



Sts. Cosmas and Damian CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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September 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the beginning of the 2018-19 school year! I hope that you had restful summer. I am very pleased to be joining the Sts. Cosmas and Damian community.

We welcome all of 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.

This school year, our focus will continue to be on Mathematics as well as Student and Parent Engagement.

We will also begin the new TCDSB Pastoral Plan: “Rooted in Christ: We Belong, we Believe, we Become”; Inspired by St. Paul’s letter to the Colossians: “Live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith...abounding in thanksgiving.”

Sts. Cosmas and Damian’s hard working and conscientious staff is dedicated to helping our students achieve academic success, helping them to grow into their roles as members of Canadian society, as well as helping them to become full members of the Roman Catholic Church. Together, we look forward to working with your children and all of you in the upcoming year.

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. I look forward to meeting you at Curriculum Night on October 4th at 7:00pm and getting to know you.

Sincerely,

C. Profiti, Principal

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292 8:00 – 4:00 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

September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 <i>Labour Day</i>	4 <i>First day of School</i> 	5	6 <i>Fire Drill</i> 	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 WE DAY <i>(Scotiabank Arena)</i>	21 <i>Terry Fox Day</i>  \$2.00 or more donation Wear red/white Canada t-shirts	22 <i>First day of Autumn-Fall</i> 
23	24 <i>Nutrition Morning Snack Program begins.</i>  <i>Vaccination Clinic Gr 7 PM</i>	25 <i>Ultimate Frisbee</i>  <i>Tournament</i>	26 <i>CSPC Elections 7:00pm</i> <i>Feast of Sts. Cosmas & Damian</i> 	27 <i>Virtue Award For Hospitality</i>	28 Orange Shirt Day: Every Child Matters <i>First School Mass 9:00 am</i>	29
30	1 October	2	3	4 <i>Curriculum Night</i>	5 <i>PA Day</i> <i>No School today</i>	6 <i>Happy</i>  <i>Thanksgiving</i>

ORANGE SHIRT DAY: September 28th

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 **Friday, September 28, 2018** 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 a 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.”

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.

Open Houses

Students in grade 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>

Integrated International Language Program Surveys

In July 2018 the Board unanimously approved the preservation of the existing International Language Programs in 44 TCDSB schools. In accordance with the Board approved motion, all elementary schools will be surveyed to determine their interest in providing a new International Language program at their school in future years. Surveys will be conducted in all schools starting November 18 and completed by January 2019. More information to come.

Municipal Elections - NOTE BEFORE YOU VOTE

All are reminded before the next Municipal Election on **October 22, 2018**, including the election of Catholic school trustees, to check your school support on your latest property tax bill to ensure that you are registered as a Catholic school support. TCDSB’s assessment department can assist with any questions:

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

For more information about the election, see:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/trusteesoftheboard/pages/municipal-elections.aspx>

Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Elections

Be a voice for Catholic parents.

Support parent engagement in TCDSB Schools.

- **Election of two parent representatives in each of Wards 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 is scheduled for October 2, 2018.**
- **Election of parent representatives for vacant seats in Wards 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be held October 3, 2018.**
- **Election of Members at Large takes place Monday, October 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

For detailed information including election locations, see <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/ParentInvolvement/CPICElections/Pages/default.aspx>

CPIC is a provincially mandated and funded committee that supports student academic achievement through increased parent involvement. CPIC is a parent-led committee of volunteers who work locally and centrally to engage parents more fully in Catholic education.

CPIC members provide information and advice on parent engagement to the school board, create initiatives that promote and facilitate parent engagement, and educate parents to support them in their children's learning at home and/or at school. Consider running, or nominating someone you think would be a strong voice for parents.

Nomination forms are available at all TCDSB school offices. Please forward completed nominations forms to the CEC: Manuela Sequeira, by September 22, 2018. Nomination forms are available at all TCDSB school offices.

Important Reminder about 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.

TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2018-2019

Wards

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