



# St. John The Evangelist CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

October was a busy month for the St. John The Evangelist Catholic School Community as a variety of sports and activities, including Cross Country, visits from our local high schools, school excursions, waste free lunch week, and our annual Halloween Food Drive and Dance took place and other activities. We also celebrated a school mass focusing on thanksgiving and gratitude. As a school community, we collected canned goods for W.A.E.S.. During the month of October, we welcomed Ms. Toth, our new SK-01 Teacher and Mme Bottoni, our new am FSL Teacher, to our community. We also recognize and thank our EA staff who work hard to assist our students.

During the month of November, we will be focusing on the virtue of PEACE. Catholic social teaching reminds us that we are one human family regardless of our national, racial, ethnic, economic and ideological differences. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbour has global dimensions in a shrinking world. The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers and our love for all our brothers and sisters demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict. November is also a month for remembering and on November 11, we will have a Remembrance Day Memorial Service in the Gym.

On behalf of the staff at St. John The Evangelist Catholic School, we wish you a November filled with peace and blessings.

Yours in Christ,

Antionietta Grossi  
Principal

# CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

November 2019

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ENROLLMENT	HOURS OF OPERATION	LUNCH HOUR
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## NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: [soar.tcdsb.org](http://soar.tcdsb.org)

Call 416-393-5244 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](http://www.tcdsb.org)

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

### TCDSB Rosary Day

Thank you to Father Maderak for generously blessing and donating rosaries and prayer cards for all students and staff to help them pray the rosary.

### Cross Country

During October many of our students competed in the cross country meets held throughout the TCDSB. It was great to see students out training at lunchtime. Congratulations to all of our team members. Special congratulations to Lucas G. Caleb and Magabella for medaling, Thank you to our dedicated coaches: Mr. Ludlow, Ms. D. Del Zotto, Ms. A. Del Zotto, Mr. Vossen, Ms. Pasquali, Ms. Amaral-Nunes for coaching the team, helping the students do their best, accompanying the team to the meets, and cheering on the students. Your time and expertise are appreciated.

### Eco- Corner

During the week of October 21-25, 2019, we celebrated Waste Reduction Week, a year-round program, focused solely on the principles of circular economy, resource efficiency, and waste reduction. During this week our Eco-Rangers brought awareness to different ways to help reduce waste, such as using reusable water bottles, environmental consequences of clothing and textiles consumption, and food waste. We congratulate Mr Perri's grade 8 class for having the least amount of waste. Thank you to Madame Wolk for helping our students lead this important initiative.

### Student Medical Information

Kindly provide the school with any information regarding medical conditions that your child may have, or conditions they may be affected by, to enable us to assist your child if a medical emergency arises.

### St. John Paul II Day.

On October 22, we remembered St. John Paul II who encouraged the faithful to pray, to care for the poor and to celebrate young Catholics around the world, and we asked that he pray for us.

### Terry Fox Foundation - LEADERSHIP NEWS

On Thursday September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019, St. John the Evangelists staff and students participated in the annual Terry Fox Walk. Mrs. Waslenko and the Leadership Team led students on an approximately 3 km walk through the community of Weston, into Cruickshank Park, and wrapped around Weston Lions Arena before making our way back to the school. Upon arriving, all students received a snack for participating in such a great cause. The school set a goal to raise \$2200 to be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation of Canada. We are pleased to announce that the school surpassed that goal and raised a **grand total of \$2681.65**. Go Eagles Go!!!



### Progress Reports

Your child's progress report will be coming home on November 11th, 2019. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 and Thursday, November 14, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.. Interview request forms were sent to the youngest sibling for parents to complete one form per family. Please ensure these forms are returned to the classroom teacher by November 6, 2019. Friday, November 15, 2019 will be a professional Activity Day. (NO SCHOOL)

### Volunteering

We welcome all volunteers, if you are planning on volunteering, please visit our school office to complete a vulnerable sector screening form.

### Grades 1 and 2 classes to Chudleigh's Farm

On October 4, 2019, the students in grades 1 and 2 enjoyed a day of fall fun at Chudleigh's Farm where students spent the day engaged in many fun activities.

### Grade 6/7 class, Grade 7 class - Downsview Park

On October 17, 2019, Mr. Vossen's and Ms. Manuel's class traveled to Downsview Park to learn about the Ecosystem and Mapping Skills. This curriculum-based enrichment excursion provided our students with invaluable experience.

### Grade 8s to Kettleby Valley Camp

On October 22, 2019, the grade 8 students led by Ms. Pasquali and Mr. Perri, traveled to Kettleby Valley Camp, an outdoor day camp to get active, to build community and to build leadership and communication skills. A great time was had by all.

### Various High School Visit Grade 8s.

Throughout the month of October, the Grade 8s had visits and presentations from different High Schools. During the presentations, students were provided with some insights about high school, including sports teams, clubs, and different academic, arts, and trades programs offered at the respective schools.

### Halloween Activities

On Thursday, October 31, 2019, the students and staff of St. John The Evangelist enjoyed a fun Costume Spirit Day, a "scary" haunted house visit, and a "spooktacular" school dance. Thank you to everyone for their participation. Special Thanks to Ms. Pasquali, Ms. Renda, and the Leadership Team for organizing these events.

### Thanksgiving Mass

On October 16, 2019, St. John The Evangelist staff and students walked to St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church to celebrate mass/liturgy, with Father Maderak, focusing on the virtue of gratitude. Thank you to the Ms. Pasquali grade 8 students, Ms. A. Del Zotto's grade 3/4 students, and Ms. Waslenko's grade 2 students for facilitating the celebration and leading us in prayers and readings. Thank you to Ms. Byzcko, Ms. Giovenco, and the choir for leading us in song.

### News from St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church:

#### Confirmation Candidates:



St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church  
49 George Street, York (Weston), Ontario M9N 2B4  
Tel: 416-241-0133 Fax: 416-248-0471  
[stjohntheevangelistwe@archtoronto.org](mailto:stjohntheevangelistwe@archtoronto.org)

#### Celebrating Confirmation at St. John the Evangelist Parish

Dear Parent/Guardian:

I would like to give you some information about the parish's sacramental preparation programme for Confirmation.

Preparation for the sacraments is the responsibility of the parents. However, the parish takes very seriously its responsibility in assisting the parents with this preparation. All parents/guardians wishing to prepare their children to celebrate Confirmation are invited to attend an important information meeting.

If your child was baptized in the Roman Catholic Church and born in 2007 (Grade 7) or earlier, and wishes to be Confirmed in the 2019-2020 school year, please attend the **Parent Information Meeting with your child on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at St. John the Evangelist Church.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Rev. A. Maderak  
Pastor

### CSPC Meeting

There is a CSPC meeting on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 in the multi-purpose room at 6:30, all are welcome. Babysitting is provided. This is a rescheduled date due to the meeting at the Church for the families of Confirmation Candidates.

### CSPC Chocolate Fundraiser

The Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC) is sponsoring a **Chocolate Bar Fundraiser** that will run from Tuesday, **November 12th, 2019 to Monday, November 25th, 2019.**

#### LANE RESTRICTIONS ON GEORGE ST

A reminder to follow the turn restrictions on George St. during drop off (8:00 am - 9:30 am) and pick up times (2:30pm - 4:00 pm). Signs can be found at the corner of King/George St. and George St/Church St. For the safety of everyone, please ensure you follow these signs.



### First Communion Candidates:



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#### Celebrating Reconciliation (Confession) and First Holy Communion at St. John the Evangelist Parish

Dear Parent/Guardian:

I would like to give you some information about the parish's sacramental preparation programme for First Confession and First Holy Communion.

Preparation for the sacraments is the responsibility of the parents. However, the parish takes very seriously its responsibility in assisting the parents with this preparation. All parents/guardians wishing to prepare their children to celebrate First Confession and First Holy Communion are invited to attend an important information meeting.

If your child was baptized in the Roman Catholic Church and was born in 2012 (Grade 2) or earlier and you wish to prepare your child to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession and First Holy Communion in the 2019-2020 school year, please attend the **Parent Information Meeting with your child on Friday, November 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at St. John the Evangelist Church. Details will be provided regarding registration, expectations, materials and dates for our sacramental programme.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Rev. A. Maderak  
Pastor





## Did you receive a letter from Toronto Public Health?

- ✓ See your doctor if your child needs any vaccines
- ✓ Report your child's vaccination record to Toronto Public Health
- 🖱 **Online:** [toronto.ca/health/immunizationconnect](http://toronto.ca/health/immunizationconnect)

416.338.7600 [toronto.ca/health](http://toronto.ca/health) | TORONTO Public Health

For parents / students who are unable to report online, they can send us a copy of their immunization information. Please include the student's name and birth date on the immunization record and mail to:

Toronto Public Health  
235 Danforth Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Toronto, ON M4K 1N2

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

*Vaccine Preventable Diseases Program*

### Toronto Public Health needs your vaccination record.

- ✓ **Missing vaccines?**  
See your doctor to get vaccinated.
- Meningo...what?**  
Ask your doctor to order the meningococcal-ACYW vaccine for free from Toronto Public Health. You can also get the vaccine at a Toronto Public Health vaccination clinic. Make an appointment online: [tphbookings.ca/studentvaccines](http://tphbookings.ca/studentvaccines)
- ✓ **Report Online**  
Report your updated vaccinations:  
[toronto.ca/studentvaccines](http://toronto.ca/studentvaccines)

416.338.7600 [toronto.ca/health](http://toronto.ca/health) | TORONTO Public Health

### Avoid Suspension.

By law you need to be fully vaccinated to attend school.

- ✓ **Get Vaccinated**  
Make an appointment at [tphbookings.ca/studentvaccines](http://tphbookings.ca/studentvaccines)
- ✓ **Already Vaccinated?**  
Report your vaccinations immediately:  
[toronto.ca/studentvaccines](http://toronto.ca/studentvaccines)

416.338.7600 [toronto.ca/health](http://toronto.ca/health) | TORONTO Public Health

### Avoid Suspension!

**Make sure all your vaccines are up to date.**

### Don't procrastinate, vaccinate. Avoid school suspension.

- ✓ **Get Vaccinated**  
Make an appointment at [tphbookings.ca/studentvaccines](http://tphbookings.ca/studentvaccines)
- ✓ **Report Online**  
Report your updated vaccination record at [toronto.ca/studentvaccines](http://toronto.ca/studentvaccines)

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## **Guidance Corner**

*As the time for Progress Reports gets closer, help your child focus on their Learning Skills and Work Habits. **Responsibility, Collaboration, Initiative, Self-Regulation, Organization and Independent Work.** They are key skills that help students take ownership for their learning, and allow them to be more successful in all areas of the curriculum. More information on the Learning Skills and Work Habits and how to help your child develop them, can be found at the following links:*

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/policyfunding/growSuccess.pdf> (pgs. 10-14)

[http://www.fslhomeworktoolbox.ca/homework\\_tips/learning\\_skills\\_and\\_work\\_habits.php](http://www.fslhomeworktoolbox.ca/homework_tips/learning_skills_and_work_habits.php)

*November is also **Bullying Prevention** month across Canada. You can help your child recognize the signs of bullying and what to do if they or someone they know is being targeted. In our age of technology, bullying can happen electronically, as well as face-to-face. Be aware of your child's activities online by asking them to show you what they are doing, and by ensuring that they are using their devices in a prominent area of the home. Building empathy and compassion for other*

*people's feelings, is key to stopping bullying before it starts. Here are some helpful websites you may wish to visit:*

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/teachers/safeschools.html>,

<http://edu.gov.on.ca/eng/safeschools/bullying.html>

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SafeSchools/BullyingAwarenessAndPrevention/Pages/default.aspx>

*It's a busy time for Grade 8 students and the transition to High School! Open house nights took place last month, and the online application process through SOAR was initiated. As indicated on the application form, the closer the high school is to your child's elementary school, the greater the chance of acceptance. If your child is redirected, there are **no guarantees of placement** at the alternate choice school. The redirection will be to the closest high school that has space. Also, the TCDSB does not have access to information for high schools outside of our own board. You will be receiving a **Transition Guide for Parents**, which contains important information regarding the transition to high school. There are translated guides in a number of languages, available upon request.*

## November 2019

### Monthly Update From the Board

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

#### Special Education and Resource Fair

November 9<sup>th</sup>, 9 am to 3 pm at the Catholic Education Centre

80 Sheppard Avenue East (Yonge and Sheppard)

Resources and information for families of children with special needs

<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/specialeducation/newsevents/pages/specialservicesfair.aspx>

#### GIFTED PROGRAM INFORMATION EVENING

November 28, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

St. Edward School, 1 Botham Rd.

A Parent Information evening will be held for parents/guardians interested in exploring a full time elementary Gifted Program for their child with the exceptionality of Giftedness.

Learn about the Full Time/Congregated Elementary Gifted Programs for students in Grades 6 to 8 who have an exceptionality of Giftedness. These programs are integrated into the regular school community.

#### City Council Approves Reduction of Speed Limits in Leaside

Thanks to the continued advocacy on the part of residents, as well as school communities in the Leaside area (including St. Anselm Catholic School), Toronto City Council has approved the reduction of speed limits to 30 km/hour in that neighbourhood. The change to the speed limit will come into effect sometime before the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Congratulations to everyone involved for working together to support the health and safety of everyone in that area, particularly students and young children.

#### Opportunities for Students

#### MY ACCESSIBLE CANADA POSTER CONTEST

Vibrant Healthcare Alliance invites TCDSB classes to collaborate and raise awareness around individuals with disabilities, with a view to eliminating the barriers these individuals are confronted with on a daily basis.

In observance of International Day for Persons with Disabilities on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Vibrant Healthcare Alliance is sponsoring a poster competition among the primary grades (Grades 3-5)

around the theme 'My Accessible Canada'. All posters must be submitted no later than November 15, 2019.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/AwardsScholarshipsBursariesContests/Pages/My-Accessible-.aspx>

#### Volunteer Toronto Youth Expo

Calling all high-school, college, and university students – the Youth Expo is just one month away!

This is your chance to chat with 100+ non-profits and even sign up for some roles on the spot. Whether you want to meet celebrities at a film festival, care for animals at a local shelter, or fight climate change, you'll be sure to find a role that interests you.

**Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 1 - 4 p.m.**

**Roy Thomson Hall | 60 Simcoe Street, Toronto**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/Toronto-Volunteer-Youth-Expo.aspx>

#### OCSTA Student Video Contest

OCSTA is pleased to announce the call for submissions for the Association's 2019 short-video contest for students in grades 4 through 12 at Ontario's publicly funded Catholic schools. This year's theme is:

In Pope Francis' post-synodal exhortation – *Christus Vini* – the Holy Father states: ***“Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world, and everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life.”***

Students are invited to prepare a 2-minute video that shows how Catholic schools are places where young people encounter the Holy Spirit and ignite hope through the love of Christ.

The video should be uploaded to YouTube where it can be viewed and evaluated for the contest. The submission deadline is **December 10, 2019**. The submission form can be downloaded from the OCSTA website (<https://www.ocsta.on.ca/about-ocsta/2019-short-video-contest/>).

#### Community Living: Together We're Better Contest

Classes and individual elementary students ages 4 – 14 are invited to send a video, story or poem that demonstrates how students with an intellectual disability are included, why everyone benefits from this, and why your class is better because everyone is learning together. **Deadline for submissions is Tuesday January 28, 2020.** [Click here for details on how to apply.](#)

## Call for Submissions for Pastoral Plan Initiative

### Rooted in Christ, we Believe

Students and schools are reminded to share what they are doing locally to celebrate our year of “we Believe” by using the hashtag #TCDSBelieves on Twitter, and by emailing your stories and ideas on how you are bringing our faith to life to [ncc.team@tcdsb.org](mailto:ncc.team@tcdsb.org). We will be compiling your ideas and sharing them through the website throughout the school year.

**Suggested Activity for the Year: Consider who inspires you, who nurtures your faith, who acts as a mentor and role model of Catholic living. Is it your school chaplain? A parent or other family member? Your pastor or other member of your parish? A teacher or other staff at your school? A colleague or friend? Why not sit down to have a chat with them, and interview them about their experiences of living their faith. Write an article or create a video of your interview. Write a short story, a poem, or create a piece of artwork, music or video that pays tribute to those who guide you on your own journey of faith. Send your submissions to [ncc.team@tcdsb.org](mailto:ncc.team@tcdsb.org)**

### Events and Observances

November’s Virtue is Peacemaking

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/VirtueoftheMonth/Pages/Default.aspx>

November 1—All Saints’ Day

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Pages/All-Saints-Day.aspx>

November 2—All Souls’ Day

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Pages/All-Souls-Day.aspx>

November 1-7 National Down Syndrome

<https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/pages/national-down-syndrome-awareness-week.aspx>

November 3-10 Holocaust Education Week

November 4-8 Treaties Recognition Week

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/FirstNationsMetisAndInuit/Pages/Treaties-Recognition-Week.aspx>

November 6 Take Our Kids to Work Day

<https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2020/pages/tokw-day.aspx>

November 11 Remembrance Day

November 15 System wide PA Day

November 15 Angel Foundation for Learning Gala—Snowball

<https://t.e2ma.net/click/1h6bwb/pkw0ine/xqqaup>

November 17-23 Bullying Prevention and Awareness Week

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SafeSchools/BullyingAwarenessAndPrevention/Pages/Bullying-Awareness-and-Prevention.aspx>

November 26 Memorial Mass to remember students and staff who have passed away in the past year, 7 pm at the Catholic Education Centre

### Meetings

Student Achievement and Well-being Committee November 7

Catholic Parent Involvement Committee November 11

Governance and Policy Committee November 12

Corporate Services Committee November 14

Special Education Advisory Committee November 20

Regular Board November 21

Caucus November 28

*For more information about these and other events, including athletics, visit [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org).*

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*<https://web1.tcdsb.org/InterestSubscription/subscription.aspx>*

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2019 - 2020

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