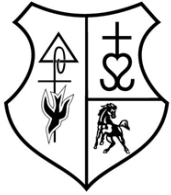


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September, 2017

**Principal's Message**

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I hope that the summer has been an enjoyable one and that you are all well rested, renewed, and ready for your children to start a the new school year. Welcome back all parents, students, and staff from last year and a very warm welcome to those families and staff who are new to St. Roch this September. The staff and I anticipate that the year ahead will be a rewarding experience for us all and that all of our students will strive to reach all their personal and academic goals. The staff is looking forward to all of the varied opportunities that a new school year brings.

Along with our parish, we as educators and caregivers collectively play a vital role, both spiritually and academically, in the lives of children we care for on a daily basis. We look forward to working together with you and your children in fostering a school environment rooted in Jesus Christ, expressed in Catholic philosophy and values, and committed to the intellectual, physical, emotional, and spiritual development of your child.

I wish to extend our thanks and gratitude to the following staff that are no longer with us, for their tremendous contributions and dedication to St. Roch. All our best wishes go out to Mrs. Mastromatteo and Mrs. Caruana who retired in June. Congratulations to Mrs. Pope and Mrs. Makuch who were each promoted to the position of Vice Principal at other schools. We wish them well. They will be missed by all. We welcome all our new staff and students to St. Roch. A warm welcome to Mrs. Ciardullo, Mr. Porcaro, Mr. Nemes, and Mr. Capobianco (who will be replacing Ms. Nault until November) who will be joining our staff.

I would like to extend a very special "thank you" to our caretaking staff for doing a fantastic job with the school cleaning over the summer. Also, thank you to the teachers, support and secretarial staff for getting everything ready to begin the school year. As Principal at St. Roch, I look forward to serving our school community with the staff and parents. Thank you to everyone in advance for their support and I remind all parents that they are welcome to attend Parent Council meetings. Together we will make 2017-2018 a great year for all of students.

Mrs. Michelle Jackson

Principal

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OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS) ↗

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### Message from the Trustee

The first day of school is often bittersweet. While we say goodbye to summer relaxation we look forward to the excitement of a new school year and reconnecting with friends and colleagues. I extend a warm welcome to all the students, parents and constituents in the Ward 3 community, and in particular, I welcome those families and staff members who are new to the Toronto Catholic District School Board. I wish you all a happy and successful 2017-2018 school year.

I would also like to welcome our new school administrators and other staff and hope that they will enjoy working with the students and families in Ward 3.

For everyone in Ward 3, and across the TCDSB, I wish you a year filled with the excitement of new possibilities and many successes.

Sincerely,

Sal Piccininni  
Trustee – Ward 3

### School Dress Code

Students are expected to follow the St Roch Appropriate Dress Code Policy. The Appropriate Dress Code consists of black pants and white or grey tops. Dress code items could include the following: shorts, skorts, skirts, pants, golf shirts, blouses and dress shirts. Our Parent Council is also selling St Roch Spirit Wear for very affordable prices. These include St Roch branded t-shirts, hoodies and track pants. Please note denim jeans are not permitted. Colourful or Logo'd hoodies and tops are not permitted.

### Student Agendas

Pre-ordered student agendas will be distributed again this year on a cost recovery basis. Thank you very much to our Parent Council who subsidized the cost of the agendas. There will be a limited of extra agendas available at \$8.00 each. Parents are asked to review their child's agenda on a regular basis as it can be an effective means of organization and communication

### Student Information Forms

It is extremely important that we have current student information at the office. Student information update forms are sent home in September. Please report all changes (especially emergency contact numbers) to the school throughout the year. It is imperative that someone be reached when a pupil is ill or injured. A student information package (pink in colour) has been sent home. Please be expedient in returning this package to your child's teacher.

### Catholic Parent Council

The first meeting of the School Council will take place on Tuesday September 26th, at 6:30pm in the staff room. At this time we will have our elections and review the meeting dates for the year. If any parents are interested in serving on the Parent Council you are asked to pick up a nomination form at the school office

**Curriculum Night** will take place on Thursday September 28th, from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. You will have the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and other members of the school staff. Please note that this is not an interview night. If you require additional time to discuss your child's progress please contact the school to arrange an interview specific to your child.

### TRUSTEES 2016 – 2017

#### Wards

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|                     |                              | Rhea Carlisle, Student Trustee |
|                     |                              | Joel Ndongmi, Student Trustee  |



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## Monthly Update from the Board September 2017

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 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.

### TCDSB Celebrates the Year of the School in 2017-2018

This begins the third year of our three year pastoral plan focusing on **Together With One Voice: Family, Parish and School**. Find resources and information here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Year%20of%20the%20School/Pages/default.aspx>

This is the year to share your ideas about your own school community. Students are invited to put the Spotlight on Your School! Through video or song, shine the light on the best that your school has to offer. Who are the people who make it special? Parent volunteers, Priests and others from the parish community, Dedicated teachers, Talented and enthusiastic students consider creating a school song or a 30-second video clip that celebrates your school.

•Celebrate Your Diversity, Celebrate Excellence, Celebrate Your Faith, Celebrate Your School

Use the hashtag #ShineOnTCDSB! Deadline for submissions is Friday, February 23, 2018.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Year%20of%20the%20School/Pages/Spotlight-on-Your-School.aspx>

### Improving Access to School Bus Information for Toronto Parents- Toronto Student Transportation Group and Boards Launch Transportation Portal

Toronto District School Board and Toronto Catholic District School Board parents are now able to access their children's transportation information online and receive email notifications if there are any school bus cancellations or delays, thanks to the launch of a new online transportation portal. Parents with children who are transported by school buses can register for the new Transportation Portal by visiting [www.torontoschoolbus.org](http://www.torontoschoolbus.org).

Created by the Toronto Student Transportation Group, which oversees bussing for the TDSB and TCDSB, the portal is one of several improvements being made to ensure an effective start to the 2017-18 school year, including:

- Installing GPS on all buses for the 2017-18 school year so that the school boards and bus operators can track the status of buses and improve the timeliness and accuracy of communication to parents. Efforts are underway to integrate the GPS with the Transportation Portal so that in the future, parents will be able to track their children's buses in real time.
- Increasing call centre staff during peak times, such as the start of school, to improve responsiveness and communication to schools and parents.
- Assigning all Principals from special needs congregated schools to a bus operating division to provide advice and insight on school issues with transportation and assist with driver training. Providing bus operators with routes earlier in the planning process to give them enough time to match all routes with drivers.
- Improving collaboration and communication with the bus operators on route planning, which will continue throughout the summer to provide additional time to address any driver coverage issues that may arise.
- Establishing the Transportation Working Group, comprised of central and school-based staff from the TDSB and TCDSB, to assist in identifying bus service issues and develop solutions.

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## **TCDSB Launches School Cash Online Phase 1**

TCDSB will be implementing the School Cash Online Payment option in all schools, in 5 phases throughout the 2017/2018 school year. Phase 1 launches today, June 21st.

Phase 1 – June - September

Phase 2 –end of September/beginning of October

Phase 3 –November

Phase 4 – December/January

Phase 5 – January/February

School Cash Online is an application that offers parents the convenience of paying online for school activities. Details about the application's benefits and registration process can be found at:

<http://www.keysoftware.com/movies/ParentRegEnglish/> For more information about School Cash Online in TCDSB schools, including complete lists of the schools included in each phase, visit:  
[www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/schoolcashonline/](http://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/schoolcashonline/)

## **High School Open House Dates**

TCDSB Secondary schools welcome grade 8 students and their families to explore programs and services

<https://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/Default.aspx>

## **Night School Registration for Fall Session**

For information about course options, locations and registration, see:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/ContinuingEducation/Pages/Default.aspx>

Registration has opened for night school credit courses, eClass and Saturday language programs.

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

For students looking to complete their 40 hours of community service, please see:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/default.aspx> for all the latest information about organizations seeking volunteers. This includes the Toronto Santa Claus Parade and Vegfest.

## **School Year Calendar**

To review the school year calendar for 2017-2018, including PA days and exam dates, see

<https://www.tcdsb.org/school/SchoolYearCalendar/Pages/Default.aspx>

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