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Hours of Operation:
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**



St. Gabriel Catholic School

September 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians:

September Virtue: Hospitality

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! For those of you who did not have the opportunity to meet me, my name is Ms. Cathy Crispo and I look forward to working together with you, the staff and especially the students at St. Gabriel Catholic School. From the onset, I was welcomed by all when I joined in on Mass on the Grass (in June). I immediately recognized what a wonderfully warm place St. Gabriel Catholic School is; a place where students can surely meet their full potential in a safe environment. Already so proud to sever such a caring school community.

As you are well aware there have been many changes to our staffing model, therefore, I would like to welcome and introduce the following new staff members to the St. Gabriel school community: Ms. Gates - Gr. 4, Ms. Di Pietro - Phys. Ed., Ms. Camp - Phys. Ed., and Ms. Scotchburn EA.

The Toronto Catholic District School Board launched a three-year pastoral plan last September: "Together With One Voice: Harmonizing Our Faith through Family, Parish and School." Last year's focus was 'the family', this year our focus will be 'the parish'. We are so very fortunate to have Fr. Brando who is always enthusiastically reaching out to support the St. Gabriel community. We look forward to working with the parish to nurture and support our students in their faith journey. As we begin the new school year, let us continue to foster a strong and ongoing partnership of home, parish and school.

With your support, cooperation and understanding, let's continue to make St. Gabriel a place where students achieve success ... Via Veritas Vita!

"Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'" (John 14: 5-7)

Yours in servant leadership,
Cathy Crispo





TCDSB Monthly Update

October 2015

Open Houses in High Schools

Grade 8 students and their families are invited to check out their high school options. TCDSB secondary schools host open houses in October and November. <http://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/default.aspx>

Principal of Excellence Award

OAPCE Toronto invites nominations for this year's award, which will be presented at the 10th annual Commissioning Ceremony on November 2nd.

<http://www.oapcetoronto.ca/news/2015/6/23/oapce-toronto-principal-of-excellence-award-nomination-open>

Parent Involvement Week: October 24 – 30, 2015.

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is launching first Parent Involvement Week. This initiative is an opportunity to recognize, celebrate and enhance the important role that parents play at both the school and Board level. Educational research has consistently pointed to the positive effects that parent engagement has on student achievement and well-being. The TCDSB has partnered with the two parent organizations--the *Catholic Parent Involvement Committee* (CPIC) and the *Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education* (OAPCE – Toronto)--to co-host a number of events that highlight the important role of parents in our schools, as well as to provide opportunities for continued involvement, professional development and net- working. Let us all work together for the success of our students!

For more information:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/parentinvolvement/news%20and%20events/pages/tcdsb-catholic-parent-involvement-week.aspx>

Newcomer Conference for Families New to Canada and International Students

Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 5:00 p.m., Catholic Education Centre, 80 Sheppard Ave. E.

The Director of Education and Chair of the Board invite our newcomer families, international students, parent council representatives, homestay families and school staff to an informative evening about our educational system and support services available in TCDSB schools. Guests are invited to share a family meal with the Director and Chair and will be encouraged to participate in an exchange of information in a relaxed, welcoming environment. Our staff and representatives from various outside agencies will provide support and valuable information regarding programs and services plus tips for navigating our Catholic education system. The evening also encourages interactive discussions designed for staff and Parent Council members on how to effectively engage our newcomer students and families in our schools and communities. The event is one of several planned for Parent Involvement Week. Welcome to our TCDSB family!

For more information and to register: <http://www.tcdsb.org/forcommunity/newcomers>

Help Keep Our Students Safe

Here are some helpful videos from the City of Toronto regarding pedestrian safety:

Pedestrian Crossovers: <https://youtu.be/Nlt705Ty1K8>

Pedestrian Countdown Signals: <https://youtu.be/MTgOXxwrrIU>.

Other Dates to Note:

October is...

- [Autism Awareness Month](#)
- [Child Abuse Prevention Month](#)
- [Learning Disabilities Awareness Month](#)
- [Walk to School Month](#)
- October 1—[International Day of Older Persons](#)
- October 5—[World Teachers' Day](#)
- October 7—[Rosary Day](#)
- October 8—[Early Childhood Educator and Childcare Worker Appreciation Day](#)
- October 11—[International Day of the Girl](#)
- October 17--[International Day for the Eradication of Poverty](#)
- October 19-23--[School Bus Safety Week](#) (Bus Driver Appreciation Day October 21)

CPIC Elections (Catholic Parent Involvement Committee)

The Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) is a parent-led and Ministry of Education funded, parent volunteer organization within the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB). The focus of the committee is to support student academic achievement through increased parent involvement. Elections are being held on October 5th, 7th and 20th. Visit the Board's website for detailed information.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/parentinvolvement/cpicelections/pages/default.aspx>

TCDSB Transportation Demand Management Plan Survey

The Toronto Catholic District School Board has approved a draft Transportation Demand Management Plan and is seeking your feedback before finalizing the document. We want to know which recommendations in the plan you feel are the most important to address the traffic management issues around our schools and facilities.

The online survey can be found here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TCDSB_TDMP

We look forward to hearing from you by no later than **November 6th, 2015**.

Parent Reps Needed

For Mental Health Advisory Council

TCDSB seeks 2 parent representatives to serve on the council (1 elementary and 1 secondary).

Application deadline is October 20th. Visit our website for detailed information:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Pages/Parents-Sought-for-Mental-Health-Advisory-Council.aspx>

Safe Schools Advisory Committee

2 parent reps needed to serve on the committee; 5 meetings per year

Application deadline October 2nd.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Pages/Parents-Sought-for-Safe-Schools-Committee.aspx>

Do You Know an Innovative and Outstanding School Principal?

Every year The Learning Partnership honours principals across the country who exemplify excellence in public education.

Nominations for the 2016 Canada's Outstanding Principals awards are now open.

Submissions are invited from school boards, colleagues, parents, teachers, students and all community members.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/nominate-an-outstanding-principal.aspx>

Toonies for Tuition

Toonies for Tuition Day is Tuesday October 6th, 2015! Download and print this [poster](#) to display in your school or church, and start fundraising for our Catholic brother and sister schools across Canada! The CCSTA Endowment Fund supports Toonies for Tuition fundraising campaign as a means to support Catholic students in provinces that have no public funding for Catholic schools. For fundraising ideas, [click here](#). Toonies for Tuition Day takes place in October. Please support the campaign in your school, office, or church. Get more information on the CCSTA website:

<http://www.ccsta.ca/en/initiatives-en/toonies>

Remember to follow @TCDSB on Twitter for all the latest news and important information throughout the year.

Or subscribe to ENews and regular updates right to your email:

<https://web1.tcdsb.org/InterestSubscription/subscription.aspx>

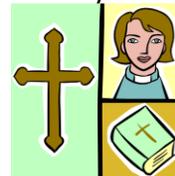
ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL STAFF LIST 2016-17

Cathy Crispo	Principal
Patricia Monaco	Secretary
Kay Fotinakopoulos	Clerk Typist (Wed.)
Kathleen Silva	ELP
Sharon Pacheco	ECE (Silva)
Angela Vaz	SK/1
(LTO)	Gr. 1/2
Alison Macri	Gr. 2
Michele Noonan	Gr. 2/3
Angela Capozzoli	Gr. 3
Patricia Gates	Gr. 4
Annette Shortt	Gr. 5/6
Julie Gauthier	Gr. 6
Rocco Addorisio	Gr. 7
Christine Jevезian	Gr. 7/8
Sarah Porter	Gr. 8
Olivia Coutinho	Library Technician (W pm /Th/F)
Aurora Galluzzo	Spec. Ed.
Oksana Makhnitska	M.E.
Wendy Baker	Phys. Ed. (T/W)
Christine Di Pietro	Phys. Ed. (Mon)
Claudine Camp	Phys. Ed. (Fri)
Isabella Lence	ESL
Elena DiSimino	Core French
Lilian Mayla	Core French (M-F pm)
Shirley Mardigian	Education Assistant
Ita DiGiulio	Education Assistant
Rosemary Scotchburn	Education Assistant
Christella Sutherland	Vocal Music (Th/Fri am)
Michele Stocker	Inst. Music (M pm/Tu)
Liliana Compagnone	Guidance (Tues a.m.)
Steve Coulter	Head Caretaker
Manny Florio	Night Caretaker
Rosa Salvatore	Lunchtime Supervisor

PARISH REGISTRATION FOR SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION, FIRST RECONCILIATION OR CONFIRMATION

Children who will be preparing to receive the Sacraments are required to register at their parish. Those who wish to receive First Communion, First Reconciliation or Confirmation at St. Gabriel's Parish for the year 2016-7 must register at the Parish Office at St. Gabriel's Church. First Communion would normally take place in Grade 2 and Confirmation in Grade 7. For First Communion registration, you will have to complete a form and provide the child's baptism certificate. For First Reconciliation, you will have to complete a form. For Confirmation registration, you will have to complete a form, provide the child's baptism certificate and \$20 (this is to cover the cost of retreat and gown rental). 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
2016-2017 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.

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 who remain at school for lunch may NOT LEAVE THE SCHOOL GROUNDS anytime during the lunch hour without written parent permission. For safety reasons, 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

A reminder that all visitors **must report to the front office**.

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 no earlier than 8:40 a.m. as supervision in our school yard begins at 8:40 a.m.** 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 come to the office and sign out the student. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

CURRICULUM NIGHT

Curriculum Night is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 28, 2016** at 7:00 p.m. Details will follow.

ST. GABRIEL'S MASS TIMES
AND YOUTH CHOIR

St. Gabriel's Parish mass times:
Saturday 4:30
Sunday 8:30, 10:30 12:30

**TORONTO CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
TRUSTEES 2016-2017**

Wards

1. Joseph Martino	416-512-3401
2. Ann Andrachuk	416-512-3402
3. Sal Piccininni	416-512-3403
4. Patrizia Bottoni	416-512-3404
5. Maria Rizzo	416-512-3405
6. Frank D'Amico, Vice-Chair	416-512-3406
7. Michael Del Grande	416-512-3407
8. Garry Tanuan	416-512-3408
9. Jo-Ann Davis	416-512-3409
10. Barbara Poplawski	416-512-3410
11. Angela Kennedy, Chair	416-512-3411
12. Nancy Crawford	416-512-3412
Karina Dubrovskaya, Student Trustee	416-512-3417
Rhea Carlisle, Student Trustee	416-512-3413

ANAPHYLAXIS ALERT

We would like to inform you that we are an **allergen aware school**. There are students in attendance who suffer from severe and life threatening allergies to certain foods such as **peanuts, nut products, sesame seeds, eggs, seafood and shell fish**. **Anaphylaxis is a severe and life threatening allergic reaction.**

We are asking that you do not send any lunches or snacks that may contain peanuts, nuts, eggs, seafood, shell fish and sesame seeds. As well, please check prepared foods for traces of peanut oil or nut products. These items could potentially harm a child. **We would also ask that you please do not send food for birthdays or special occasions.** There are many alternatives such as stickers and pencils. Please remind your children not to share food in the classroom.

We thank all of you for being diligent in following this request. We must maintain as safe an environment as we possibly can for our students. Since all our students share the school building space in their daily activities, we need to take precautions to minimize any cross contamination issues.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL
ST. GABRIEL 2015 – 2016
ELECTIONS

Wednesday, October 7th
7 pm
Room 215

You will find Nomination Forms in this Newsletter. Parents, please consider coming out to support your child's school and be involved in school functions and planning.



