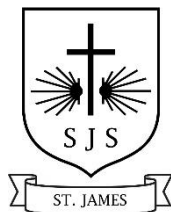


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Classes start at 9:00 a.m.
(Please be on time)
Lunch Hour: 11:45-12:45
p.m.
Dismissal: 3:30 p.m.



BOARD NEWS

Parent Engagement

TCDSB values the involvement of parents in the education of their children, and welcomes their participation in the lives of our school communities. You can be involved at the provincial level as a member of the **Toronto OAPCE** (Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education), or at the municipal level as a member of **Toronto CPIC** (Catholic Parent Involvement Committee).

Visit the Parent Portal to get all the latest news and information
<https://www.tcdsb.org/ENR/PARENTS/Pages/default.aspx>

St. James CPSC

CPSC is the new name for the parent council. (Catholic Parent School Council) formally Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC) Nomination forms have been sent home. Any parent who wishes to be

a voting member of the council needs to fill out a nomination form. All parents are welcome to attend the meetings. The next CPSC meeting will take place on September 22, 2015. Meetings are held at 7:00 pm in the school gym.

Secondary School Open Houses

All Toronto Catholic District School Board secondary schools welcome grade 8 students and their families to open houses each fall. This is an opportunity to meet some of the staff, check out school facilities and learn more about the various programs, services and activities as you prepare for Catholic secondary school education. Visit the board's website at <https://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/Default.aspx> to confirm the dates and times.

Curriculum Night and Welcome Back BBQ

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This year Curriculum Night and the BBQ will be held on October 1st. The parent council will be hosting the BBQ beginning at 5:30. Parents should assemble in the gym at 6:15 for the Principal's address. Parents can meet the teachers beginning at 6:40. Come out and meet your school community!



Important Dates

September 22 – CPSC meeting 7pm

September 23 – School Mass at St. James church 9:45 am

October 1st - Curriculum Night

October 9th - Picture Day



December 9th – Christmas Concert 7pm

May 4th – Spring Concert 7pm

Civvies Day

Thank you for your efforts in supporting our daily navy and white dress code. Our students look great when they come to school.

We will be initiating a civvies day on the last Friday of every month where the students may wear regular school clothing without the white and navy colour restrictions. The appropriate dress code still applies. (Please see agenda for dress code clarification) Students who wish to participate on civvies day are asked to donate a toonie (\$2.00). There will be a cap of a \$4.00 donation for families that have more than two children

attending St. James School.

All money collected will be put back into the school learning environment for the students. Our first civvies' day will be on Friday, September 25 and will continue on every last Friday of the month.

Participation is optional.

If there are any questions please feel free to call the school.



St. James Parish News

St. James Parish will soon begin the process of registration for the preparation program for children receiving sacraments this year. If you are a parishioner of St. James and you have a child who is 7 years or older, you are invited to attend a parent information meeting on September 23rd, in St. James Church, 728 Annette Street at 7 p.m.

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At this meeting you will receive the information you need to register your child and how the program works.

For children in grade 7 and 8 there will be an information session for the sacrament of confirmation at 7 p.m. on September 30th.

Cross Country

Cross Country Team practices will begin the week of September 21st. All practices will be held during the lunch hour.

The first meets will be held in October, TBA. Look for permission forms to come home with your



child.

Snack Program

The snack program will begin again on September 21, 2015. Every 2 months a letter will be sent home to sign up for the snack program. The current cost is 15.00 for 2 months. The snack is served every morning.



Email Distribution List

As you know the school sends most information and letters home to parents via their children's backpack. St. James would like to initiate a parent distribution list with email addresses to send important information to your families via email. You can expect to receive parent information letters, bulletins, school calendars, and other updates via email. Using email will save paper and speed up information sharing with our parent community. You will not miss important information if your child is absent from school.

Please be assured that we will not share your email address with anyone and all email communication will be sent via blind carbon copy.

Please fill out the form that was sent home with

your email addresses. Both parent email addresses can be included. Please return to the school by September 21st. If you require further information please contact the office.

School Agendas

Our school agenda is a very valuable tool to have for all our grade 1-8 students. As Catholics we follow the liturgical calendar, you will find this in the agenda. The school code of behavior is also included. We ask all parents to sit down with their children and review the school rules. This will serve your child well throughout the year.

Grade 8 Leaders

Kudos to Kallon and Daniela from Mrs. Scace's grade 8 class who have been doing the morning announcements. Grade 8 students will also be reading the daily Gospel readings over the P.A. every day for the month of September. Any student who would like to sing O'Canada over the P.A. should come to

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the office and see Mrs. Schneider.

Polish Festival

Experience Polish cuisine and culture this weekend, September 19 and 20th on Roncesvalles Avenue between Howard Park Ave and Queen St. There are lots of activities for kids of all ages. You can take the Bloor subway to Dundas West Station. From there you can walk or take the streetcar to Howard Park Ave.

Ukrainian Festival

Also this weekend is the Ukrainian Festival. The Festival starts Friday September 18 and runs all weekend long. Enjoy rides, music, and food all along Bloor street from Jane to Runnymede.

2015/16 Staff List

JK/SK Mrs Costanzo
1-2 Mrs Pacheco
2-3 Mrs Bugeja
3-4 Mrs. James
4-5 Mrs. Mazza
5-6 Mrs. Teicht
6-7 Mr. Barber
8 Mrs. Scace
French Mr. Bottoni
Music
Vocal Mr. Manz
Instrumental Mr. Lambert
Gym Mr. DosSantos
ESL Mrs Pascucci
Empower- Mrs. Demonte-Bahr
E.A.'s Mrs Figiel
Mrs. Quinn
Mrs. Yankovska
ECE Mrs. Amato
Library – Mrs. Fiekas
Caretaker – Mr Santangelo
Secretary – Ms. McDowell
Principal – Mrs. Schneider

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