



## St. Gabriel Catholic School June 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

June Virtue: Faithfulness

Dear Parents and Guardians:

June is one of the busiest months of the school year as we attempt to complete curriculum expectations. It is also the time when we consider our goals for learning and teaching improvement planning for September. Last day of classes for students is Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. June 28<sup>th</sup> is a PA day for all elementary schools.

Faithfulness is the virtue that we focus on in June. Our faith is the centre of what it means to be a Catholic- Faith in Christ our Lord. We strive every day to use our words and actions to demonstrate our faith in God.

Our wonderful fathers and grandfathers are acknowledged in June! We are grateful for their love, support, and guidance. Happy Father's Day!

Congratulations to the students at St. Gabriel for a successful year with many accomplishments. Our school is truly blessed with dedicated staff, supportive parents, dedicated parish, and extraordinary students. Thank you!

Thank you to our CSPC members and other parent volunteers who have worked hard all year to enrich the experiences of our students and for a fantastic fun fair to be held on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to Mr. Gorda and the subcommittee for organizing a wonderful event.

Our Grade 7 students will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm at St. Gabriel Catholic Church.

Congratulations to our graduates and we wish them all the best in their future endeavours. May God bless them and guide them on their journey.

On behalf of the staff, I extend to you and your families our best wishes for a safe, restful and enjoyable summer.

See you in September!

Yours in Catholic Education,

Ms. A. De Roma

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**ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL HOURS**  
**2018-2019 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**

To report your child as late or absent, please use one of the following options:

Call 1(833)251-3286 (toll-free)

Online [go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca)

School Messenger Mobile App

Please make sure that all students who arrive late check in at the front office.

**\*Please ensure the school office has your current email address on file.\***

**SIGNING IN AS A VISITOR**

Please be reminded that signing in as a visitor and wearing a sticker that identifies you as a "VISITOR" to our school is mandatory!! We encourage and appreciate all our volunteers, be it for the nutrition program, for scientists in school, school excursions, etc. However, the safety of our staff and students is our number one priority and signing in allows us to regulate and monitor who is in our school, when and for what purpose. Full compliance is expected.

**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**:

- Jason Chan
- Isaac Hur
- David Fadugba
- Lucas Grant
- Tunmise Toluhi
- Ryan Kim
- Kaydence Stephens
- Aiden Kim
- Arah Recta
- Shasha Park
- Henous Beraki
- Cassandra Victorine
- Jiwoo Baek
- Ina Kim
- John Tupaz
- Jullie Lee
- Peter Paolitto

## 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 behaviour 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 child 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 event 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 favourite school friend by encouraging them to become pen pals.

Present both children with postcards or envelopes that are already addressed and stamps. 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 and 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.

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### **St. Gabriel Parent Council News**

It's hard to believe that the end of the school year is almost here. On June 1st the CSPC is hosting the Fun Fair to celebrate all of the St. Gabriel students and families. Thank you to the Fun Fair sub-committee for months of planning and organizing to make this event a success. Thank you to all of the St. Gabriel families that helped support the Fun Fair by donating prizes, volunteering their time at the Fair and helping to organize this fun-filled day.

The CSPC will also be hosting one last Movie Night of the year on Friday June 14th 2019. This will be a special double-header evening. Information regarding this night will go home with students at the beginning of June.

The next meeting of the CSPC will be held on Tuesday June 18th at 7pm at the school. All are welcome to attend.

The CSPC would like to thank all of the St. Gabriel families for their support this school year. Have a safe and enjoyable summer and we look forward to seeing everyone in September.



# Monthly Update from the Board

## June 2019

### Important Information

#### **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>

#### **School Year Calendar for 2019-2020**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/calendar/pages/schoolyearcalendar.aspx>

#### **Want instant alerts about your child's absence? Sign Up for School Messenger**

To enhance our existing absence-checking procedure we introduced a new student absence reporting system called SafeArrival making it easier for you and staff to verify student attendance. With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
2. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
3. Call the toll-free number 1 (833) 251-3286 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time up to a maximum of 10 consecutive days. It is important to note that when setting up your account, you must register using the email address and phone number associated with your child's Trillium account. In addition, schools will use the SchoolMessenger Communicate automated notification system to contact parents whose child is absent when the absence was not reported in advance.

#### **Get Updates on School Bus Service**

Register for the Toronto Student Transportation Group Parent Portal to receive real time notifications about school bus cancellations or delays. The parent portal will be updated and re-open in mid-August for sign up.

<https://www.torontoschoolbus.org/transportation-portal/Account/Register/>

#### **International Languages Elementary (ILE) Program - After Hours Registration**

- [International Languages Elementary \(ILE\) After Hours Calendar 2019-2020.pdf](#)
- [ILE After Hour Centres - 2019-2020.pdf](#)

#### **Online registration:**

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

#### **Rooted in Christ: we Belong, we Believe, we Become (Pastoral Plan)**

Throughout the year, we have seen our Pastoral Plan come to life in our school communities in many different ways, as we witnessed how our students and staff continue to be welcoming places of learning, where all are included and all are accepted, all are valued and all belong.

Visit our website to see all the submissions from across the Board:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/rooted-in-christ/Pages/we-Belong-submissions.aspx>

Some of the photos from the year-end event have been posted to our website

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/news/2018-2019/pages/webelong.aspx> and we hope to add a short video of the highlights from the day to that page soon as well.

**REMINDER: In September 2019 we shift our focus to "we Believe".**

## **Virtue of the Month for June—Faithfulness**

Resources and information:

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

## **Contests and Other Opportunities for Students**

### **MLB Remix™ powered by SoundCloud**

Create your own version of, "**Take Me Out to the Ball Game**" to compete to win a trip to the 2019 MLB® All-Star Game® presented by Mastercard! Fans will have the opportunity to showcase their musical talent and bring in MLB All-Star Week™ with their own personal flair. The song entries will be judged by the renowned Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

**Deadline June 13, 2019.** <https://www.mlb.com/forms/mlb-remix-contest>

### **Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Month Poster Competition**

September is Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Month--an occasion to recognize and celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Ukrainian Canadians to Canada. Toronto Catholic District School Board invites students to design a poster acknowledging the contributions of Ukrainian people to the Canadian mosaic. The winning entry will be used in connection with the celebrations in September 2019. **Deadline 5pm on June 17th, 2019.** Details:

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

### **Toronto Public Library Offers Tutoring and Support for Students**

<https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/detail.jsp?Entt=RDMEVT25984&R=EVT25984>

Youth Homework Help & Mentorship 4-7 pm for Grades 8+. Drop in. No registration required.

Mon Jun 03, Mon Jun 10, Mon Jun 17, Mon Jun 24 at **High Park Library** Community Room

Receive one-on-one support in important aspects of your academic life and career including homework and course tutoring, high school course selection, college, university and scholarship applications, employment assistance such as résumé building and mock interviewing.

[https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/detail.jsp?Entt=RDMEVB0193&R=EDB0193&utm\\_source=Teen+News&utm\\_campaign=Teen+News+-+May+9%2C+2019&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/detail.jsp?Entt=RDMEVB0193&R=EDB0193&utm_source=Teen+News&utm_campaign=Teen+News+-+May+9%2C+2019&utm_medium=email)

### **Free Museum Admission for Children**

**Royal Ontario Museum:** Every 3rd Monday of the month, the Museum will be open to the public for free General Admission from 5:30pm – 8:30pm.

**Art Gallery of Ontario:** Free General Admission every Wednesday from 6:00pm – 9:00pm.

AGO Free After Three: For youth ages 14 to 25. All Ontario High School students can visit the Gallery for free after 3 pm Tuesday to Friday during the school year. Simply present a valid student ID at the ticket desk.

**Gardiner Museum:** Children and youth aged 18 and under are always free.

Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

**Textile Museum:** Children aged 5 and under are free.

**Aga Khan Museum:** Admission to the Museum and all exhibitions is free each Wednesday from 4pm to 8pm.

**The Power Plant:** Admission all year round is free!

**Museum of Contemporary Art Toronto:** Children and youth 18 and under are always free.

Free admission for everyone on the last Sunday of each month from 10am to 2pm.

## **Events and Observances**

### **Mental Health**

**#HearNowON** is a youth engagement project designed to hear student voices from across the province. TCDSB High School students are invited to share their thoughts on mental health education and enhancing wellness at school at the Toronto Student Forum:

**Toronto #HearNowON Student Forum**

**Saturday, June 8, 2019 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Novotel Toronto** (45 The Esplanade, Toronto)

Students can register online (parent permission required) at <https://www.wisdom2action.org/hearnowon/>

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