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9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.



## St. Gabriel Catholic School May 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

### May Virtue: Compassion

May is the month of Mary and fittingly we focus on the virtue of compassion. Mary was chosen by God to be Jesus' mother and her heart was filled with so much love. We also honour our mothers this month on Mother's Day. We show appreciation on this day for all the women in our lives who impact our lives. We pray as a community that we may learn from her and all that she can teach us about the one most important thing, following in the example of her son Jesus. Our Rosary Apostolate will coordinate the crowning of Mary celebration with our students and staff to honour Mary on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> in our school gym.

Our Welcome to Kindergarten Orientation will be held on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. We will get to meet our new Junior Kindergarten students starting with us in the Fall of 2019.

Our Sacrament of First Communion will be celebrated on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at St. Gabriel Catholic Church. Congratulations to the Grade 2 students who will receive the sacrament.

Our Grade 3 and 6 students will be preparing and writing the yearly EQAO Test. Students in Grades 2, 5, and 7 will also be participating in CAT4 assessments.

Also please be aware that the month of May is dedicated to Food Allergy Awareness. We have several students in our care that can potentially experience a **life-threatening anaphylactic reaction**. Please be reminded that we are an allergen aware school and ask you to pack lunches/snacks that are nut free. Under no circumstance should food be shared in school, such as birthdays. The following link is provided to support awareness: <https://t.co/6ApbElG7jJ?sr=true>. We are having school wide Food Allergy presentations on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> for all students.

As always, we appreciate and value your partnership in your child's education and look forward to the remaining two months of this school year!

Yours in Catholic Education,

Ms. A. De Roma



**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

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 **Justice**:

- Andrew Ganon
- Anne Talosig
- Yuna Choi
- Jian Dela Cruz
- Rodric Yabut
- Liam Hu
- Swinnie Akosung
- Claire Lee
- Linus Prado
- Jonathan Muzhani
- Laila O'Brien
- Michael Ramponi
- Cassidy Falcao
- Oliver Policelli
- Tia Djukic
- Jessica Yohans
- Alivia Riley
- Hazel Choi

## Tips for Supporting Children and Youth after a Crisis Event

**Pray Together.** Prayer for people who are suffering honours them and provides people an opportunity to help others in a tragic event. Prayer opens us to hear what God is calling us to do in tragic and unsettling times. Prayer is a way to find clarity in the chaos around us by turning to God when we feel pain and anxiety. Prayer grounds us in God's mission and reminds us that God is active in the world.

**Be reassuring.** Children take their emotional cues from the significant adults in their lives. Your reactions are most important. Recognize that some children may be concerned about something bad happening to themselves, family or friends. Explain to them the safety measures in place and reassure them that you and other adults will take care of them.

**Be a good listener and observer.** Let children guide you to learn how concerned they are or how much information they need. If they are not focused on the tragedy, do not dwell on it. However, be available to answer their questions to the best of your ability. Young children may not be able to express themselves verbally. Pay attention to changes in their behavior or social interactions.

**Monitor the news.** Images of a disaster or crisis event can become overwhelming, especially if watched repetitively. Young children in particular may not be able to distinguish between images on television and their personal reality. Older children may choose to watch the news, but be available to discuss what they see and to help put it into perspective.

**Emphasize people's resiliency.** Help children understand the ability of people to come through a tragic event and go on with their lives. Focus on children's own competencies in terms of how they coped in daily life during difficult times. In age-appropriate terms, identify other crises from which people, communities, or countries have recovered.

**Highlight people's compassion and humanity.** Large-scale tragedies often generate a tremendous outpouring of caring and support from around the country and world. Focus on the help and hopeful thoughts being offered to those affected by other people.

**Maintain as much continuity and normalcy as possible.** Allowing children to deal with their reactions is important but so is providing a sense of normalcy. Routine family activities, classes, after-school activities, and friends can help children feel more secure and better able to function

**Spend family time.** Being with family is always important in difficult or sad times. Even if your children are not significantly impacted by this tragedy, this may be a good opportunity to participate in and to appreciate family life. Doing things together reinforces children's sense of stability and connectedness.



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

Happy Easter from the CSPC! I trust that all St. Gabriel families had a blessed Easter weekend. As Spring is well and truly upon us, preparations for the Fun Fair are well underway. The annual St. Gabriel Fun Fair will take place on **Saturday June 1st from 11am-4pm**. There will be inflatables, raffles, carnival games, a BBQ and much more on the day. An information package will be sent home with students on **May 3rd**. If any St. Gabriel families would like to donate a prize for our raffle draw please contact Jason (Fun Fair Committee Chair) at [st.gabfunfair@yahoo.com](mailto:st.gabfunfair@yahoo.com). We are also looking for any volunteers on the day to make our Fun Fair a success! Please consider donating a few hours of your time to help make this a great day for our children.

The CSPC will also be hosting the final Movie Night of the year on **June 14th**. This will be a special "double-header" event. The first movie will be geared towards a younger audience and the second movie will be more suitable for the older grades. More details about this exciting event to follow!

Our next CSPC meeting will take place on May 6th, 2019 at 7pm at the school. All are welcome to attend.



# Monthly Update from the Board

## May 2019

### Important Information for Parents

#### **Budget Consultation Ends May 10th**

All parents, staff, students and stakeholders are reminded that the deadline for submitting completed surveys is May 10<sup>th</sup>. To learn more about the budget, to complete the online survey, or download a pdf copy of the survey, please visit:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Budget-2019-2020>

#### **Reminder to Sign Up for School Messenger**

New reporting system for student absences, as well as critical news and information including bus cancellations, school closures, safety concerns etc. Sign up here <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>).

#### **Sign Up for School Cash Online**

This new cashless system offers parents the convenience of paying for school related fees online. Register for **School Cash Online** by visiting [tcdsb.schoolcashonline.com](http://tcdsb.schoolcashonline.com) and selecting "Register". Once registered, you will receive an email notification when items become available for purchase online. For more information about School Cash Online visit [www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/schoolcashonline/](http://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/schoolcashonline/)

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

**Online registration begins May 21, 2019**

**SHARE YOUR VOICE. GROW TOGETHER.**

Visit [tcdsb.org/ILRegistration](http://tcdsb.org/ILRegistration) to enrol

For more information, please email [IL.elem@tcdsb.org](mailto:IL.elem@tcdsb.org)

or call 416 222 8282 ext. 2495

#### **CSPC Executive Training Workshops - School By-Laws & CSPC Annual Year End Activity & Financial Report**

**Date: May 13th, 2019 6 - 8pm**

Catholic Education Centre, Quigley Hall, 1st Floor

**Town Hall consultation sessions on the following TCDSB Policies:**

- S 10 - Catholic School Parent Councils
- P 04 - Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
- A 33 - Guidelines For Trustees, Parents and Staff In addressing School Related Concerns

**May 13, 2019 5-6 pm and 8-9 pm**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/CSPCTrainingWorkshop>

#### **Ward 2 Town Halls Hosted by Trustee Markus de Domenico**

**May 23, 7-9 pm**

All Saints Catholic School, 1435 Royal York Road, Etobicoke

**May 30th, 7-9 PM**

St. Clement Catholic School, 4319 Bloor Street West, Etobicoke

## **Opportunities for Students**

### **Connecting Students with Campus Ministry**

It's that time of year when Grade 12 students are finalizing which university or college they will attend in September. To assist them and their families in making choices that include a supportive Catholic community, Chaplaincy Connect is a tool to personally connect students with campus ministries across Canada in a way that is intentional, invitational and informative. Students and chaplaincy leaders have reported high rates of retention and involvement resulting from these connections. Please help spread the word to students or their families!

To connect with the Campus Ministry at their chosen institution, students simply enter their contact information in the [Google form](#). Someone from the Campus Ministry staff will be happy to get in touch with them. For more information or to receive Chaplaincy Connect cards, email Eliza Trotter, Diocesan Coordinator of Campus Ministries at [etrotter@archtoronto.org](mailto:etrotter@archtoronto.org).

### **EQAO's 2019-2020 Student Advisory Committee--Call for Applications**

The call for application for the 2019–2020 EQAO Student Advisory Committee is open until May 10th. This committee will be one of our key sources for student voice in the agency's activities. We also meet with student trustees, and staff engage student focus groups from time to time. This will be the second year of the Student Advisory Committee. The other committees within our governance structure are the EQAO Advisory Committee, the Modernization in Measurement Advisory Panel and the Equity Council.

They seek students who demonstrate a passion for effecting change in their communities and who have a desire to make a difference—either through their actions or through their ideas.

To learn more about the previous committee's work, visit [EQAO's website](#).

## **Contests/scholarships/awards**

### **Reminder: Historica Canada Me, Moi + Canada**

**Deadline for submissions is November 1, 2019**

More information can be found here: <https://historicacanada.wishpondpages.com/memoicanada/en/>

### **Breakthrough Junior Challenge**

<https://breakthroughjuniorchallenge.org/> **June 15, 2019 deadline**

### **Coro San Marco Scholarship**

Music scholarship for any student entering University or College in Music in Canada

**Deadline is May 25, 2019**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Coro>

### **Toronto Police Service 42 Division Scholarship**

**Deadline May 25<sup>th</sup>**

Details: <https://www.tcdsb.org/TPS42Scholarship>

Check here for more: <https://www.tcdsb.org/AwardsScholarshipsBursariesContests>