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



St. Gabriel Catholic School

September 2019

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 2019-2020 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.

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 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 second year of our TCDSB three-year pastoral plan focusing on Rooted in Christ: "we Belong, we Believe, we Become". In the Year of We Believe, we look forward to focusing on inclusion, acceptance and sense of satisfaction as members of one another.

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 Thursday, September 19th at 7 pm in the Computer Lab. If you are interested, nomination forms are in the Main Office, please see Ms. Monaco.

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

We're Going Back To School



ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL STAFF LIST 2019-2020

Antonella De Roma	Principal
Patricia Monaco	Secretary
Kathleen Silva	ELP
Sharon Pacheco	ECE (Silva)
Angela Vaz	ELP
Jennifer Gomes (LTA)	ECE (Vaz)
Michele Noonan	SK/ 1
Catherine Ryu	Gr. 1/2
Allison Canham-Macri	Gr. 2
Angela Capozzoli	Gr. 3
Sarah Porter	Gr. 3/4
Ursula Tufaro	Gr. 4/5
Julie Gauthier	Gr. 5
Joanna Ieraci/ Stephanie Laturski (LTO)	Gr. 5/6
Rocco Addorisio	Gr. 6/7
Andrea DiMarino (LTO)	Gr. 7
Brian Rodrigues	Gr. 8
Open	Library Tech (M/T)
Danielle Sabatini	Spec. Ed.
Oksana Makhnitska	M.E.
Wendy Baker	Phys. Ed. (T/W)
Jason Halili	Phys. Ed. (M)
Melinda Carvalho	Phys. Ed (F)
Bianca Palleschi	ESL
Elena DiSimino	Core French
Aline Ajami	Core French (M-F pm)
Claire Kennedy	Core French (M-F am)
Elizabeth Massarelli	Education Assistant
Daniella Nunno	Education Assistant
Success Akonzee (LTA)	Education Assistant
Open	Education Assistant
Christella Sutherland	Vocal Music (Th/Fri)
Michele Stocker	Inst. Music (Tues.)
Steffan Moran	Inst. Music (Fri)
Liliana Compagnone	Guidance (Tues a.m.)
Steve Coulter	Head Caretaker
Manny Florio	Night Caretaker
Rosa Salvatore, Ana Saint Ellis De Graterol and Rachel Monteiro	Lunchtime Supervisor

Rory McGuckin, Director of Education

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 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.

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 **Thursday, October 4th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.** Details will follow.

SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION

Please sign up online to access Transportation information via the new BusPlanner 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.

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.



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September 2019 Monthly Update From the Board

Update on the School Crossing Guard Program for the 2019-2020 School Year

Please be advised that starting in September 2019, the City of Toronto will be assuming full responsibility of the School Crossing Guard Program. The locations of the school crossing guards have not changed. Each school can expect the same school crossing guard locations to be served. To view the citywide map and list of school crossing guard locations, please visit: www.toronto.ca/schoolcrossingguard.

Important Reminder About 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.

Register Now: School Cash Online

Parents/guardians are reminded to create their School Cash Online profile, in order to receive updates and information on upcoming school activities, including pizza lunches, civvies days, field trips, and much more. Paying through School Cash Online offers 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/schoolcashionline

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.

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 to communicate to parents about important information throughout the year including cancellations, closures and other critical issues. <https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/safeschools/newsandevents/pages/signupschoolmessenger.aspx>

September's Virtue is Hospitality

All resources for the month of September, and for the monthly virtues throughout the year can be found on our website at <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/VirtueoftheMonth/Pages/Default.aspx>

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

In the second year of our pastoral plan, "Rooted in Christ, we Believe" our focus turns to what we believe in as a Catholic education community. Resources for the Year: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/rooted-in-christ/webelieve/Pages/weBelieveResources.aspx>

Consider who inspires you, who nurtures your faith, who acts as a mentor and role model of Catholic living.

Is it your school chaplain? A parent or other family member? Your pastor or other member of your parish? A teacher or other staff at your school? A colleague or friend?

Why not sit down to have a chat with them, and interview them about their experiences of living their faith. Write an article or create a video of your interview. Write a short story, a poem, or create a piece of artwork, music or video that pays tribute to those who guide you on your own journey of faith.

Share your stories on social media (@TCDSB #TCDSBelieves)
Send your submissions to ncc.team@tcdsb.org

Night School Registration

Registration for evening credit courses, Saturday language programs and eClass has begun. Please visit the website for details: <https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2020/pages/nightsschool.aspx>

International Languages After Hours Program Registration

Registration for the elementary IL After Hours Program continues through to September 21st.
<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/InternationalLanguages/Pages/Saturday-School-Registration.aspx>

Open Houses

Students in grade 8 and their families are reminded that TCDSB secondary schools are hosting open houses this fall—a great way to meet staff and students, check out the school facilities and learn about the programs and services being offered at each location. The complete schedule will be available online:
<https://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/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>
- September 1—Day of Prayer for Care of God's Creation
- September 4—Open House for Parents of Elementary Students Identified as Gifted, 7-9 PM
<https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/news/pages/giftedopenhouse.aspx>
- September 5--Student Achievement Committee Meeting, 7 PM
- September 8--International Literacy Day
- September 8--Grandparent's Day
- September 9—Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day
<https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2019/pages/fasd.aspx>
- September 10--Governance and Policy Committee Meeting
- September 12—Corporate Services Committee Meeting
- September 14—Talking Faith—Hindu and Catholic Youth Event
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/News/2019-2020/Pages/HinduCatholic.aspx>
- September 16—Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
- September 18—Special Education Advisory Committee
- September 19—Board

For details about these and other events and meetings, visit www.tcdsb.org

Student Leaders Invited to Help Build Accessible Country

The Government of Canada seeks youth leaders to help build a more accessible Canada. Apply online at
https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/enabling-accessibility-fund.html?utm_campaign=EnablingAccessibilityFund&utm_source=SocialMedia\Ddn\Banners&utm_medium=VanityUrl&utm_term=en&utm_content=canada-ca_accessibility-fund by **October 31, 2019**.

Congratulations to Kathy Nguyen, Student Trustee for 2019 - 2021

Kathy Nguyen, a student at Madonna Catholic Secondary School took her oath of office and seat in the horseshoe alongside the TCDSB Board of Trustees at their meeting held August 22, 2019. Elected by her peers, Kathy was declared the Student Trustee-elect at the CSLIT general assembly meeting at the Catholic Education Centre on April 30th.

Kathy often utilizes opportunities where she can network with like-minded leaders and make a difference in her community. She is a member of St. Jane Frances Parish in North York and is an active volunteer in her community. During her leisure time, she regularly volunteers at student leadership events.

As a Student Trustee, Kathy will represent the interests of all TCDSB students during deliberations of the Board and will communicate Board decisions to students. She joins Student Trustee Taylor Dallin who will act as her mentor during her second term of office. You can visit Kathy's student trustee page [here](#) and Taylor Dallin's page [here](#).

General Information To Note:

- The School Year Calendar for 2019-2020 is posted on the board's website at <https://www.tcdsb.org/calendar/pages/schoolyearcalendar.aspx>
- The remaining Board and Committee meetings for the 2019 calendar year are also on the website <https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2019/pages/board-meetings.aspx>
- For information specifically for students including scholarships, contests, job and community service opportunities, visit <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/default.aspx>
- For information specifically targeted for parents, including information about the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee and the Ontario Association for Parents in Catholic Education, see <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Pages/default.aspx>

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