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9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.



St. Gabriel Catholic School

October 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

October Virtue: Gratitude

We begin the very busy month of October by extending a warm invitation to Curriculum Night (here at the school) on **Thursday, October 3rd at 6:30 p.m.** For those parents who are new to our school community, Curriculum Night gives an opportunity to families to come and meet our staff and learn more about the Ontario Curriculum - see link:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/>

On Thursday, September 19th, our first Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC) meeting was held and a new council was elected. The following parents make up our Executive Council:

David Meli (Chair)
Jason Gorda (Co-Chair)
Helene Taylor (Secretary)
Mandy Sparkman (Treasurer)

Thank you for the great turn out and many members at large. Please be aware that all meetings start at 7pm and are held in the Computer Lab. All parents are welcome to attend meetings. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, October 7th at 7 pm.**

The Terry Fox Walkathon has been an annual tradition here at St. Gabriel. This year the walk/run takes place on Monday, October 7th starting at 9:30 am. Donations can be made directly on-line:

<http://www.terryfox.ca/StGabrielCatholicSchoolToronto>

"I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." Psalm 9:1

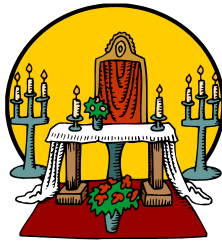
Yours in Catholic education,

Ms. A. De Roma



LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

2019-2020



MONTHLY SCHOOL MASSES

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| Thursday, October 17 th at 1:15 p.m. Thanksgiving |
| Thursday, December 19 th at 7:00 p.m. Family Advent Mass |
| Thursday, January 23 rd at 1:15p.m. New Year |
| Thursday, March 12 th at 1:15pm. |
| Thursday, April 23 rd at 1:15 p.m. Easter Mass |
| Wednesday June 24 th - Mass on the Grass @ 10:00am |

LITURGY CELEBRATIONS at St. Gabriel School

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| Remembrance Day Service – Monday, Nov. 11 th at 10:00am (at school) |
| Ash Wednesday – Wed., February 26 th at 10:00am (at school) |
| Stations of the Cross – Holy Thursday, April 9 th (at school) |

Confirmation – Sunday, May 17th @ 3pm (tentative)

First Communion – Sunday, May 24th @ 3pm

Graduation – Friday, June 19th @ 6:30pm

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 **hospitality** ... "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

- Brielle DeGiorgio
- Isaiah Mabanta
- Luiza Diefenthaler
- Mina Letibeb
- Victor Martinez Cintra
- Arianne Rodrigues
- Yesung Kim
- Amanda Castro Pereira
- Andrei Ganon
- Mark Viado
- Shasha Park
- Isabella Mabanta
- Ogechi Oguamanam
- Beatrix Sheldrick
- Romela Abad
- Natalia Garcia Magana
- Jordyn MacRae

ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL HOURS
2019-2020 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: 2:12 p.m. to 2:27 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.

NUTRITION PROGRAM NEWS

Our nutrition program is up and running. We are very fortunate to have funding through Toronto Public Health and the Angel Foundation for Learning. The program also runs on donations from our families. A separate letter and donation form will be sent shortly. Please consider donating to this very worthy program.

NUTRITION PROGRAM Volunteers Needed!

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped in the past. Please consider volunteering your time this year as well. Please visit the nutrition coordinator or the main office if you are available to assist.



Sport Dates for St. Gabriel

Cross Country

| DATES | LOCATION |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Divisional: October 8 | Earl Bales Park |
| Regional: October 16 | Earl Bales Park |
| City Championship: October 22 | Earl Bales Park |

Intermediate Volleyball

| DATES | LOCATION |
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| Divisionals Boys – Tuesday, November 12 Girls – Wednesday, November 13 | TBD |

Junior Volleyball

| DATES | LOCATION |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Boys - Tuesday, April 14 | TBD |
| Girls – Thursday, April 16 | TBD |

Intermediate Basketball

| DATES | LOCATION |
|---|----------|
| Divisionals Boys – Tuesday February 11 Girls – Wednesday, February 12 | TBD |
| Regionals Boys – Wednesday, February 19 Girls – Thursday, February 20 | TBD |
| City Quarter and Semi Finals Boys & Girls – Tuesday, February 26 | |
| City Championship Boys & Girls – Friday, February 28 | |

Junior Soccer

| DATES |
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| Boys - Tuesday, January 21 |
| Girls – Wednesday, January 22 |

Track and Field

| DATES | LOCATION |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Divisional: - Week of May 4 - 8 | York University |
| Regional: - Week of May 11 - 15 | York University |
| City Championship:- May 19 | Varsity Stadium |

Intermediate Soccer

| DATES | LOCATION |
|---|--------------------|
| Divisionals Boys – Tuesday, June 2 Girls - Thursday, June 4 | TBD |
| Regionals Boys & Girls – Monday, June 8 | TBD |
| City Quarter and Semi Finals Boys & Girls – Friday, June 12 | Centennial Stadium |
| City Championship Boys & Girls – Tuesday, June 16 | Centennial Stadium |



Toronto Catholic District School Board

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Parking at St. Gabriel

Please be aware that parking in the 'drop off' zone is not permitted. We kindly ask parents to drop off their children by stopping and letting children out of the car. Ms. De Roma has been monitoring the drop off zone and I want to avoid any accidents from occurring. We have also asked older students to accompany younger students to their appropriate yards. If you wish to come into the school yard with your child, then please park on Clairtrell Rd. or Spring Garden Ave. Alternatively, parking on Hollywood Ave. and walking in through the path is also a good option but be aware that Hollywood PS starts at 8:30am and the street can be congested before 8:30am. Please do not park in the staff parking before 8:45am, as staff members are finding it difficult to find parking.



-ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF GRADE 8 STUDENTS-

We are announcing some exciting news regarding the Secondary School Application Process for enrolment in September 2020!

On **Tuesday, October 15, 2019**, the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) will officially launch the new **Secondary School Online Application** website, **SEC SOAR.TCDSB.ORG**.

Some exciting features of the online application include:

easy tracking of the status of your child's application,
complete the Specialty Program Application along with your regular program application through one application,
email notifications for offers of placement,
accept/decline offers of placement you receive electronically.

Important note: a current email address on file with your elementary school is required in order to create your child's application/account on October 15th, 2019. If you do not have an email address on file, please be sure to submit this information to your elementary school office before Tuesday, October 8th, 2019.

For a full guide to completing the on line application, please visit the TCDBS website at www.tcdsb.org → Admissions & Placement Department page, to view the "Parent Guide to Completing the Secondary School Online Application" information guide.

Update on Negotiations with CUPE

The Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) is involved in province-wide, central collective bargaining with the Council of Trustee Associations and the provincial government.

At the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB), CUPE represents caretaking, maintenance and warehouse staff, office clerical and technical staff, school based support staff including

Child and Youth Workers and Education Assistants, and secondary school supervisors as well as International Language Instructors- The TCDSB has been advised that the members of the CUPE may begin job action as early as Monday, September 30, beginning with work-to-rule sanctions.

The health and safety of students and staff is deeply important to us.

If there is any impact to regular school operations, parents will receive communications through the following methods:

- School Messenger (please ensure that your school has current and up to date telephone numbers and email addresses on file for your family)
- Twitter (follow @TCDSB)
- TCDSB website www.tcdsb.org
- 24-hour telephone information line 416-222-8282 ext. 2873

The Board wishes to assure parents and students that every effort will be made to ensure that all elementary and secondary schools, day care centres, before- and after-school programs and nutrition programs will continue to remain open as long as it is safe to do so.

School bus transportation for eligible students will continue.

Parents are encouraged to contact their local school principal with any questions or issues of local concern.

Introducing the Secondary School Online Application for Registration (SEC SOAR.TCDSB.ORG)

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PARENT OPPORTUNITIES & INFORMATION

Safe Schools Advisory Committee: Parent Reps Needed

TCDSB Seeks 2 Parent Reps for Safe School Advisory Committee. **Application deadline October 18, 2019**. [Click here for an application and more information.](#)

TCDSB Environment Steering Committee

TCDSB is seeking 2 community/parent representatives for its Environment Steering Committee.

All positions are voluntary and candidates must be parents who presently have children enrolled in TCDSB.

Applications are available at: <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Documents/Parent-%20Community%20Member%20Application%20Form-2016-R.pdf>

Completed applications can be sent via email to communityrep@tcdsb.org

Application deadline: **OCTOBER 25, 2019**

Toronto CPIC Annual Report 2018-2019

[Click here to access the Toronto Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Annual Report for 2018-2019.](#)

CPIC Elections

October 28 and 29, 2019

Nomination forms accepted until October 18, 2019

<https://www.tcdsb.org/CPIC-Elections>

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES & INFORMATION

TDCAA Athletics

Girls Basketball West and Girls Field Hockey Season are underway

Coming soon:

- Cross Country Championships: **Friday, October 25** at Etobicoke Centennial
- Golf Championship: **Thursday October 3** at Station Creek Golf Club
- Tennis Preliminaries:
 - Junior Tournament: **Thursday October 10** at Mayfair West
 - Senior Tournament **Thursday October 17** at Mayfair West
- Tennis Championship: **Wednesday, October 30** at Mayfair West

[Click here for a full list of upcoming TDCAA events.](#)

Elementary Athletics

October 16, 2019—Elementary Cross-Country Regionals (North and South)

October 17, 2019—Elementary Cross-Country Regionals (East and West)

October 22, 2019--Elementary Cross-Country City Finals

High School Open Houses for Grade 8 Students and Their Families

High school information nights are being hosted at secondary schools around the City **until October 16th**. [Click here for a complete schedule of dates, times and locations.](#)

Ontario Colleges Information Fair

October 23-24 at the Enercare Centre, Exhibition Place <https://ocif.ca/>

TCDSB Newcomer Student Leadership Conference

TCDSB will once again welcome newcomer students at the annual **Newcomer Student Leadership Conference**, which will be held this year on **Wednesday, October 16**. TCDSB schools are invited to extend an invitation to at least two newcomer students from grades 7 to 12 (maximum of 10) to attend this free event. [Click here to complete online event registration on or before October 2, 2019.](#)

BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

OAPCE: Oct. 1
Student Achievement Committee: Oct. 2
Labour Relations Ad Hoc Committee: Oct. 3
By-Laws Ad Hoc Committee: Oct. 7
Governance and Policy Committee: Oct. 8
Corporate Services Committee: Oct. 10
SEAC: Oct. 16
Regular Board: Oct. 17

[Click here to review information and agendas.](#)

To view minutes or video broadcasts from previous meetings, select the **Past Meetings** tab on the page.

Policies Currently Under Review/Revision:

Update to Trustee Code of Conduct Policy T.04
Update to Awards Funds and Scholarships Policy FF.01
Update to Catholic School Parent Councils Policy S.10

EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **October is Hispanic Canadian Heritage Month**
- **October is also Principals' Month**
Recognition Days:
- **October 2, 2019 Custodial Workers' Appreciation Day**
- **October 5, 2019 World Teachers' Day**
- **October 24, 2019 Early Childhood Educators and Childcare Worker Appreciation Day**

Walk to School Day: October 2, 2019

Walk to School Day is an opportunity for all of us—students, staff, families—to focus on improved health and well-being, active lifestyles and building safer communities for everyone. Register your school for Walk to School Day and receive a Certificate of Participation from Canada Walks. [Click here for more information.](#)

Feast of Creation: An Ecumenical Gathering

Celebrate the Season of Creation with contemplative prayer and music. **Friday, October 4** from 6:30 – 8 p.m. at St. Basil's Church (50 St. Joseph Street, Toronto). [Click here for more information on this and other upcoming events at The Mary Ward Centre.](#)

World Mental Health Day

October 10, 2019

<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/world-mental-health-day.aspx>

System-Wide PA Day

October 11, 2019

Thanksgiving

October 14, 2019

International Day for Eradication of Poverty

October 17, 2019 <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/international-day-for-eradication-of-poverty.aspx>

Inaugural Rosary Bowl

The Toronto Rosary Bowl will take place **Saturday, October 19th** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Blessed Cardinal Newman (100 Brimley Road South, Scarborough). [Click here for more information about this family-friendly event.](#)

Federal Election

October 21, 2019

School Bus Safety Week

October 20-25, 2019

School bus driver appreciation day October 22, 2019

<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/international-day-for-eradication-of-poverty.aspx>

Mark Your Calendar!

Special Services Information Fair

November 9, 2019 (watch for details www.tcdsb.org)