by the Teacher on duty. Bussed students are expected to ride the bus everyday. For their safety and for proper accountability, students are not permitted to ride the bus on some days or walk home on other days. The expectation is that bussed students always use the bus unless they are picked up by Parents for an appointment. In that case, Parents are asked to please call the school or send a note to your child Teacher informing the school that you will be picking up your child after school and that he/she will not be using the bus. In addition, all students from FDK to Grade 4 are given Bus Tags to match the color of their bus which they must keep on their bag packs at all times. Here are five bus rules that we ask you to support the school in reviewing with your child/children who take the bus.

### **St. Elizabeth Bus Rules**

1. Proceed to the gym in an orderly manner and sit quietly in the gym for bus attendance.
2. Walk safely to your assigned bus.

3. Remain seated on the bus at all times especially when the bus is moving.
4. Do not put your hands or any parts of your body out of the bus window especially when the bus is moving.
5. The bus driver is in charge of your safety while you are on the bus, listen to the driver at all times and practice the safety rules so that the driver can focus on driving you home safely.



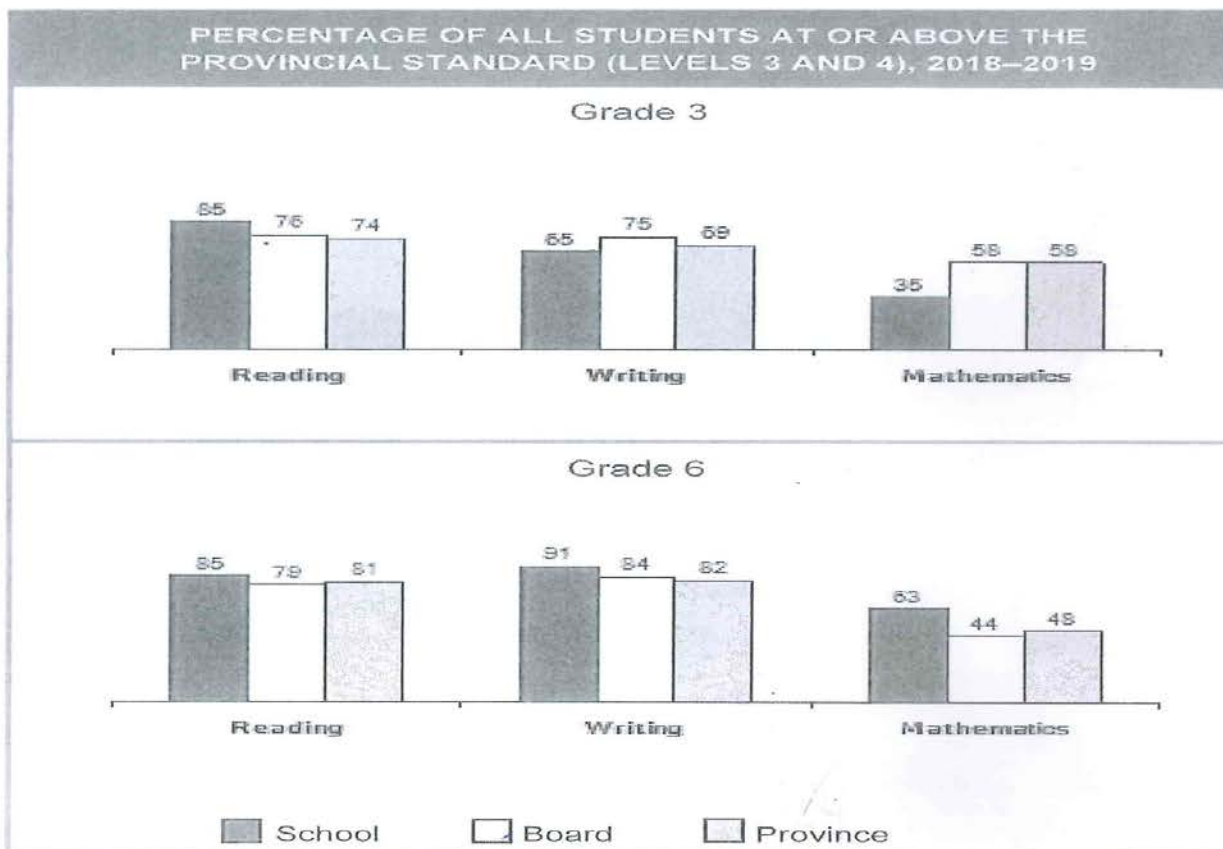
### Curriculum Corner/EQAO Results 2018-2019

Reading and writing results are very strong in both Grade 3 and Grade 6 EQAO 2018-2019 results.

**Grade 3:** 85 % of students in Grade 3 scored Level 3 or Level 4 in Reading, which is above Board and Provincial level. 65% of students in Grade 3 scored Level 3 or Level 4 in Writing, which is slightly below Board and Provincial level. 35 % of students in Grade 3 scored Level 3 or Level 4 which is below Board standard.

**Grade 6:** 83 % of students in Grade 6 scored Level 3 or Level 4 in Reading, which is above Board and Provincial level. 91% of students in Grade 6 scored Level 3 or Level 4 in Writing, which is above Board and Provincial level. 63% of students in Grade 6 scored Level 3 or Level 4 which is above Board and Provincial level.

Thank you to all Teachers who have worked very hard with students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 as well as thank you to all Parents for setting high expectations for your child/children and working with the school to ensure students consistently work to their fullest potential to achieve academic success!



## **Celebrating World Teachers' Day!**

TCDSB celebrated World Teacher Day on Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup>. Please join me in thanking all of our Teachers for their dedication and commitment in their role as Educators. We are very fortunate at St. Elizabeth to have Teachers who are dedicated, caring, and supportive to the overall school community and continuously strive to ensure that all students work to their fullest potential to achieve academic excellence! I take this opportunity to extend heartfelt thanks to all our committed and very experienced teachers not only for their excellence in implementing the curriculum, but also for caring very deeply for the well-being of each and every student. I thank them for their leadership in providing students with opportunities to participate in various extracurricular activities that enriches the curriculum as well as nourishes students mind, body and soul. Happy World Teachers' Day!

## **National Custodial Workers' Day 2019-2020!**

On Wednesday, October 2nd we recognize National Custodial Workers' Day. We are so grateful to our custodial and maintenance staff for their dedication to maintaining our buildings throughout the school year, but also for their hard work during the summer months to ensure that our schools, classrooms and playgrounds are ready for September. Sincere gratitude to our very own Custodial staff Mr. Sferrazza Mr. Ntenti for all of your hard work in always keep clean and welcoming to those who enter our doors!

## **Athletics Corner**

Students from the primary to intermediate grades are busy practicing for cross country. They show great commitment in practicing during the lunch hour everyday. Divisional Cross Country meet will be on October 10<sup>th</sup>, our Regional Cross Country meet on October 17<sup>th</sup> both at Etobicoke Centennial Stadium. City Championship will be on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Earls Bales Park. We wish our students best of luck! Thank you to Ms. Tulino, and Mr. Mac Sweeney for all of your hard work in preparing students for all of the upcoming events.

## **School Fundraising Initiatives**

Throughout the school year, there will be a carefully managed number of fund-raising events. It is through these fund-raising efforts that the school is able to broaden and enrich the school experiences for the students. Funds are applied to special presentations and speakers in the school as well as to help to defray the cost of some excursions. Every effort is undertaken to ensure that funds raised in the school will be equitably distributed across all divisions in the school so that every student benefits in some way from the fund raising efforts.

Parents are encouraged to support each fund raising initiative in one of two ways. The most obvious way is for the parents to participate in the actual fund raiser by, for example, purchasing boxes of chocolate almonds. However, if some parents prefer not to actively participate in a particular fund-raiser, another alternative is for that family to make a cash donation to the school in lieu of participation in that event.

However various families choose to participate in the fund-raising initiatives is entirely at the discretion of each family. The school staff does thank, in advance, the enthusiastic participation of the families in all of the fund-raising events of the year.

## **Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectation (OCSGE)**

For the month of October, as a school community we celebrate the first of the OCSGE that calls each one of us to be: A Discerning Believer formed in the Catholic Faith community who celebrates the signs and sacred mystery of God's presence through word, sacrament, prayer, forgiveness reflection and moral living.

Every month one of the OCSGE will be featured in the monthly newsletter. Please take some time to discuss the Graduate Expectations with your child/children. You can also find them on the last page of student agendas.

## **Chocolate Fundraiser**

Chocolate Sales have gone extremely well!

Please remember to return all unsold chocolates and monies to your Child(ren) teacher(s) by Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Prizes include: Laserquest party for 10, movie passes and 5lb chocolate bars and more! Prizes will be given out the first week of November! Stay Tuned.

## Autism and Behaviour

Sometimes it is difficult to understand why a student with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is behaving in a certain way. You may see increased agitation or challenging behaviour. According to the principles of Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) behaviour occurs in response to an event and has a specific function.

The four basic functions of behaviour are **Sensory, Escape, Attention and access to a Tangible (SEAT)**.

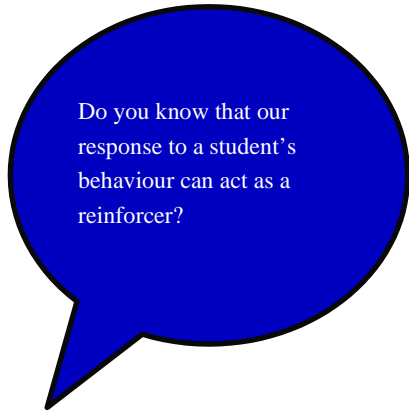
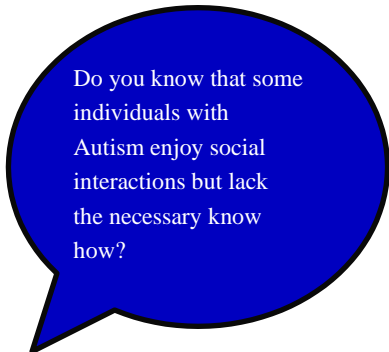
Function	What it is
<b>Sensory</b>	To provide stimulation of various senses (e.g., touch, pressure, sounds).
<b>Escape</b>	To avoid an undesired task. or situation
<b>Attention</b>	To gain access to people or social situations.
<b>Tangible</b>	To gain access to items or activities.

Responding to a behaviour without knowing its function may maintain or increase the behaviour. For example, if a student is exhibiting challenging behaviour during circle time and staff takes the student for a walk, it may increase the likelihood of the challenging behaviour reoccurring, if the function is to escape. Instead, teaching the student to request a break or ask for help may reduce the need to engage in escape related behaviour.

In order to determine the function of behaviour we need to collect data. One way to collect data is in the form of the Antecedent Behaviour and Consequences (ABC) Chart. An ABC chart can be found here:

<https://www.hamiltonhealthsciences.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/ASDUsingABCChart-lw.pdf>

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Remember the ABC's when trying to determine the function of a behaviour...

