



Sts. Cosmas and Damian CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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We have now got an official school [Twitter](#) account.

Follow us [@Stscosmasanddam](#).

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

Virtue of the month is Gratitude: "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His steadfast love endures forever." Psalm 107:1

Dear Parents and Guardians,

September is over and school is as busy as ever. Father Michael was here in the first week of school to bless all of the students and staff as we started the new year. He also joined us with a blessing for families on Curriculum Night. Father Michael will be celebrating the first school mass with us this Friday, October 4th at 9:00AM.

Our Hillmount and Marlee gates will be locked again this year between the hours of 9:00 and 2:30 for the safety of our students. We also have bike racks installed at the front door for students to lock up their bikes during the day.

On September 19th, the Me to We group at our school attended WE Day at Scotiabank Arena. There were many inspirational speeches, and students learned many new ways on how we can change the world. Students expressed how the day helped them to understand what is happening in the world.

On September 25th, we had a very successful Curriculum Night and CSPC dinner on the go. Many thanks to all of the parents and guardians who attended. It was great to see so many families here this year. Many thanks as well to our outgoing CSPC who organized the veal sandwiches and pizza for bus families. Our CSPC election and AGM is On Thursday, October 3rd at 7:00PM. Please join us.

At Sts. Cosmas and Damian, we are blessed to have supportive community members who care for the needs of others. This is reflected in the ongoing generosity of your families who donated \$2289.70 to the Terry Fox Foundation on September 27th. Thank you!

September 27th, we also hosted the Ultimate Frisbee Tournament. Overall, the team demonstrated a great deal of sportsmanship, resiliency, integrity and catholic spirit while competing. They are commended and applauded for their efforts

We also wore orange on September 30th for Orange Shirt Day to recognize those Indigenous children who were sent to Residential Schools.

October will be busy at Sts. Cosmas and Damian as staff continue to strive toward improving student achievement especially in the area of Mathematics. We need your support. Please help by making sure that homework is completed, and agendas are checked. Take time to read with your young children.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very Happy Thanksgiving! May God's peace and blessings be with all of you.

Sincerely,
Mrs. C. Profiti
Principal



October 2019

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CPIC (PARENT ENGAGEMENT - TCDSB)

www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto

OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS)

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8:30-3:00

11:15 – 12:15

ENROLLMENT

HOURS OF OPERATION

LUNCH HOUR

NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME





Apply online: 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

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

October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2 Thanksgiving Food Drive Begins  Feeding the Community	3 CSPC election and AGM 7:00pm School Library 	4 School Mass 9:00  Pizza	5
6	7 School Photo Day 	8 Cross Country at Earl Bales Park 	9	10 Pizza Food Drive ends	11 PA Day Faith and School Improvement Planning for Staff No School today	12
13	14 Thanksgiving  Give Thanks No School today	15 IEPs sent home	16 Regional Cross Country  Earl Bales Park	17	18 School Mass 1:00pm  Pizza	19
20	21 Federal Election School Gymnasium  VOTE	22 Cross Country City Finals 	23	24	25 Pizza	26
27	28	29	30	31 Hallowe'en 	November 1st All Saints Day Pizza	2 All Souls Day

Update 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 Monday, September 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 (please ensure that your school has current and up to date telephone numbers and email addresses on file for your family)
- Twitter (follow @TCDSB)
- TCDSB website www.tcdsb.org
- 24-hour telephone information 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.

School bus transportation for eligible students will continue.

Parents are encouraged to contact their local school principal with any questions or issues of local concern.

Introducing the Secondary School Online Application for Registration (SECSOAR.TCDSB.ORG)

We are announcing some exciting news regarding the Secondary School Application Process for enrolment in September 2020. On **Tuesday, October 15, 2019**, the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) will officially launch the new **Secondary School Online Application** website, SECSOAR.TCDSB.ORG.

Some exciting features of the online application include:

- easy tracking of the status of your child's application,
- complete the Specialty Program Application along with your regular program application through one application,
- email notifications for offers of placement,
- accept/decline offers of placement you receive electronically.

Important note: a current email address on file with your elementary school is required in order to create your child's application/account on October 15th, 2019.

If you do not have an email address on file, please be sure to submit this information to your elementary school office before Tuesday, October 8th, 2019.

For a full guide to completing the on line application, please visit the TCDBS website at www.tcdsb.org → Admissions & Placement Department page, to view the "Parent Guide to Completing the Secondary School Online Application" information guide.

LUNCH SUPERVISOR NEEDED

Sts. Cosmas and Damian school is looking for a Lunch Supervisor. This person works one hour daily from 11:15-12:15. The role of the lunch supervisor is to supervise students while they are eating their lunch. Then the lunch supervisor goes outside to supervise the students in the yard. Interested candidates must be practising Catholics. Please contact the school at 416-393-5398 to apply. This is a paid job.

PARENT OPPORTUNITIES & INFORMATION

Safe Schools Advisory Committee: Parent Reps Needed

TCDSB Seeks 2 Parent Reps for Safe School Advisory Committee. **Application deadline October 18, 2019.**

[Click here for an application and more information.](#)

TCDSB Environment Steering Committee

TCDSB is seeking 2 community/parent representatives for its Environment Steering Committee.

All positions are voluntary and candidates must be parents who presently have children enrolled in TCDSB. Applications are available

at: <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Documents/Parent->

[%20Community%20Member%20Application%20Form-2016-R.pdf](https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Documents/Parent-%20Community%20Member%20Application%20Form-2016-R.pdf)

Completed applications can be sent via email to communityrep@tcdsb.org

Application deadline: OCTOBER 25, 2019

Toronto CPIC Annual Report 2018-2019

[Click here to access the Toronto Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Annual Report for 2018-2019.](#)

CPIC Elections

October 28 and 29, 2019

Nomination forms accepted until October 18, 2019

<https://www.tcdsb.org/CPIC-Elections>

Elementary Athletics

October 16, 2019—Elementary Cross-Country Regionals (North and South)

October 17, 2019— Elementary Cross-Country Regionals (East and West)

October 22, 2019-- Elementary Cross-Country City Finals

High School Open Houses for Grade 8 Students and Their Families

High school information nights are being hosted at secondary schools around the City **until October 16th.**

[Click here for a complete schedule of dates, times and locations.](#)

BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

OAPCE: Oct. 1

Student Achievement Committee: Oct. 2

Labour Relations Ad Hoc Committee: Oct. 3

By-Laws Ad Hoc Committee: Oct. 7

Governance and Policy Committee: Oct. 8

Corporate Services Committee: Oct. 10

SEAC: Oct. 16

Regular Board: Oct. 17

[Click here to review information and agendas.](#)

To view minutes or video broadcasts from previous meetings, select the **Past Meetings** tab on the page.

Policies Currently Under Review/Revision:

Update to Trustee Code of Conduct Policy T.04

Update to Awards Funds and Scholarships Policy FF.01

Update to Catholic School Parent Councils Policy S.10

EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- October is Hispanic Canadian Heritage Month
- October is also Principals' Month Recognition Days:
- October 2, 2019 Custodial Workers' Appreciation Day
- October 5, 2019 World Teachers' Day
- October 25, 2019 Early Childhood Educators and Childcare Worker Appreciation Day

Walk to School Day: October 2, 2019

Walk to School Day is an opportunity for all of us—students, staff, families—to focus on improved health and well-being, active lifestyles and building safer communities for everyone. Register your school for Walk to School Day and receive a Certificate of Participation from Canada Walks. [Click here for more information.](#)

World Mental Health Day

October 10, 2019

<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/world-mental-health-day.aspx>

System-Wide PA Day

October 11, 2019

Thanksgiving

October 14, 2019

International Day for Eradication of Poverty

October 17, 2019

<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/international-day-for-eradication-of-poverty.aspx>

Federal Election

October 21, 2019

School Bus Safety Week

October 20-25, 2019

School bus driver appreciation day October 22, 2019

<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/international-day-for-eradication-of-poverty.aspx>

Mark Your Calendar!

Special Services Information Fair

November 9, 2019 (watch for details www.tcdsb.org)