



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School

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Hours of Operation:
8:30 am to 3:30 pm

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



September 2016

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School News

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the 2016 – 2017 School Year!

I hope you had a wonderful, restful and memorable summer.

I am looking forward to working with you for another successful school year.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back Ms. Ward. She will continue to work here for the remainder of the year.

I would like to also inform you of some other changes regarding staff members. The following teachers are on leave this year for varying durations:

- Ms. Nina (Grade 4/5 teacher)
- Ms. Bamber (Spec. Ed. teacher)
- Mr. Colucci (Vocal Music teacher)

We are in the process of hiring supply teachers to fill in during their absences.

Mr. Manoharan (Instrumental Music teacher) is no longer at St. Francis of Assisi. We will miss him very much and we wish him luck at his new schools. Once a teacher has been assigned to take his place, I will inform you.

At a Glance: Some Important Dates to Remember

CSPC Elections: September 26th, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Curriculum Night: September 28th, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Terry Fox Run: September 30th

Please see the monthly calendar for additional information and events.

The Year of the Parish

Last year we introduced a new three-year pastoral plan entitled “Together with One Voice: Harmonizing Our Faith Through Family, Parish and School”.

The 2015 – 16 school year emphasis was on the “Family”.

The 2016 – 17 year’s emphasis will be on the “**Parish**”.

**Almighty and Ever-loving God,
We give you thanks**

**for the blessings of our Families, where the seed of faith is planted;
for the Body of Christ, the Church, where faith is celebrated;
and for our Schools, where faith is nurtured.**

**Lord, we believe that Catholic Education is at its best
when Families, Parishes and Schools
play, pray and work together
to spread the Good News to all.**

**Help us to imitate the unity of the Trinity
as we continue to grow in our faith and love towards you,
and to one another.**

**Through the guidance of the Holy Family,
the model of all Christian families,
and the intercession of all the Saints,
may our Families, Parishes and Schools
remain places where the Gospel is shared
with joy, courage and love.
We pray through Christ our Lord, Amen**

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Call 416-393- 5206 or the TCDSB Admissions Department at 416-222-8282, ext. 5320.

For general information about the Toronto Catholic District School Board, please visit the website at www.tcdsb.org.

SCHOOL STAFF

Teachers

Ms. Mazzuca	ELP (JK/SK)
Ms. Jennings	Gr. 1/2
Mr. Sorrentino	Gr. 2/3
Ms. Nina	Gr. 4/5 (on leave)
Ms. Silva	Gr. 6/7
Ms. Rodrigues	Gr. 8
Ms. Prsa	ISP Congregated Gifted
Ms. Calautti	ISP MID
Ms. Sobol	ISP LD
Ms. O'Keefe	Special Ed AM
Ms. Bamber	Special Ed (on leave)
Ms. Pol-Bodetto	French
Ms. Chaves	Portuguese
Mr. Dos Santos	Phys Ed
Mr. Colucci	Vocal Music (on leave)
TBA	Instrumental Music

Support Staff

Ms. Melo	Secretary
Ms. Abbattino	Early Childhood Educator
Ms. Stanley	Library Technician
Ms. Rago	Educational Assistant
Ms. Ward	Educational Assistant
Mr. Silva	Head Caretaker
Mr. Batista	Caretaker

Please note: Due to fluctuating enrolment, class assignments and teacher placements may change throughout the month of September. School re-organization is a possibility.

SAFE ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL



If your child is unable to attend school, the parent/guardian is asked to leave a message or contact Mrs. Melo, our secretary at 416 393-5206, prior to the beginning of the school day. The reason for absence should be provided. **A written note should be sent with your**

child on his or her return to school stating the reason for absence.

In the event that your child needs to leave the school before the regular dismissal time, please provide a signed and dated note.

All students are expected to leave the school yard upon dismissal and go directly home unless they are involved in some extracurricular activity.

Please take a few minutes to review basic safety rules with your child. This will reinforce the lessons taught by teachers during the school year.

SCHOOL HOURS

8:30	Morning bell
10:12 to 10:27	Morning recess
11:15 to 12:15	Lunch
1:40 to 1:55	Afternoon recess
3:30	Dismissal



AGENDAS HAVE ARRIVED

Agenda books will be distributed to students on Monday, September 12th. Thank you to our CSPC for paying the cost of the agendas.



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>

SCHOOL SAFETY

Our safety policy remains the same.

All pick up and drop off will happen in the appropriate school yards.



- Students in grades 1 through 5 will enter through the atrium.
- Students in Grades 6 to 8 will enter through the north doors.
- ELP (JK/SK) will enter through outside doors of Room 112.

Students will be supervised in the morning from 8:15 a.m. Students who are left prior to 8:15 or after 3:30 will NOT be supervised and are their parents'/caregivers' responsibility. Parents are reminded to make arrangements for punctual drop off and pick up of their child(ren).

During inclement weather, students can enter through the atrium no earlier than 8:15 a.m., and then they will proceed to their classroom. Parents are reminded to drop their children off in their respective lines outside and not follow them into the building.



PARKING

The parking lot is for school staff only. Please do not use the parking lot to drop off or pick up children. It causes much congestion and is very unsafe for students. There is a drop off and pick up zone in front of the school on Clinton

Street. Parking enforcement will be tagging vehicles in the school parking lot.

TCDSB SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2016-2017

First Instructional Day	September 6, 2016
Thanksgiving Day	October 10, 2016
Christmas Break	December 26, 2016–January 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

Professional Activity Days for ELEMENTARY Schools:

October 7, 2016	Provincial Education Priorities
November 18, 2016	Parent-Teacher Conferences
December 2, 2016	Provincial Education/Faith Development
January 20, 2017	Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting
February 17, 2017	Parent-Teacher Conferences
June 9, 2017	Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting
June 30, 2017	Provincial Education Priorities

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Grade 8 students will be asked to make a secondary school choice in early November. Please make arrangements to visit the open houses.

Loretto College School	October 18 th
St. Joseph's College	October 19 th
St. Mary's Secondary	October 26 th
Bishop Marrocco	October 27 th

For a complete schedule, see:

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

APPROPRIATE DRESS CODE POLICY

St. Francis of Assisi continues to follow appropriate navy and white dress code.

The Dress Code consists of any combination of navy blue and white garments:

- Plain **white** or **navy** top – no Graphics, no stripes, no polka dots
- Plain **navy** bottoms – no denim and **no white** bottoms



The responsibility for meeting the expectations of the Local Dress Code is primarily that of the parents/guardians of the students. The success of the dress code depends on full participation from all our student body. Should students continue to come to school in clothes other than appropriate dress code, progressive discipline policy will apply.



Please ensure that students leave a pair of indoor shoes at school as the weather gets cooler. Students footwear should be appropriate for engaging in all school activities, as such, flip flops, crocs and open sandals are not recommended. In addition, only non-marking running shoes should be worn during gym time.

CSPC (formerly CSAC)



Elections will be held on Monday, September 26th, at 5:30 p.m. for this year's council. Nomination Forms are available in the main office. If you would like to nominate a parent for one of the elected positions, please complete a nomination form in the main office

BIRTHDAYS AND OTHER CELEBRATIONS

Due to increasing allergies to nuts, peanuts, and/or eggs, we will not celebrate birthdays, Halloween and special occasions with cakes, cupcakes, cookies **or any treats**. This includes Halloween candy. The risks associated with sharing food far outweigh the benefits. We cannot guarantee that the products are safe for all our students and do not wish to exclude any child from celebrations. Should you elect to send in treats, they will not be distributed and sent back home. In lieu of treats, you are welcome to donate a book to the school or classroom library.



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/>

NUT FREE LUNCHES



Due to increasing allergies and anaphylaxis, we encourage nut free lunches and treats. Though we cannot guarantee an allergen free environment, we will make every effort to create a safe place for all our students. Some of our students have severe peanut and nut allergies. Please do not pack your child's lunch or snack with any peanut or nut related items. (Nutella and peanut butter sandwiches are not permissible.)

In addition, we encourage parents to pack healthy lunches, inclusive of all the food groups in reusable containers.

LUNCH DROP OFF

Should parents wish to deliver lunch for their child, please label and leave on the table in front foyer. Do not deliver to main office. Students are aware of the designated pick up spot. Parents, please wait for your child/ren in the atrium/school yard.

LUNCH TIME PICK UP

Parents, please wait for your child/ren in the atrium/school yard for your child to be dismissed for lunch. Please do not go to the class. This is to ensure everyone's safety.

GRADE 7/8

Only students in Grade 7 and 8 will be permitted to leave school property at lunch on special occasions. They must bring in a signed note and present it to the teacher in the morning. We will **not** be making calls home for permission at lunch time. Also, students who leave for lunch are asked to consume their food off school property and should return in time for the afternoon bell.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

Parents will be notified of the above dates as soon as they are confirmed. Also, online pre-registration for the above will be on the St. Francis of Assisi Parish website soon.

Parents, please note the following:

- First Confession/Communion for Grade 2 students or older
- Confirmation for Grade 7 students or Grade 8 students if they missed last year

Also, parents of unbaptized children interested in exploring baptism of their child is welcome to contact the church office during the opening weeks of school and parents who would like to explore the process of these sacraments (for those who are not Catholic or who have missed some of the sacraments along the way) are welcome to contact the church office for information regarding programmes beginning in October.

416.338.7600 toronto.ca/health |  TORONTO Public Health



If you received a letter from Toronto Public Health, please update your child's immunization record with us using one of the following options:

- Phone: 416 392-1250
- Fax: 416 338-2487

If your child does not have all the needed vaccines, please contact your health care provider.

TRUSTEES 2016 – 2017

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| 1. Joseph Martino | 5. Maria Rizzo | 9. Jo-Ann Davis |
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