



ST. JOACHIM CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear St. Joachim families,

Thank you to all our staff members as well as students and families for getting the year off to a good start. Please join me in welcoming some new staff members who have joined us this year: our library technician, Ms. King; grade one teacher, Ms. Duarte, grade four teacher, Ms. Philips; Mr. Avarino in resource education and Ms. Wist in our Social Skills program.

We understand the anxiety that is felt by everyone at the start of the year, and we appreciate your support and trust in us during this challenging time. We continue to go forth towards building a different community, but a community that still has one basic strength: Faith. Through the Gospel Values, which guide us in our daily practice, we will grow in a positive direction during the first year of our Pastoral plan: Walking with Christ – with Eyes of FAITH and HOPE.

As things continue to change, we continue to adapt. Please make sure you have logged on to your child’s Google Classroom or Brightspace account as soon as possible.

Please remember to check your email for School Messenger notes regularly and follow us on Twitter @StJoachimTCDSB along with @TCDSB for updates. This is how important information is shared. We will be working on revamping our website in the future.

Thanks again for the support of the St. Joachim community!

Ms. Denise Canning (she/her)

Principal, St. Joachim, TCDSB



The Virtue for October is **Gratitude**

If we expect others to be GRATEFUL for what we do, we should show appreciation to others.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

October 2021

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OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS)

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ENROLLMENT	HOURS OF OPERATION	LUNCH HOUR
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NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: soar.tcdsb.org

Call 416-393-5292 or the TCDSB Admissions Department at 416-222-8282, ext. 2383.

For general information about the Toronto Catholic District School Board, please visit the website at www.tcdsb.org

Stay in touch with the latest news throughout the school year: Follow @TCDSB on Twitter.



Academics

Please be advised, since classroom organization plans for the current school year were originally developed, some changes in enrolment have taken place. For students at St. Joachim, this means that the current enrolment is 268 students which is lower than anticipated.

In order to ensure that class sizes are in keeping with the class size average requirements set out by the Ministry of Education, as well as the collective agreements with our teachers, we will need to reorganize some classrooms beginning next week (October 4th). For children who are moving a letter will be sent home with them by the end of the week.

We understand this can be a difficult transition for children. The teachers and administration team are committed to working together to ensure that this transition will be handled with the utmost care and not cause any interruptions to the delivery of the curriculum to our students.

Your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated.



What's new from the board

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Return to School Information

As we prepare to return to school, we recognize that families and students likely have many questions. The following information and resources will continue to be updated as new information becomes available or circumstances impacting our school communities changes.

- **Latest Updates:** Find communications to parents/guardians, announcements and other critical information and developments related to school reopening.
- **Frequently Asked Questions:** Find answers to questions about back to school, health and safety, transportation and much more.
- **Ventilation in Schools:** Learn how we are optimizing air quality in schools and learning environments through improving ventilation and/or filtration.
- **Student Transportation:** Review the latest student transportation information for the 2021-2022 school year. Communications with parents regarding bus transportation for students is a priority. 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. For updates on public transportation visit the Toronto Transit Commission website at <http://www.ttc.ca/>
- The health and safety protocols that will continue to be in place on school buses for the 2021-22 school year.
- Once again, we will modify how the empty seat and extenuating circumstance regulation will be employed this school year. To help reduce capacity on the bus and maximize distancing, these ineligible applications will only be considered in Mid to late October if there is room on the bus which this year means no more than one student per seat. Similar to last year this will significantly reduce the number of seats available. On the mini buses there will be further restrictions if TDSB students are present as they have committed to no ineligible riders on buses with their students this school year.
- **Resources:** Access health and wellness and virtual learning resources for students and families.
- **School Reopening Action Plan:** Learn what to expect and how we will continue to work together to support you for the safe return to school.
- **COVID-19 Advisory:** View the latest COVID-19 confirmed cases involving students or staff members in a TCDSB school setting.

August 20, 2021 | Updates Regarding Immunization Disclosure and Vaccine Eligibility

Families are asked to [review information](#) about Ontario's vaccine disclosure policy and other important health and safety updates for the coming school year.

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- **Here is the link to the new Toronto Public Health Screening Tool for children**
<https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/994c-Screening-Questionnaire-Child-Care-Day-Camp-School.pdf>

PARENTS/GUARDIANS

UPDATED COVID-19 SCREENING PASSPORT

Toronto Public Health has updated the COVID-19 Checklist and Screening Passport to help parents/guardians screen their child for COVID-19 symptoms before school each day.

NOTICING MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS FOR YOUR CHILD

As families prepare for the return to school, it is important to consider signs that could indicate that your child is struggling with an emerging or escalating mental health problem.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Parents/Guardians are reminded to create their School Cash Online profile for a safe and convenient payment option that eliminates the need to send cash or cheques to school.

LIABILITY INSURANCE

Student Accident Insurance can be purchased online. TCDSB's Risk Management promotes this product as an inexpensive form of dental, disability and life insurance.

OCTOBER IS...

Virtue of the Month: Gratitude

- Latin Hispanic Canadian Heritage Month
- Autism Awareness Month
- Child Abuse Prevention Month
- Learning Disabilities Awareness Month
- National Principals Month

Important Dates in October

- **October 2:** National Custodial Workers Day
- **October 5:** World Teachers Day
- **October 6:** Walk to School Day
- **October 7:** Rosary Day
- **October 10:** World Mental Health Day
- **October 11:** Thanksgiving
- **October 17:** International Day for Eradication of Poverty
- **October 18-22:** School Bus Safety Week
- **October 20:** Take Me Outside Day
- **October 21:** Early Childhood Educator and Child Care Worker Appreciation Day

- **October 22:** Bus Driver Appreciation Day

Stay Informed Throughout the Year

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Questions about 2021-2022 School Year?

Refer to our [frequently asked questions](#) for more information.

SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

The following chart lists school holidays, Professional Activity (PA) days, and other key dates for the 2021 - 2022 school calendar year of the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB).

Important Dates for 2021 - 2022 School Year	
Number of School Days	194
Number of Professional Activity Days	7
Number of Exam Days (Secondary Only)	10
First Three Days of the School Year (Staff Only)	September 2, 7, 8, 2021
Labour Day	September 6, 2021
First Day of Classes for Students	September 9, 2021
Thanksgiving Day	October 11, 2021
Christmas Break	December 20 – 31, 2021
Family Day	February 21, 2022
Mid-Winter Break	March 14-18, 2022
Good Friday	April 15, 2022
Easter Monday	April 18, 2022
Victoria Day	May 23, 2022
Last Day of Exams for Secondary Students	June 28, 2022
Last Day of Classes for Elementary Students	June 30, 2022
Last Day of School Year	June 30, 2022

September Empathy Award Winners

We are happy to announce our **September Empathy Award** winners...

Mrs. Navoa and Mrs. Bolos-Kirby: JK/SK– Viel
Mrs. Duarte: Gr SK/1 – Maya
Mrs. Totten Gr 2 – Nate
Ms. Philips: Gr 3/4 – Nahom
Ms. Chan: Gr 5 – Vipul
Mr. Cotton: Gr 7 – Abigail

Mrs. Wigglesworth and Ms. Villamora: JK/SK – Lylah
Ms. Knutson: Gr 1 – Abbey
Ms. Penafiel: Gr 3 – Cameron
Ms. Robinson: Gr 4/5 - Charlotte
Ms. Strucchelli: Gr 5/6 – Hieran
Mr. Bryce: Gr 8 – Anna

Virtue Awards Virtue of **Hospitality** – **September**

We are happy to announce our **September Virtue Award** winners...

Mrs. Navoa and Mrs. Bolos-Kirby: JK/SK– Yosan
Mrs. Duarte: Gr SK/1 – Noah
Mrs. Totten Gr 2 – James
Ms. Philips: Gr 3/4 – Heaven
Ms. Chan: Gr 5 - Jazeul
Mr. Cotton: Gr 7 – Geron

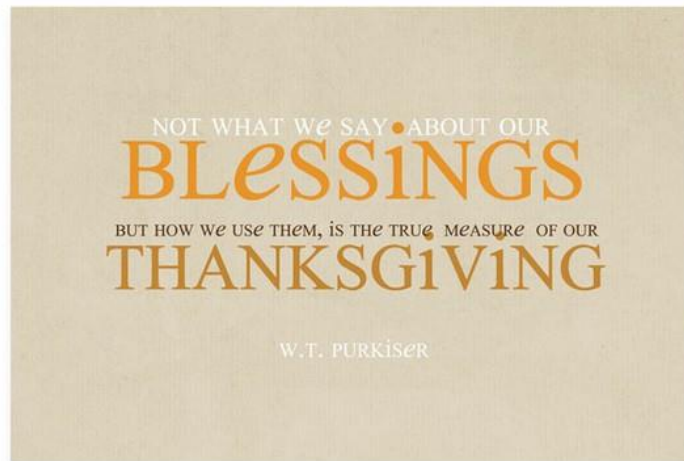
Mrs. Wigglesworth and Ms. Villamora: JK/SK – Betty
Ms. Knutson: Gr 1 – Shaavon
Ms. Penafiel: Gr 3 –
Ms. Robinson: Gr 4/5 - Alexander
Ms. Strucchelli: Gr 5/6 – Sophia
Mr. Bryce: Gr 8 – Anna



October Birthday Happy Birthday to You!

Eyob, Maggie, Alvin, Xander, Charles, Sessen, Bitania, London, Sahasra, Janny, Isaiah, Olivia, Saleena, Christian, Yosi, Clo-Belle, Cassandra, Jaliyah, Kyle, Sesuna, Emma, Jacob

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