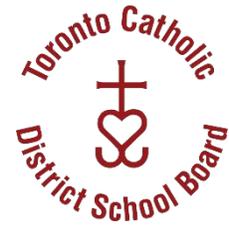




ST. JOACHIM CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a relaxing summer full of family, friends, fun! The teachers and support staff are all recharged and ready for a new school year. The first week has been terrific and the students are happy meeting up with old friends and making new ones.

We welcome all new families to our St. Joachim community. As well, we would like to welcome new staff members to our team: Ms. Pistritto our new afternoon French teacher and Mr. Avarino, our new Special Education teacher who supports students in the afternoon.

I look forward to getting to know our new students and their families and will meet as many of you as possible on our Curriculum Night. You will meet your child's teachers and see their classrooms. Parents and teachers are called to work together to ensure every student reaches their full potential. Together we can create a safe and welcoming school environment and improve student achievement for all. The date will be announced shortly.

Parking, as always, is our biggest challenge every morning and every afternoon. Cars are NOT allowed to pull up/park in front of the school in the morning after 8:35 and in the afternoon after 3:15. I know the problem is a lack of parking but by having so many parents in the lot so early makes it very difficult for the buses to maneuver. One solution is that parents come after 3:30 so the buses can leave without incident and you can pick up your children safely.

Right now we have no Library Technician. Our library is not in good order and I am asking if there are any parents who would volunteer to come in a couple hours a week to help organize our books. Please call the school if you are able to help.

As usual, our enrolment dictates our class set-up. Every September there is the possibility of having to reorganize the school. If that is to happen, you will receive notice as students may be moved to another class.

Our Catholic School Parent Council is an active group and we encourage you to join us. It is made up of caring parents who want to help ensure the best for their children. We meet monthly; our first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 25 at 6:30 p.m.

We are in the second year of our Pastoral Plan: Rooted in Christ, We Belong, We Believe, We Become! We will be participating in activities on topic 'We Believe'.

As we get ready for a productive and successful school year, know that my door is always open.

Yours in Catholic Education
Nicole Peres

The Virtue for September is HOSPITALITY

**"Whatsoever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto me"
Matthew 25:4**

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

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300	9:00-3:30	11:45-12:45
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ENROLLMENT HOURS OF OPERATION LUNCH HOUR

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.

Housekeeping

Medical information updates and permission forms were sent home. It is important that you sign these forms and return them to your child's teacher as soon as possible. **As well, please make sure to give us your preferred email address as we will be communicating with you via email. This includes the monthly newsletters and calendars, and all important information from the school.**

Grade 7 students will receive forms for the vaccines that will be administered this year on Monday, September 30, 2019 in the morning. Please sign and return all forms as Public Health will not vaccinate your child without written permission.

Parents, the students have one hour for lunch but **only 20 minutes to eat**. It is preferred that children come to school in the morning with their lunches in their backpacks. If you must drop lunch for your child please do so by **11:40**. Students will be outside at 12:05 and will not be able to eat their lunch at that time.

Bell Times

9:00	Arrival	<i>*Please note that your child should not be in the school yard before 8:45am as there is no supervision</i>
10:42-10:57	Recess	
11:45-12:45	Lunch	
2:10-2:25	Recess	
3:30	Dismissal	

SCHOOL Messenger

TCDSB uses an absence reporting feature called **SafeArrival** which is within the **SchoolMessenger App**. This system reduces the time it takes to verify student attendance, making it easy for you to report your child's absence. With **SafeArrival**, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these three methods:

1. Use your mobile device, download and install the **SchoolMessenger app** from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>. The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
2. Use the **SafeArrival** website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>. The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**
3. Call the **toll-free number 1(833)251- 3286** to report an absence using the automated phone system.

Day Care

We have many parents who need before and after school day care. If you are able to provide day care, please call the school and leave your name and number. Also, if there are any older students able to walk younger students to school (this would work toward community hours), please call the school.

Bussing, Pick-ups and Drop-offs

Parents, we would really appreciate your efforts to be very consistent in the way your students come to school and go home—for the safety of your children and to avoid confusion at dismissal time. Any changes should be communicated through the agenda the day before any change needs to be made. Same-day changes to transportation home will not be made after 1 p.m. Please and thank you! And, to reiterate, **please do not park in front of the school after 8:45 in the morning or after 3:15 in the afternoon.**

Student Agendas

Primary and Junior students have received their agendas which were purchased for them by our Catholic School Parent Council. We strongly encourage the use of the agenda to support the development of organization skills and to facilitate ongoing communication between home and school. We thank our parent council for the purchase of this great learning tool.

Allergy Alert

Please note that we have a number of students who have dangerous, life-threatening allergies to certain foods. For that reason, we expect that students will not bring any food items that contain peanuts or nuts. If a caregiver prepares your child's lunch and snacks, please remind them about this policy. If celebrating birthdays, non-food items are welcome. If your child has an allergy for which an Epi-pen has been prescribed, please fill out the required medical form. Your child must have two Epi-pens: one to be carried by your child and one to be stored in the main office.

Student Nutrition/Snack Program

We are so lucky to be able to continue our snack program 5 mornings a week this year with our Snack Coordinator Mrs. Rosemarie Lechoncito – the students call her Miss Rosemarie. Our snack program will start Wednesday, September 4. Thanks for such a quick start Miss Rosemarie!

As we did last year, families are asked to donate \$10 per month per child. When you do the math, considering your child will be getting fresh, healthy fruits, vegetables, yogurt, cheese and different types of complex grains, it is a very, very affordable price. And the best part is that you don't have to prepare the snack!

CSPC

I would like to personally invite all parents and guardians to our first Catholic School Parent Council meeting. When parents play an active role in their children's education, student learning and achievement improve. As well, it is a great way to meet other families in our school community.

We have monthly meetings from 6:30 to 7:45p.m. We discuss how we can raise funds to support our students. The first CSPC meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 25, at 6:30p.m. in the school Library. Please, please join us!

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Sports

The first three sports coming up are Flag Football, Cross Country and Volleyball. Please sign and promptly return permission forms (including medical and concussion forms) for your children to be able to participate.

Our annual school-wide Terry Fox Day is on Friday, September 27. More information to follow.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

For parents new to the school and those returning, please, please register for "School Cash Online". Please the rest of our parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE (debit or credit) for all school activities, including pizza day, spirit wear, and class trips. It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Start by clicking on the link <https://tcdsb.schoolcashionline.com> and then "Get Started Today". If assistance is required, select the **SUPPORT** option in the right hand corner of the screen.

Virtue and Empathy Assemblies

Our Virtue and Empathy assemblies will continue so that we can celebrate our students' achievement in their spiritual/social/emotional development.

This month the virtue is Hospitality and we are looking for students to be inclusive, friendly and willing to play and share with new school mates and their old friends. Look for our award winners in this monthly newsletter.



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