



# Sts. Cosmas and Damian CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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# June 2019

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This is a great way to find out what is happening in our school.

## Virtue of the month is Faithfulness

“Happy are those who have not seen, yet still believe.” John 20:29

June 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians:

June marks the final month of the school year. School will re-open on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. If your child will not be returning in September and you have not already informed the school, please do so as soon as possible.

As we approach the final days, it is important keep routines. This means that all students should continue to wear navy and white as per the school dress code. Reusable water bottles are a good idea for the days which may be extra warm.

Our grade 8 class will be graduating on June 26<sup>th</sup>, with a luncheon followed by mass and ceremony at St. Charles Church in the evening. Congratulations to the Class of 2019! We are very proud of you and we wish you all of God’s blessings in your future endeavours.

June is also a time to say good-bye and thank you to staff.

We wish to thank the following teachers and wish them the very best in their future placements. Thank- you Ms. Vidiadakis, Ms. Garcia. Ms. Rubacha. Ms. Kenney, Mr. Bengiovanni, Mr. Zacheja, Mr. Demian, Mme Chiodo, Ms. Yoo and Ms. Raposo. We would also like to thank Ms. Micciola and Ms. Gyamfua who have served as EAs.

Thank you to our secretary, Mrs. Lima, and all our staff for their dedication to our students. Thank you as well to our caretakers who keep our school clean. Thank you to Mrs. Cano Toro and Mrs. Suarez for running the Nutrition program for us.

We would also like to thank Fr. Michael Mateyk and the staff at St. Charles Church for their ongoing guidance and support. Fr. Michael has visited our school regularly and the students always enjoy his visits.

We wish to thank our CSPC, for their ongoing support of the school. We are grateful for all that you do for our school community.

Many thanks as well to Mr. Michael Caccamo, our school Superintendent and Trustee, Maria Rizzo for their support throughout the year.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank all of you for working as partners in the support of Catholic Education for our students. I wish you all a safe, happy and healthy summer.

Sincerely,

C. Profitti

Principal



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<b>OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS)</b>
382                      8:30-3:00                      11:15 – 12:15
<b>ENROLLMENT                      HOURS OF OPERATION                      LUNCH HOUR</b>

## NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: [soar.tcdsb.org](http://soar.tcdsb.org)

Call 416-393-5398 or the TCDSB Admissions Department at 416-222-8282, ext. 5320.

For general information about the Toronto Catholic District School Board, visit [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org)

Stay in touch with the latest news throughout the school year: Follow @TCDSB on Twitter or Toronto Catholic DSB on Instagram

# JUNE 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4 Communion Retreat Gr 4/5 Pow Wow Girls Intermediate Soccer	5 Boys Intermediate Soccer  Grade 6 Religion presentation	6  Just Bounce Gr7 Pizza	7  PA Day Assessment and Reporting	8
9 Pentecost Sunday 	10 Gr 8 Downsview Park	11 Panoramic school photo 10:00 am 	12	13 Downsview Hangar gr 7-8	14 Just Bounce Gr 8 Pasta	15
16 	17 Niagara Falls Gr 8	18 Grilled Cheese Day   DHH Trip	19   CSPC BBQ  Rosary Bracelet gr 2 Aquarium DHH	20 Rock Climbing Gr 8	21 First Day of Summer Pizza Last day for Nutrition Program 	22 First Holy Communion 2:00pm  HOLY  COMMUNION
23	24 Report Card Day Ice Cream Day Kindergarten FUN Day Grade 8 Cooking Class CSPC meeting 7:00pm	25 PLAY DAY  Cold Treats provided	26 Grade 8 Graduation luncheon at Columbus Centre, 5:00 Mass at church followed by awards  	27 Last Day of School Canada Day Celebration: wear red & white 	28 PA DAY System Priorities  	29

## Upcoming Dates:

August 26<sup>th</sup>: Office re-opens

September 3<sup>rd</sup>: First Day of School 8:30 am

## PLASP

Before and After School care for September 2019.

There are still many spots available. You can always register at

<https://www.plasp.com/requestnewparent.aspx>



## Class Placements 2019-20

Please be advised that staff and the principal work closely together to make the best decision possible regarding student placement. These decisions are guided by many factors and are made in the best interest of all students. Students will be notified on the first day of school, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, as to who their teacher will be. Staff will be in the yard early that morning to greet their classes.

## EQAO, CAT4

Congratulations to students and staff in grades 2,3,5,6 and 7 on completing the EQAO and CAT4 assessments. We are confident that you were well-prepared and that you did your very best. These assessments give our school, the board and the province very valuable data on how to move forward in our School Learning Improvement Plan for 2019-2020.

## Summer Numeracy and Literacy

While school ends for the summer, the opportunities for student learning should not. There are opportunities for summer school for grade 6-8 students. Please take the time to reinforce math, reading and writing with your child. Try to look for math in everyday life; whether it be measuring a recipe, slicing a pie, telling time, or counting cars on the highway etc. Do simple math drills in the car, on the bus etc. Join the summer reading program at Toronto Public Library, and journal about the many fun experiences over the summer.

## Monthly Update from the Board June 2019

### Important Information

#### Summer School Registration Continues

Check here for registration information, as well as important dates to note course options, locations and more.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/programs/services/continuingeducation/pages/default.aspx>

#### School Year Calendar for 2019-2020

<https://www.tcdsb.org/calendar/pages/schoolyearcalendar.aspx>

## Want instant alerts about your child's absence? Sign Up for School Messenger

To enhance our existing absence-checking procedure we introduced a new student absence reporting system called SafeArrival making it easier for you and staff to verify student attendance. With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
2. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
3. Call the toll-free number 1 (833) 251-3286 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time up to a maximum of 10 consecutive days. It is important to note that when setting up your account, you must register using the email address and phone number associated with your child's Trillium account. In addition, schools will use the SchoolMessenger Communicate automated notification system to contact parents whose child is absent when the absence was not reported in advance.

## Get Updates on School Bus Service

Register for the Toronto Student Transportation Group Parent Portal to receive real time notifications about school bus cancellations or delays. The parent portal will be updated and re-open in mid-August for sign up. <https://www.torontoschoolbus.org/transportation-portal/Account/Register/>

## International Languages Elementary (ILE) Program - After Hours Registration

- [International Languages Elementary \(ILE\) After Hours Calendar 2019-2020.pdf](#)
- [ILE After Hour Centres - 2019-2020.pdf](#)

### Online registration:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/InternationalLanguages/Pages/Saturday-School-Registration.aspx>

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## **Rooted in Christ: we Belong, we Believe, we Become (Pastoral Plan)**

Throughout the year, we have seen our Pastoral Plan come to life in our school communities in many different ways, as we witnessed how our students and staff continue to be welcoming places of learning, where all are included and all are accepted, all are valued and all belong.

Visit our website to see all the submissions from across the Board:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/rooted-in-christ/Pages/we-Belong-submissions.aspx>

Some of the photos from the year-end event have been posted to our website

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/news/2018-2019/pages/webelong.aspx> and we

hope to add a short video of the highlights from the day to that page soon as well.

**REMINDER: In September 2019 we shift our focus to “we Believe”.**

## **Virtue of the Month for June—Faithfulness**

Resources and information:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/VirtueoftheMonth/Pages/Default.aspx#June>

## **Contests and Other Opportunities for Students**

### **MLB Remix™ powered by SoundCloud**

Create your own version of, "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" to compete to win a trip to the 2019 MLB® All-Star Game® presented by Mastercard! Fans will have the opportunity to showcase their musical talent and bring in MLB All-Star Week™ with their own personal flair. The song entries will be judged by the renowned Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. **Deadline June 13, 2019.**

<https://www.mlb.com/forms/mlb-remix-contest>

### **Toronto Public Library Offers Tutoring and Support for Students**

<https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/detail.jsp?Entt=RDMEVT25984&R=EVT25984>

Youth Homework Help & Mentorship 4-7 pm for Grades 8+. Drop in. No registration required.

Mon Jun 03, Mon Jun 10, Mon Jun 17, Mon Jun 24 at

**High Park Library** Community Room

Receive one-on-one support in important aspects of your academic life and career including homework and course

tutoring, high school course selection, college, university and scholarship applications, employment assistance such as résumé building and mock interviewing.

[https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/detail.jsp?Entt=RDMEADB0193&R=EADB0193&utm\\_source=Teen+News&utm\\_campaign=Teen+News+-+May+9%2C+2019&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/detail.jsp?Entt=RDMEADB0193&R=EADB0193&utm_source=Teen+News&utm_campaign=Teen+News+-+May+9%2C+2019&utm_medium=email)

### **Free Museum Admission for Children**

**Royal Ontario Museum:** Every 3rd Monday of the month, the Museum will be open to the public for free General Admission from 5:30pm – 8:30pm.

**Art Gallery of Ontario:** Free General Admission every Wednesday from 6:00pm – 9:00pm.

**AGO Free After Three:** For youth ages 14 to 25. All Ontario High School students can visit the Gallery for free after 3 pm Tuesday to Friday during the school year. Simply present a valid student ID at the ticket desk.

**Gardiner Museum:** Children and youth aged 18 and under are always free.

Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

**Textile Museum:** Children aged 5 and under are free.

**Aga Khan Museum:** Admission to the Museum and all exhibitions is free each Wednesday from 4pm to 8pm.

**The Power Plant:** Admission all year round is free!

**Museum of Contemporary Art Toronto:** Children and youth 18 and under are always free.

Free admission for everyone on the last Sunday of each month from 10am to 2pm.

## **Events and Observances**

### **Mental Health**

**#HearNowON** is a youth engagement project designed to hear student voices from across the province. TCDSB High School students are invited to share their thoughts on mental health education and enhancing wellness at school at the Toronto Student Forum:

**Toronto #HearNowON Student Forum**

**Saturday, June 8, 2019 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Novotel Toronto** (45 The Esplanade, Toronto)

Students can register online (parent permission required) at <https://www.wisdom2action.org/hearnowon/>

Sponsored by School Mental Health Ontario in partnership with Wisdom2Action and supported by the Ontario Student Trustees' Association.

### **TCDSB Celebrates Canada Day**

Elementary Schools are encouraged to celebrate Canada Day on the last day of classes, June 27, 2019 by dressing in red and white and joining together at 10 a.m. to sing the national anthem.

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We look forward to your participation as we share our pride in what it means to be Canadian!

**June is...**

- **June 3-7 Indigenous Education Week**  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/forcommunity/heritagecelebration/nationalindigenousmonth/pages/indigenouseducationweek.aspx>
- **Italian Canadian Heritage Month**  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/ItalianCanadianHeritage/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Portuguese Canadian Heritage Month**  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/PortugueseCanadianHeritage/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Filipino Heritage Month**  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/FilipinoHeritageMonth/Pages/default.aspx>  
**June 12<sup>th</sup>—Filipino Heritage Day**
- **Deafblind Awareness Month**  
<http://www.cdbanational.com/deafblind-awareness-month/>