



ST. GABRIEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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SEPTEMBER 2020

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians:

September Virtue: Hospitality

A very warm welcome to our new and returning students, staff and parents, empowered by God's Spirit to be a love-inspired leading and learning team, to the 2020-2021 academic year. We hope everyone is returning refreshed from an enjoyable summer. A special welcome to students and their families who are new to our school community. We wish them the best in their new academic environment.

All staff are ready to welcome our students back after our Spring closure. Please note we will take every effort to ensure all students are safe and provided with any supports they need including mental health. Caretaking staff have done a deep cleaning of the school and will continue to clean high touch points at various intervals during the school day. With that being said, please note face masks are required for all students from K to Grade 8. We are in this together and look forward to a great year of learning.

As your principal, I will continue to strive to foster the sense of family in our school. I look forward to continuing to build a partnership with students, staff, parents and St. Gabriel Passionist Catholic Parish. I believe effective communication is key to building these partnerships. By working together, we will make this a successful year of excellent Catholic education for our students.

This year is the third year of our TCDSB three-year pastoral plan focusing on Rooted in Christ: "we Belong, we Believe, we Become". In the Year of We Become, we look forward to focusing on inclusion, acceptance and becoming part of a community of learners.

Parent involvement is a very important component for student success; therefore, we invite all parents to participate in CSPC (Catholic School Parent Council) elections to be held on Tuesday, September 29th at 7 pm (location to be announced). If you are interested, nomination forms are in the Main Office.

Hospitality is the virtue of the month and I leave you with this quote:

"Whatsoever you do, to the least of my people that you do unto me." Matthew 25:40

Looking forward to a great school year.

Yours in
Catholic
education,

Antonella
De Roma



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Cristina Fernandes (416)222-8282 Ext. 2267
SUPERINTENDENT
Maria Rizzo (416)512-3405
TRUSTEE
St. Gabriel Passionist Catholic Church (416) 221-8866 670 Sheppard Avenue East
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David Meli
CSPC CHAIR
www.tcdsb.org/cpic
CPIC (PARENT ENGAGEMENT - TCDSB)
www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto
OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS)
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ENROLLMENT
9:00 am to 3:30 pm
HOURS OF OPERATION
11:45 am to 12:45 pm
LUNCH HOUR

NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: soar.tcdsb.org
Call 416-393-Phone# or the
TCDSB Admissions Department
at 416-222-8282, ext. 2383.

For general information about the
Toronto Catholic District School
Board, please visit the website at
www.tcdsb.org

Stay in touch with the latest news
throughout the school year:
Follow **@TCDSB** on Twitter.

ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL STAFF LIST 2020-2021

Antonella De Roma	Principal
Patricia Monaco	Secretary
Rachel Rego - LTO	ELP
Sharon Pacheco	ECE (Rego)
Angela Vaz	ELP
Roselle Joven	ECE (Vaz)
Catherine Ryu	Gr. 1/2
Allison Canham-Macri	Gr. 2
Angela Capozzoli	Gr. 3
Sarah Porter	Gr. 3/4
Brian Rodrigues	Gr. 5/6
Ursula Tufaro	Gr. 6
Vacant at the Moment (LTO)	Gr. 6/7
Christine Jevезian	Gr. 8
Barbara Chow	Library Tech (M/T, W pm)
Danielle Sabatini	Spec. Ed.
Open (LTO)	Spec. Ed - pm
Oksana Makhnitska	Spec. Ed.
Miroslava Gyda	Spec. Ed.
Wendy Baker	Phys. Ed. (T/W)
Jason Halili	Phys. Ed. (M)
Nicholas Stamatis	Phys. Ed (Th)
Rocco Addorisio	ESL
Julie Gauthier	Core French
Claire Kennedy	Core French (M-F am)
Elizabeth Massarelli	Education Assistant
Daniella Nunno	Education Assistant
Success Akonzee	Education Assistant
Cecilia Barreto	Education Assistant
Christella Sutherland	Vocal Music (Th/Fri)
Michele Stocker	Inst. Music (Tues.)
Kavitha Ramachandran	Inst. Music (Mon. -am)
Liliana Compagnone	Guidance (Tues a.m.)
Steve Coulter	Head Caretaker
Manny Florio	Night Caretaker
Jithu Thomas	Night Caretaker
Rosa Salvatore, Ana Saint Ellis De Graterol and Rachel Monteiro	Lunchtime Supervisor

REGISTRATION FOR SACRAMENTS FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

St. Gabriel's Church
Information to follow.

A copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate is required if registering for First Communion or Confirmation.

Payment is required at registration for Confirmation to defray related costs.

Please call the Parish Office 416-221-8866 or visit the Parish website

www.stgabrielparish.ca should you need more information.

Thank you.



ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL HOURS
2020-2021 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.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Please ensure that all information regarding your child is up-to-date. We need to have the correct home telephone numbers, work numbers, home address and emergency contact. If these numbers change please let the school know promptly, IN WRITING.

LUNCH ROUTINES

Students are all asked to stay at school for lunch due to COVID-19. We highly discourage parents/guardians from allowing their children to leave the school property unsupervised for lunch.

FAITH PLANNERS/STUDENT AGENDAS

We will continue to use student agendas. The cost for each Agenda is \$8.00. We highly recommend the use of the Agenda as a communication tool between school and home. Please take some time to review the content in the opening pages. They include policies, procedures and St. Gabriel's Code of Conduct information, as well as the school's Progressive Discipline Plan.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

Visitors will be restricted because of COVID-19.

If you need to speak with your child's teacher, kindly call and make an appointment. Your child's teacher will be happy to meet with you at a mutually convenient time.

APPROPRIATE DRESS CODE POLICY

All students are expected to come to school daily appropriately dressed and in a manner that reflects the aims and atmosphere of a Catholic school. St. Gabriel has adopted the TCDSB NAVY BLUE AND WHITE DRESS CODE, which consists of the following: a solid navy blue bottom (pant, kilt, skirt, or shorts); a plain white or navy blue shirt or top; and a white or navy blue sweater or pullover. Some examples of items not allowed are: spaghetti strap or tank tops, jeans/denim material, black pants, pants with stripes in any colour, tee shirts with logos or slogans on them, and short-shorts.

DROPPING OFF & PICKING UP STUDENTS

For the sake of safety, we ask that in the mornings you drop off your children in the appropriate sections of the school yard and leave them with our staff. **Please make sure that your child is dropped off as close to 9 am as possible to maintain social distancing in the school yard.** This will help the students develop routines and it will also help our staff ensure a safe school yard.

If you are picking up your child early from school please call ahead and we will have your child ready for pick up. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION

Please sign up online to access Transportation information via the new Bus Planner portal. Select parents on the main screen and get access to the following:

- your child's transportation information and when available the real time location of your child's bus
- school bus delays and cancellations delivered to your email

You will need your child's 9 digit OEN (found on their report card)

Students who do not have an OEN (JK or new to the district) contact the school.



September 2020
Monthly Update From the Board

RETURNING TO SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER

The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) recognizes that families are eager to know what they can expect for their child in September. The Board has approved a staggered re-entry starting September 14, 2020. Please be assured that the TCDSB is working with the Ministry of Education and Toronto Public Health to ensure a safe return to school for everyone. We will continue to share the latest information and developments as it becomes available.

- **Latest Updates**
View the [latest updates](#) including communications to parents, announcements and other critical information and developments related to school reopening.
- **Frequently Asked Questions**
Find [answers to questions](#) about back to school, health and safety, transportation and much more.
- **School Reopening Action Plan**
Learn what to expect and how we will continue to work together to support you for the [safe return to school](#).

Introducing our Director of Education

Dr. Brendan Browne is a transformative organizational change leader, who brings a wealth of educational leadership in areas related to literacy and numeracy, special education, classroom management, educational technology, and program evaluation. You can learn more about Dr. Browne here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BoardAdministration/DirectorofEducation/Pages/Default.aspx>.

Important Reminders for Parents

Liability Insurance

All parents are reminded to consider checking the adequacy of their liability insurance through their homeowners'/tenants' insurance policy to cover claims arising out of injuries caused by their child at school. Student Accident Insurance application forms are forwarded to schools for distribution, and can also be purchased on-line at www.insuremykids.com. TCDSB's Risk Management continues to strongly promote this product as an inexpensive form of dental, disability and life insurance.

School Cash Online

Parents/guardians are reminded to create their School Cash Online profile for a safe and convenient payment option that eliminates the need to send cash or cheques to school. For more information and to create your account visit

www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/schoolcashonline

Bus Transportation Information and Updates

Communications with parents regarding bus transportation for students is a priority. In order to stay informed, parents are encouraged to register on the Toronto Student Transportation Group (TSTG) portal today by visiting www.torontoschoolbus.org. This portal provides TCDSB parents with online access to their children's transportation information and up to the minute email notifications regarding school bus cancellations or delays. If you have any issues signing up on the portal, please contact support@torontoschoolbus.org and staff will assist you with the registration of your account.

For updates on public transportation visit the Toronto Transit Commission website at <http://www.ttc.ca/>

Safe Arrival

Parents are encouraged to sign up for the School Messenger app. This will allow parents and the school to stay in touch to report absences quickly and easily, and also for the school and the school board to communicate to parents about important information throughout the year including cancellations, closures and other critical issues.

www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/safeschools/newsandevents/pages/signupschoolmessenger.aspx

If you require assistance updating your School Messenger information, please email our support staff who can assist:

- Elementary: TrilliumElementary.AdminSupport@tcdsb.org
- Secondary: Trillium.Secondary.Support@tcdsb.org

Stay Informed Throughout the Year

Visit www.tcdsb.org for update

Follow @TCDSB on Twitter

Follow <https://www.facebook.com/Toronto.CatholicDSB/> on Facebook

Follow [torontocatholicdsb](https://www.instagram.com/torontocatholicdsb) on Instagram

Important Information for Students

Night School Registration

Registration for evening credit courses, Saturday language programs begins soon. Check here for details:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/ContinuingEducation/Pages/Default.aspx>

International Languages After Hours Program Registration

Registration for the 2020-2021 elementary IL After Hours Program continues this fall. Apply online:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/schoolprogramsk12/internationallanguages/pages/saturdayschoolregistration.aspx>

Student Voice on the Board of Trustees

Student Trustees for 2020-2021 are Keith Babybayon

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TrusteesoftheBoard/StudentTrustees/KeithBaybayon/Pages/default.aspx> and Kathy Nguyen

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TrusteesoftheBoard/StudentTrustees/KathyNguyen/Pages/default.aspx>

City of Toronto Parks and Recreation is Hiring

A variety of part-time positions are available for students.

For details, visit <https://jobs.toronto.ca/recreation/>

Visit the Student Portal

To get information about scholarships, awards, bursaries, contests, employment and volunteer opportunities:

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

Events and Information

September's Virtue is Hospitality

All resources for the month of September, and for the monthly virtues throughout the year can be found here:

www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/VirtueoftheMonth/Pages/Default.aspx

Pastoral Plan: This Year we Focus on "Rooted in Christ: we Become"

In the third year of our pastoral plan, "Rooted in Christ, we Become" our focus turns to what how our sense of belonging and our shared beliefs help us to become all that we are meant to be.

"What you are is God's gift to you, what you become is your gift to God."— Hans Urs von Balthasar

Resources for the Year: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/rooted-in-christ/webecome/Pages/default.aspx>

September Events and Meetings

- September is Ukrainian Heritage Month <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/Ukrainian-Canadian-Heritage-Month/Pages/default.aspx>
 - City of Toronto declares September as Bike Month. Learn more about bicycle safety: <https://www.torontoschoolbus.org/cycle/>
 - September 1,2,3—PA Days
 - September 3--Student Achievement Committee Meeting, 7 PM
 - September 5—International Day of Charity
 - September 7—Labour Day
 - September 8—Governance and Policy Committee Meeting 7 PM
 - September 8--International Literacy Day
 - September 9—Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day <https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2019/pages/fasd.aspx>
 - September 13--Grandparent's Day
 - September 10—Corporate Services Committee Meeting
 - September 14—Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
 - September 16—Special Education Advisory Committee
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- September 17—Board
 - September 25—Rowan's Law Day
 - September 30—Orange Shirt Day
- For details about these and other events and meetings, visit www.tcdsb.org

TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2020 - 2021

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