



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

September 2019

Principal's Message

Happy New School Year!

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year at St. Joseph Catholic School! I hope you had a wonderful summer. September is always an exciting time for staff, parents and students alike – a time filled with new beginnings, new friendships and nervous anticipation. The first week of school has been fairly busy and students and teachers have been working on establishing routines. New to the St. Joseph Catholic School community this September are the following staff members: Ms. M. Brisbois – Grade 2/3, Ms. J. Bond- Grade 3/4, Mr. J. Qubti -Vocal Music Mr. D. Frasca – Instrumental Music. I know you join me in welcoming them to St. Joseph C.S. Please note that staffing and student placements in all classes remain tentative at this time until the annual review of enrolment is completed in the month of September.

This term we are happy to welcome ECE students from George Brown College and nursing students from Ryerson University. Students will be working actively and collaboratively with our staff and students at St. Joseph Catholic School.

The TCDSB 2019-2020 school year marks the second year of our three year pastoral plan: Rooted in Christ – We Believe. This will be a wonderful opportunity to further grow and strengthen our relationships within the St. Joseph C.S community. I have met with Father Francis who is eager to meet with the students. Letters will be sent home with our Grade 2 students with an invitation to meet with Father Francis to begin preparing for the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Additionally, letters will be sent for our Grade 7 parents to meet as our Grade 7 students prepare for Confirmation. On a monthly basis, we will continue to highlight theological virtues during the morning announcements. The virtue of the month for September is Hospitality. Students will be encouraged to look for ways in which they can ensure that all members of our community feel welcome and valued.

Please plan to join us for the Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC) Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Monday, September 30th. A notification of the St. Joseph CSPC AGM, agenda and nomination forms will be sent home in the coming days. Nomination forms can be returned to the school office. I look forward to another school year working actively with the Catholic School Parent Council and meeting parents at the AGM.

We will be planning and confirming a date for the Curriculum Night in the coming days. This will be an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and

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233 9:00 - 3:30 11:45-12:45
ENROLLMENT HOURS OF OPERATION LUNCH HOUR



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learn about the curriculum and other expectations for the coming year. We look forward to working together with the parents, school and the parish in our community to provide an excellent Catholic education for all of our students.

Please note that throughout the months of July and August at the school, Phase 2 of the school heating plant renewal continued with the final work to be concluded in September/ October. We look forward to better management of the school's heating system during the winter months.

It has been wonderful to reconnect with student, parents and staff this week. I am looking forward to a great school year.

Sincerely,

Ms. A.M. Cassin
Principal

**WELCOME BACK
TO SCHOOL**

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2019 - 2020

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Ms. Licht Award

Congratulations to Ms. Licht. She is the recipient of the Jean Baptist De La Salle award for steadfast commitment as a Catholic educator, inspiring her students and strengthening connections between parish and school. She was presented with the award by Cardinal Thomas Collins.



Jean-Baptiste de la Salle, our church's patron saint of teachers, spent most of his life dedicated to educating the poor and establishing lasting education practices that truly bring the teachings of Christ into our schools. De la Salle was practical in his approach to education and believed all people, including those considered delinquents were worthy of education. Another remarkable feature of de la Salle was the spread of his work to other regions and countries. He not only was concerned about students, but fellow educators and set out to help them be better teachers, allowing Catholic education to reach more people.

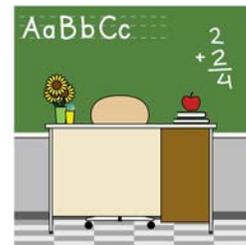
Allergy Alert

Please note that we have a number of students who have dangerous, life-threatening allergies to certain foods. For that reason, **we ask for support and ensure that students will not bring to school any items that contain peanuts or nuts in supporting an allergen aware environment.** If a caregiver prepares your child's lunch and snacks, please remind them about this practice. Additionally, students may have reactions to food items such as shell fish, fish and milk which may need to be addressed in individual classes.

Children that have an allergy for which an epi-pen has been prescribed have been provided with a letter to update medical consent. Please return this to the school office as soon as possible.

Class Assignments

At the end of each school year, class lists are created based on the projected enrolment for the following school year. The actual enrolment, however, rarely matches the projections exactly and it is often necessary to make changes to class groupings. For this reason, your child's class and teacher assignment should be considered tentative until the end of September.



Student Supervision

Beginning at 8:40 a.m., an adult is in the school yard supervising students as they arrive at school. Please do not drop students earlier than 8:40 a.m., since they will be unsupervised.



Student Accident Insurance

If you are interested in purchasing insurance for your child(ren), please review the student accident insurance pamphlet ('insuremykids Protection Plan) was sent home with the students in the information/consent package on the first day of school.

Applications are sent directly to the insurance provider - not to the school

CSAC Meetings

All parents are invited to the meetings held by the Catholic School Advisory Committee. The first CSAC meeting for the year will take place on Monday September 30 at 6:30 p.m in the Library. CSAC elections will take place at this meeting. If you are interested in becoming involved, please join us!

Front Door Locked

In December 2013, the Premier of Ontario announced a Safe Welcome Program for elementary schools in Ontario. The program provided for the installation of monitored front door access control systems at schools throughout the province. As such, our front door is equipped with a video monitor and will be locked throughout the school day. **All school visitors and parents must report to the Main Office upon entry to the school.** We will then assist you with pick up/drop off of your child(ren) and answering any questions you may have.

Lunch Time

Lunch hour is from 11:45-12:45 each day. Students eat lunch in their classrooms from 11:45 to 12:05. If you are giving your student permission to leave the school at lunch time please send a NOTE in advance to the school office. We can not allow students to call home or accept verbal permission.

School Photos

School photos will be taken on Friday, October 4th. Students are required to wear their uniforms for the photos.



Sign Up for School Messenger – SafeArrival

To enhance our existing absence-checking procedure TCDSB has introduced a new, more efficient student absence reporting system called SafeArrival. This absence notification system allows you to stay in contact with your child's school, and for your child's school to stay in contact with you. To sign up for your account, visit go.schoolmessenger.com. [Click here for more information about School Messenger and SafeArrival.](#)

Students arriving after 9:00 a.m. must enter through the front door of the school and report to the office to get an admit slip before going to class. Thank you, in advance, for supporting our efforts to impress upon our students the importance of punctuality.

Student Agendas

We strongly encourage the use of a planner to support the development of organization skills and to facilitate ongoing communication between home and school. Student agenda books for children in Grades 1 – 8 have been made available through the Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC). We are grateful for providing this organizational tool to the students.



Grade 7 Immunizations – Toronto Public Health

Please mark your calendars with the following date: Tuesday October 15th. Vaccinations include- Hepatitis B, Meningitis and HPV (Grade 7 – Boys and Girls. Information packages and consent forms will be sent home.

Dress Code

All students are expected to wear appropriate Dress Code attire. The Dress Code consists of a combination of white or navy blue tops with navy blue bottoms, (e.g. plain white top & navy blue

bottom or, navy blue top & navy blue bottom, navy socks, no denim, no stripes, no patterns, no logos). Any shoe colour is acceptable and running shoes are strongly recommended to ensure that the children can play safely. Please note that the Dress Code does not require that you purchase any items from a particular supplier.

Spirit Wear



St Joseph does have crested clothing available for purchase in School Cash Online. We will be placing an order for clothing in September so if you are interested in purchasing any of these items please go to School Cash Online and select your items.

<https://tcdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

Dress-Down Days

Throughout the school year, there will be special 'dress down' days. On these days, students will be allowed to wear clothes other than the dress code, but are always expected to wear modest and appropriate attire. Dress-down days will be announced via the school calendar and/or notes home.

Cross Country Team

A sure sign of fall is the start of Cross Country. Permission forms are going home on Monday September 9th please return the forms by September 11. Practices will start on September 13th and continue at lunch time until October. **Forms MUST be returned before students can join the team practices.**



Terry Fox Walk: Toonie for Terry

On Friday, September 13th, we will be participating in the school 'Terry Fox Walk'. Students in Gr. 1 – 8 will walk over to Greenwood Park and students in JK and SK will complete a modified (shorter) version. This is a fundraising event and students are encouraged to donate a 'Toonie for Terry' in support of the Terry Fox Foundation. We hope to raise 400.00 for the foundation. Students are allowed to wear red & white in support of this Canadian hero.



Student Data Update

It is imperative that addresses and phone numbers be kept up-to-date at the school (especially in cases of emergency). Please take the time to complete the Student's Health and Safety Information Form that will be sent home with your child in the next few weeks.

Lice

A new school year has begun. Once again we want to let you know about the common problem of head lice. Head lice can affect anyone, but most often it affects younger school-age children.

Head lice are parasites. They are considered by health officials to be a nuisance when they are difficult to eliminate. They are not a health hazard and are not connected in any way with long hair, dirt, neglect, or not being clean. Head lice can spread quickly from head to head when a group of children have close contact. They can be spread by sharing hats, brushes, combs, bedding, etc

Prevention of head lice is everyone's responsibility. Cooperation and prompt action on the part of parents, school staff, and the public health department will help to reduce the inconvenience to children.

We encourage parents to look at their children's hair on a regular basis. When checking for nits (eggs), the hair should be dry. A convenient time for a visual check may be just before washing your child's hair.

If you find any head lice or nits (eggs), obtain and use a medicated head lice shampoo or medicated cream rinse from your pharmacist, and contact the school to inform them that your child has been treated. The school needs to be informed so that other parents and school officials can be advised to check the heads of others. Finding and treating head lice early will stop your child from getting a severe case and stop the spread of head lice to other children.

Further information and reference about head lice can be obtained from the school or local office of the Toronto Public Health Department:
Tel: **416-338-7600**

High School

The list of 2020 TCDSB Secondary School Fall Open House dates for Grade 8 students is now complete and available on-line at:

<http://www.tcdsb.org/school/openhouses/Pages/default.aspx>

Grade 7 & 8 students and their parents/guardians are encouraged to attend one or more of the scheduled open houses to learn more about the various programs, services and activities as they prepare for a Catholic secondary school education. High school applications will be online in the SOAR application this year. Please ensure we have your email address on file as this is essential for registration. Please call the school if we do not have your email address.



Personal Electronic Devices (Cell phones, etc.)

Students will not be allowed to use personal electronic devices unless given permission by and directly supervised by a teacher. If your child has a cell phone for safety reasons, we expect that it will be turned off and stored in your child's backpack during the school day and during any school-related activity. Please do not contact your child or encourage your child to contact you via the cell phone. Should you need to contact your child during the school day due to an emergency situation, please contact the office 416 393 5209.

If personal electronic devices are used inappropriately or without teacher permission at school or during any school-related activity, the item will be secured and will be returned to the student at the end of the day. Parents will be contacted to review expectations as outlined in the Student User Agreement.



Bus Companies

Sharp Transportation	416-477-4809
Stock East	416-754-4949
Wheelchair Accessible	416-884-9898
First Student	416-444-7030
Stock North	416-757-0565

New this year is the ability to register on the bus portal. In order 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.

Toronto Student Transportation Group has set up a new temporary phone line for the month of September to contact the call centre. You shouldn't get a busy signal using the new number at 647-790-3829.

School Year Calendar 2019-2020

TCDSB SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2019-2020	
Number of school days	194
Number of Professional Activity Days	7
Labour Day	September 2, 2019
First Instructional Day	September 3, 2019
Thanksgiving Day	October 14, 2019
Christmas Break	December 23, 2019– January 3, 2020
Start of second semester for secondary schools	February 3, 2020
Family Day	February 17, 2020
Mid-Winter Break	March 16-20, 2020
Good Friday	April 10, 2020
Easter Monday	April 13, 2020
Victoria Day	May 18, 2020
Last day of classes for all students	June 25, 2020

Seven (7) Professional Activity (PA) Days for ELEMENTARY schools:

October 11, 2019	Provincial Education Priorities/Faith Development
November 15, 2019	Parent-Teacher Conferences
December 6, 2019	Provincial Education Priorities
January 17, 2020	Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting
February 14, 2020	Parent-Teacher Conferences
June 5, 2020	Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting
June 26, 2020	Provincial Education Priorities

Snack Program

Our snack program, Jaguar Bites, will resume on September 23rd. The snacks will be served every morning.



Cookie Friday

Our popular event, Cookie Friday, will be starting again soon. Many of our students have been asking. We are trying to start on September 20th. Stay tuned for details.



Pizza Lunch

Pizza lunch will be running again this year. We will be starting again in September. Our first pizza lunch will be on September 26th and will run every Thursday until December 19th. A letter will go home with students this month via email. Please print the letter and send back to school with your child. **If you have registered on School Cash online you may go ahead and place your orders as the order form is available already.**

If you can spare 20 minutes on Thursday mornings at 11:00 am to assist with the distribution of pizza, please contact the school office at 416-393-5209. You may also send an email to stjoseph.info@tcdsb.org

School Cash Online

This year St Joseph will be using School Cash online to accept payments for field trips, pizza lunch, and school spirit wear. Registering takes about 5 minutes and will save you a lot of time going forward. Once you have an account you will have the option to pay by credit or debit, no more running to the bank and hunting for correct change! To register on School Cash online please go to <https://tcdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>.



St. Joseph Parish

Dear Parent/Guardian:

It is a pleasure to welcome you and your child to St. Joseph Catholic School. We are pleased that you have chosen a Catholic education for your child, which will nurture your child's spiritual development as well as his/her academic and physical growth.

In the event that you are new to the area, or do not yet have a home parish, it is a pleasure to extend an invitation to consider joining St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Please see below for a list of Mass times of St. Joseph Church:

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday	9:00 AM
Wednesday & Friday	7:00 PM
Saturday Vigil	5:00 PM
Sunday	10:00 AM

We look forward to welcoming your family into our parish community. There are many opportunities for

involvement and we would be happy to talk to you about the programs and activities that we offer our families. We have children's liturgy every Sunday during 10:00am Mass.

If your child is not yet baptized Roman Catholic, and you would like to discuss the possibility of moving forward with this Sacrament, please contact Fr. Francis Noronha at **(647) 967-5712** or email stjosephparishtoronto@gmail.com for detailed information.

We pray for God's blessing on your family, and wish you and your child a healthy, safe and happy start to school.

Sincerely,
Fr. Francis Noronha, CSC
Pastor, St. Joseph Parish



Virtue of the Month - Hospitality

Prayer For A New School Year

“Lord, Our God, in your wisdom and love you surround us with the mysteries of the universe.

Send your spirit upon these students and fill them with your wisdom and blessings. Grant that they may devote themselves to their studies and draw ever closer to You, the source of all knowledge.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.”

WHATSOEVER YOU DO
TO THE LEAST OF MY
PEOPLE, THAT YOU DO
UNTO ME.

~ MATTHEW 25:40 ~

- REMEMBER THAT GOD WELCOMES US ALL TO HIS TABLE; WE SHOULD DO THE SAME.
- BE GUIDED BY THE MESSAGE OF "WHATSOEVER YOU DO TO THE LEAST OF MY PEOPLE, THAT YOU DO UNTO ME."
- IF YOU WANT TO FEEL WELCOMED, MAKE SURE YOU ARE WELCOMING OTHERS.
- HOSPITALITY SHOULD BE EVIDENT IN YOUR HOME, SCHOOL AND THE CHURCH.

HOSPITALITY

