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9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**



## **St. Gabriel Catholic School**

### **April 2018**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

April Virtue: Justice

Wishing all the families in our school community a blessed Easter - may the spirit of our risen Lord fill your hearts with the hope of renewal.

There are many exciting events taking place this month of April. The first being held on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Last year our St. Gabriel Cricket came in first place. This year our team is being honoured at the Mayor's School Cricket Program Canadian Tire Trophy 2018, where Toronto City Mayor John Tory will be presenting our cricket students with a trophy and \$250 worth of equipment for the school. A special thanks to Ms. Ruggiero and Ms. Favot for volunteering their time to coach the team last year.

Monday April 2<sup>nd</sup> is World Autism Awareness Day. The main idea of this day is to bring awareness of the hurdles autistic people are faced with every day. It is also an opportunity to celebrate the unique talents autistic people share with the world. Seeing how this date falls on Easter Monday, the TCDSB will be observing the date with a special event - The Autism Awareness Flag Raising Event! This event will be held at the CEC on Monday April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Our M.E. class, as well as the M.E. classes from our neighbouring schools, will be attending this event. Should you wish to be a part of it, please R.S.V.P. with Ms. Monaco and we will meet you at the CEC.

Last but not least (refer to April calendar attached), our grade 8s will be going to Ottawa between April 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Jevезian, Mr. Rodrigues and myself will be accompanying students on this trip - we have a fun filled itinerary! Which brings me to my final thought, April is volunteer appreciation month. I hope that the community recognizes the amount of volunteer work that our staff participates in (such as, coaching sport teams, organizing committees like Me to We and Eco Team, overnight trips, etc.) - we are truly a very blessed school community. A celebration for all our volunteers will be held on Friday April 27<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm.

Yours in servant leadership,  
C. Crispo

Date: Thursday April 5, 2018  
Time: 10 am to noon  
Remarks: 10:30am  
Location: Central Tech Stadium  
725 Bathurst St.  
Hosted by: Dwight Drummond, Host of CBC News



**ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL HOURS**  
**2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR**

**Start of School Day:** 9:00 a.m.  
**Morning Recess:** 10:42 a.m. to 10:57 a.m.  
**Lunch Hour:** 11:45 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.  
**Afternoon Recess:** 2:10 p.m. to 2:25 p.m.  
**Dismissal:** 3:30 p.m.

**SAFE SCHOOL ARRIVAL PROGRAM**

Please leave a message by calling the school at **416-393-5256** when your child will be absent or late. Please make sure that all students who arrive late check in at the front office.

**PARKING AT ST. GABRIEL**

1. Staff parking only: please do not park in the parking lot to drop off your child(ren) - use the student drop off to pick up and drop off - use street parking if you wish to walk your child(ren) to the school yard
2. Student drop off only: **do not park in the student drop off/pickup zone** - remain in your car and have your child(ren) exit on the right side of the vehicle
3. No idling: always turn off your car if you have to wait more than 1 minute
4. Accessible Parking: never park in the accessible parking spot without a permit

**CORRECTION TO CANCELLED PERMITS THIS SUMMER**

All permits for July/August 2018 have been cancelled due to construction on the school building, with the exception of the YMCA. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call 416 221-5000.

**ST. GABRIEL'S MASS TIMES AND YOUTH CHOIR**

St. Gabriel's Parish mass times:  
Saturday 4:30  
Sunday 8:30, 10:30, 12:30

**MONTHLY VIRTUES**

Monthly Virtues are celebrated by all TCDSB's schools. Throughout the year we will be recognizing students each month by honouring those students who have demonstrated the virtue of the month through their words and actions.

September - Hospitality  
October - Gratitude  
November - Peace  
December - Charity  
January - Courage  
February - Love  
**March - Forgiveness**  
April - Justice  
May - Compassion  
June - Faithfulness

The following students were recognized for their demonstration of **Forgiveness**:

- Andrew Ganon
- Ryan Xavier
- Olivia Chongo
- Maxon Cerilli
- Leah Kim
- Richard Antigua
- Matia Lee
- Oliver Policelli
- Kayla DeGuzman
- Ivan Naval
- Marisol Giron
- Einstein Augustine
- Melanie Mola
- Katie Mejia

## 7 Habits of Highly Successful Teens

Article by: Education.com

Covey himself has done well by following a parent's example. His dad, Stephen Covey, wrote the book *The 7 Habits of Highly Successful People*, which sold over 15 million copies. Sean's a chip off the old block, and no slacker. His own book has rung in a more than respectable 2 million copies sold. Here are his seven habits, and some ideas for helping your teen understand and apply them:

### **Be Proactive**

Being proactive is the key to unlocking the other habits. Help your teen take control and responsibility for her life. Proactive people understand that they are responsible for their own happiness or unhappiness. They don't blame others for their own actions or feelings.

### **Begin With the End in Mind**

If teens aren't clear about where they want to end up in life, about their values, goals, and what they stand for, they will wander, waste time, and be tossed to and fro by the opinions of others. Help your teen create a personal mission statement which will act as a road map and direct and guide his decision-making process.

### **Put First Things First**

This habit helps teens prioritize and manage their time so that they focus on and complete the most important things in their lives. Putting first things first also means learning to overcome fears and being strong during difficult times. It's living life according to what matters most.

### **Think Win-Win**

Teens can learn to foster the belief that it is possible to create an atmosphere of win-win in every relationship. This habit encourages the idea that in any given discussion or situation both parties can arrive at a mutually beneficial solution. Your teen will learn to celebrate the accomplishments of others instead of being threatened by them.

### **Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood**

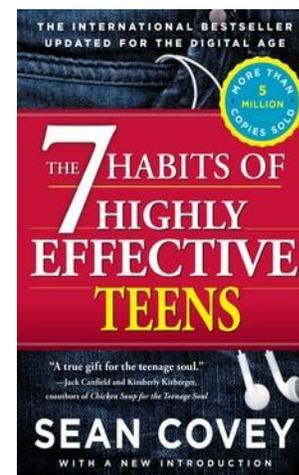
Because most people don't listen very well, one of the great frustrations in life is that many don't feel understood. This habit will ensure your teen learns the most important communication skill there is: active listening.

### **Synergize**

Synergy is achieved when two or more people work together to create something better than either could alone. Through this habit, teens learn it doesn't have to be "your way" or "my way" but rather a better way, a higher way. Synergy allows teens to value differences and better appreciate others.

### **Sharpen the Saw**

Teens should never get too busy living to take time to renew themselves. When a teen "sharpens the saw" she is keeping her personal self sharp so that she can better deal with life. It means regularly renewing and strengthening the four key dimensions of life - body, brain, heart, and soul.



**TORONTO CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
TRUSTEES 2017-2018**

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**Bus Drivers Needed!!**

SHARP Transportation is looking for drivers. They offer FREE training - which means you will receive a commercial license B. If you have young children at home, they are welcome to ride the bus as long as space is available. If you are interested in learning more about this employment opportunity, please call 416 477-4809.



Orfe strives to teach children the love for our beautiful planet and create, through different artistic techniques and the use of recycled materials, magical and wonderful world, as they explore and discover the potential of their creativity.

This term students will explore Pointillism and Mosaic Eco Art:

Location: School - once a week for 7 sessions

Time: 45 minutes during lunch

Day: starting the week of April 2 to June 4

Grades: 1-3 and 4-7

\*only accepting 10 students, please contact [orfe@orfeart.com](mailto:orfe@orfeart.com)





# Monthly Update from the Board

## March 2018

### **OAPCE Toronto & TCDSB Parent Engagement Department Annual Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grant Workshop**

**Apply for a Grant of \$1000 for Parent Engagement at your school!**

Parent Councils, Administrators & all Parents are welcome

Guest speakers from the Ministry of Education, OAPCE and TCDSB. Interactive workshop to kick start the application process. Sharing of resources to run PRO Grant events.

**Monday, April 30, 2018**, 6:00 Light Refreshments and Networking; 7:00 Workshop

Location: Toronto Catholic District School Board (CEC)

80 Sheppard Avenue East, 2nd Floor Atrium

(CEC: Free Parking Available Underground/Yonge & Sheppard Subway Station)

### **Angel Brigade Week**

**April 16-23, 2018**

In support of the Angel Foundation for Learning

<http://www.angelfoundationforlearning.org/>

### **Earth Day**

**April 22, 2018**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2018/Pages/earthday.aspx>

### **Administrative Assistants' (Secretary/Clerical Staff) Appreciation Day**

**Wednesday, April 25, 2018**

### **Staff Arts Production: "Curtains"--The Musical Comedy Whodunit**

2018 Performance Dates: April 13, 14, 19, 20, and 21

In the theatre at Cardinal Carter Academy of the Arts (36 Greenfield Avenue Willowdale)

Order tickets online and save \$2.00: <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?ticketing=tcdsb>

For a manual ticket order form visit:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/affiliates/StaffArts/PastSeasons/20172018/Documents/Musical/TicketOrderFormCurtains2.pdf>

### **CPIC - OAPCE PARENT SUMMIT**

*Helping Parents Get to Know*

**Saturday, May 5th, 2018**

At the Catholic Education Centre

**Get to know...Parent Engagement, Special Education, Math, Internet Safety, Positive Parenting, 21st Century Learning**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/ParentInvolvement/News-and-Events/Pages/cpic-parent-conference.aspx>

### More opportunities for students here:

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

### Information about Awards scholarships and bursaries:

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

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Dear Parents and Guardians of St Gabriel Catholic CS,

We are pleased to inform you that our school will be offering **Computer Coding** classes from Hatch Canada as part of our Extra-Curricular programs this term.

### **Program Benefits**

- The students will learn how to write computer code in Javascript in a fun and engaging way.
- Students will also be able to sign-in at home and continue developing their skills, showing-off to their friends and amazing their parents.
- Hatch's self-paced and mastery-based platform allows students to choose their own projects to build from themes like Minecraft, Star Wars, Disney, Art, and more.
- For all experience levels!

In just its second academic year, Hatch has already taught more than 1,000 students and in 2017/2018 is running after school programs in numerous Ontario public and private schools.

**Program Name:** Hatch Prime, Grade: 3 +, Thursdays

**Start/ End Date:** Apr 5 to May 24

**Duration:** 8 weeks

**Time:** 12:00 - 12:45

**Fee:** \$130 per child (HST exempt)

**Sign up Deadline:** Apr 02 2018 or Full

To register your child, register at [www.hatchcanada.com/schools](http://www.hatchcanada.com/schools). Use the drop-down menu to find our school, complete all fields and complete payment of \$130 (HST exempt) using a credit card.

*Payment can now be made in two installments.*

School program doesn't fit your schedule? Can't get to a Hatch Centre? Try  
**Hatch Virtual** ([hatchcanada.com/virtual](http://hatchcanada.com/virtual))

**hatchcanada.com**