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8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Lunch Hour
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

School Website:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/schools/stjohntheevangelist>

Virtue of the Month – Gratitude

October Newsletter 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, October 2nd – Curriculum night 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 4th – World Teachers Day
Thursday, October 4th – Hearing & Vision Screening
Friday, October 5th – P.A. Day (No school for our students)
Monday, October 8th – Thanksgiving Day
Tuesday, October 9th – Food Drive
Monday, October 15th – School Photo Day
Thursday, October 25th – Mass @ 12:45 p.m.

Happy Thanksgiving

During the month of October we celebrate the Virtue of Gratitude. As a community of faith, we need to be thankful Monday, October 8th, 2018, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving. Our quote of the month is "this is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad" Psalm 118:24. "Thanks" is a simple word, but it is a precious fountain of faith in God, and it fills our hearts with a readiness to cherish everything we have. On behalf of the staff and students of St. John the Evangelist school we wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving. Please take some special time to thank our Lord for all our blessings.

Sincerely,
Ms. I. Mandarino
Principal

Student Safe Arrival Program

The safety of our students is our prime concern. In the event that your child may be late/absent, please contact the school at (416) 393-5244 (press 1 to report an absence)

It Starts With Communication

Thanks to the many parents who were able to come out to our Curriculum Night on Tuesday, October 2, 2018. Parents were able to meet with their children's teachers to learn about Curriculum. As we stressed on Curriculum Night, the most important thing you can do as parents is show your child that you value their education. Stay involved with that is happening at school and keep communicating with your child's teachers. Each child by now should have an agenda which is a perfect way to communicate with your child's teacher.

World Teacher Day – Thursday, October 4, 2018

We take great pride in celebrating the valuable contribution of all our Teachers at St. John the Evangelist. They have an awesome responsibility. They influence our young people who represent the future. They are charged with the task of leading students on their faith journey and helping them to build character. We thank them for their commitment to Catholic Education and for the support and leadership that they provide so that we can fulfill our mission as a Catholic education community.

St. John the Evangelist Food Drive

In October, we expect to collect canned and/or dried food for our food drive. The drive will run from Tuesday, October 9th-26th of October. This is one way that our students can serve the community and remain faithful to our Catholic Values.

Student Leaders

Once again this year the Leadership Team will be involved in many exciting activities during this school year. The team will be assisting with organizing Food Drives, Dances and pizza lunches. Thank you for supporting these amazing group of members.

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.

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

From time to time students may need to take prescription medication at school. In order for this to take place, parents/guardians and physicians will need to complete and sign the appropriate Special Services Medical Forms which can be requested through the school secretary. The aim of these forms is to ensure that any medication that is being administered at school is carried out as prescribed by the attending physician. Non-prescription medication **WILL NOT** be administered to students, nor should they be sent to school.

EPI-PEN DROP OFF

If your child has an Epi-pen that was picked up at the end of the school year, please ensure it is sent back to the office. Students with epi-pens are required to keep one on them at all times, and the school is to have one in the office.

PIZZA DATES

We will be implementing an organized monthly Pizza Day on Thursdays. These will begin at a date specified on the order form and will run for 10 week sessions. All pizza must be pre-ordered to minimize disruption to our order. Also, by having a standing order, there will be no financial loss.

Terry Fox Walk

On Thursday, September 27th, St. John the Evangelist School joined thousands of schools across Ontario in the annual Terry Fox National School Run Campaign raising funds for cancer research. Our goal is to surpass last year's contribution and we look forward to achieving this goal with the full participation of the school community. We look forward to continuing our quest to keeping Terry's dream to find a cure for cancer alive.



ME to WE Day

The year we sent grade 8 students to the Me to We day at the Air Canada Centre on September 20, 2018. The students took part in a very moving and engaging experience throughout the day. They returned with a great deal of enthusiasm to implement the ideas they learned.

Curriculum – Progress Reports

Your child's progress report will be coming home on **November 12th, 2018**. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held during the week of November 11th. Friday, November 16, 2018 will be a professional Activity Day. (NO SCHOOL)

Attendance, Punctuality and Preparation

The Education Act states that students must attend school regularly and punctually. Parents are to notify the school of a child's absence. Students who arrive late for school must check in with the main office to ensure safe arrival and to help in keeping accurate attendance profiles. Attendance referrals will be sent to the Social Worker. Students are expected to arrive prior to the bell. All students are to arrive prepared to work and learn. Preparation includes the completion of daily assignments that are done to the best of the individual student's ability. Preparation also implies that the student devotes appropriate time to study for tests.

CSPC 2018-2019

On Wednesday, September 19th 2018, St. John the Evangelist held its first CSPC meeting of the year. CSPC elections were held and the results are as follows:

The CSPC Executive consists of:

Rosemary Cesario - Chair
Faith Buttigieg - Co-Chair
Elena Fiadzinu - Secretary
Alex Binados - Treasurer

Our Catholic School Parent Council is an integral part of our school community. All parents and staff are most welcome to attend any and all of the meetings. The next CSPC meeting will be held in Wednesday, October 24, 2018 @ 6 p.m. in the staffroom. If you are unable to attend meetings, please sponsor CSPC events by attending, or even volunteering some of your time to help out. In the end, we all want the same thing: a great education for our children. Everyone is welcome.



SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2018-2019

The Toronto Catholic District School Board has approved a School Year Calendar for 2018-2019.

Number of school days - 194

Number of Professional Activity Days- 7

Labour Day—**September 3, 2018**

First Instructional Day—**September 4, 2018**

Thanksgiving Day—**October 8, 2018**

Christmas Break—**December 24/18 to January 4/19**

Family Day—**February 18, 2019**

Mid-Winter Break—**March 11–15, 2019**

Good Friday—**April 19, 2019**

Easter Monday—**April 22, 2019**

Victoria Day—**May 20, 2019**

Last day of classes —**June 27, 2019**

The calendar also includes 7 PA Days.

- October 5, 2018 - Prov. Educ. Priorities/Faith Dev.
- November 16, 2018 - Parent Teacher Conferences
- December 7, 2018 - Provincial Education Priorities
- January 18, 2019 - Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting
- February 15, 2019 - Parent-Teacher Conferences
- June 7, 2019 - Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting
- June 28, 2019 - Provincial Education Priorities

UPDATES FROM THE BOARD

Monthly Update from the Board October 2018

Municipal Election October 22, 2018

New ward boundaries will be in effect

Existing Trustee Wards, including the local Catholic schools they represent, remain unchanged and the new boundaries DO NOT come into effect until December 1, 2018.

These changes do not affect the current number of Toronto Catholic District School Board Trustees which will remain at 12. However, it impacts the distribution areas of Trustee Wards and the local schools they represent.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/trusteesoftheboard/pages/new-trustee-ward-boundaries.aspx>

PLEASE NOTE: Although these changes do not come into effect until December 1, 2018, registered Catholic ratepayers will be voting for candidates based on these 12 new Trustee Wards for the Municipal Election on October 22, 2018. For more information regarding elections: <https://myvote.toronto.ca/home>

OAPCE-Toronto hosts a Catholic School Trustee Meet and Greet October 1, 2018 at the Catholic Education Centre <https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/oapce-toronto/pages/default.aspx>

TCDSB Seeks Parent/Community Representatives

Representatives are needed for:

Safe Schools Advisory Committee (October 5, 2018)

Indigenous Advisory Committee (application deadline October 12, 2018)

Details online: <https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/pages/current-openings--parent-membership-on-commmittees.aspx>

CPIC Elections October 2, 3 and 15

Become a Voice for Catholic Parents

Representatives sought for Wards 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12. Election October 2, 2018.

Elections October 3, 2018 for vacancies in Wards 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9

Election of Parent Members at Large, October 15, 2018 at the Inaugural Meeting.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/parentinvolvement/cpicelections/pages/default.aspx>

High School Open Houses

Open houses are happening this fall in all TCDSB secondary schools. For a complete list of dates, times and locations visit <https://www.tcdsb.org/school/openhouses/pages/default.aspx>

Newcomer Conference we Belong--October 12, 2018

<https://www.tcdsb.org/forcommunity/newcomers/pages/newcomer-conference-registration.aspx>

Interim Trustee Coverage for Ward 4 Schools

Ward 4 Trustee Patrizia Bottoni has tendered her resignation from the Board of Trustees effective September 20, 2018. The Board thanks Ms. Bottoni for her years of service to the Board and to the Catholic school communities in Ward 4, and wish her well in her future endeavours. Her departure leaves a vacancy in Ward 4, but given that we are just four weeks away from the election of Catholic School Board Trustees on October 22nd, the Board has decided not to fill the seat in the short term. Schools in Ward 4 will be represented by Trustees Sal Piccininni and Maria Rizzo, who have volunteered to support the Ward 4 area until the new Board of Trustees takes office on December 1, 2018.

The breakdown of Trustee representation is outlined below:

Trustee Sal Piccininni (sal.piccininni@tcdsb.org 416-512-3403)

- Blessed Margherita of Citta di Castello
- James Cardinal McGuigan
- St. Augustine of Canterbury
- St. Charles Garnier
- St. Jane Frances
- St. Wilfrid

Trustee Maria Rizzo (maria.rizzo@tcdsb.org 416-512-3405)

- Madonna
- St. Conrad
- St. Jerome
- St. Martha
- St. Norbert
- St. Raphael
- St. Robert

TCDSB thanks Trustee Piccininni and Rizzo for their willingness to be a voice for Ward 4 schools.

Angel Foundation For Learning

By attending The Angel Foundation for Learning's, **An Evening to Feed the Soul Gala on November 9th**, wondrous things are made possible!

- Funds are made available to schools through the **School Allocation Fund** to help reduce the costs associated with school trips or leadership activities so that all students share these invaluable experiences.
- TCDSB students will be assisted with some of life's basic needs such as warm clothing or food through the **Social Work Emergency Fund**.
- TCDSB students will be able to attend Summer Camp and after-school sports activities through the **AFL Camp Fund**.
- You, your friends and co-workers will enjoy a gala encompassing all the magic of the Gatsby era!

For more information about the [Angel Foundation for Learning](#) or how to get your tickets for the [Evening to Feed the Soul Gala](#), go to www.angelfoundationforlearning.org.

Dates to Note

October is...

- [Autism Awareness Month](#)
- [Child Abuse Prevention Month](#)
- [Latin-Hispanic Canadian Heritage Month](#)
- [Learning Disabilities Month](#)
- [Walk to School Month](#) (Walk to School Day October 3)
- **National Principal's Month**
- [Elementary Cross-Country—various dates](#)
- **October 1—International Day of Older Persons**
- **October 2—National Custodial Workers Day**

- **October 4—Rosary Day**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Rosary-Day.aspx>
- **October 5—World Teachers' Day**
- **October 5—System-wide PA Day**
- **October 7--Thanksgiving**
- **October 10—World Mental Health Day**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/specialeducation/mhs/Pages/Default.aspx>
- **October 11--International Day of the Girl** <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/international-day-of-the-girl.aspx>
- [October 15-21 Waste Reduction Week](#)
- [October 17--International Day for the Eradication of Poverty](#)
- [October 20—CSPC and School Administrator Welcome and Orientation Event](#)
- [October 22-26--School Bus Safety Week](#)
- **October 24—Early Childhood Educator and Childcare Worker Appreciation Day**
- [October 31 - All Hallows Eve](#)
- [November 1—All Saints Day](#)
- [November 2—All Souls' Day](#)

**TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
TRUSTEES 2018-2019**



Wards

1. Joseph Martino	416 512-3401	9. Jo-Ann Davis	416 512-3409
2. Ann Andrachuk	416 512-3402	10. Barbara Poplawski, Chair	416 512-3410
3. Sal Piccininni	416 512-3403	11. Angela Kennedy	416 512-3411
4. Patrizia Bottoni	416 512-3404	12. Student Trustee	
5. Maria Rizzo, Vice-Chair	416 512-3405	Nancy Crawford	416 512-3412
6. Frank D'Amico	416 512-3406	Taylor Dallin, Student Trustee	416 512-3413
7. Michael Del Grande	416 512-3407	Joel Ndongmi, Student Trustee	416 512-3417
8. Garry Tanuan	416 512-3408		

Roy McGuckin, Director of Education

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*Together with
one VOICE*
Romans 15:5-6

