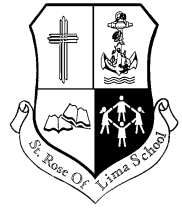




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OCTOBER 2019

From the Principal & Vice Principal:

We were very pleased to see so many parents at Curriculum Night and look forward to working, in partnership with you, to support your child's progress. As a school, we are in the beginning stages of developing an improvement plan based on data such as our EQAO and CAT4 results, as well as the information we are gathering from student work. Parents can support student learning by closely monitoring the completion of homework and engaging your children in conversations about the skills they are learning. Please do not accept the answer "nothing" when you ask your child what they learned in school on any given day. Instead, ask them to explain one of their learning goals or demonstrate a newly-learned skill.

We were also very pleased to have a healthy turn-out for our first Catholic School Parent Council meeting. During that meeting, our 2019-2020 Council was elected:

Chair: Kim Diaz-Tjoa
Secretary: Donna Olegario
Treasurer: Sarah DeKeyra

We look forward to working with this Council to ensure that parent voices are included in the planning for a successful school year.

DANCE-A-THON preparations are well underway and the students and staff are looking forward to participating. Thank you, in advance, for supporting this important school fundraiser. Detailed information will be provided to the students on Thursday, October 10th - please check backpacks!

During the month of October, our thoughts turn to gratitude for the many blessings that we enjoy. The students will be encouraged to reflect upon the blessings in their lives and the ways in which they can demonstrate their gratitude. May your Thanksgiving weekend be filled with your favourite foods, family fun and the presence of loved ones.

Peace and God bless!

S. Miller
Principal

A. De Agazio
Vice Principal

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BELL TIMES:

8:30 ARRIVAL
10:12 A.M. RECESS
11:15 LUNCH HOUR BEGINS
12:15 LUNCH HOUR ENDS
1:40 P.M. RECESS
3:00 DISMISSAL

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ALLERGY ALERT:

Please note that we have a number of students who have **dangerous, life-threatening allergies** to certain foods. **For that reason, we expect that students will not bring to school any items that contain peanuts or nuts (i.e. Nutella, Peanut Butter, any treat with nuts, etc.).** If a caregiver prepares your child's lunch and snacks, please remind them about this policy.



Student Supervision:

Beginning at 8:00 a.m., an adult is in the school yard supervising students as they arrive at school. **Please do not drop students earlier than 8:00 a.m., since they will be unsupervised.**

Bus Transportation Information and Updates

In order to stay informed, parents are encouraged to register on the Toronto Student Transportation Group (TSTG) portal today by visiting www.torontoschoolbus.org. This portal provides TCDSB parents with online access to their children's transportation information and up to the minute email notifications regarding school bus cancellations or delays.

Sacramental Preparation:

All children expecting to receive sacraments in the coming year **MUST** register at the parish. The school will send forms home with grades 2 & 7 students on behalf of the parish; however, immediate preparation for the sacraments takes place in the parish. Please contact the church for all information (416-438-6729).



Absences & Lates:

Please use our Safe Arrival School Messenger Program to report student absences and/or lates using one of the options, below:

- 1) The **SchoolMessenger app** (Apple/Google Play Store) or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>) Select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance then Report an Absence**.
- 2) Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>. Select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance then Report an Absence**.
- 3) Call the toll-free number: **1 (833) 251-3286**

Lockdown Drills:

In partnership with the Toronto Police Services, the TCDSB has developed emergency procedures that are to be initiated should a high-risk incident take place in or around our school. The purpose of a Lockdown Drill is to prepare the students so that in the event of a real situation, they will be able to react in a practiced, prearranged manner that will allow for a sense of calmness, control and feelings of safety.

During the month of October, and again in the spring of 2020, we will be conducting our Lockdown Drills. Procedures will be reviewed with the students and they will be told ahead of time that the drill will take place. They will be reassured that there is no actual danger present. for our school.

Register Now: School Cash Online

School Cash Online offers a safe and convenient payment option that eliminates the need to send cash or cheques to school. There is no fee. For more information and to create your account visit: www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/schoolcashonline



School Photos:

School photos will be taken on **Wednesday, October 9th**. (Note: This is different from the originally published date. It had to be changed due to the Cross Country meet.) Students are required to wear their uniforms for the photos.



Secondary School Open Houses:

Students in grade 7 & 8 and their families are reminded that TCDSB secondary schools are hosting open houses this fall—a great way to meet staff and students, check out the school facilities and learn about the programs and services being offered. Complete schedule is online: <https://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/default.aspx>

Secondary School Applications:

High school applications will be available online for Gr. 8 students on October 15th at secsoar.tcdsb.org. Applications are due online by Tuesday, October 29th.

Cross Country Running:

Many of the students have been training for upcoming Cross Country running meets at Morningside Park and Earl Bales Park. The meets are scheduled for

~ Monday, October 7th

(Divisional Meet)

~ Thursday, October 17th

(Regional Meet)

~ Tuesday, October 22nd

(City Finals)

We wish all of the students good luck as they demonstrate healthy physical activity, perseverance and good sportsmanship.



Appreciation Days:

The month of October offers us a few opportunities to express gratitude to those who work hard to create a safe, welcoming and inclusive school community. Please encourage your child to thank the following staff members on (or before) their 'appreciation days':

~ Custodial Staff on Wed.,

Oct. 2nd (National Custodial Workers' Day)

~ Teachers on Sat., Oct. 5th (World Teachers' Day)

~ Early Childhood Educators on Thurs., Oct. 24th (ECE & Child Care Workers Day)

Terry Fox Walk:

Many thanks for your generous support of the Terry Fox Walk. The children enjoyed a brisk walk through the neighbourhood and we are making a donation of \$704.85 to the Terry Fox Foundation

Halloween Costumes:

Students are invited to wear Halloween Costumes on Thursday, October 31st. However, **NO WEAPONS** of any kind are allowed at school. If a costume includes a replica weapon, it **must** be kept at home. Masks may be worn only as directed by the teacher and must not be worn outside or when using the stairs. There is some risk that Halloween costumes (or parts thereof) may be lost or damaged. Please consider this when deciding to participate or not. Wearing Orange & Black is another option to consider. **Treats containing nuts and/or peanuts are not allowed** at school; this will help to ensure the safety of those with life-threatening allergies.



Halloween Dance-a-thon:

Our main fundraiser for the year will be the Dance-a-thon on October 31st. Preparations are underway and detailed information (including sponsor sheets) will be sent home with the student just prior to the Thanksgiving weekend, on October 10th. Thank you, in advance, for supporting this key fundraiser

CSPC Meetings:

Our next CSPC meeting will take place on **Wednesday, October 16th at 6:30 p.m.** All are welcome!

Gratitude:

The virtue for the month of October is 'Gratitude'. Our assembly is on Friday, November 1st at 10:40 a.m. Parents are welcome!



Updates on Negotiations with CUPE:

The Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) is involved in province-wide, central collective bargaining with the Council of Trustee Associations and the provincial government. At the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB), CUPE represents caretaking, maintenance and warehouse staff, office clerical and technical staff, school-based support staff including Child and Youth Workers and Education Assistants, and secondary school supervisors as well as International Language Instructors. The TCDSB has been advised that the members of the CUPE may begin job action as early as Mon, Sept. 30, beginning with work-to-rule sanctions.

The health and safety of students and staff is deeply important to us. If there is any impact to regular school operations, parents will receive communications through the following methods:

~ School Messenger (Ensure

that the school has your current & up to date phone #'s/email addresses on file.)

~ Twitter (follow @TCDSB)

~ TCDSB website

www.tcdsb.org

~ 24-hour telephone info. line 416-222-8282 ext. 2873

The Board wishes to assure parents and students that every effort will be made to ensure that all elementary and secondary schools, day care centres, before- and after-school programs and nutrition programs will continue to remain open as long as it is safe to do so.

