



## St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School

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8:30 am to 3:30 pm

**Lunch Hour:**  
11:15 am to 12:15 pm



October 2016

## St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School News

### OCTOBER VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: GRATITUDE

THIS IS THE DAY,  
THE LORD HAS MADE.  
LET US REJOICE AND  
BE GLAD.

~ PSALM 118:24 ~

- GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR EVERY DAY HE GIVES US.
- IF WE EXPECT OTHERS TO BE GRATEFUL FOR WHAT WE DO, WE SHOULD SHOW APPRECIATION TO OTHERS.
- EVERYTHING WE HAVE TO BE THANKFUL FOR COMES FROM GOD.
- REMEMBER THE STORY OF THE LEPERS WHO JESUS HEALED AND THINK OF HOW MANY RETURNED TO SHOW THEIR GRATITUDE.

GRATITUDE



We have much to be thankful for, here, at St. Francis of Assisi.

The virtue of gratitude is the channel through which we become aware of the sacred, and the many blessings of our lives.

During this month, students are encouraged to say "thank you" and show appreciation for those around them.

Gratitude allows us to appreciate and accept our lives and to accept and be grateful for what we have rather than wanting more. It allows us the opportunity to reflect on the many blessings in our lives.

Happy Thanksgiving!

### At a Glance: Some Important Dates to Remember

October 4 <sup>th</sup>	St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day Picture Day Milk Program Begins
October 5 <sup>th</sup>	World Teacher Day
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Rosary Day
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	PA Day
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Day
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am – Opening School and Thanksgiving Mass
October 26 <sup>th</sup>	DECE and EA Appreciation Day
October 28 <sup>th</sup>	Dress Down Day

Please see the monthly calendar for additional information and events.

### Curriculum Night

Thank you to everyone for attending Curriculum Night on Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. It was a wonderful evening and a good opportunity to strengthen our school-home partnership.

## SCHOOL SAFETY

### MORNING ARRIVAL

Student supervision begins at 8:15 am in the school yard. Please do not send your children before this time unless they are involved in teacher directed activities. In order to provide optimum safety, parents and visitors must not enter the school yard in the morning, during the morning and afternoon recess periods, and lunch recess. Having adults other than the staff in the playground invites the entry of trespassers and is a distraction to those in charge of supervising students.

### AFTERNOON DISMISSAL

At dismissal the students disperse into several directions. Several students walk home in partners or small groups. Most students are picked up by a caregiver in the school yard. There is no supervision in the yard after 3:30 pm. Staff ensure that students are picked up by their caregivers and the school yard is cleared. The 3:30 pm dismissal is not a recess period. Students should not be gathering or waiting in the front entrance area or the playground. Please assist us in picking up your children promptly and clearing the school yard as soon as possible to ensure safe dismissal.

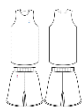
### EARLY DISMISSAL REQUESTS

Please write a note in your child's agenda to inform the teacher if you will be signing out your child during the school day.



Please report to the office to sign out your child before picking him/her up. The teacher will send your child to the office at the requested time. Please do not call the office to request your child be ready for pick up. Unless it is an emergency, students should not be dismissed after 3:15 pm. During the last 15 minutes of the day, students receive important agenda reminders for the next day and parent notices being sent home.

### DRESS CODE



The appropriate dress code consists of the following: navy blue pants, skirt/kilt, or walking shorts, a white collared polo-shirt, dress shirt, or blouse, with or without school crest; a navy blue sweater or pullover, also with or without the school crest. It is essential that the dress code be followed from the beginning of the school year.

### DONATION DRESS DOWN DAYS

In keeping with our tradition of giving, contributions brought in on Dress Down Days will be in support of many initiatives such as The Angel Foundation, Me to We, local school initiatives, and others.

## CSPC

Please join me in congratulating our 2016 – 2017 CSPC Executive:

Chair:	Penny Farinha
Co-Chair:	Rosemary Pacheco
Treasurer:	Anna Rosa
Secretary:	Susana Caldeira

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm.

## DISCLAIMER



The school will send home information from nonprofit organizations from time to time. Please exercise caution any time you allow your child to participate in or enroll your child in an outside organization's event after school hours.

The school and the TCDSB are not liable for the quality of service these organizations provide or for the safety of the participants. We forward this information to keep our parent community informed of the wide variety of opportunities available with our local community.

## FIRE DRILLS/LOCKDOWN

During the course of the year we will be practicing fire drills and lockdown drills. Our first scheduled fire drill was cancelled due to rain. We will be having a fire and lockdown drill sometime in October. In total we will have 6 fire drills and 3 lockdown/hold and secure drills. Teachers will review and practice the protocol to be practiced for each drill.



## OCTOBER 19: GO PURPLE DAY

October is Child Abuse Awareness Month. October 19<sup>th</sup> has been set aside as a day to raise awareness among students about the signs of abuse and neglect, and what to do if they, or someone they know, is being/or suspected of being abused or neglected. <https://www.tcdsb.org/Pages/October-is-Child-Abuse-Prevention-Month.aspx> #iBreaktheSilence

## 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>

## SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following students who were this month's ambassadors of the virtue of Hospitality.

Ms. Mazzuca/Ms. Abbatino	Myah C
Ms. Jennings	Mia A
Mr. Sorrentino	Jonah C
Ms. Abate	Sofia G
Ms. Silva	Brianna PS
Ms. Rodrigues	Zachary F
Ms. Prsa	Rogene T
Ms. Sobol	Laura L
Ms. Calautti	Gabriela C

## TERRY FOX RUN

On Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, students took part in the Terry Fox Run. Many people today have a connection to someone who has cancer so the run served as a personal dedication to a friend or relative, as well as necessary fundraising. In many classes, students had the opportunity to discuss the heroic efforts of Terry and helped raise funds for cancer research. All monies raised are forward to the Terry Fox Foundation. Our school has raised \$1,700 for cancer research!



We were very pleased to be a part of this year's Terry Fox Event as we encourage our students to develop a sense of volunteerism and goodwill, while celebrating school spirit. Thank you for all your support!

## ST. JOSEPH COLLEGE CARNIVAL



The grade seven and eight girls strolled over to St. Joseph's College School for their annual Carnival. There were tons of activities such as: dunk tank, bouncy castle, hamster ball race, face painting,

and much more. The girls also experienced life in a high school...holy huge!

"There were lots of new experiences such as henna, hungry hungry humans and watching teachers get dunked." Destiny

"I enjoyed the carnival because it involved so much creativity." Rogene

## HALLOWEEN

All students are invited to participate in Halloween festivities by coming to school in costume on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Please do not send children with weapons as part of their costume.



As Halloween approaches, we would like to remind you of our policy around distribution of treats and celebrations.

We have several students with allergies, who cannot participate in the consumption of edible treats. The risks associated with sharing treats are too severe. As such, we have asked parents not to bring in any cakes, cupcakes, ice cream, etc., so as not to exclude anyone from celebrating. There will be times during the year, when as a school community, we will celebrate special occasions with treats.

Please do not send loot bags for Halloween, Valentine's Day, birthdays, Christmas. After much consultation in the past with our CSPC and teaching staff, this too has become somewhat excessive, adds extra pressure to parents and students, takes time, and is costly. Many times, the loot bags end up in the trash and this does not hold well with our commitment to the environment and Stewardship of Resources in our Multi-Year Strategic Plan.



If you feel compelled to give at these special times during the year, we ask that you make a donation, however small, in the way of a book or monetary contribution for a larger classroom purchase to be determined by the teacher.



So please be reminded:

- **Any treats, loot bags, candy, lollipops will be sent back home with the child and not distributed.**
- Cards are a great way for children to demonstrate their good wishes. Please be sure there are no treats attached to the card.

## TRUSTEES 2016 – 2017

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|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Joseph Martino   | 5. Maria Rizzo               | 9. Jo-Ann Davis           |
| 2. Ann Andrachuk    | 6. Frank D'Amico, Vice-Chair | 10. Barbara Poplawski     |
| 3. Sal Piccininni   | 7. Michael Del Grande        | 11. Angela Kennedy, Chair |
| 4. Patrizia Bottoni | 8. Gary Tanuan               | 12. Nancy Crawford        |

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