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St. John Vianney Catholic School News

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From the Principal's Desk,



As the school year winds down, and we look forward to the slower pace of the summer months, we have the opportunity to reflect on some of our challenges and accomplishments this past year. We are dealing with the retrofitting of the school to accommodate the New Daycare that we expect to be ready during the next academic year. This may necessitate the placement of a portable on site. Parents are also reminded that the school hours are changing from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm as the International Program will be taught within the standard day next year. We have also been blessed with many rewarding and successful school activities and initiatives. It continues to be a pleasure working with all stakeholders in this dynamic community, and I would like to express my sincere thanks to each of you for your ongoing support. I would like to personally thank Father Ze and Father Mike for their spiritual guidance and involvement with our students. We are blessed to have such a rewarding relationship with the parish.

As we move to embrace greater use of technology, all parents are reminded that our school newsletters are posted to our website. There will be a few left outside our school office for parents who prefer a hardcopy. With the assistance of our CSPC we will be looking to create a distribution list of parents who would like to receive correspondence electronically. Please click on the link and complete the simple survey. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfaqkyR7jx9QmWwiHkcMhucG-ZYuvG06dyhMRyUqD20rEyfwg/viewform?usp=sf_link

With each passing year there are changes that take place. I would like to acknowledge and thank teachers who will be moving on in their careers. Mr. Connell, our head custodian will be retiring after many years of service to our Board. Ms. Rupa, Mr. Pereira and Ms. Easton's long term assignments will conclude at the end of this school year. Mr. Langiano and Ms. Spinotti have accepted transfers to other schools. We would like to wish them all much success in their future endeavours. The next few weeks promise to be very busy as we work to have everything in place for the upcoming year.

As the school year draws to a close we ask God to bless our staff, students and their families and take good care of them over the summer months. We are especially grateful to all our volunteers, the members of CSPC, all the parents who have supported their children's academic growth, the hardworking and caring staff and the students who do their best to make education fun and who love to learn.



In honour of all Dad's - Happy Father's Day

Dress Policy

Parents are reminded that St. John Vianney School has a mandatory dress policy that all students are expected to follow. Parents may choose to shop at R.J. McCarthy' for crested items or purchase the navy bottoms and un-crested logo-free white tops at Old Navy or Wal-Mart etc. As the warmer days are upon us, we request parents to remind and ensure their children are wearing the navy bottoms and white tops that make up our school uniform. Your support and cooperation are appreciated.

Athletics Update

The students and coaches worked diligently in preparing for this year's Track and Field Tournaments. The student athletes are to be commended for their excellent performance, sportsmanship and school spirit. We had several students who represented SJV at both the regional tournament and city finals. Thank you to all the coaches: Mr. Tatone, Ms. Del Vasto, Ms. Fidalgo, Ms. Asante, Ms. Palleschi, Ms. Pagliarulo and Mr. Langiano, we couldn't have done it without you!

SOCCKER—We would like to thank Ms. Fidalgo, Ms. Pagliarulo and Mr. Langiano for their hard work and dedication in preparing our student athletes for their respective soccer tournaments. The boys had a great tournament and placed second in their pool. Congratulations to the members of the boys' team : Andres, Erik, Luca, Frank, Kyle, Joey, Gianluca, Mike, Nathaniel, Luca, Joshua, Antonio, Christian, Max, Konrad, Octavio and Aristotle.

The girls displayed great skills and sportsmanship and were equally successful capturing second place in the divisional tournament. Congratulations to : Marietta, Cordelia, Aylin, Angel, Azia, Ashely, Blessing, Nneze, Victoria, Ayesha, Oduna, Sofie, Paige, Elena, Marvellous and Kade.

Play Day

Our Annual Year-End Play Day will take place on Tuesday, June 26th. Students in grade seven will be our station leaders and our grade 6s will captain the teams. All students from grades 1 to 6 will be placed on teams as they collaboratively participate in a variety of activities. We hope the weather cooperates for this important school spirit event.

Report Cards

Report Cards will go home with the students on Tuesday, June 28th, 2018. We ask that you sign and return page 4 to the school by the end of the week so that it may be filed in your child's OSR with his/her report cards.

School Agendas

We will be ordering agendas for all students from grade one through to grade eight again this year. A school handbook was developed, in collaboration with staff and members of the CSPC, to inform parents of important school policies, and will be included in the agenda as an insert this year. The agendas are important organizational tools and help to promote ongoing communication with the home. They will be sold for \$10.00 in September. The agenda will include specific theme based inserts to help our students develop their organizational and work and study habit skills.

Year End Reminders

All lost and found items will be displayed during the last week in June. Please have a look or remind your children if you are missing any articles of clothing or personal belongings. All left over items will be donated after June 29th. On Thursday, June 28th, students are asked to bring plastic bags to school in order to clean out their desks and take all their personal belongings home. School materials will be collected by teachers during the month of June. If students cannot locate these items or return them in poor condition, they will be responsible for the replacement costs. As you do your spring cleaning, please look for any lost books, and even if they are from previous years, return them to school

Grade 8 Graduation

This year, the graduates will have the opportunity to spend two days in Niagara Falls in June making connections to their curricular studies. As part of the graduation celebration, the graduates will have their luncheon at Julius Caesar on Wednesday, June 20th. Students are expected to be at school by Noon and we will 'clap them out' as they board a bus to their lunch and dance. The awards and diploma ceremony will begin at 5:00 pm at the hall.

Parents are reminded to return the 'Attendance Form' back to school by Wednesday, June 13th to ensure the safety of our students and proper attendance recording after Graduation.

School Mass

Please join us on Thursday, June 21st, at 1:00 p.m. for our year-end mass at St. Andrew's Parish.

Share Life/Meghan's Walk

Our final fundraiser this year will be to support Meghan's Walk for brain stem research at the Hospital for Sick Kids in honour of the late Anthony Dookeran. All students are asked to donate up to \$5.00 in support of this cause. We will walk around the school grounds and symbolically 'hug' our school. As well, the graduates will work with Ms. Lucentini, Ms. Asante and Mr. Langiano to create a permanent memorial in his honour.

CSPC / Community Barbecue

All Parents are reminded that our Annual Community Barbecue is scheduled for Thursday, June 14th from 5:00-8:00 in the school yard. Come on out and meet other parents and help celebrate a successful school year. I would like to thank the many wonderful parent volunteers who support and assist with so many of the initiatives that took place this year – A special note of appreciation to the CSPC executive: Ms. Muredda / Ms. Ferrante (Co-Chairs), Ms. Tarantino (Treasurer) and Ms. Zaharia (Recorder) . Thanks to all the parents who worked so hard to make this year a positive and productive one.

Summer Safety

As the summer holidays are just around the corner, many students may be spending more time in front of their computers surfing the Internet for information or chatting online with friends. We would encourage all parents/guardians to remain vigilant and to monitor the online activities of their children. While at school, students adhere to the Board's Acceptable Use Policy, and online activities are strictly monitored. Internet safety is discussed with the students at age-appropriate levels at various times during the school year. Parents are also encouraged to review safety and security rules with your children and remind them of the expectations for safe play, school yard safety, and outdoor safety during the summer weather.

September 2018

When school re-opens on September 4th, a tentative class and grade organization will be in place. Changes in the month of September can occur due to unexpected enrolment shifts over the summer months. It is the responsibility of the principal to ensure that various needs and abilities are taken into consideration when changes are made. Children will be tentatively assigned to a classroom for September. In the coming weeks staff will be working cooperatively to organize students in classes. Appropriate placement is based on educational factors which will benefit all children in all classes. Our goal is to establish balanced classes with effective working groups which are educationally sound. Teachers from both the sending and receiving grades will meet to carefully consider factors: teaching/learning styles; social, emotional and behavioural needs; social groupings, male female ratio, previous class placements and other educational factors. If you are moving over the summer or going on a vacation that extends past September 4th, 2018 please inform the school.

Bus Safety



Parents are reminded that it is extremely important that children are picked up at their bus stop only by the parent/caregiver that we have on file. As the school year winds down, it's important to reflect on our bus safety protocol. Students who qualify for the transportation service must have proper documentation completed by our school secretary, Ms. Ciciarelli, and faxed to the Transportation Department before they can be transported by bus. We want to ensure that our bussing lists are complete and accurate for the start of the new school year.



June is Aboriginal Education Month

June 1st, 2018 marks the beginning of Aboriginal Heritage month for everyone in our TCDSB schools. We hope to honour Aboriginal people throughout the world. As we discuss the accomplishments and struggles of the Aboriginal people, especially across Canada, we aim to raise awareness and venture to show the virtue of respect towards the cultural diversity of our nation.

Talent Show



This year, Ms. Kusnir has been working with a committee of teachers (Ms. Asante, Ms. Bellini and Ms. Novak) to showcase the many talents of our student body. Students will be singing, performing dances and engaging in comedy. They have been diligently rehearsing and practising their routines to shine on the stage. The performance will take place on Friday, June 15th at 12:30.

From the Board

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<https://www.torontoschoolbus.org/transportation-portal/Account/Register/>

Rooted in Christ: we Belong, we Believe, we Become-TCDSB Pastoral Plan 2018-2021. We thank the many students, staff, parishes, employee federations, trustees and other Catholic leaders who participated in the launch of the Board's new pastoral plan. It was truly wonderful to celebrate this launch during Catholic Education Week as we focused on renewing the promise of Catholic education. We were honoured to have His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins as our keynote speaker to offer some insights into the theme for our new plan-- "**Rooted in Christ: we Belong, we Believe, we Become**".

Inspired by St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians ("Live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith...abounding in thanksgiving"), our new pastoral plan strengthens our sense of belonging to God and one another, expresses our belief in God through our vision and mission, and works to achieve our goals as people on a common mission.

Municipal Elections October 22, 2018- Including the election of Catholic School Trustees Details on the City of Toronto website: <https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/elections/>

Note before You Vote

Check your designation as a Catholic school supporter on your latest property tax assessment. If you are not designated as a Catholic school supporter you will not be eligible to vote for a Catholic School Trustee. Inquiries should be directed to the TCDSB Assessment Department: 416-8282 ext. 2246

TCDSB Celebrates Canada Day

TCDSB Celebrates board-wide Canada Day celebration on June 28, 2018. Help us as we share our pride in what it means to be Canadian!

TCDSB SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2018-2019

Number of school days	194
Number of Professional Activity Days	7
Labour Day	September 3, 2018
First Instructional Day	September 4, 2018
Provincial Education Priorities/Faith Development	October 5 th , 2018
Thanksgiving Day	October 8, 2018
Parent-Teacher Conferences	November 16, 2018
Provincial Education Priorities	December 7, 2018
Christmas Break	December 24, 2018–January 4, 2019
Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting	January 18, 2019
Start of second semester for secondary schools	February 4, 2019
Parent-Teacher Conferences	February 15, 2019
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
Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting	June 7, 2019
Last day of classes for elementary students	June 27, 2019
Provincial Education Priorities	June 28, 2019

