End OF School Year Prayer

O God of all beginnings and endings,
We praise and thank you for the gift of this school year. It has been a time filled with grace and blessings, With challenges and opportunities, joys and sorrows.

The days have passed quickly, O Lord. The weeks, the months, the seasons, the holidays and holy days, The exams, vacations, breaks, and assemblies, All have come forth from your hand.

While we trust that your purposes have always been at work each day, Sometimes it has seemed difficult to understand and appreciate Just what you have been up to in our school.

Give us the rest and refreshment we need this summer. Let our efforts of this past year bear fruit. Bring all of our plans to a joyful conclusion, And bless us, according to your will,

With the fulfillment of our summer hopes and dreams. Watch over us in the weeks of rest ahead, And guide each day as you have done this past year. Help us return to school with a new spirit and a new energy.

May we continue to grow In age, wisdom, knowledge and grace All the days of our lives.
ST. MAURICE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
MISSION STATEMENT

In a school community formed by Catholic beliefs and traditions, our mission is to educate students to their full potential by providing:

INTEGRATION of Catholic, Christian beliefs into the total learning experience;

LEADERSHIP in a shared responsibility for the education of all students, exists among the school, the student, the family, the parish and the community;

RELIGIOUS, ACADEMIC, SOCIAL, and TECHNICAL instruction;

INSTRUCTION in the Ontario Curriculum Expectations and the learning process;

ROLE MODELS of Gospel values and Catholic doctrines, teachings and beliefs;

FEEDBACK on the student's proficiency and progress and;

GUIDANCE in what students need to learn.

May Virtue of the Month – Faithfulness

Words synonymous with faithfulness are: loyal, true and constant. These adjectives mean adhering firmly and devotedly to someone or something, such as a person, cause, or duty that elicits or demands one’s fidelity. In the broad scope of spiritual life, we see faith not as something you have but as something you are in — a relationship. Practicing faith, then, is like developing any relationship. You have to give it time and attention. It requires you to see, hear, feel and constantly remember your partner -- God. Faithfulness and devotion is not ideally something that should be “practiced” only once a week, just on religious holidays, or only in response to a particular event in your life. Faithfulness needs to be part of your daily routine. A faithful life is one lived in the presence of God. It involves an awareness of God’s presence in our everyday experiences.

We can show faithfulness by:

- Reading the bible
- Going to Church
- Thinking about how your actions will affect others

Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations

To support our faith development and Catholic Board Learning Cycle, we infuse our Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations in all aspects of Catholic Education from Kindergarten to Grade 12. As a school we work to support a deeper understanding of these expectations and of our witness to faith. Together, as a community we work to embed the seven expectations to support the Catholic Education of our students as they journey through our schools through to vocation.

A DISCERNING BELIEVER WHO:

- Illustrates a basic understanding of the saving story of our Christian faith.
- Participates in the sacramental life of the church and demonstrates an understanding of the centrality of the Eucharist to our Catholic story.
- Actively reflects on God's Word as communicated through the Hebrew and Christian scriptures.
- Develops attitudes and values founded on Catholic social teaching and acts to promote social responsibility, human solidarity and the common good.
- Speaks the language of life..."recognizing that life is an unearned gift and that a person entrusted with life does not own it but that one is called to protect and cherish it." (Witnesses to Faith)
- Seeks intimacy with God and celebrates communion with God, others and creation through prayer and worship.
- Understands that one's purpose or call in life comes from God and strives to discern and live out this call throughout life's journey.
- Respects the faith traditions, world religions and the life-journeys of all people of good will.
- Integrates faith with life.
BBQ for School Nutrition Program

St. Maurice will be having a BBQ for the nutrition program on June 5th 2018. Students will be able to purchase a hot dog/hamburger and a drink for $5.00. All proceeds will go towards the student nutrition program. We thank you for your continued support.

Sun Safety

The warmer weather is now upon us. We remind students to wear a hat and sunscreen to school. During warm weather student may wear navy blue walking shorts and navy/white collared shirt or t-shirt to school.

Try It At Home

Familiar Shapes in Our World

When talking with your child, identify things by their shape and size: “Please pass me the rectangular placemat, the largest box out of the cupboard, the square shaped cracker and the circular plate.” • Ask your child to look for two-dimensional shapes, such as circles, squares, triangles and rectangles, on objects at home or outside. For example, help your child find various shaped street signs and name the shapes that are on them. • 3-D Hunt. Help your child look for three-dimensional objects: cubes, cones, spheres (such as a ball), prisms (such as a box), pyramids and cylinders. Talk about how a pop can or a paper towel roll is like a cylinder. • Play I Spy with your child by asking him or her to guess an object you identify by its shape: “I spy something that is round,” “I spy something that has a cylinder shape.” Make this game more challenging by stating two shapes: “I spy something that is round and has a square on it.”


CSPC

Our next CSPC meeting will be on June 12, 2018 at 6:30. We look forward to seeing you then!

Pay It Forward

St. Maurice is pleased to announce that, the “We Walk for Water” event raised $500 to help developing nations create wells for clean drinking water.

Student Mental Health and Well-Being

Summer is Almost Here! Low Key Activities to Have Fun and Be Well!

Holidays can be a great time to bond with your children and maybe even let your own inner child come out to play. But it can also be a stressful time when kids can misbehave because of boredom. It’s best to put a little bit of advanced planning into the summer holidays and prepare yourself with an array of activities to keep the little ones out of mischief.

Start by planning each week in advance. If the kids know they have things to look forward to it will make for happier more relaxed children and teens. Also be sure to get the children involved in the planning. They will be less likely to complain about the activities chosen if they have taken part in the decision-making. Have a range of activities to select from: stuff to do at home, in the garden, outdoors, and the odd activity that cost money to do.

Cooking and baking. Once a week plan a cooking or baking day. Involve the kids in the process from the beginning — let them choose from a selection of recipes that you have ingredients for. If the child can read, get them to read from the recipe book. Step by step, help them to work through the instructions. Try to avoid the temptation of doing it yourself.

Make an obstacle course. Involve the kids in assembling an obstacle course in the back garden. Old pieces of wood, boxes, buckets, garden chairs — anything that can be jumped over, under or around. Tell the children to time each other around the obstacle course. The course can be completed on a bicycle, scooter, skateboard, or simply by running

Build a garden patch. Dedicate a small patch in the garden to the kids. Plant flowers, herbs, lettuce — anything that grows quickly and gives them the satisfaction of having produced something. If your kids are small, just give them a spade, put on their old clothes, and let them loose.

Go camping. Build a tent indoors or outdoors with blankets and sheets. Once the tent is up, give them a torch and a picnic to take with them.
TCDSB Celebrates the Year of the School in 2017-2018

June 2018

Summer School Registration Continues
Check here for registration information, as well as important dates to note course options, locations and more. https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/continuingeducation/pages/default.aspx

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 last week’s 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.

Learn more about our new pastoral plan:
Watch the Launch of the Pastoral Plan May 9, 2018
Pastoral Plan Prayer
We Belong to God—Pastoral Plan Song

An Overview of the Plan

Get a Head Start: Discussion Topics focusing on the first year of our plan--“we Belong”

View the artwork for our new pastoral plan

See photo highlights from the launch of our new Pastoral Plan

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’s Board-wide Canada Day celebration will be held on June 28, 2018. More information about the Board-wide celebration is forthcoming. We look forward to your participation as we share our pride in what it means to be Canadian!