



STS. COSMAS AND DAMIAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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September Newsletter

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! I hope that all members of the Sts. Cosmas and Damian school community had a restful summer and are healthy and safe. As a newly appointed principal, I am excited to be a member of this wonderful school community. We welcome back all our families, as well as welcome all our new families joining Sts. Cosmas and Damian Catholic School. You, the parents, and guardians, play the most important role in ensuring that your child succeeds. You are their first teachers. We thank you, our partners, for your effort in supporting your child's education.

As you know, we are currently living in uncertain times and it is unfortunate that we are starting the new school year in this way. Nevertheless, with school restarting in the school building for the first time since mid-March, new approaches, procedures and routines that are in full compliance with protocols shared by the TCDSB and the Ministry of Education have been established to ensure the health and safety of all staff and students. We know that the return to school will look different this year, however we remain committed to providing a safe and meaningful learning environment for every student. The health and safety of our students and staff is always a priority. Based on guidance from the Toronto Public Health and the Ministry of Education, enhanced measures will be implemented to reduce the spread of the virus – including physical distancing, good hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette, wearing face coverings, contact tracing and screening. The collaborative efforts of families, community, and schools to help mitigate the transmission of COVID-19 is key to our partnership in creating safe and healthy learning environments.

Sts. Cosmas and Damian's hard working and conscientious staff is dedicated to creating a safe, welcoming, and inclusive learning environment for our students. We want to ensure that the school year is as normal as we can make it for your children, and that all students are given the opportunity to learn and succeed in whatever learning environment you have chosen for your family. Together, we look forward to working with your children and all of you in the upcoming year.

The theme for our pastoral plan is "Rooted in Christ: We Belong, We Believe, We Become". This year we celebrate the year of "We Become". This year may involve a new way of living, a learning to follow Jesus in a new way, and to discover a new way of being, living, and becoming. St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church plays an integral role in the faith development of our students as well. The spiritual leadership that they provide through monthly masses and sacramental preparation unite us as people of faith.

We welcome the involvement of our parents and guardians through the Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC). Parents are an integral part in the school community. We encourage you to join and attend meetings.

Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns. Follow us on twitter @TCDSB @Stscosmasanddam

Thank you for your ongoing support and patience. We wish you and your families good health and God's blessings.

E. Della Mea
Principal

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

September 2020 - Hospitality

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CPIC (PARENT ENGAGEMENT - TCDSB)

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OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS)

8:30 AM-3:00 PM

11:15 AM-12:15 PM

HOURS OF OPERATION

LUNCH HOUR

NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: soar.tcdsb.org

Call: 416-393-5328 or the TCDSB Admissions Department at 416-222-8282, ext. 2383.

For general information about the Toronto Catholic District School Board, please visit the website at www.tcdsb.org

Stay in touch with the latest news throughout the school year: Follow @TCDSB on Twitter.

Required: Daily Morning Routine for Parents

- **Daily Screening:** parents must screen children for symptoms **every day** before they come to school;
- **Self-Assessment Passport to Be Completed:** We will provide parents with a “passport” to sign off each day confirming that the self-assessment has been completed and the child has no symptoms. We ask that you please ensure that these are completed for all children every day to ensure that there are no delays to learning or unnecessary phone calls;
- **Symptoms = Stay home:** If a child has ANY COVID-19 symptom, parents need to keep the child home until symptoms are no longer present.

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Fever (temperature of 37.8°C or greater);
- New or worsening cough;
- Shortness of breath (dyspnea);

Other symptoms of COVID-19 can include:

- Sore throat;
- Difficulty swallowing;
- New olfactory or taste disorder(s);
- Nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain;
- Runny nose, or nasal congestion (in absence of underlying reasons for these symptoms such as seasonal allergies, post nasal drip, etc.);
- **Diagnosis = Stay home:** If a child or a family member is diagnosed with COVID-19, ALL children in the home need to stay home and self-isolate for 14 days. Children who have had a COVID-19 test because of symptoms, but who test negative should not return to school until at least 24 hours after their symptoms have resolved.

The Ontario Ministry of Health advises everyone to take an active role in protecting themselves from COVID-19. Here are a few things that you and your family can do:

- wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- sneeze and cough into your sleeve
- avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- avoid contact with people who are sick
- stay home and isolate if you or anyone in your household is sick

New COVID-19 Health Protocols

The following health protocols are being put in place as directed by the Ministry of Education and the TCDSB:

- **Wearing Face Coverings/Masks:** As per recent TCDSB board motions, Kindergarten to Grade 8 will be required to wear a non-medical or cloth masks/face coverings (with appropriate medical exemptions) indoors on school property, including in hallways and in classrooms. Medical masks will be provided for school staff;
- **Water Fountains Will be Unavailable:** Each student will be required to bring their own drink bottle that is labelled, filled at home, kept with them during the day and not shared. Our school has one water bottle filling station on the first floor. This will be available to allow students to fill up their water bottles, but the fountains will be closed;

- **Staggered Recesses and Lunches:** Students/classes will be separated during recess times. Children will continue to eat their lunches in their own class. Only one kindergarten class will be outside at any one time and Grades 1-3 will participate in outdoor recess at a different time than Grades 4-8. All cohorts will have a designated zone to engage in outdoor play. Zones will be clearly marked. At this time, we are not allowing students to bring any outdoor play items to school (**no type of sport balls are permitted at this time**).
- **Student Nutrition Program:** We are very fortunate to be able to continue the School Nutrition, Morning Snack Program this year. This snack program is jointly funded through a grant from the TCDSB Angel Foundation. Each morning, students receive a nutritious snack that helps them get off to a healthy start to the day. We are currently determining safe options to support and continue the Student Nutrition program, including the use of pre-packaged items to eliminate direct student handling of food. A donation will be requested to supplement the program for all participating students.

Restrictions to School Access due to COVID-19

To minimize interactions between people and the people traffic around the main office, we are implementing the follow temporary restrictions to school access:

- **Appointment Required for Parents or Visitors to access the school building:** Parents and visitors will not be allowed into the building without an appointment. When granted an appointment, physical distancing will be required at all times and parents/visitors will need to undergo a COVID 19 screening, wear a mask or face covering, sign in and sanitize upon entering;
- **In-Person Conversations will be Minimized:** All conversations with school staff (including teachers, principal, or secretary) will need to be conducted over the telephone or by email. If a face-to-face visit is required, approval will first have to be granted by the principal. If granted an appointment, physical distancing will be required at all times and parents/visitors will need to undergo a COVID 19 screening, wear a mask or face covering, sign in and sanitize upon entering;
- **Lunch Drop Offs will not be permitted:** Students will need to bring a packed nut-free lunch and snack to school every day - lunch drop offs will **NOT** be permitted. We are continuing with our Litter Less Lunches Program; that means please send snacks and lunches in recyclable or reusable containers. Many parents and guardians have already been doing this, but we are going to try to get the whole school on board.
- **Lunch Pick Ups Postponed:** In an attempt to minimize movement in and around the school, once a child is dropped off in the morning, we are asking that you make every attempt not to pick them up during the school day. This includes lunches. For the time being, children will **NOT** be permitted to be picked up for lunch and then return in the afternoon. Any exceptions need the approval of the principal.
- **Student Drop off/Pick Up:** All students need to be dropped off in the appropriate school yard and it is crucial that they are **dropped off on time**. Supervision will be available starting at **8:15am**. I am requesting that you kindly drop off your child and **exit** the school yard immediately to ensure the safety of our staff and students. When students enter into the school yard they are to immediately line up at their designated entry door and wait for the bell to ring. When picking up your child at the end of the day, there will be a designated pick up area in the school yard (this will be clearly marked with pylons). Parents are asked to please wait in the designated area and ensure physical distancing. We remind parents that pickup is at **3:00pm** and it is important that parents are on time and **exit** the school yard immediately upon picking up your child. Parents are asked **not to linger** in the school yard **before or after school**. **Detailed information and a new map of the drop off/pickup zones will be provided in a separate attachment.** Please remember that we are all in this together and to ensure the safety of

everyone, we must work together to follow the health and safety protocols put in place. Parents are reminded that the school parking lot is for staff parking only. Staff are often unable to find spots as they are taken by parents dropping off students. A staff member is on “Drop Off” duty each morning. We continue to encourage all parents to walk their children to school to reduce parking lot congestion during morning drop-off and afternoon pick up. Where that is not possible, we ask that parents use the parking lot as a ‘Kiss and Ride’ Loop. The parking lot loop is intended for parents who are dropping off or picking up their children and **NOT** intended for individuals who want to leave their vehicle to walk their children to the school yard or pick up their child in the school yard.

To make drop-off and pick-up as orderly and safe as possible we ask that drivers respect the following rules:

1. Obey the road rules, crosswalks, and speed limits.
 2. Have your child(ren) enter and exit the vehicle from the **curb side of the loop** (exit from the **RIGHT** side of the vehicle: **ALL the children in the vehicle MUST exit from the PASSENGER SIDE**). Students should only exit on the sidewalk area of the kiss and ride loop.
 3. Your child(ren) should have their backpack on their lap to enable them to exit the vehicle quickly (not in the trunk).
 4. Never leave your car parked, idling or unattended.
 5. Be courteous to the school staff; they are only trying to keep your child safe.
- **New Procedure for Picking Up a Child Early:** If your child has an appointment and you need to pick up your child during the school day, we ask you to follow this new procedure:
 - a. Call the school at least 15 minutes in advance of pick-up to inform office staff;
 - b. Office staff will call for your child to come to the office to wait for you;
 - c. Drive your car to the front of the school and remain in your car;
 - d. Call the school to notify office staff that you have arrived and we will send your child to you.

Changes to School Events

When school reopens, the following events will be temporarily postponed until further notice:

- All school assemblies will be postponed – messages will be broadcast via the school’s PA system;
- Curriculum Night and the annual school BBQ will be postponed until further notice;
- CSPC elections will take place online using video conferencing software (ZOOM);
- All school excursions will be postponed;
- All hot lunches (pizza/pasta) are cancelled until further notice

Safe Arrival

Parents are encouraged to sign up for the **School Messenger app**. This will allow parents and the school to stay in touch to report absences quickly and easily, and for the school to communicate to parents about important information throughout the year.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/safeschools/newsandevents/pages/signupschoolmessenger.aspx>

Late Arrival

It is important that students are on time for school and enter the building with their class. However, we understand that there may be times where a child may be late. If your child is late for school, they will go straight to the office area using the front entrance of the school (parents will not be allowed to enter with their child). Students will be screened, signed in and proceed to their classroom. The teacher will be notified that the student has signed in late (younger students will be escorted to their classroom). No late slip or electronic slip will be issued.

School Protocol if a Child Becomes Sick During the School Day

- Teacher will notify the Principal;
- The child will be escorted to a designated isolation room;
- Office staff will co-ordinate immediate student pick-up and child will remain in the isolation room until parent/guardian arrival;
- Parent will be advised to keep the child at home and continue with remote learning, if they are well enough to do so;
- Environmental cleaning and/or disinfection of the space and items used by the individual(s) will be conducted by caretaking staff.

School Dress Code

Students are expected to dress everyday according to the TCDSB's Appropriate Dress Code:

- **Navy blue pants, kilt or shorts**
- **Plain White or Navy Blue Top**
- **Navy blue** cardigan, pullover, or sweater free of graphics - if students are cold and want to wear a sweater in the classroom, the sweater must be uniform colour (navy blue)

School Agendas

Each child from Grades 1-8 will receive a school agenda. This organizational tool is indispensable. They will help your child/ren meet his/her schoolwork deadlines and provide hints for good study skills. Agendas are also an excellent way of communicating with your child's teacher. The agenda has been personalized and tailored to meet the needs of Sts. Cosmas and Damian students. Our school code of conduct is included within the first few pages. Please read the code of conduct and review it with your child before signing it and returning it to school. The cost of school agendas has been graciously covered by CSPC. We thank them for their generosity.

Cash Online

Parents/guardians are reminded to create their School Cash Online profile, to receive updates and information on upcoming school activities. Paying through School Cash Online offers a safe and convenient payment option that eliminates the need to send cash or cheques to school. For more information and to create your account visit www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/schoolcashonline

Digital Devices and Mobile Phones at School

Over the years, there has been an increase in both the number of students bringing personal digital devices to school and in the number of behavior incidents around their inappropriate use. A reminder to all parents that all handheld games, electronic communications, media devices etc. are not permitted at school unless requested by the teacher for educational purposes or during school sanctioned events.

Mobile Phones: As many parents want to be able to communicate with children before and after school, mobile phones are permitted to be at school with parents' permission but must be turned off during the school day and kept out of view (unless approved by the teacher for program use as per school board policy). Please note that parents always have the choice as to whether or not to send a mobile device to school with their child and if parents choose to send any mobile device with their child, the school cannot be held responsible for lost, stolen or broken digital mobile devices.

Digital mobile devices that are brought to school are the exclusive responsibility of parents.

EpiPen/Puffers

A Student Plan of Care will be developed for any student with any prevalent medical conditions. Parents are asked to ensure that any allergies or other medical conditions are communicated with the office. Please note that any student with severe allergies will require 2 EpiPen's/Puffers. One EpiPen/Puffer will be placed in the office for emergencies and one EpiPen/Puffer will need to be with the student as per TCDSB policy.

PLASP

PLASP will continue to provide a before and after school program for students. Call 647-484-4372 or visit plasp.com for more details.

STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET & PERMISSION FORMS 2020-2021 K TO GRADE 8

- To limit the use of paper we are sending the student information forms as a google form. If you prefer a hard copy, please contact the school.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfR-kpfMkj 2zt_bwdq99SISzbWHSw5PNOaj7_jQtX0mPqZQ/viewform?usp=sf link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfR-kpfMkj 2zt_bwdq99SISzbWHSw5PNOaj7_jQtX0mPqZQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Student Accident Insurance

The Toronto Catholic District School Board does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school premises or during school activities. Accidents can and do happen. Some injuries incur medical, dental or other expenses that are not covered by provincial health care or employer group plans. As a parent or guardian, you become responsible for these expenses. Student Accident Insurance is especially valuable for today's active children. We do make available the insuremykids® Protection Plan for students through Reliable Life Insurance Company. Participation in such a programme is voluntary and the costs are to be paid by the parent or guardian.

This programme offers a variety of plans and benefits at affordable rates. Benefits included are:

- dental expenses (resulting from an accident)
- total and permanent disability
- paralysis/loss of use
- special disability benefits
- death benefits.

If your child participates in co-curricular activities or activities outside the school day, there is a plan tailored to your needs. All rates are one-time annual premiums. Family rates for 3 or more children are also offered.

If you wish to subscribe you may apply 24/7 directly at: www.insuremykids.com

Any questions should be directed to Reliable Life Insurance Company toll free at: **1-800-463-KIDS (5437)**.

Orange Shirt Day: September 30th

The Equity, Diversity, and Indigenous Education Department of the Toronto Catholic District Board are pleased to extend an invitation to the Toronto Catholic School District School Board community to participate in Orange Shirt Day-Every Child Matters on Wednesday, September 30th, to acknowledge the issue of Residential Schools and to move forward in reconciliation and with hope by creating space for learning about Indigenous peoples in Canada. Orange Shirt day is a national movement that officially began in 2013 but in reality, it began in 1973 when six-year-old Phyllis Webstad entered the St. Joseph Mission Residential School, outside of Williams Lake, BC. Young Phyllis was wearing a brand new orange shirt for her first day of school – new clothes being a rare and wonderful thing for a First Nation girl growing up in her grandmother's care – but her shirt was taken away from her upon arrival at the school. The initiative of Orange Shirt day calls on every Canadian to wear an orange shirt on September 30th in the spirit of healing and reconciliation by recognizing the issue of residential schools, honouring the survivors and victims, and making a collective effort to ensure that every child matters. The date September 30th was chosen because that was the time of the year that Government of Canada's trucks and buses would enter Indigenous communities to collect and deliver children to the residential schools. Indian residential schools operated across Canada between 1831 and 1996. In its comprehensive report in June 2015 on the residential school policy, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada declares "establishment and operation of residential schools were a central element of this policy, which can best be described as "cultural genocide". Sts. Cosmas and Damian will be participating in Orange Shirt Day on **Wednesday, September 30th** and ask all students to wear something orange to show their support that "**Every Child Matters**".

School Hours

8:30 AM	Entrance bell
10:12 AM -10:27 AM	Morning Recess
11:15 PM -11:35 PM	Lunch
11:35 PM – 12:15 PM	Lunch Recess
1:40 PM – 1:55 PM	Afternoon recess
3:00 PM	Dismissal

Photo Day/Photo Retakes

Photo day is taking place on:
Wednesday, October 14th, 2020

Photo retakes:
Monday, November 9th, 2020

2020-2021 School Year Calendar

Number of school days = 194

Number of Professional Activity Days = 7

<u>Labour Day</u>	September 7 th , 2020
<u>First Instructional Day</u>	September 14 th , 2020
<u>Thanksgiving Day</u>	October 12 th , 2020
<u>Christmas Break</u>	December 21 st , 2020 – January 1 st , 2021
<u>Family Day</u>	February 15 th , 2021
<u>Mid-Winter Break</u>	March 15 th –19 th , 2021
<u>Good Friday</u>	April 2 nd , 2021
<u>Easter Monday</u>	April 5 th , 2021
<u>Victoria Day</u>	May 24 th , 2021

Last day of classes for elementary students June 29th, 2021

Seven (7) Professional Activity (PA) Days for ELEMENTARY schools:

September 1 st , 2020	Provincial Education Priorities/Faith Development
September 2 nd , 2020	Provincial Education Priorities
September 3 rd , 2020	Provincial Education Priorities
November 20 th (or 13 th), 2020	Parent-Teacher Conferences
January 15 th , 2021	Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting
February 12 th , 2021	Parent-Teacher Conferences
June 4 th , 2021	Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting

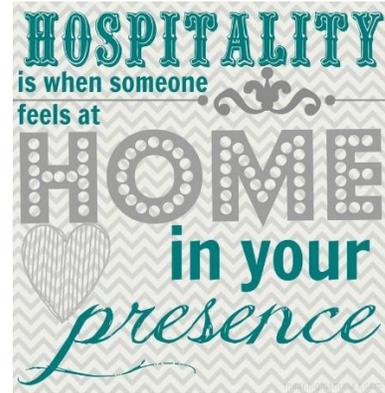
Sts. Cosmas and Damian Staff 2020-2021

Administrative Team			
Principal: Ms. E. Della Mea	Secretary: Ms. F. Lima		
	Head Caretaker: Mr. E. Payomo	Evening Caretaker: Ms. A. Macri	
Full Day Kindergarten Division			
ELP/1: Ms. K. Hrycyna	ELP/2: Ms. S. Gagliardi		
Ms. M. Eiras – ECE	Ms. R. Magana – ECE		
Primary Division			
Grade SK/1: Ms. K. Hudolin-Cimicata	Grade 1/2: Ms. B. Costa	Grade 2: Ms. C. Faranda	Grade 2/3: Ms. C. Jaramillo
Junior Division			
Grade 3/4: Ms. B. Gagliardi	Grade 4/5: Mr. N. Arrigo		
Intermediate Division			
Grade 6/7: Ms. J. Marino	Grade 7/8: Ms. A. Piroli-Smith	Grade 8: Mr. J. D'Silva	
Special Support Teachers			
Special Education Ms. A. Della Mora	Special Education: AM Mr. B. Bilotta	ESL: AM Ms. I. Costa	
Instrumental Music: Mr. A. Feliciani	Vocal Music: Ms. A. Angelosante	Vocal Music: Ms. Y. Keem	Vocal Music: Ms. M. Raposo
Library: Mr. V. Kowalenko	Educational Assistant Ms. M. Botticelli		Educational Assistant Ms. K. Pieres
Program Specialty Teachers			
Core French: Mr. A. Soncini	Core French: AM Ms. S. Areias	Core French: PM Mr. B. Bilotta	
Health/Physical Education: Ms. J. DeMaria		Health/Physical Education Ms. S. Tatangelo	
International Language			
Italian Ms. M. Teresa		Italian Ms. A. Falbo	
Virtual Teachers			
Mr. M. Minatel	Ms. N. McLauchlin	Mr. O. Gallardo	Ms. C. Della Pia
Ms. V. Vedia - AM	Ms. S. Areias - PM		Ms. M. Soja – ECE

Virtue of the Month: Hospitality

“Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay.” (1 Peter 4:9)

“God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.” (1 John 4 :16)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 PA Day: Staff Activities	2 PA Day: Staff Activities	3 PA Day: Staff Activities	4	5
6	7 Labour Day	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 First Day of School	15	16	17	18 IEP Notification Letters sent home to parents	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Orange Shirt Day CSPC Elections (online via Zoom) 7:00 PM	October 1	October 2	October 3



September 2020

Monthly Update from the Board

RETURNING TO SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER

The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) recognizes that families are eager to know what they can expect for their child in September. The Board has approved a staggered re-entry starting September 14, 2020. Please be assured that the TCDSB is working with the Ministry of Education and Toronto Public Health to ensure a safe return to school for everyone. We will continue to share the latest information and developments as it becomes available.

- **Latest Updates**
View the [latest updates](#) including communications to parents, announcements and other critical information and developments related to school reopening.
- **Frequently Asked Questions**
Find [answers to questions](#) about back to school, health and safety, transportation and much more.
- **School Reopening Action Plan**
Learn what to expect and how we will continue to work together to support you for the [safe return to school](#).

Introducing our Director of Education

Dr. Brendan Browne is a transformative organizational change leader, who brings a wealth of educational leadership in areas related to literacy and numeracy, special education, classroom management, educational technology, and program evaluation. You can learn more about Dr. Browne here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BoardAdministration/DirectorofEducation/Pages/Default.aspx>.

Important Reminders for Parents

Liability Insurance

All parents are reminded to consider checking the adequacy of their liability insurance through their homeowners'/tenants' insurance policy to cover claims arising out of injuries caused by their child at school. Student Accident Insurance application forms are forwarded to schools for distribution, and can also be purchased on-line at www.insuremykids.com. TCDSB's Risk Management continues to strongly promote this product as an inexpensive form of dental, disability and life insurance.

School Cash Online

Parents/guardians are reminded to create their School Cash Online profile for a safe and convenient payment option that eliminates the need to send cash or cheques to school. For more information and to create your account visit www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/schoolcashionline

Bus Transportation Information and Updates

Communications with parents regarding bus transportation for students is a priority. 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. If you have any issues signing up on the portal, please contact support@torontoschoolbus.org and staff will assist you with the registration of your account. For updates on public transportation visit the Toronto Transit Commission website at <http://www.ttc.ca/>

Safe Arrival

Parents are encouraged to sign up for the School Messenger app. This will allow parents and the school to stay in touch to report absences quickly and easily, and also for the school and the school board to communicate to parents about important information throughout the year including cancellations, closures and other critical issues. www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/safeschools/newsandevents/pages/signupschoolmessenger.aspx

If you require assistance updating your School Messenger information, please email our support staff who can assist:

- Elementary: TrilliumElementary.AdminSupport@tcdsb.org
- Secondary: Trillium.Secondary.Support@tcdsb.org

Stay Informed Throughout the Year

Visit www.tcdsb.org for update

Follow @TCDSB on Twitter

Follow <https://www.facebook.com/Toronto.CatholicDSB/> on Facebook

Follow torontocatholicdsb on Instagram

Important Information for Students

Night School Registration

Registration for evening credit courses, Saturday language programs begins soon. Check here for details:

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

International Languages After Hours Program Registration

Registration for the 2020-2021 elementary IL After Hours Program continues this fall. Apply online:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/schoolprogramsk12/internationallanguages/pages/saturdayschoolregistration.aspx>

Student Voice on the Board of Trustees

Student Trustees for 2020-2021 are Keith Babybayon

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TrusteesoftheBoard/StudentTrustees/KeithBaybayon/Pages/default.aspx> and Kathy Nguyen

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TrusteesoftheBoard/StudentTrustees/KathyNguyen/Pages/default.aspx>

City of Toronto Parks and Recreation is Hiring

A variety of part-time positions are available for students.

For details, visit <https://jobs.toronto.ca/recreation/>

Visit the Student Portal

To get information about scholarships, awards, bursaries, contests, employment and volunteer opportunities:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/Pages/default.aspx>

Events and Information

September's Virtue is Hospitality

All resources for the month of September, and for the monthly virtues throughout the year can be found here:

www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/VirtueoftheMonth/Pages/Default.aspx

Pastoral Plan: This Year we Focus on "Rooted in Christ: we Become"

In the third year of our pastoral plan, "Rooted in Christ, we Become" our focus turns to what how our sense of belonging and our shared beliefs help us to become all that we are meant to be.

"What you are is God's gift to you, what you become is your gift to God."— Hans Urs von Balthasar

Resources for the Year: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/rooted-in-christ/webecome/Pages/default.aspx>

September Events and Meetings

- September is Ukrainian Heritage Month
<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/Ukrainian-Canadian-Heritage-Month/Pages/default.aspx>

- City of Toronto declares September as Bike Month. Learn more about bicycle safety: <https://www.torontoschoolbus.org/cycle/>
 - September 1,2,3—PA Days
 - September 3--Student Achievement Committee Meeting, 7 PM
 - September 5—International Day of Charity
 - September 7—Labour Day
 - September 8—Governance and Policy Committee Meeting 7 PM
 - September 8--International Literacy Day
 - September 9—Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day
<https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2019/pages/fasd.aspx>
 - September 13--Grandparent’s Day
 - September 10—Corporate Services Committee Meeting
 - September 14—Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
 - September 16—Special Education Advisory Committee
 - September 17—Board
 - September 25—Rowan’s Law Day
 - September 30—Orange Shirt Day
- For details about these and other events and meetings, visit www.tcdsb.org

TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2020 - 2021

Wards

1. Joseph Martino, Chair	416-512-3401	8. Garry Tanuan	416-512-3408
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