



St. Paschal Baylon Catholic School

September/October 2016 NEWSLETTER

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Hours of Operation

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 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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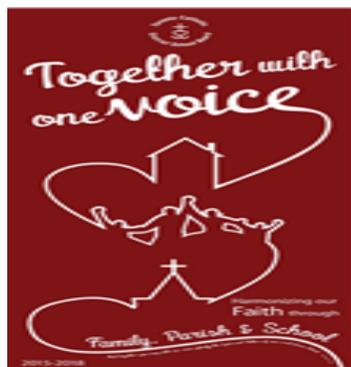
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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 Mrs. Abate 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 was held on Wednesday September 28, 2016. Our first CSPC meeting was held on September 19th. 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 in the Year of the Parish.

Sincerely,

Mr. V. Stellato and S. Lorusso

Important Dates:

TPH Immunization Clinic for Gr. 7 & 8: October 4;

P.A. Day (No School for students): October 7;

Thanksgiving Day: October 10 (No School);

North Region Divisional Cross Country: October 12;

Opening School Year Mass @ SPB C.C. : October 14

Bright Pics Picture Day: October 17 (All Day);

**Information Meetings for Confirmation @ SPB C.C. @ 8: 00pm :
October 18;**

General CSAC Meeting: October 18 @ 7:00pm;

Me to We Day @ ACC: October 19;

**Information Meetings for First Holy Communion @ SPB C.C. @
8:00pm: October 20;**

CSPC Sponsored Halloween Dance: October 31(All Day);

All Saints Day School Mass @ 9:30 am (In the Gym): Nov. 1/16

Progress Reports to be sent home: November 15;

Parent/Teacher Conferences: November 17 & 18;

P.A. Day (No School) : November 18;

Santa Pictures @ SPB: December 1;

Advent Community Mass @ SPB C.C. : December 8;

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 can 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 that sense of entitlement that can prevent 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.

OPENING 2016-2017 SCHOOL MASS

The St. Paschal Baylon Catholic School community will celebrate their Opening School Year Mass on Friday October 14, 2016 at St. Paschal Baylon Catholic Church @ 9:30 am. We would like to thank Fr. Vincenzo our celebrant. Our next school mass will be held on **November 1, 2016 @ St. Paschal Baylon Catholic School.**

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

St. Paschal Baylon Catholic School is once again holding a Thanksgiving Food Drive for those who are in need. We would kindly ask that students donate a non-perishable food items (canned food, dry pasta etc.) from September 19, 2016 to October 14, 2016. All food collected will be donated to the "St. Francis Table". Thank you very much for your support to this very worthwhile cause.

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 begins at 8:30 a.m. 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.

STUDENT SAFE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE PROGRAM

Please remember to contact the school before 8:30 a.m., if your child is going to be absent from school. If we are unable to take your call, you can leave a message on our answering machine. 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. 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

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. 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 the students may be permitted to enter the building at 8:15 a.m. On such days, the recess periods may be cancelled and those students who stay for lunch will be supervised in the building. 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.

TCDSB APPROPRIATE DRESS CODE

I hope everyone is having a wonderful 2016-2017 school year at St. Paschal Baylon Catholic Elementary School. We enjoy all the benefits of an Appropriate Dress Code at our school. All of our students are proud to be affiliated with Stella Maris 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/Blue ; White/Blue Collared Polo/Golf Shirt; White/Blue Collared Dress Shirt/Blouses; Long or Short Sleeved; White/Blue 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. 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.

BACK DOOR OPEN AFTER THE 8:30 AM BELL

In our continued efforts to make St. Paschal Baylon a safe and welcoming environment, we now have a member of our school staff stationed in the school yard after the 8:30 a.m. morning bell until approximately 8:40 a.m. This will ensure that all students can enter the building in a safe and orderly manner under the supervision of an adult after the bell. This will also help to alleviate the congestion at the front entrance in the morning. Please enter and exit the building through

PARKING & TRAFFIC SAFETY

St. Paschal Baylon Catholic Elementary School prides itself on providing a safe and welcoming environment for all our students and parents. Therefore, we are encouraging everyone to be respectful of the parking rules posted in front of our school on St. Paschal Court. Parking and traffic safety on St. Paschal Court is a serious safety hazard for our children. Please familiarize yourself with all restricted areas (fire hydrants). Also, school buses must not be blocked from entering or exiting our bus loading zone, therefore, parking in our Bus Loading Zone is not permitted at any time---even for a few minutes. The Parking Enforcement Officers from TPS will be informed and will be monitoring the situation very closely. Please note that fines for such parking offences are significant. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. We thank you in advance for your continued patience and support. Many of the traffic/safety hazards that occur regularly are: a) Illegal Parking; b) Opening car doors into traffic; c) " U-Turns; d) '3 point' turns in driveways; e) " Parking near crosswalks & corners; f) Obstructing / passing school buses.

You can help promote the safe arrival and departure of the children by following these few simple rules: a) Obey all traffic and parking regulations; b) Be patient - arrive a few minutes earlier in the morning or a few minutes later in the afternoon; c) Arrange carpools to reduce traffic; d) Walk your child to school; e) Park a block away and walk; f) Teach your child about traffic and pedestrian safety. Our goal is to eliminate traffic hazards near and around our school neighbourhood by promoting a safe environment for our children. We hope to achieve this through education, as well as with your help and co-operation. Please choose safety over convenience

Please remember that the parking lot is for staff only. There are two handicapped parking spots for those who have the appropriate permits. Please do not enter the parking lot with your car and park where legally allowed on the city streets . Please respect our neighbors on St. Paschal Court by: not blocking their driveway, refraining from throwing garbage in the street and not double parking on the court. Parking a block away from the school and walking your child to school is a safe alternative. Please drive safely and please be aware of students as you approach the school in your car. Students are never to cross the street without adult supervision. The bus students will be loading from the back of the school to ease the congestion at the front of the building.

USING THE FRONT DOORS OF THE SCHOOL

Welcome (or welcome back) to St. Paschal Baylon. We look forward to another exciting year of learning and growing together. The construction of the new addition to our school is now underway, and we eagerly anticipate the completion at some point in the future. Meanwhile, we will be providing monthly status updates until the end of the construction.

During the construction period, in an effort to ensure the safety of all our students, all students from grades 1 through 8 should enter the school from Crossen Drive. A new pedestrian gate a few meters north of the previous gate, will be ready for use starting with the first day of school. Please note that our Kindergarten students, as well as children in the child care centre, are to access the school from St Paschal Court through a new gate to the right side of the vehicular gate, and will be directed into the kindergarten playground area. Construction vehicles will have a separate access and will not be permitted to access the site during the morning and afternoon hours when students are being dropped off and picked up from school.

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. 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>

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 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

CURRICULUM

PROGRESS REPORTS

Your child's progress report will be coming home on **November 15, 2016**. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be on the evening of Thursday November 17 and Friday November 18 in the morning. Friday November 18th is a Professional Activity Day (No school for the children).

CURRICULUM NIGHT

The St. Paschal Baylon School Curriculum Night was held on Wednesday September 28/16. This was an excellent opportunity to meet your child's teacher and to learn about the curriculum in that particular grade. If you were unable to attend, please make every effort to contact your child's teacher to set up an appointment to discuss this upcoming school year.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

BOY'S AND GIRL'S CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all students who have been training so diligently and working towards our Divisional meet on Wednesday October 12, 2016 at Earl Bales Park. This event would not be possible without the fantastic coaching team that we have. Thank you for your energy and time.

ME TO WE EXPERIENCE LEADERS

This year we were granted once again the opportunity to send Grade 8 students to the Me to We day at the Air Canada Centre **on October 19, 2016**. The students will take part in a very moving experience throughout the day, and returned with a great deal of enthusiasm to implement the ideas they learned. The central message of the day will be how to empower youth to take part in social justice initiatives at school and within the community. The following students We Team Members: **Mr. Litonjua's Class:** Jorge Aguilar, Janeya Aguilera, Daniel Alberico, Maryam Aldhabab, Jude Capalar, Ariane Caybot, Corneliu Cernetchi, Aldrina Chen, Stephanie Escalada, Maxine Hernando, Alana Jackson, Heart Jara, Jasmine Nassiri, Aaliyah Rivac, Martin Yousif; **Ms. Rini's Class:** Darren Acidera, Christina Aguja, Shaylene Alogbate, Brandon Bae, Febbie Besas, Arist Bravo, Bleza Canon, Miguel Dizon, Mark Elpa, Mary Pitogo, Ray Rosqueta, Yuji Tacata, Giorgio Villoria; **Mr. Ryan's Class:** Melody Bayudan, Francis Benemerito, Dashel DeBelen, Abigail Dela Cruz, Glean Mejia, Joanne Quinsayas, A.J. Valdez, Joan Villar, Paola Zaldana

TERRY FOX RUN @ SPB

St. Paschal Baylon Catholic School is once again holding OUR ANNUAL "Terry Fox Run" on Wednesday October 5, 2016 for the Canadian Cancer Society. We would kindly ask that students donate a "tonnie" or more if they wish from September 21, 2016 to October 5, 2016. All money collected will be donated to the Canadian Cancer Society. Thank you very much for your support to this very worthwhile cause.

SNACK SHOP

Our SNACK SHACK was a great success last year and we raised just over \$3,000. Half of the money was donated to Me to We and the other half was used to support our students. Our **We** club is excited to sell healthy snacks again this year. The money raised will support charities, as well as, our students. Throughout the year we will be selling a variety of snacks that include cookies, popcorn, and chips. All items meet the standards outlined by the Government of Ontario and are PPM 150 approved. All are nut free. All items are prepackaged and individually wrapped. Cookies will cost \$1.00 and other snacks will be \$1.25. To begin, the Snack Shack will be open Monday to Friday, at first recess, outside of Portable 15.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

2016-2017 ELECTIONS

On Tuesday September 19, 2016 St. Paschal Baylon Catholic School held its first CSAC meeting of the year. CSAC elections were held and the results are as follows. **The CSAC Executive consists of: Co-Chair: Nicole Lippa-Gasparro and Patricia Mathias; Treasurer: Anita Molnar; Co-Secretaries: Maral Derardirossizu and M. Rosa Cozza.** Our Catholic School Advisory 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 CSAC meeting will be held on **Tuesday October 18, 2016** in the school gym @ 7:00pm.. We hope that more parents will contribute their expertise and viewpoints to CSAC 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. CSPC is looking for volunteers to assist with our first major fundraiser, the Halloween Dance-a-thon and all other fundraisers. Please call the school if you are able to assist.**

Your child's appropriate dress clothing (jackets, hats, hoodies, mitts) should be labelled to minimize items ending up in the lost and found. Labels can be purchased from Mabel's Labels. Parents can select St. Paschal Baylon under "Support a

UPDATES FROM THE TCDSB

High School Open Houses

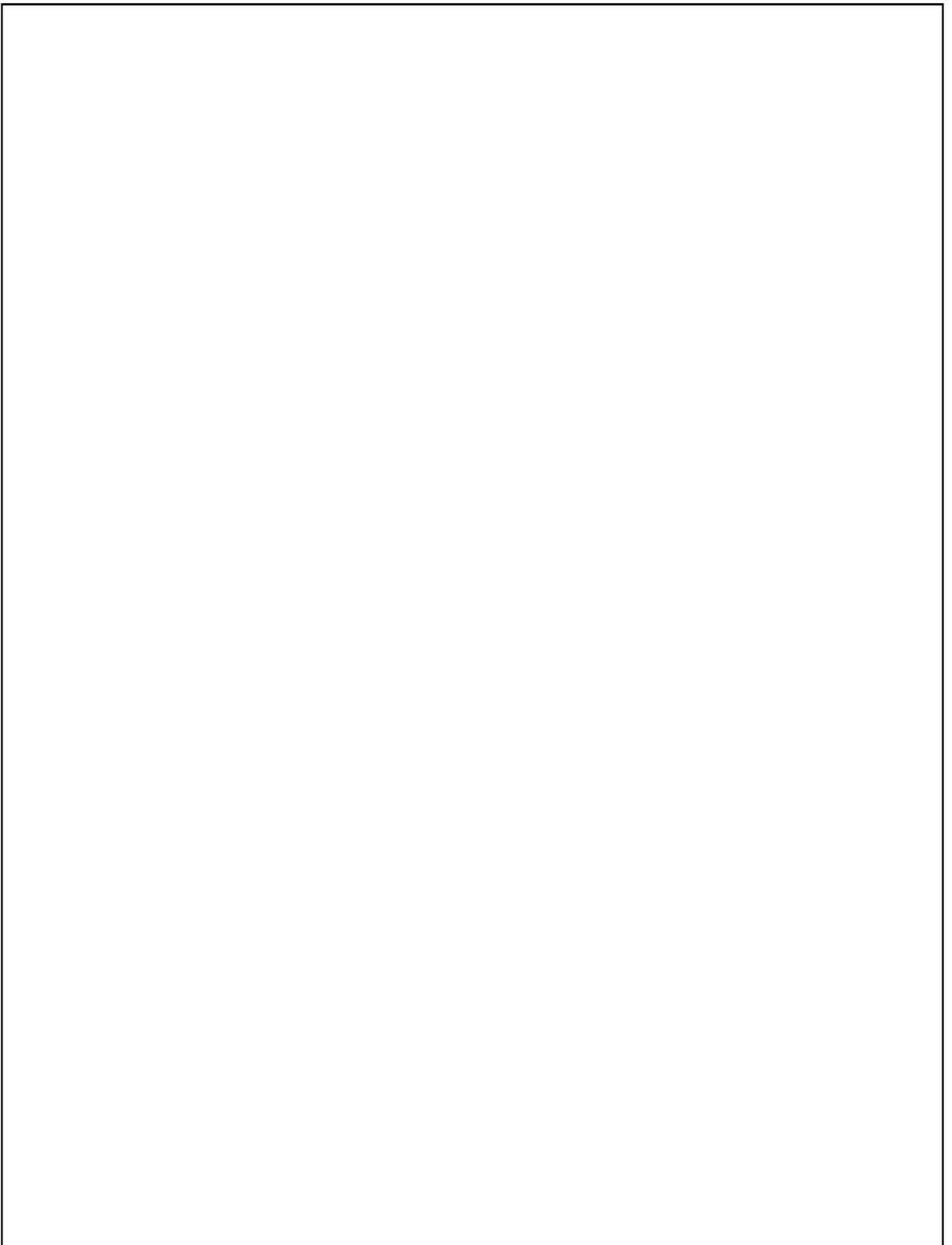
Grade 8 students and their families are invited to learn more about their secondary school options at open houses this fall. For a complete schedule, see: <https://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/default.aspx>

Celebrating the Year of the Parish 2016-2017

The second year in our three pastoral plan focusing on "Together With One Voice: Harmonizing our Faith Through Family, Parish and School". It is an opportunity to celebrate the important role that our parishes play in our school communities and in the lives of the students, staff and families that we serve. ***Let's celebrate the Family-Parish-School partnership!***

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/YearoftheParish/Pages/Parish-Project.aspx>
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