



St Paschal Baylon Catholic School September/October 2019 NEWSLETTER

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Hours of Operation

8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Lunch Hour: 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Morning Recess: 10:12 a.m.

Afternoon Recess: 1:40 p.m.

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

We hope that everyone had an enjoyable start to the school year and warm greetings to the many new families that have joined our school community. We are confident that our partnership between the Church, home and school will yield success for all students as they meet the challenges of this school year. Through our collaboration and respect, we will be successful in creating the best possible, positive learning environment for the children and ourselves.

Time and commitment is what it takes to prepare St. Paschal Baylon for the arrival of our students on opening day. Many thanks to everyone who took some time from their summer to prepare for a positive start to the upcoming year. Our classrooms and hallways were both stimulating and welcoming to our students. In the month of Hospitality, we made sure all the new members of our school community felt very welcome and at home. Many thanks also to our building maintenance team for their hard work at making the school spotless over the summer. As well, thank you to Ms. Malfara, Mrs Picco, Ms Zanutel and Mrs Sujitno for their work with the preparations for a smooth transition into a new school year.

I ask your cooperation in supporting your children throughout the school year. Please ensure that our information on file is up to date. Call the school any time there are changes with critical telephone numbers and other important information. Please report to the office when visiting, dropping off lunches (litterless) and picking up students for appointments etc.

Fall is very busy for all of us at St. Paschal Baylon. Our Curriculum Night will be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 and we hope you will be able to join us. Our first Parent Council meeting was held on September 24th. We certainly hope to see you all at our monthly meetings. We look forward to a great year of teaching and learning with a focus placed on academics and our commitment to Nurturing Our Catholic Community.

Sincerely,

Mr. V. Stellato

Important Dates:

- Curriculum Night: October 1 @ 7:00 pm**
- Grade 9 Open House: Loretto Abbey and James Cardinal McGuigan (Oct.2), Mary Ward, (Oct.9)**
- Grade 9 Open House for Brebeuf & SJMP (Oct.3)**
- P.A. Day: No School October 11**
- Thanksgiving Day: October 14**
- Cross Country Divisional Meet: October 8**
- Terry Fox Run: October 2**
- CSPC Meeting 7pm: October 15**
- Cross Country Regional: October 16**
- Grade 6 trip to Ontario Science Centre: October 18**
- First Immunization Clinic Grade 7: October 21**
- Bright Pics Picture Day: October 24 (All Day)**
- Civics Day: October 25**
- CSPC Halloween Dance: October 31(All Day)**
- Picture Retake Day: November 7**
- Remembrance Day Service: November 13**
- Progress Reports Go Home: November 12**
- P.A. Day (No School) : November 16**

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO REMOVE YOUR CHILD FROM SCHOOL FOR MORE THAN 15 SCHOOL DAYS, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE BEFORE YOU MAKE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS.

ALL COMMUNICATION WILL BE SENT HOME ELECTRONICALLY.

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CELEBRATION OF FAITH

VIRTUES OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER... HOSPITALITY

As we welcome our students back to school in September it seems fitting that this month's virtue is HOSPITALITY. Our teachers have been busy preparing their classrooms, gathering together resources, supplies and putting up bulletin boards that will invite the students back into a welcoming environment. But hospitality is more than just a welcoming back. Our quote for the month is from Matthew 25:40, "*Whatsoever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto me*". According to Henri Nouwen, "*the German word for hospitality is Gastfreundschaft which means friendship for the guest.... It means the creation of a free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy.*" In our school community and in our homes we can discuss the concept of the least of our people or the stranger who needs our hospitality, be it the newly arrived to Canada or the new student at our school. Today hospitality is more important than ever and it is only through a deep moral obligation to hospitality that we will transform our communities.

OCTOBER... GRATITUDE

October's virtue is GRATITUDE, how apropos that we celebrate Thanksgiving in the month of October. Our quote for this 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. Although the world is currently experiencing economic challenges, and we may have difficulty saying thank you for some of our hardships, sometimes this can release us from a sense of entitlement that prevents us from really seeing God's grace in our daily lives. During the month of October we are thankful for all that God has bestowed upon us. God bless you during this season of Gratefulness.

ONTARIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATE EXPECTATIONS

The Catholic Graduate Expectations describe the vision of a Catholic learner. The life roles, knowledge, skills and attitudes outlined in our Catholic Graduate Expectations describe the distinctive expectations that the Catholic community has for graduates of Catholic schools.

These Expectations describe: A discerning believer formed in the Catholic Faith community who celebrates the signs and sacred mystery of God's presence through word, sacrament, prayer, forgiveness, reflection and moral living; **An effective communicator** who speaks, writes and listens honestly and sensitively, responding critically in light of gospel values; **A reflective, creative and holistic thinker** who solves problems and makes responsible decisions with an informed moral conscience for the common good; **A self-directed, responsible, lifelong learner** who develops and demonstrates their God-given potential; **A collaborative contributor** who finds meaning, dignity and vocation in work which respects the rights of all and contributes to the common good; **A caring family member** who attends to family, school, parish, and the wider community; **A responsible citizen** who gives witness to Catholic social teaching by promoting peace, justice and the sacredness of human life.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and the We Team is helping to facilitate our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. All goods collected will be donated to St. Francis Table, a Catholic charity that provides hot meals and support to the people of Toronto in need. We will be collecting food goods from **September 30th until October 11th**. St. Francis Table is in special need of: canned goods, soups, beans, especially baked beans, tomato paste, tomato sauce, diced, whole, mushrooms and mixed vegetables, rice and pasta. In addition, they have requested donations of hand soap, laundry detergent, floor cleaners and multi-purpose cleaners. Let's be charitable and open our hearts to those in the community of Toronto who need our support. Thank you in advance for your generosity! The "We Team"



SAFE SCHOOLS

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

Toronto Catholic District School Board policy states that all visitors to the school **MUST** report to the office. This is foremost to ensure the safety of all students. In an effort to promote the independence of the students and to ensure the integrity of programs by minimizing interruptions during class time, we request that students arrive prepared for the school day with all the items they require (i.e. homework, lunch, physical education, clothing, musical instruments etc.). If you would like to contact your child's teacher, you may do so through the school office. Please try to make after school arrangements before school. Calling the school to make arrangements for your child is very difficult especially when the students are getting ready to board the bus or getting ready for dismissal. If you do need to contact the school office, please call before 3:15 p.m.

— WELCOME —
BACK TO SCHOOL

ST. PASCHAL BAYLON CATHOLIC SCHOOL

STUDENT SAFE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE PROGRAM

Please remember to report student absences to **School Messenger (1-833-251-3286)** before 8:30 a.m., if your child is going to be absent from school. School Messenger can be accessed online at go.schoolmessenger.ca or **SchoolMessenger Mobile App**. Please ensure that we have a current emergency number where you can be contacted. If you are picking up your child early, please send a note to your child's teacher. Please be sure to report to the office to sign them out. If you are returning before the end of the day, please sign your child back in at the office. All students arriving on busses must take the busses home.

LUNCH POLICY

Children may remain at school for lunch if: There is no one to care for them at that time; they live approximately 1.5 km from the school; they are bussed to school. **The school strongly encourages students who stay for lunch not leave the school grounds unless they are picked up and signed out by a parent/guardian.** Children who eat lunch at school must follow the lunchtime rules and the directions given by the lunchroom supervisors. Students who do not abide by the rules will lose their lunch privileges.

LUNCH DROP-OFF TABLE

If you are dropping off your child's lunch, please put it on the lunch table outside the main office. Clearly label your child's lunch. Please do not drop off lunches at the classroom door as it is disruptive to lessons and does present a safety concern.

ALLERGEN AWARE

Please take special note that we have children in our school who have very serious allergies to nut products and other food items. According to Sabrina's Law, we must make every effort to maintain an Allergen Aware environment in order to help keep these children safe. We ask that you not bring in or send in any food items to be shared with other students in the class.

Please note that baked goods and treats are not permitted for Birthday celebrations.

Please consider other options that do not involve any food. Consider donating board games, crafts, or books to the class instead. We apologize for the inconvenience, however, we are certain you will agree that these measures are necessary in order to ensure the safety and welfare of our children.



LEAVING SCHOOL

Students are not permitted to leave the school for any reason unless they are signed out and accompanied by a parent/guardian. If you ask another adult to take your child out of the school, please send a note, or call our school secretaries to make them aware of the situation. Please do not call the school to request that your child be dismissed early. Children are not permitted to walk home on their own during school hours. These precautions are in place for your child's safety. Please note that students not adhering to this school rule may face an immediate school suspension. Rules are enforced for your child's safety and so your assistance in helping us make them understand why the rules should be followed would be greatly appreciated.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

The school does not take any responsibility for the loss or theft of personal items brought onto school premises by students. The school will therefore, not reimburse or replace lost or stolen articles, under any circumstances. This will include all articles of clothing (label items with a marker); personal school supplies such as fancy or expensive pens, markers, binders and pencil cases, simple or electronic toys; calculators, laptops, iPod's, CD's, etc., Please note that collector cards of any kind are not permitted. **In addition, all cell phones and any other social media devices must be powered off and put away in any instructional space.** These items will be immediately confiscated by staff and brought to the principal's attention. We ask both parents and students for their full co-operation in this matter. (Please note that the Board's insurance policy does not cover property owned by staff or students).

INCLEMENT WEATHER

On days when the weather is inclement, students may be permitted to enter the building at 8:00 a.m. On such days, the recess periods may be cancelled and students will be supervised in the classroom. Weather conditions must be particularly severe, cold weather alone does not warrant an early entry into the building or a cancellation of the recess periods. Those decisions will be made accordingly. We believe that children profit greatly from recess breaks as they get out into the fresh air and burn off some energy in play activities. This will make them more alert and ready to continue their studies when they come in. It is important for children, particularly the younger children in the primary grades, to come to school dressed properly for the weather. A reminder to everyone that students that are well enough to be at school are well enough to go out for recess. We do not have personnel to supervise students who wish to stay in for recess due to illness. If they are too ill to go out for recess, then they should be home for the day.

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PARKING & TRAFFIC SAFETY

Parking and traffic safety has been a longstanding issue around St. Paschal Baylon Catholic School. Please familiarize yourself with all restricted areas. For the safety of all children, the fire hydrants located near the school are never to be blocked. We now enjoy **drop-off zone** in front of the new entrance to the school. Please ensure that the school buses are not blocked from exiting or entering our bus loading zones. Parking on Paschal Court is a serious safety hazard for our children. The school and Parking Enforcement Officers from 32 Division have been informed and will be monitoring the situation very closely. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Parking in our Bus Loading Zone and our handicapped spaces is not allowed at all, even if it is for a few minutes. Please note that fines for such offences are significant. We thank you for your continued patience and co-operation.

TCDSB APPROPRIATE DRESS CODE

I hope everyone is having a wonderful 2019-2020 school year at St. Paschal Baylon Catholic School. We enjoy all the benefits of an Appropriate Dress Code at our school. All of our students are proud to be affiliated with St. Paschal Baylon and wear their appropriate colours proudly every day. We would like to encourage everyone to continue to comply with our appropriate dress code expectations at St. Paschal Baylon Catholic Elementary School. **The Appropriate Dress Code** - guideline to assist you when purchasing articles of clothing for your children: **TOPS** - White ; White Collared Polo/Golf Shirt; White Collared Dress Shirt/Blouses; Long or Short Sleeved; White Turtlenecks in winter; Navy Sweater, Vest or Pull-Over. **BOTTOMS** - Navy (Dark Blue); Navy Dress Pants or Cotton Pants; Navy Walking Short; Navy Skorts or Capri Pants for Girls; (No Jeans/Jeggings/Yoga Pants or Demin). Please remember that all tops and pants are to be plain with no visible logos, stripes, etc. It is the parent's duty and responsibility to ensure that each child is suitably attired. SPB Spirit wear is also acceptable. The principal may exercise discretion to allow exceptions to the School Dress Code. Parents may be contacted and in some cases may be required to pick up their child if their manner of dress is not appropriate. Thank you for your support and consideration in this matter.

USING THE FRONT DOORS OF THE SCHOOL

In reviewing our safety routines with staff and students, we were advised that some of our parents prefer to use the front entrance of our school and then bring students directly into the classroom upon arrival at school in the morning. Safety is a priority at St. Paschal Baylon Catholic School. As you know, all visitors, including parents and caregivers, are requested to report to the office during school hours. Should parents arrive with their children at the bell, staff is located in the front entrance to receive students and to ensure that they get to their classrooms. We ask, therefore, that you refrain from entering the school using the front entrance when classes begin in the morning and before classes finish in the afternoon. Please make arrangements to pick up and drop off students in the school yard. We would be most appreciative if you would share this information with friends and family and caregivers as well. It is important that everyone respect the routines of the school for the safety of our students and staff. We ask you to choose safety over convenience.

TECHNOLOGY AND INTERNET USAGE

The **TCDSB Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)** governs the proper use of technology and electronic communication in our schools. The purpose of the AUP is to provide students and their parents with a set of guidelines that outline the safe and appropriate use of technology within our Catholic School system. Included in the AUP is a definition of **electronic communication** to include social media, website publishing, and the use of **personal electronic devices (PED's)**. In addition it addresses expectations surrounding the **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)** policy effective as of September 2012. While these devices are not mandatory for classroom activities, they may be included when there is a clear educational purpose that has been identified by the teacher. All parents and students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the AUP. For parents, the full text of the TCDSB AUP can be found at: <http://www.tcdsb.org/board/policies/aup>. **A summary of the AUP expectations for students in the TCDSB: Behaviour Expectations:** It is a privilege, not a right, to use the Board's network and devices. Privileges may be restricted or taken away if the AUP is violated. Students must use their own student account and keep it private when using the board network or devices. Students must use the network and electronic communication for educational purposes only. All students and their parents must sign the "Student Access Agreement" before they will be allowed to use the Board's network and devices. For further information about the Board Policies please go to the following site: <http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/Policies/Pages/Default.aspx#schools>



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REPORTING OF CANCELLATIONS OR CLOSURES DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

Cancellation of school bus transportation or school closures due to inclement weather will be reported through the following vehicles: News releases to all media outlets in Toronto (Note: although the news release is provided to the media outlets, there is no guarantee that all television and radio stations will broadcast the information in a timely fashion.) Communications will endeavour to send an email to everyone on exchange to advise them of any cancellations or closures. Communications will also endeavour to send out the information electronically to E-News subscribers (Note: If you do not already subscribe to E-News, but wish to do so, please visit our website at www.tcdsb.org and click on the E-News icon on the top right hand side of the homepage). Updates will also be posted on the Board's 24-hour information line, 416-222-8282, extension 2873. The information will also be posted on the Board's website at www.tcdsb.org or www.tcdsb.org/weather.htm. The Transportation Department will post this information on its website at http://www.schoolbus.to/c_home.asp

ATTENDANCE / PUNCTUALITY/ PREPARATION

The Education Act states that students must attend school regularly and punctually. Parents are to notify School Messenger of a child's absence. Attendance referrals will be sent to the Social Worker and persistent tardiness may result in school detentions. 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 in advance of test situations.

MEDICATION

Principals, teachers and support staff of the TCDSB are not permitted to administer any type of prescription medication during the school day, unless we have written, signed authorization signed by you the parent and the prescribing physician. The forms to dispense any medication must be updated on a regular basis and are available from the school principal. Please be advised that staff in TCDSB schools will not dispense non-prescription medications to students. Students who need "puffers" should have one at school and at home. All medications will be stored in the main office. Please notify the school if your child suffers from any type of allergy.

CURRICULUM

PROGRESS REPORTS

Your child's progress report will be coming home on **November 12, 2019**. Confirmation of parent-teacher interview dates and times will be shared once we have received confirmation from the Board. Friday November 15th is a Professional Activity Day (No school for the children).

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL 2018-2019 ELECTIONS

On Tuesday September 24, 2019 St. Paschal Baylon Catholic School held it's first CSPC meeting of the year. CSPC elections were held and the results are as follows. The CSAC Executive consists of: Rosa Cozza & Nicole Lippa (Co-Chairs); Samuel Okhidie (Vice-Chair), Maribel Languino & Cristina Boucinha (Co-Secretaries); Anita Molnar & Rosemarie Acidera (Co-Treasurers).

Our Catholic School Parent Council is an integral part of our school community. All parents and staff are most welcome to attend any or all of the meetings. The next CSPC meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 in the school library @ 7:00 pm. We hope that more parents will contribute their expertise and viewpoints to CSPC meetings. 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.

Our meeting dates are Oct 15, Nov 19, Jan 21, Feb 18, April 21, and May 19th.

TCDSB SPECIAL SERVICES

As part of the TCDSB's goal of **Fostering Student Achievement and Well Being**, the Special Services department endeavours to support our special education students in achieving academic excellence and meeting the Ontario Catholic Graduate School Expectations. The department offers a variety of supports to students based on their need(s) and/or identification(s). For further information please visit the Special Services department link: <https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SpecialEducation/Pages/default.aspx>

Parents/caregivers are reminded that if they require support in accessing the Special Services department link, they may ask the school principal or vice principal for assistance. Alternately, for families who require access to a computer to visit the site, they may access an electronic device through the Toronto Public Library.

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TERRY FOX WALK

St. Paschal Baylon will once again be holding our Annual "Terry Fox Walk", on Wednesday, October 2nd. The Fundraiser kick off was held on Tuesday, September 17th with an assembly in the gym. We kindly ask the students and teachers donate a "Toonie for Terry (or More)" over that time period. To date our school has raised over \$11,000 and we would like to keep Terry's Dream Alive. Our goal this year will be \$2000...I think we can do it!

In the words of Terry, "***Even if I don't finish, we need others to continue. It's got to keep going without me.***"

Lets keep Terry's dream to find a cure for cancer alive at St. Paschal.

The Terry Fox Committee



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

ULTIMATE FRISBEE IS HERE

Yes...you heard correctly-Ultimate Frisbee! The Ultimate Frisbee team had been training over the past couple of weeks to prepare for their tournament on Friday, September 27th. This sport is one of the fastest growing sports in North America and it is also being considered for an Olympic Event. Students had a fantastic day and finished 2nd overall.

Once a Panther....Always a Panther... Go Panthers!

BOY'S AND GIRL'S CROSS COUNTRY

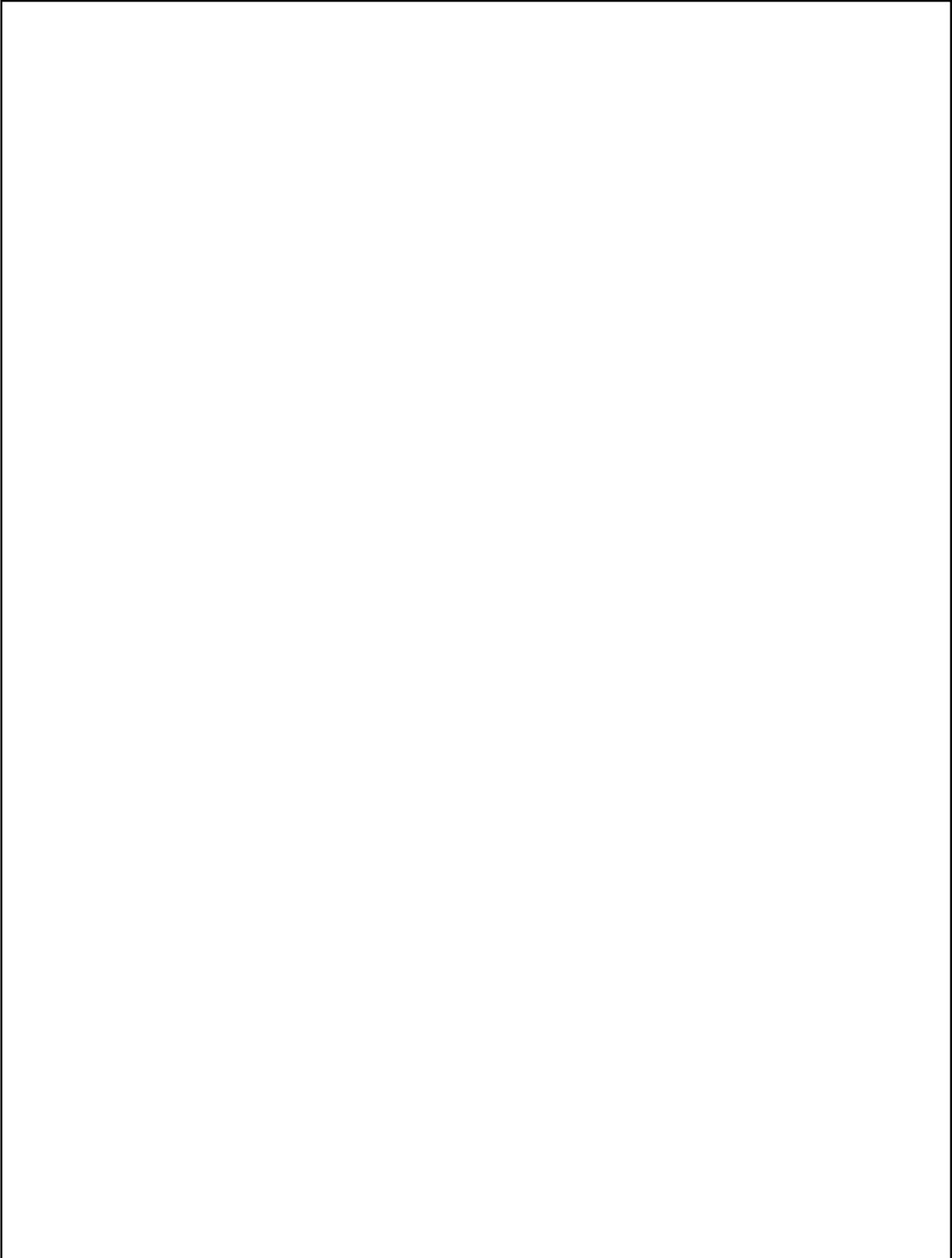
The St. Paschal Cross Country team have been training so diligently and hard as they work toward their Divisional meet on Tuesday, October 8th at Earl Bales Park. This event would not be possible without the many teachers who have volunteered their time to help- Thank you for your energy and time- Go Panthers!!

QUANTUM KIDZ LEGO® SCHOOL PROGRAM AT ST. PASCHAL BAYLON

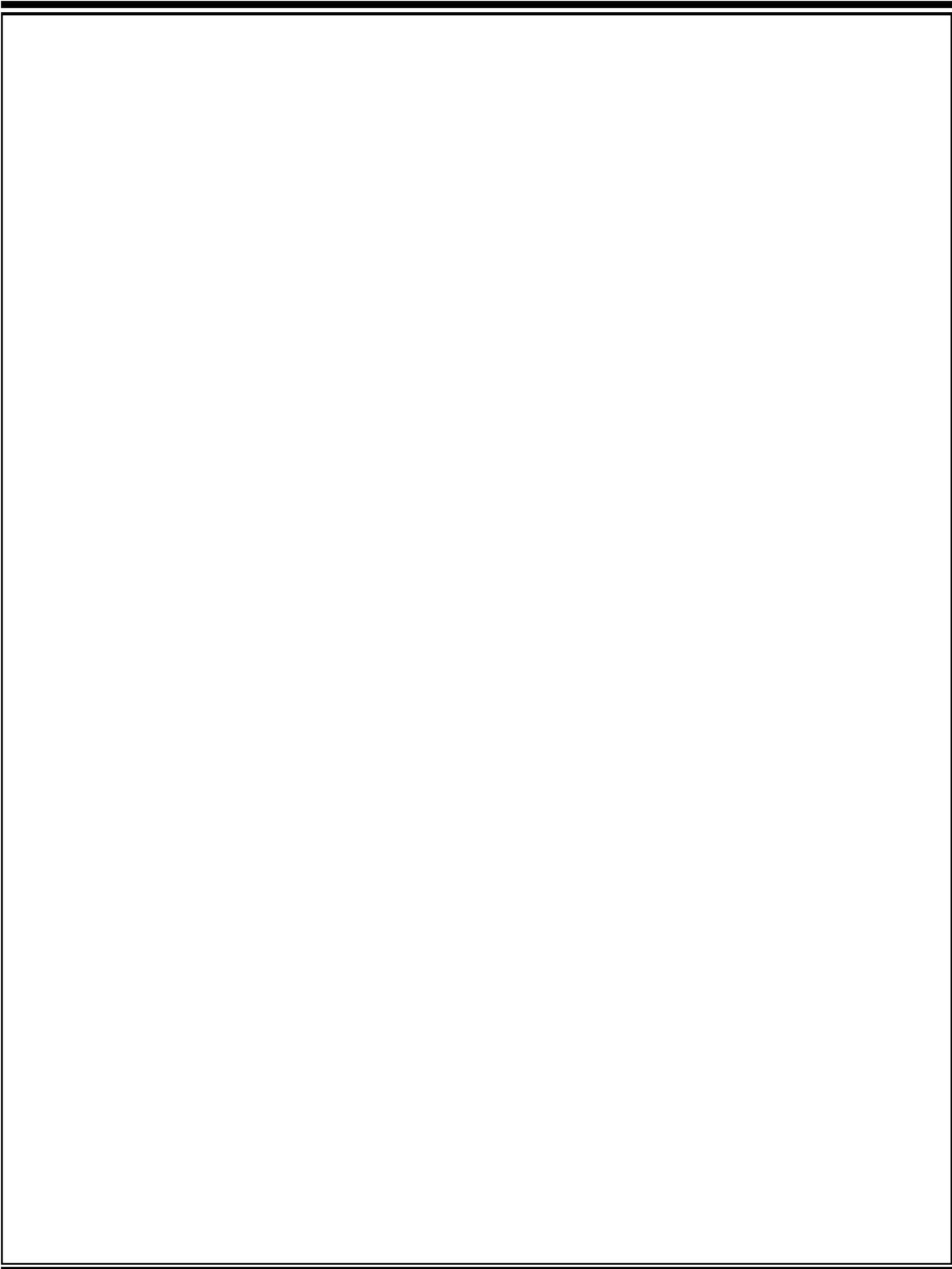
Quantum Kidz are passionate educators on a mission to empower children's natural ability to learn through fun, enriching educational play. Their teams of facilitators are committed to creating learning environments that ignite the imagination and curiosity of young minds while enhancing learning skills that expands their understanding of the world around them. The educational play environment developed during these Lego sessions nurtures the development of both leadership and team skills as children play and learn individually, in partnership and in small groups. Individually and as a team we are inspired to foster the passion for life-time learning, in children at a young age. Quantum Kidz LEGO® School Programs are built on these much loved classic building bricks to deliver fun, enriching, and high quality educational play. Each program is a creative learning experience for your child as they **build a new LEGO® project each session** based on exciting curriculum-based themes that draw from science, math, nature and literature. **Learn...**The trained, screened, Quantum Kidz facilitators begin the session with a discussion related to a specific theme, using resources designed by our educators to teach specific concepts within a given discipline. Kids will learn about everything from geometry and math, construction techniques and language, geography, patterns, history and much more! Working with a partner, kids experience the hands-on fun of model building, from concept to completion. Presentations of each team's project teach public speaking and verbal skills. **Play...** Free-play time completes the session, giving kids an opportunity to tap into their own unique imagination and creativity. **Empower...** Strengthen math and science concepts...Develop an appreciation for how things work...Build self-confidence through problem solving and presentation skills...Foster leadership skills and teamwork...Encourage children's' unique imaginations and creativity...Provide a safe creative environment to learn, play and empower. For those families interested in having their children participate in this program being offered at St. Paschal Baylon over the lunch hour, forms were sent home.



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