

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

September 2017

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,



Welcome back to the 2017-2018 school year and what promises to be a year full of hope and success! I extend a very warm welcome to the new and returning families in our community and especially to our youngest members, the Junior Kindergarten students who will begin their formal education.

It is both an honour and a privilege to introduce myself as the new principal of St. James Catholic School. As a Catholic school leader, I am looking forward to working with all of you in making this a successful year for our students as church, parents, community and school strive together to provide an excellent Catholic Education for your child. I am a firm believer that parents, teachers, and students must work together as partners to provide an empowering, enriching and challenging learning environment where children can thrive in their learning. I 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.

Two years ago 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 2016-2017 year of the Parish, whereby we celebrated the important role that our parishes play in our school communities and in the lives of the students, staff and families. For the 2017-2018 school year, the focus will be on School, a community of understanding and wisdom, 'permeated by the Gospel spirit of freedom and love', where faith is nurtured.

Shortly you will be receiving our school handbook. The purpose of this handbook is to provide you with useful information about our school and school board. Please read this handbook carefully, with your child, and keep it in a safe location for future reference. Should you have any questions or concerns about the content of this handbook, or any other school matter, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or myself at the school.

I look forward to meeting each one of you and being a part of such a vibrant and nurturing community. Best wishes for a great 2017- 2018!

Sincerely,

Joanne Saragosa
Principal

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www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto

OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS) ↗

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ENROLLMENT HOURS OF OPERATION LUNCH HOUR



NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: soar.tcdsb.org

Call 416-393-Your sch number here
or the TCDSB Admissions
Department at 416-222-8282, ext.
5320.

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Toronto Catholic District School
Board, visit www.tcdsb.org

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throughout the school year: Follow
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ST. JAMES STAFF

JK/SK: T. Pacheco
Early Childhood Educator (Supply): J. Macedo
SK/1: J. Bugeja
Grade 2/3: H. James
Grade 3/4: M. Mazza
Grade 4/5 (Occasional Teacher): S. Tassone
Grade 6/7: S. Costanzo
Grade 7/8: T. Barber
Grade 8: T. Servello
English as a Second Language and Special Education: J. Pascucci
Special Education and EMPOWER: C. Demonte Bahr
Librarian Technician: A. Pyndiura
Gifted Program: M. Tavares
French as a Second Language: G. Bodnar
Physical Education: V. Dos Santos
Vocal Music: S. Demski
Instrumental Music: D. Lambert
Instrumental Music (Occasional Teacher): J. Schneider
Educational Assistant: M. Figiel
Lunchtime Supervisor: T. Aurielo
Lunchtime Supervisor: A. Santos
Lunchtime Supervisor: S. Sacco
Lunchtime Supervisor: J. Tucci
Secretary: A. Krol
Guidance: F. Amato
Social Worker: C. Wallage

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

SEPTEMBER'S VIRTUE IS HOSPITALITY

God of love, Jesus the teacher, Spirit of wisdom, we place our dreams and our cares before you.

Be with us in our hope, be with us in our anxiety, be with us in our learning, and be with us in our friendships.

Let us know that you are always walking with us, to give us courage and strength for the journey through this school year.

Bless the students and teachers gathered in this school; for those new to the school, May they feel welcomed.

For those who are new to our community-- May they feel welcomed.

For the staff of this school, may they grow in their love of this community.

Amen

TCDSB SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2017-2018

Number of school days	194
Number of Professional Activity Days	7
Labour Day	September 4, 2017
First Instructional Day	September 5, 2017
Thanksgiving Day	October 9, 2017
Christmas Break	December 25, 2017–January 5, 2018
Start of second semester for secondary schools	February 5, 2018
Family Day	February 19, 2018
Mid-Winter Break	March 12–16, 2018
Good Friday	March 30, 2018
Easter Monday	April 2, 2018
Victoria Day	May 21, 2018
Last day of classes for elementary students	June 28, 2018

Seven (7) Professional Activity (PA) Days for ELEMENTARY schools:

October 6, 2017	Provincial Education Priorities
November 17, 2017	Parent-Teacher Conferences
December 1, 2017	Provincial Education Priorities/Faith Development
January 19, 2018	Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting
February 16, 2018	Parent-Teacher Conferences
June 8, 2018	Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting
June 29, 2018	Provincial Education Priorities

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS AND CALENDARS

Please be advised that the school will provide communication through a monthly calendar and newsletter. Parents will receive this information via email. This information will also be posted on the school website.

Our newsletters and calendars can be located online on our school website

<https://www.tcdsb.org/schools/stjames/News/Pages/Newsletters.aspx> in the “What’s New” section

And

<https://www.tcdsb.org/schools/stjames/SchoolCalendar/Pages/Calendars.aspx> in the “School Calendar” section

NEWS FROM THE SPECIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

As part of the TCDSB’s goal of Fostering Student Achievement and Well Being, the Special Services department endeavours to support our special education students in achieving academic excellence and meeting the Ontario Catholic Graduate School Expectations. The department offers a variety of supports to students based on their need(s) and/or identification(s). For further information please visit the Special Services department link: <https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SpecialEducation/Pages/default.aspx>

Parents/caregivers are reminded that if they require support in accessing the Special Services department link, they may ask the school principal for assistance. Alternately, for families who require access to a computer to visit the site, they may access an electronic device through the Toronto Public Library.