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## **St. Gabriel Catholic School**

### **June 2018**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

#### June Virtue: Faithfulness

The month of June begins with the greatly anticipated CSPC FUN FAIR! On Friday June 1<sup>st</sup>, our CSPC, under the direction of organizer Ms. Cheng and many parent volunteers, invite you to join us from 5:30 to 8:30 for BBQ, fun and games, raffle and much, much more! If you haven't had the opportunity to pre-order, no worries, 'walk-ups' are welcomed too! And yes, the dunk tank is back!



"Parting is such sweet sorrow ..." William Shakespeare sums it up in one short phrase. For those of you who haven't heard, it is with great joy and sadness (mostly sadness) that I write I will not be here in September as I will be off for one year on a planned leave. It has been a sincere pleasure working with the St. Gabriel school community. I have loved every moment that I have spent with this community and know that St. Gabriel Catholic School will forever hold a special place in my heart.

Two years ago I stepped into the role as principal and from the onset I felt welcomed and cared for by staff, students, parents and parish. I would like to take this opportunity to honor the staff at St. Gabriel. Thank you - it is evident in all that you do for our students that you are living out your vocation as Catholic leaders every day - continue to be the loving, supportive staff that you have always demonstrated to myself and others! A special thanks to Ms. Monaco, your knowledge, compassion and ability to make people feel at ease will be greatly missed! Thank you to Fr. Brando and the St. Gabriel Parish staff that work so closely with the school, your guidance is much appreciated. Finally, thank you everyone for your trust, patience and understanding throughout the two years and allowing me to grow as leader and learn alongside with you. Until we meet again my friends!

Yours in servant leadership,  
C. Crispo

**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.

**NUTRITION PROGRAM**

We are very happy to announce that Rosa San Luis (a friend of Soonim) will be taking the position of Nutrition Coordinator starting in September. Thanks to all our volunteers that help make the nutrition program possible and to you the parents for your generous donations. Looking forward to another great year.

**RETURNING TO ST. GABRIEL**

We are in the process of arranging classes for the next school year. Please let Ms. Monaco know if your child/children will **NOT** be returning.



**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 **Compassion**: "*When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.*"

**Matthew 14:14**

- Ms. Monaco
- Maya Lamb
- Luke D'Angelo
- Giovanna Monteiro
- Vito Costa
- Aidan Hu
- Fernando Cordova
- Michela Cologna
- Carter Sparkman
- Jenny Hong
- Syllaanne Cabrias
- Paren Kucukates
- Janner Castelltort

## Summer Reading Tips for Parents

By: [Coordinated Campaign for Learning Disabilities](#)

Efforts should be made during the summer to help children sustain reading skills, practice reading and read for enjoyment.

Reading builds visualization, thinking and language abilities. Taking the time to read with your child can help you evaluate your child's reading skills. If you discover that your child is having trouble with reading, he or she may have a learning disability. 80% of children with a learning disability have difficulty with basic reading and language. But early identification of such a disability gives a child the chance to develop ways to learn how to read effectively, and skills to lead a successful and productive life.

Parents should remember that children need free time in the summer to relax and enjoy the pleasures of childhood. So summer reading should be fun. Following are a few tips to make reading enjoyable for your children this summer:

1. Read aloud together with your child every day. Make it fun by reading outdoors on the front steps, patio, at the beach or park. Also, let your children read to you. For younger children, point out the relationship between words and sounds.

### 2. Set a good example!

Parents must be willing to model behavior for their children. Keep lots of reading material around the house. Turn off the TV and have each person read his or her book, including mom and dad.

### 3. Read the same book your child is reading and discuss it.

This is the way to develop habits of the mind and build capacity for thought and insight.

### 4. Let kids choose what they want to read, and don't turn your nose up at popular fiction.

It will only discourage the reading habit.

### 5. Buy books on tape, especially for a child with a learning disability.

Listen to them in the car, or turn off the TV and have the family listen to them together.

### 6. Take your children to the library regularly.

Most libraries sponsor summer reading clubs with easy-to-reach goals for preschool and school-age children. Check the library calendar for special summer reading activities and events. Libraries also provide age appropriate lists for summer reading.

### 7. Subscribe, in your child's name, to magazines like Sports Illustrated for Kids, Highlights for Children, or National Geographic World.

Encourage older children to read the newspaper and current events magazines, to keep up the reading habit over the summer and develop vocabulary. Ask them what they think about what they've read, and listen to what they say.

### 8. Ease disappointment over summer separation from a favorite school friend by encouraging them to become pen pals.

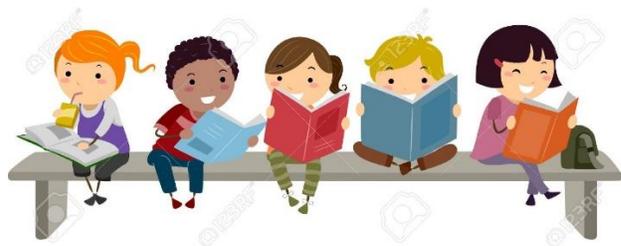
Present both children with postcards or envelopes that are already addressed and stamped. If both children have access to the Internet, email is another option.

### 9. Make trips a way to encourage reading by reading aloud traffic signs, billboards, notices.

Show your children how to read a map, and once you are on the road, let them take turns being the navigator.

### 10. Encourage children to keep a summer scrapbook.

Tape in souvenirs of your family's summer activities picture postcards, ticket stubs, photos. Have your children write the captions and read them and read them aloud as you look at the book together.



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

**Wards**

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**Grade 8 Car Wash**

**Date:** Tuesday, June 12th, 2018

**Time:** 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**Cost:** \$5.00 per car

The Grade 8 car wash has been a long standing tradition here at St. Gabriel. We will be blocking off the "loop" that provides entry to the parking lot on this day from 1 - 5 pm. Please pick up your child/children by parking on the street and walking into the schoolyard. A special thanks to Mrs. Jevезian and Mr. Rodrigues who will be present to supervise the car wash. Come out and support our graduates!



**TCDSB SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2018-2019**

<b>Number of school days</b>	<b>194</b>
<b>Number of Professional Activity Days</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Labour Day</b>	<b>September 3, 2018</b>
<b>First Instructional Day</b>	<b>September 4, 2018</b>
<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	<b>October 8, 2018</b>
<b>Christmas Break</b>	<b>December 24, 2018–January 4, 2019</b>
<b>Family Day</b>	<b>February 18, 2019</b>
<b>Mid-Winter Break</b>	<b>March 11–15, 2019</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>April 19, 2019</b>
<b>Easter Monday</b>	<b>April 22, 2019</b>
<b>Victoria Day</b>	<b>May 20, 2019</b>
<b>Last day of classes for elementary students</b>	<b>June 27, 2019</b>

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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• October 5, 2018</li> <li>• November 16, 2018</li> <li>• December 7, 2018</li> <li>• January 18, 2019</li> <li>• February 15, 2019</li> <li>• June 7, 2019</li> <li>• June 28, 2019</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provincial Education Priorities/Faith Development</li> <li>Parent-Teacher Conferences</li> <li>Provincial Education Priorities</li> <li>Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting</li> <li>Parent-Teacher Conferences</li> <li>Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting</li> <li>Provincial Education Priorities</li> </ul> |
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# Monthly Update from the Board

## June 2018

### Summer School Registration Continues

Check here for registration information, as well as important dates to note course options, locations and more.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/continuingeducation/pages/default.aspx>

### Rooted in Christ: we Belong, we Believe, we Become TCDSB Pastoral Plan 2018-2021

We thank the many students, staff, parishes, employee federations, trustees and other Catholic leaders who participated in last week's launch of the Board's new pastoral plan. It was truly wonderful to celebrate this launch during Catholic Education Week as we focused on renewing the promise of Catholic education. We were honoured to have His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins as our keynote speaker to offer some insights into the theme for our new plan-- "**Rooted in Christ: we Belong, we Believe, we Become**".

### TCDSB Celebrates Canada Day

TCDSB's Board-wide Canada Day celebration will be held on **June 28, 2018**. More information about the Board-wide celebration is forthcoming. We look forward to your participation as we share our pride in what it means to be Canadian!

### Want to Help Others Become More Engaged in Catholic Education?

**The Toronto Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC)** is a provincially mandated and funded committee, which supports student achievement through increased parent involvement. Members of CPIC work locally within their own wards, and also provide information and advice on parent engagement to the school board. The committee strategizes and plans initiatives and events that promote and facilitate parent engagement, and helps parents to support their children's learning at home and/or at school. Toronto CPIC members are volunteer parents/guardians, who bring forward information and ideas from their own wards, and relay important decisions and important information from the central table back to parents in their area.

If this sounds of interest, consider running for election in the fall of 2018.

Please note election dates below:

- **Even Wards: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12:** 2 Parent Representatives per Ward: **October 2<sup>nd</sup>**
- **Odd Wards:** Ward 3 (2 Vacancies); Ward 5 (1 Vacancy); Ward 9 (2 Vacancies): **October 3<sup>rd</sup>**
- **4 Parent-at-Large Representatives:** Elections on **October 15<sup>th</sup>**

Don't have the time to serve on a committee? Consider nominating someone for the committee, and remember to come out and vote for your CPIC representative. Visit [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org) for more information about CPIC.

### June is...

- National Indigenous Peoples' Month  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/NationalIndigenousMonth/Pages/default.aspx>
- Italian Canadian Heritage Month  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/ItalianCanadianHeritage/Pages/default.aspx>
- Portuguese Canadian Heritage Month  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/PortugueseCanadianHeritage/Pages/default.aspx>
- Filipino Heritage Month  
June 12<sup>th</sup>—Filipino Heritage Day
- Deafblind Awareness Month <http://www.cdbanational.com/deafblind-awareness-month/>