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Enrollment: 214
Hours of Operation: 8:30 – 3:00
Lunch Hour: 11:15 – 12:15



St. Elizabeth School News

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

A warm welcome to everyone as we enter the excitement of the beginning of a new school year! I would like to take this opportunity to extend best wishes to you in the upcoming school year and especially to the new families in our community! During the month of September, it's always so nice to see the students return to school, so eager to reconnect with their teachers and friends. As we welcome our students back to school in September, it seems fitting that the Virtue of the Month is that of HOSPITALITY. Our teachers have been busy preparing their classrooms, gathering together resources, supplies and putting up their bulletin boards to create a welcoming environment. I know that everyone will join me in welcoming our returning, and new staff. I would like to introduce the recent additions to our staff: We welcome Ms. Ruggiero to our staff as the new Health teacher. She is replacing Ms. Austin, who is on maternity leave. Ms. Canzio is back again but in a new role as the Special Education teacher for this year. We also welcome Ms. Mota who is presently acting as our Core French teacher, and Ms. Merceica, our new itinerant EA. As we know, hospitality is more than just a welcoming back. As Matthew 25:40, tells us: *"Whatsoever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto me"*.

In the upcoming school year, we will continue to focus on Mathematics in our School Improvement Planning initiatives.

I look forward to working with our CSPC members on many exciting initiatives. I would also 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. A special thank-you is extended to Mrs. Catherine Forrester, our out-going Chair of CSPC for all her hard work and commitment to our school community.

The staff at St. Elizabeth have made preparations to ensure a challenging and rewarding school year and are committed to excellence in Catholic education. We look forward to working with you in the upcoming year!

~Mrs. Tropea



**Virtue of the Month,
SEPTEMBER:
HOSPITALITY**



LITURGICAL NEWS

Our first school Mass was held on Friday, September 23rd. Thank you to our celebrant, Father Acheampong and to all the parish staff. Special thanks to Mrs. Tulino and her students for planning the Mass and to the Choir and their director, Ms. Capstick. Thanks as well to Mr. Pedra, Ms. Canzio and our "Tech Team." **Our next Mass will be held on Friday, October 21st at 10 am at Our Lady of Peace Church (weather permitting). All are welcome!**

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

On Wednesday, **September 21st**, we had our CSPC Back to School BBQ/ Curriculum Night, CSPC AGM and elections. It was lovely to see everyone for what is always a fun and informative evening. We thank BBQ Brothers who once again took care of our BBQ needs as well Phillip with his ice cream truck. As well, thanks to our CSPC for your help and support with this community event.

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.

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

✦ In order to promote childhood independence we ask that caregivers are not around the school yard at drop off, lunch and recess times.

✦ It is our ongoing effort to make classroom time one of our many priorities. Impromptu hallway meetings with teachers take away valuable instructional time from student learning. Teachers will be glad to provide an appropriate time to address any concerns. **Please communicate with your child's teacher your request for an appointment using your child's agenda or by calling the school office at (416) 393-5278.**

✦ **Please do not go to the classroom directly.**
ALL STUDENTS MUST BE SIGNED OUT BY OFFICE STAFF.

✦ The staff will refer visitors, who arrive directly at the classroom door, to the office.

VISITORS to our school receive and must wear visitor badges while at our school.

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 use this street at the end of the day as well when picking up your child.

AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP

Parents who are picking up their children at the end of the day are reminded that they must see Mr. Pedra or one of our support staff before leaving with their child. This is to ensure the safety of all our students.

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

RAINBOW LUNCHES

For new parents, Rainbow Lunch is a catering company that offers a hot lunch to students every Thursday. If you would like your child to participate, please fill in the order form that is sent home and return it with the appropriate cheque or cash to the school office. You also have the option of ordering online. All information regarding Rainbow Lunch is located on the order form. We will be having Rainbow lunches once a week on Thursdays.



CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

The cross country season has begun at St. Elizabeth. The students will practice every day during the lunch hour. Our first competition will be October 11th at Centennial Park. Good luck to our students and their coach, Mrs. Tulino as the season progresses.

FUNDRAISERS



Our World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser will begin soon. Thank you for all those who are participating and to those who will be giving a voluntary donation for our school. Please note that all unsold chocolate and monies are due back to the school by Wednesday, October 19th at the latest. Many thanks for supporting this initiative which helps pay for things like buses and Scientists in the School.

ME TO WE

On Wednesday, October 19, the Me to We Team, led by Mrs. Gjevori, will take part in Me to We at the ACC. The students will be treated to many performances by special guests. As well, they will hear celebrity speakers talk about how we can be the positive change in the world by helping those in our own communities and beyond. We look forward to supporting the various initiatives of our Me to We Team this year!

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, 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.aspx2>

ST. ELIZABETH TOONIE FOR TERRY DAY!



(Friday, September 30th)

(www.terryfox.com)

The Terry Fox National School Run Day (NSRD) allows millions of students across Canada to join together in an inspirational nation-wide day of fundraising for cancer research. There is a special feeling in schools across Canada knowing that they join together in spirit with fellow Terry Foxers in communities as geographically distant as Cape Spear, Newfoundland, Victoria, British Columbia and Nunavut. Our students know, just like Terry did in 1980, that distance is no impediment when you have the will to make a difference in the lives of our family, friends and neighbours. As a fundraiser, Terry was an innovator, providing millions of Canadians with the opportunity to contribute to a cause in a multitude of ways. He believed in taking himself to the limit for the cause, and it is for this reason that we ask our students to make the best effort they can to fundraise.

In honour of Terry Fox Day, St. Elizabeth Catholic School will be promoting a *Toonie for Terry Walk Day* on Friday, September 30th. Students are asked to donate a minimum of \$2 to support this worthy cause. We thank you, in advance, for your generosity and support. Students are reminded to dress in running shoes and comfortable gym attire for this event. We will be outside so please dress appropriately for the weather. Many thanks to Mrs. Tulino for organizing this event.

MILK PROGRAM

Students can purchase milk daily for \$1.00.
Chocolate and regular milk cartons are available.



SAVE THE DATE!

Our **Advent Mass and Concert** will be held on the evening of **Tuesday, December 13th** **at 6 pm.** Please make note that the Mass will start one hour earlier than usual, at 6 pm and the concert will immediately follow the Mass.

Monthly Update from the Board September 2016

TCDSB Digital Store: Discounted educational software & hardware for students and staff

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is offering access to the following Microsoft products to all of our students:

- **FREE: Microsoft Office 365 Pro Plus:** includes latest versions of Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Publisher, Excel, Outlook, OneDrive and OneNote. The license can be used for up to 5 computers and up to 5 mobile devices (any platform);
- **FREE: Microsoft Windows 10 EDU;**
- **10% discount on computers and devices at the online Microsoft Education Store.**

In order to access this online offer, the student will need to know his/her TCDSB computer login username and password. If your child does not know his/her login information, please contact your school to ask how to obtain this information.

To take advantage of the software offers you must have internet access for the download. To find out more and how you can take advantage of this offer, visit our TCDSB Digital Store now at: www.tcdsb.org/digitalstore



Open House for Elementary Gifted Students

September 7th, 7-9 PM

<https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2016/pages/open-house-for-elementary-gifted-withdrawal-program.aspx>

High School Open Houses

Grade 8 students and their families are invited to learn more about their secondary school options at open houses this fall. For a complete schedule, see: <https://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/default.aspx>

Interested in Parent Engagement?

Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Elections

Coming October 3rd <https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/parentinvolvement/cpicelections/pages/scheduled-cpic-election-for-even-numbered-wards.aspx>

And October 5th <https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/parentinvolvement/cpicelections/pages/election-to-fill-cpic-vacancies.aspx>

Learn more about CPIC here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/ParentInvolvement/Pages/default.aspx>

Registration for Night School, Saturday Language Classes and eClass

September 1st to October 7th

Get detailed information online: <https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/ContinuingEducation/Documents/flyer.pdf>

Registration for Elementary International Languages After-Hours Programs

Classes begin the weekend of September 17th.

Register online here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/InternationalLanguages/Pages/Saturday-School-Registration.aspx>

Preparing for Post-Secondary Education?

Check out your university options at the annual **University Information Fair September 23-25, 2016** at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre <http://www.ouf.ca/>

Learn about community college program options at the annual **Ontario College Information Fair October 17th and 18th** at the Enercare Centre (Hall B), Exhibition Place <http://www.ocif.ca/>

Celebrating the Year of the Parish 2016-2017

The second year in our three pastoral plan focusing on "Together With One Voice: Harmonizing our Faith Through Family, Parish and School". It is an opportunity to celebrate the important role that our parishes play in our school communities and in the lives of the students, staff and families that we serve.

During the Year of the Parish, we look for ways to more fully engage our staff and students in the lives of their local parish community, and to welcome our pastors and parish community into school events and activities.

Let's celebrate the Family-Parish-School partnership!

Schools are encouraged to work with their local parish to develop their own parish project. Get more information and ideas here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/YearoftheParish/Pages/Parish-Project.aspx>

and here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/YearoftheParish/Pages/default.aspx>

September's Virtue is Hospitality

Find all the monthly resources associated with our virtues of the month online

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

School Year Calendar 2016-2017

Labour Day	September 5, 2016
First Instructional Day	September 6, 2016
Thanksgiving Day	October 10, 2016
Christmas Break	December 26, 2016–January 6, 2017
Start of second semester for secondary schools	February 6, 2017
Family Day	February 20, 2017
Mid-Winter Break	March 13–17, 2017
Good Friday	April 14, 2017
Easter Monday	April 17, 2017
Victoria Day	May 22, 2017
Last day of classes for elementary students	June 29, 2017

Seven (7) Professional Activity (PA) Days for ELEMENTARY schools:

October 7, 2016, November 18, 2016, December 2, 2016, January 20, 2017, February 17, 2017, June 9, 2017, June 30, 2017

*Seven (7) Professional Activity (PA) Days for SECONDARY schools:

October 7, 2016, November 18, 2016, December 2, 2016, February 17, 2017, June 28, 29, 30, 2017

[Draft Calendar of PA Days and Exam Days 2016-2017.](#) *(Please confirm these dates with your local school)*

Board and Committee Meetings

Standing committees and Board meetings are generally held on Thursdays. All meetings take place at the Catholic Education Centre, and these public committee and Board meetings are webcast live via the website at <https://www.tcdsb.org/LiveAtTCDSB/Pages/Default.aspx>. If you wish to address the board as a delegation, please register online here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TrusteesoftheBoard/boardmeeting/information/Pages/Delegation-Information.aspx>. Agendas and minutes, as well as archived video from past meetings, are also available via the board's website www.tcdsb.org.

Transportation Information

Information, including safety tips and up to the minute reports on cancellations or delays can be found online here:

<https://www.torontoschoolbus.org/>

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<https://web1.tcdsb.org/InterestSubscription/subscription.aspx>

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TRUSTEES 2016-2017**

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2016-2017 STAFF LIST

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TBA	Instrumental Music
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