



# ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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As we say farewell to a cold and difficult winter, please remember how capricious Canadian weather can be! Cold one day, and warm the next. Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather each day. Students should bring extra mittens, socks, and pants to school for our changeable wet, cold weather. As per Covid-19 protocols, students are spending more time outdoors, learning and taking breaks.

We look forward to the coming Spring, with warmer temperatures and longer days. Although the Covid-19 restrictions may gradually relax a little, we must be vigilant in following Toronto Public Health guidelines. We are working very hard each day to keep St. Michael Catholic School open and Covid-free. We must all work together to keep everyone safe! Please keep your child/children at home if they have ANY symptoms.

For any Parent or Caregiver coming to school to pick-up or drop-off a child, a mask is essential. Before approaching the school or any staff member make sure you have your mask on!



We ask you not to bring your pet with you when you are here to pick-up or drop-off your child. Some of our children are not used to being around animals, they may become anxious and fearful. Everyone needs to feel safe at our school.

# CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

## MARCH 2021

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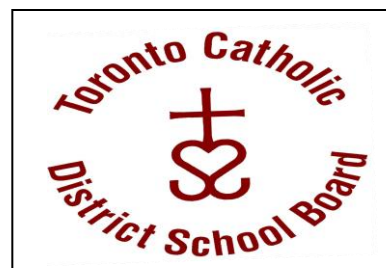
CPIC (Parent Engagement - TCDSB)

[www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto](http://www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto)

OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL  
VOICE FOR PARENTS)

Hours: 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Lunch: 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm



**NEW REGISTRATIONS**

**Apply online:**

**[soar.tcdsb.org](http://soar.tcdsb.org)**

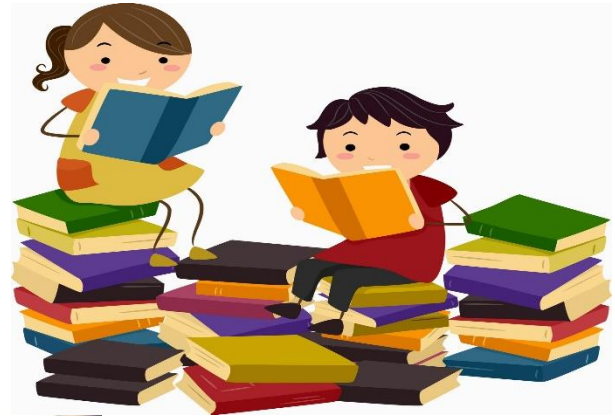
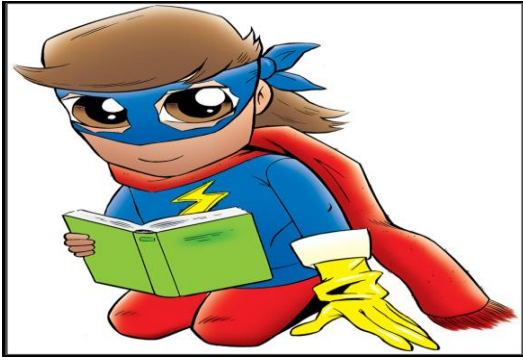
**Call 416-393-5387 or**

**Admissions Department**

**416 222-8282, ext. 2383.**

**Spaces at St. Michael**

**C.S. are limited!**



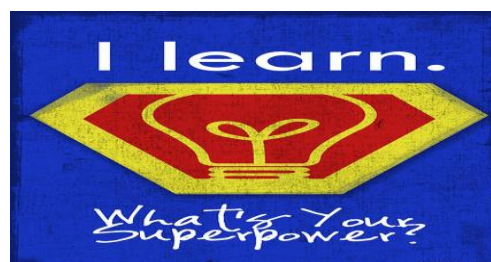
### Elementary School Admissions:

The following original documents (for your child) are required upon registration:

- Birth Certificate
- Proof of Catholicity (one of the following):
  - Your child's Catholic baptismal certificate
  - The parent's Catholic baptismal certificate  
(note: The Catholic parent must provide proof of residency in the City of Toronto)
  - A letter of enrolment to the R.C.I.A./R.C.I.C. program.
- Passport/Immigration Documents (if child was not born in Canada)
- Proof of Address - (two pieces required- a rental/lease agreement, utility bills, proof of purchase)

**\*Parents of Toronto school-aged children must provide their child's vaccination information directly to Toronto Public Health. For more information, please visit [City of Toronto website](#).**

**Please note:** Non-Catholic children of Non-Catholic parents who are not enrolled in the R.C.I.A./R.C.I.C. program are **not** eligible for admission to a TCDSB elementary school.





# ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF HIS EMINENCE THOMAS CARDINAL COLLINS  
ARCHBISHOP OF TORONTO



As per the direction of the Province of Ontario, attendance inside the Cathedral is restricted to **10 people**. Due to these measures, **public Masses are temporarily cancelled**. Our parish priests will continue to celebrate private Mass daily for the intentions of parishioners and for those suffering from Covid-19. The Cathedral remains **open for private prayer** as follows:

- **Monday to Friday: 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM**
- **Saturday: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

## Holy Communion Services

Communion Services are offered every **Saturday (3:00 PM to 6:00 PM)** and **Sunday (9:00 AM to 1:00 PM)**. Registration through [Eventbrite](#) is required and will be available every **Monday starting 9:00 AM** for the following weekend.

[REGISTER FOR COMMUNION SERVICE - EVENTBRITE](#)

**Daily Mass** will be livestreamed at **7:30 AM** from our [website](#) and [Facebook](#).

**Confessions** will be by appointment only. Please email at [confession@stmichaelscathedral.com](mailto:confession@stmichaelscathedral.com). Alternatively, daily confessions are also offered at **St. Stephen's Chapel**. [Click here to view their schedule](#).





## **Important COVID-19 Advisory Update:**

The Toronto Public Health Department has advised all of us, at home and at school, to be vigilant in the active daily screening of our children before they come into the school.

**Toronto Public Health has updated their advisory to indicate that students should stay home and not attend school if they have ANY symptoms on the TPH Student Screening Tool!**

Information and resources continue to be updated as new information becomes available, or the circumstances impacting our school and community changes.

Life during the COVID-19 pandemic has been challenging and uncertain for families and students. The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) recognizes that families and students likely have many questions.

### **How will families know if there are cases of Covid-19 in the schools?**

In alignment with the Ministry of Education's guidelines, a [COVID-19 Advisory page](#) has been established to identify confirmed and resolved cases of COVID-19 involving a student or staff member in a TCDSB school setting, or click on the [COVID-19 Dashboard: Active Cases](#) | [Resolved Cases](#).



For information specifically about the virtual school (St. Anne Catholic Academy) please refer to <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/back-to-school/Pages/virtual-school.aspx>

**Sign Up for School Messenger for Absence Reporting and More!**

The student absence reporting system is also used to send critical and urgent messages from your school, and from the school Board. For more information

<https://go.schoolmessenger.com>).



Get Updates on School Bus Service:

<https://busplannerweb.torontoschoolbus.org/Cancellations.aspx>

**Who do I contact if my child is having technical issues with their Board loaned device?**

Some technical support is available centrally to assist students. Instructions to connect your laptop to your home internet can be found in the box with the device that is being sent to student's homes. If you have any issues setting up your laptop, please contact the [TCDSB Service Desk](#) using our website. They are open Monday to Friday from 7:30am to 8:00pm. You may call us at [416-222-8282](tel:416-222-8282) ext. 4357 if you are unable to get to the website.

**Submit a Ticket (Self Service Portal)**

You will require your student login credentials to submit a ticket. If you are not able to login please call Service Desk phone at (416) 222-8282 Ext. 4357 (HELP)

**User Guides**

How to guides on using the devices and connecting to the internet.

- [How to Reset Your Password from your Google Account](#)
  - [Chromebook setup guide](#)
  - [iPad setup guide](#)

**How do I reset my password?**

For students who need assistance with login or password resets, please contact your teacher for assistance!



## **STUDENT BUS SAFETY**

**It is important that All students riding the school bus follow the Safety protocols put in place to protect themselves and others!**

- **MASKS** – All students must wear a mask on the bus.  
Bus Drivers will also wear a mask, except while they drive if, they feel it compromises driving safety.
- **WINDOWS** – windows will be open for circulation (please note that this does not mean all windows or that they all will be fully open – just that some windows will be open a crack to allow air circulation on the bus – parents should have children dressed appropriately as the bus may be colder than normal)
- **SEATING PLAN** – Toronto Public Health requires the seating plan for contact tracing. The seating plan needs to be reinforced so that students are not seat jumping and that siblings are seated together.

### **Information you and your child need to know:**

#### **Getting on the bus:**

- Be at the bus stop on time. Never run to or from the bus
- Wait at the designated stop in a safe place well back from traffic
- **Respect private property.** It is inappropriate for students to play or trespass on private property near the bus stop. Please supervise your child at the stop.
- Line up in single file. Do not push or rush at the bus. There are enough seats for everyone.
- Hold the handrail when boarding the bus.

#### **Riding the bus:**

- Get in the bus promptly and sit properly, always facing forward!
- Hold school bags on laps and do not stick feet or heads into the aisles.
- Keep your head and arms inside the bus. Do not throw anything out of the window or inside the bus.
- Talk quietly. The driver needs to concentrate on driving the bus safely.
- There is no eating or drinking on the bus. This is to prevent choking or allergic reactions
- No fighting, shouting, or playing in or around the bus.
- Follow the bus driver's instructions.

#### **Leaving the bus:**

- Hold the handrail and take two large steps away from the bus.
- If you must cross the street, walk at least 3 meters ahead of the bus. Cross only when the driver gives a signal it is clear. Cross in single file so the driver can see everyone.
- If your child drops something near the bus, tell them not to pick it up. Have them tell the driver or another adult and they will assist him/her to retrieve the item.
- Allow the passengers in front of you to leave first. Do not push.
- Please say "Thank you" to your bus driver!

# **Important Resources for Everyone!**

## **Bell Let's Talk Week: Learning Resources**

Explore daily conversation starters, wellness activities and more.

## **Winter 2021 Mental Health Newsletter**

**Including tips for helping children/youth manage big emotions, support resources, and more!**

## **TPH COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet:** **Parents/Guardians**

### **Supports for Learners and Families**

- **Government of Ontario financial support:**
- **Offset costs during the 2020-2021 school year. Find out if you are eligible and how to apply. The deadline to apply is February 8, 2021.**
- **Government of Canada connecting families:**
- **Helps eligible low-income Canadian families get home Internet services for \$10 per month.**

### **Mental Health Resources:**

**CMHO: [Your Child's Mental Wellness and Remote Learning](#)**

**City of Toronto: [COVID-19: Mental Health Resources: It's OK not to feel OK](#)**

**Ontario: [Mental health services for children and youth](#)**

### **Return to School Information**

For the latest updates, frequently asked questions, School Reopening Action Plan and more:

- **[Update: In-Person and Virtual Transfers](#)**

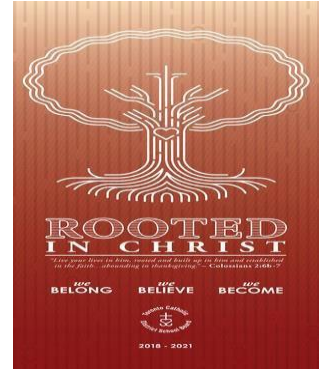


## ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PRAY FOR US

We continue to celebrate our pastoral plan: “Rooted in Christ: we Belong, we Believe, we Become”. This year we celebrate the Year of “we Become”.

Learn more about our pastoral plan:

- [Pastoral Plan Prayer](#)
- [We Belong to God—Pastoral Plan Song](#)
- [An Overview of the Plan](#)
- [Prayers of the Faithful for Our Pastoral Plan: Become](#)
- [Selected Scripture Quotes for the Year of we Become](#)
- [Songs for Liturgies](#)
- [Videos for the year of we Become](#)



Rooted in Christ: we Belong, we Believe, we Become reminds us that we are called to continue to strengthen our sense of belonging to God and one another, to express our belief in God through our vision and mission, and to work to achieve our goals as people on a common mission.

### Do not Miss Out on the Latest News and Information:

- Visit the Board’s website [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org)
- Follow @TCDSB on twitter to get updates throughout the day [Twitter@TCDSB](https://twitter.com/TCDSB)
- Subscribe to [E-News](#)

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