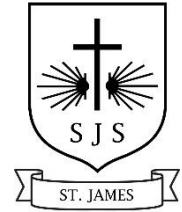


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Principal's Message

Welcome back to the 2016-2017 school year. I hope that your summer was relaxing and enjoyable and that there was plenty of time for fun, family and friends. I extend a special welcome to new students and their families and especially to our junior kindergarten students who begin the formal part of their education this month.

Last year, the Toronto Catholic District School Board introduced a new three-year pastoral plan (2015-2018) entitled "Together with One Voice: Harmonizing Our Faith Through Family, Parish and School".

We have just completed the 2015-2016 year of the **Family**, the natural community willed by God, where faith is planted. For the 2016 - 2017 school year, the focus will be on **Parish**, our faith family where our faith is celebrated in worship and sacraments.

September is always a new beginning and we all share the desire to have our children develop to the best of their abilities. Academic success is influenced by what is expected at home as well as at school. We celebrate and appreciate everyone's continued support and look forward to having each and every one of you be active participants at St. James School. All parents are invited and encouraged to be part of our Catholic School Parent Council.

I look forward to meeting each one of you and being a part of such a vibrant and caring community. Best wishes for a great 2016 - 2017!

Krystyna Schneider – Principal

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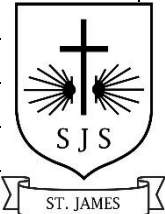
ST. JAMES CS STAFF LIST 2016-2017

JK/SK Kindergarten	T. Pacheco	Rm 204
ECE JK/SK Kindergarten	T. Amato	Rm 204
Gr. S/K-1	J. Bugeja	Rm 210
Gr. 1 / 2	H. James	Rm 311
Gr. 3 / 4	M. Mazza	Rm 405
Gr. 4 / 5	M. Celebre	Rm 312
Gr. 6	S. Costanzo	Rm 404
Gr. 7	T. Barber	Rm 410
Gr. 8	D. AngeloSante	Rm 409
ESL & Sp. Ed.	J. Pascucci	Rm 308
Sp. Ed. \ Empower	C. Demonte Bahr	Rm 402
Library	TBD	Rm 302
French	G. Bodnar	Rm 403
Phys. Ed.	V. Dos Santos	Gym
Vocal Music	D. Mendonca	Rm 206
Instrumental Music	D. Lambert	Rm 206
Educational Assistants	M. Figiel / O. Yankovska	
Lunchtime Supervisors	T. Aurielo / S. Sacco	
Guidance	F. Amato	
Social Worker	C. Wallage	
Head Caretaker	D. Santangelo	
Night Caretaker	G. Akerman	
Principal	K. Schneider	
Secretary	A. Krol	

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St. James Catholic School 2016-2017 Important Dates

School Hours:	9:00 - 3:30 pm	
Morning Recess:	10:42 -10:57 am	
Lunch Hour	11:45-12:45 pm	
Afternoon Recess:	2:10 -2:25 pm	
Dismissal	3:30 pm	

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>
Curriculum Night	Thursday, October 6, 2016 @ 7 pm
Provincial Education Priorities PD Day	October 7, 2016 (NO SCHOOL)
Picture Day	October 24, 2016 Retakes: November 23, 2016
Thanksgiving Day	October 10, 2016 (NO SCHOOL)
Parent/Teacher Conferences	November 18, 2016 (NO SCHOOL)
Provincial Education Priorities PD Day	December 2, 2016 (NO SCHOOL)
Last Day of School before Christmas	Friday, December 23, 2016
Christmas Break	December 26, 2016–January 6, 2017
School re-opens	Monday, January 9, 2017
Assessment and Evaluation PD Day	January 20, 2017 (NO SCHOOL)
Parent/Teacher Interviews	February 17, 2017 (NO SCHOOL)
Family Day	February 20, 2017
March Break	March 13–17, 2017
Good Friday	April 14, 2017 (NO SCHOOL)
Easter Monday	April 17, 2017 (NO SCHOOL)
Victoria Day	May 22, 2017 (NO SCHOOL)
Assessment and Evaluation PD Day	June 9, 2017 (NO SCHOOL)
Last Day of School	June 29, 2017 <i>Regular dismissal time</i>
Provincial Education Priorities PD Day	June 30, 2017 (NO SCHOOL)

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PURCHASING AGENDAS

The agendas represent a learning tool for students, a communication tool for parents, and a teaching tool for educators. We trust that through the co-operative efforts of all concerned, we may be able to help our students achieve their full potential. We ask that you allow your child to take ownership of his/her personal agenda by paying \$10.00. The agendas are selling fast from Gr 1- 8. Please bring in your money this Monday, September 12, 2016.

AGENDA DRESS CODE CORRECTION

Our school is special because it is a Catholic School and we have Christ as our example. This gives us the important responsibility of acting in a Christian manner at all times. What we wear speaks volumes and therefore we should all wear appropriate clothing to school. Clothing with narrow strapped tops, crop tops or short shorts and skirts are not acceptable. Hats are not to be worn inside the building. The length of shorts, skirts and dresses should be above the knee for all Gr. 4-8 students. If leggings are worn under a short skirt or shorts the skirt or shorts must be of an appropriate and acceptable length. St. Vincent de Paul also has a no makeup policy for all students.

ATTENDANCE

Parents are required to phone the school if a student will be absent or late. Please phone **(416) 393-5275** **each day** of your child's absence.

SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION & COMMUNION 2016-2017

Please see an attached letter from Rev. Ignacio Pinedo if your child is in Gr 2 and wishes to do their Reconciliation/First Communion this year. If you have an older child that hasn't completed their First Communion or Baptism (they may still do so), please contact St. James Parish.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 7 AND 8

St. James CS immunization clinic is scheduled on **Tuesday, 20 September 2016 PM.**

The Ontario government has expanded the human papillomavirus immunization program to include all students in Grade 7 boys and girls alike. To support the transition of the program to Grade 7, girls who are starting Grade 8 in September 2016 are also eligible to receive human papillomavirus vaccine through school-based clinics.

Also all Grade 7 students will receive their meningococcal (1 dose) and hepatitis B (2 doses 6 months apart) immunizations. Forms have been sent home with all students this week. Please fill them out and return them to your child's teacher.

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OUR WEEKLY WRAP UP For week ending September 2, 2016



TCDSB AND TECT REACH TENTATIVE AGREEMENT

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is pleased to announce that a tentative agreement has been reached with the Toronto English Catholic Teachers (TECT) Union representing elementary teachers. The agreement was reached after two days of intense discussions. [Click here for more information.](#)

2016-2017 IS THE YEAR OF THE PARISH

The second year in our three pastoral plan focusing on "Together With One Voice: Harmonizing our Faith through Family, Parish and School". During the Year of the Parish, we look for ways to more fully engage our staff and students in the lives of their local parish community, and to welcome our pastors and parish community into school events and activities. Schools are encouraged to work with their local parish to develop their own parish project. Get more information and ideas here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/YearoftheParish/Pages/Parish-Project.aspx> and here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/YearoftheParish/Pages/default.aspx>

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Grade 8 students and their families are invited to learn more about their secondary school options at open houses this fall. For a complete schedule, see:

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

REGISTRATION FOR NIGHT SCHOOL, SATURDAY LANGUAGE CLASSES AND E-CLASS

Get detailed information online:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/ContinuingEducation/Documents/flyer.pdf>

REGISTRATION FOR ELEMENTARY INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES AFTER-HOURS PROGRAMS

Classes begin the weekend of September 17th. Register online here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/InternationalLanguages/Pages/Saturday-School-Registration.aspx>

EIGHTEEN AFTER THE BELL

Exhibit of art by TCDSB staff at Joseph D Carrier Gallery, Columbus Centre. Exhibit open until **October 3rd**. [Click here for more information.](#)

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UNACTO INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

September 17, 2016 from 1-4 p.m. at Metro Hall, room 308/309. Guest speaker Dr. Ashleigh Molloy.

[Click here for more information.](#)

2016 OCSTA SHORT-VIDEO CONTEST FOR STUDENTS

OCSTA is now accepting submissions for the fall 2016 short-video contest for grade 4-12 students in Ontario's publicly funded English Catholic schools. The contest theme for 2016 is: "The Story Behind the Name of our Catholic School". This year's theme is designed to encourage students to delve into the history of the person/saint for whom their school was named, and to be creative in telling that story.

[Click here for more information.](#)

TORONTO SPORT HALL OF HONOUR: NOMINATIONS OPEN; DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 30TH

The Toronto Sport Hall of Honour celebrates the exceptional contributions and accomplishments of those who have inspired and /or brought recognition to the City of Toronto through sport. Nominations from all levels of performance and ability are welcome. [Click here for the nomination forms and full program details.](#)

INTERESTED IN PARENT ENGAGEMENT?

Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Elections coming October 3rd

<https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/parentinvolvement/cpicelections/pages/scheduled-cpic-election-for-even-numbered-wards.aspx>

And October 5th <https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/parentinvolvement/cpicelections/pages/election-to-fill-cpic-vacancies.aspx>

Learn more about CPIC here:

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

UPCOMING SCHOOL ANNIVERSARIES:

- **NOTRE DAME 75TH ANNIVERSARY**

October 14-15, 2016. Details:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/schools/notredame/alumnae/pages/alumnae.aspx>

- **ST. MONICA 100TH ANNIVERSARY**

October 15, 2016. Details:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/schools/stmonica/stmonicas100thanniversary/pages/default.aspx>