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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

OCTOBER 2019



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ENROLLMENT	HOURS OF OPERATION	LUNCH HOUR
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we BELIEVE

Inspired by St. Paul's letter to the Colossians: "Live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, abounding in thanksgiving." Our pastoral plan strengthens our sense of belonging to God and one another, expresses our belief in God through our vision and mission, and works to achieve our goals as people on a common mission. This year, we acknowledge that our belonging to God also shapes our perspectives on what we do and how we do it.

We continue to celebrate our pastoral plan: "Rooted in Christ: we Belong, we Believe, we Become". This year we celebrate the Year of "we BELIEVE"



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IN CHRIST**

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we BELONG we BELIEVE we BECOME

2018 - 2021

ST. JAMES CS STAFF LIST 2019-2020

Principal	J. Saragosa	
Secretary	A. Krol	
Educational Assistant	M. Figiel	
Lunchtime Supervisors	A. Santos /J. Tucci/J. Garro (TBA)	
JK/SK Kindergarten	R. Tsuruoka (C. Giuliani)	Rm 204
ECE JK/SK Kindergarten	K. Remondini	Rm 204
Gr. S/K-1	J. Bugeja	Rm 210
Gr. 1 / 2	H. James	Rm 206
Gr. 3 / 4	S. Costanzo	Rm 207
Gr. 4 / 5	M. Mazza	Rm 303
Gr 5 / 6	P. De Buono	Rm 308
Gr. 7	N. DiLella	Rm 311
Gr. 8	T. Barber	Rm 312
Sp. Ed.	J. Pascucci	Rm 404
ESL	G. Prestia .5 (LTO TBA)	Rm 401
Library	M. Montagnese Ruffolo	Rm 302
Gifted Program	M. Tavares	Rm 405
French	G. Bodnar	Rm 403
Phys. Ed.	V. Dos Santos/M. Howard	.1Gym
Vocal Music	S. Demski	Rm 402/Library
Instrumental Music	D. Lambert	Rm 410
Guidance	F. Amato	
Social Worker	S. Hogg-Silva	
APT	S. Burgher	
SLP	L. Paidock	
Head Caretaker	N. Care	
Night Caretaker	A. Bianchi	

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 on-line application;
- e-mail notifications for offers of placement; and
- receive accept/decline offers of placement 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 TCDSB website at www.tcdsb.org → Admissions & Placement Department page, to view the "Parent Guide to Completing the Secondary School Online Application" information guide.

GUIDANCE CORNER – OCTOBER

Transition to Secondary School – SOAR

October will be a busy month for the grade 8 students as they begin the high school application process. The After 8 transition guides for both students and parents will be delivered to the school soon, so you can expect to learn more about the process when your child brings them home. Please note the following important dates:

- We're well into TCDSB Secondary School Open House Season continue. Please go to the link below for school specific information. <https://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/default.aspx>.
- Please ensure that you have updated your email connected to the TCDSB and set up your SOAR account. Click on this link for a guide to help you navigate through the on-line applications. <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/AdmissionsandRegistration/Documents/PARENT%20GUIDE%20-%20Secondary%20School%20Student%20Online%20Application%20for%20Enrolment%20September%202020.pdf>
- **Tuesday, October 15th, 2019** – Parents should check the email that you have connected with the TCDSB. You will be receiving an email containing a link to your child's application to high school. You may begin filling out secondary school applications at this time.
- **Monday, October 25th, 2019** – This is the application deadline. This is a hard deadline for regional program applications (Arts, AP, IB, and S.T.E.A.M.). Beyond this date, regular program applications will be directed to wait lists.

Creating Pathways to Success

Students from grades one to eight will be encouraged to use www.myBlueprint.ca/tcdsb as a tool to reflect on their growth throughout elementary school. Creating Pathways to Success asks that students think about: Who Am I? What Are My Opportunities? Who do I Want to Become? And What Are My Plans for Achieving My Goals? Throughout the year, Intermediate students will be required to work on their Individual Pathways Plans (IPP) while students from grades one to six may have the opportunity develop their All About Me online Portfolios. Encourage your children to share their accounts with you. The site is fully accessible from home using your child's TCDSB username and password.

Mr. F. Amato - TCDSB Elementary Teacher-Guidance Counsellor

Immunization Clinic for Grade 7 students will take place on Monday, October 21, 2019 in the afternoon.

To educate yourself about the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination Program that will occur at your child's school, please consult with your family doctor regarding the vaccine. For more information, please visit the following sites:

- The Mayo Clinic website located at: www.mayoclinic.org
- [The Canadian Vaccine Adverse Effect Reporting System website located at: http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/im/vs-sv/index-eng.php](http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/im/vs-sv/index-eng.php)
- The U.S. Vaccine Adverse Effect Reporting System website located at: <http://vaers.hhs.gov>

If your child misses his/her immunization, please see the following additional immunization clinics offered at various locations/times from Toronto Public Health. They can be found online at: <http://www.torontocentralhealthline.ca/displayService.aspx?id=153851>. Please call before June 21, 2020.

All information available from Toronto Public Health regarding the immunization program is available in many different languages and can be accessed through the following website: <http://www.torontocentralhealthline.ca/displayService.aspx?id=166339>

Should you elect for your child to receive this immunization, please return your forms to your classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Kids and Upcoming Flu Season

The flu germs spread when people cough, sneeze or talk. The flu germs can also live on surfaces like toys, countertops, and door handles for up to eight hours.

Students can pass the flu germs to each other, to school staff and to family members before they show symptoms. Children under five, seniors and people in poor health are at greater risk of complications from flu.

Vaccination is the best protection against flu. It takes 2 weeks for the vaccine to be fully effective so get it early.

Tips on staying healthy this flu Season:



1. Get your flu shot early
2. [Wash your hands](#) often
3. Avoid touching face and eyes
4. [Cover your cough](#) or sneeze
5. Do not share drinking cups and utensils
6. Disinfect common surfaces like door handles, hand railings, keyboards, cell phones & tablets

For more information, visit toronto.ca/health/flu

Junior Boys Soccer

Congratulations to the Junior Boys' soccer team played at the South Divisional tournament at St. Nicholas of Bari. The boys demonstrated a positive attitude both during and after the game. They worked together making the right decisions for the team. They believed in the strength of the team and played with enthusiasm, dedication, sportsmanship and great teamwork. The boys represented St. James proudly. We would like to congratulate the following athletes for their effort and dedication over the past month. Congratulations to Erick, Matteus, Vitor, Manny, Jayden, Lynden, Taydon, Tatum and Roderick.

Junior Girls Soccer

Congratulations to the St. James Junior Girls Soccer team that represented us well at the Junior tournament at St. Nicholas of Bari. Congratulations to Dayary, Joanne, Jayda, Beunca, Allison, Maya and Sarah.

ST. JAMES' CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

I am pleased to present to you our Catholic School Parent Council Voting Members and Executive for the 2019-2020 Academic Year:

Carla Delgado - Secretary
Jennifer Pico - Treasurer
Sandra Quintal - Vice Chair
Lourdes Sousa - Chair
Susan Costanzo – Teacher Rep
Ximena David
Veronica Lopez

CSPC Upcoming meetings are scheduled for the following dates:

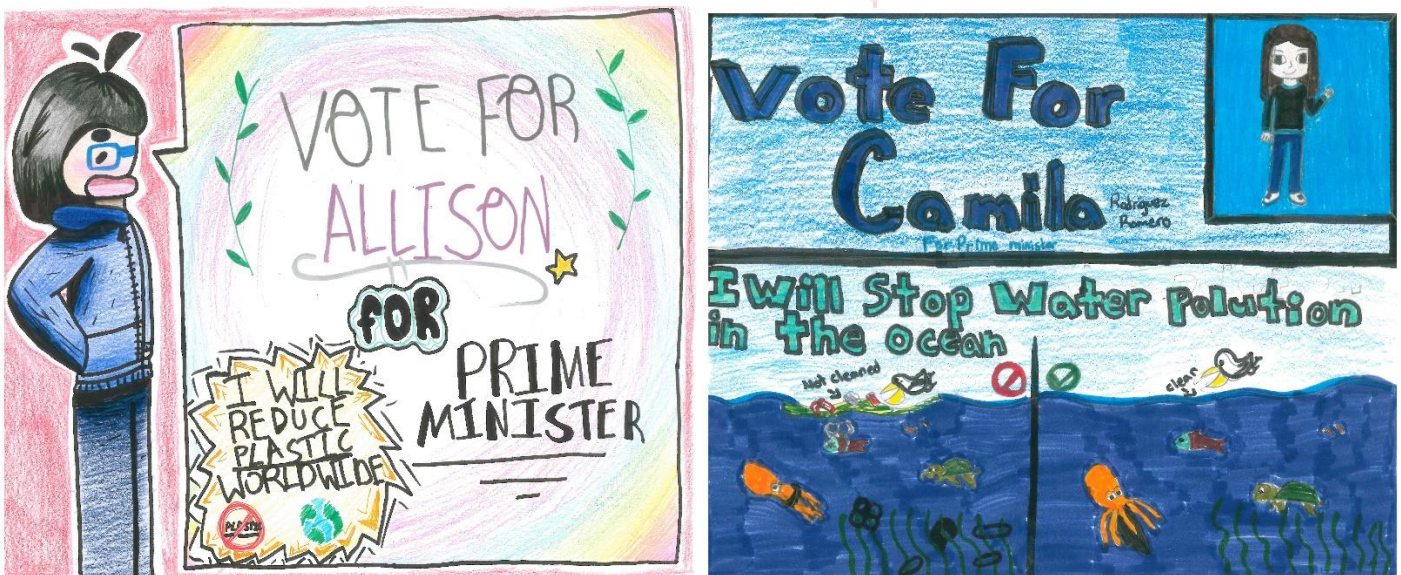
October 17, 2019
November 7, 2019
December 5, 2019
January 16, 2020
February 6, 2020
March 5, 2020
April 2, 2020
May 13, 2020
June 11, 2020

All meetings are from 6:00 – 7:15 pm. Thank you all for your continued support and commitment to our beautiful community!

Terry Fox Civvies

Congratulations St. James students. You raised \$204.85 for the Terry Fox Foundation on our September 26, 2019 civvies. Thank you to all for your generosity!

Mr. DeBuono's Grade 6 Students: Prime Minister Posters Learning about the Canadian Election Process



St. James' Important Upcoming Dates:

Thursday, October 3, 2019
Curriculum Night @ 7:00 pm



Friday, October 4, 2019
Thanksgiving Mass @ St. James Church (T. Barber)
Fire Drill #2

Friday, October 11, 2019
PA Day: Provincial Educational Priorities and Faith Day
Confirmation Meeting at St. James Church (6:00 pm)

Monday, October 14, 2019
Thanksgiving Day – School Closed

Wednesday, October 16, 2019
M. Tavares: grade 7/8 Gifted Class Excursion

Monday, October 21, 2019
Grade 7 Immunization Clinic – pm

Friday, October 25, 2019
Picture Retakes/ Class Groups/ Staff Photo



Monthly Update from the Board October 2019

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

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.](#)

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 25, 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>

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 22, 2019

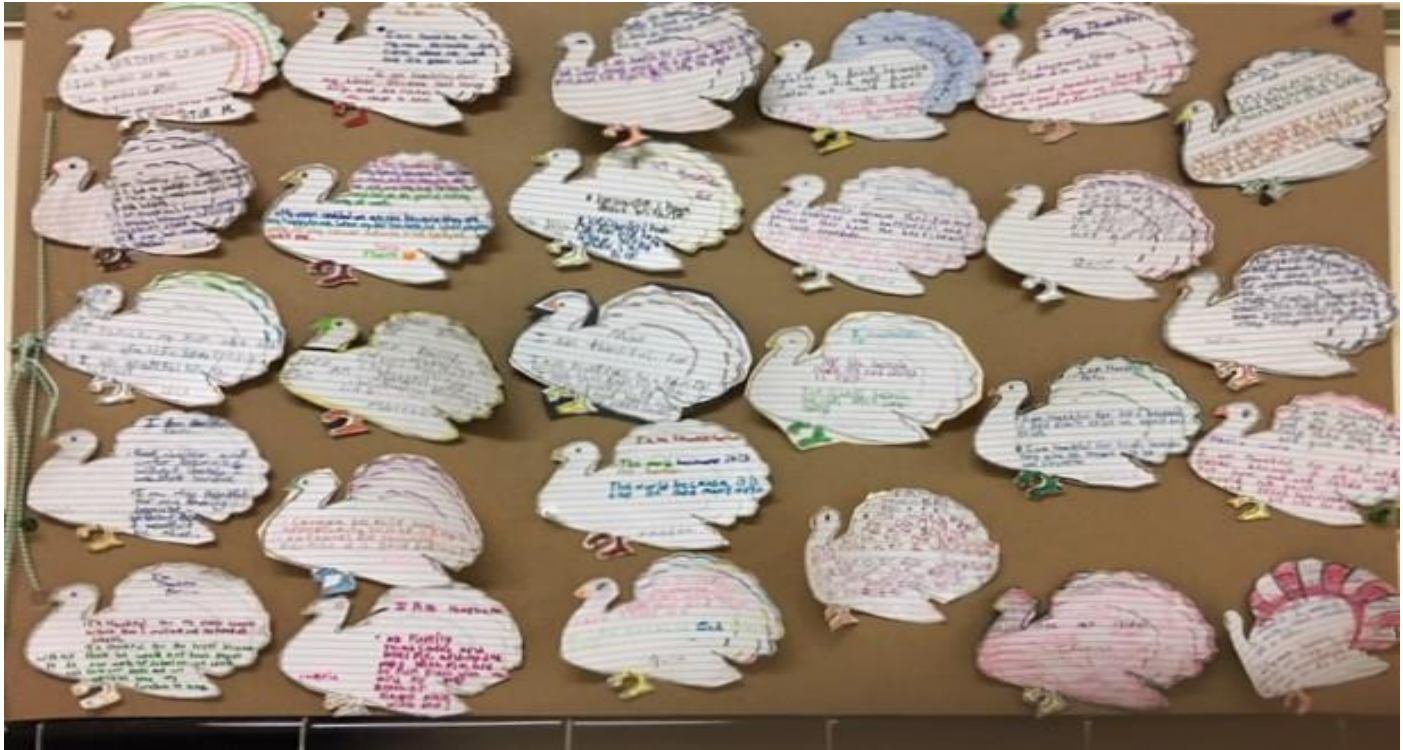
A message from the Director of Education **BEGINNING THE MONTH WITH GRATITUDE**

As we enter the second month of the school year, we are reminded that October's Virtue of the Month is **Gratitude**. Let's remember to show our appreciation for those around us in our places of work, our schools, parishes and at home, and thank them for the impact they have on our own lives, as well as on the lives of our students.

On behalf of the TCDSB and the Senior leadership team, we want to celebrate some of the many staff who contribute to the success of our students and Catholic Education.

To view a video message, [click here](#). Sincerely, Rory McGuckin *Director of Education*

MS. MAZZA AND HER GRADE 4/5 CLASS CREATE A GRATITUDE WALL



TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES - 2019-2020

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| 4. Teresa Lubinski | 416-512-3404 | 11. Angela Kennedy | 416-512-3411 |
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Rory McGuckin, Director of Education

Maria Rizzo, Chair of the Board