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BULLETIN FOR OCT. 29TH TO NOV. 2ND

Monday

Volleyball practice @ 8:00AM

Mass @ 1:00PM

Girls Volleyball Invitational (Wilson/Follett) @ St. Josephs College School

Tuesday

Picture day

Wednesday

Copernicus Lodge Trip (Goncalves/Wilson/Bond)

Volleyball practice @ 8:00AM

Halloween Day – Wear your costume

Primary Celebration of Learning Assembly

Thursday

SIT Team Meeting with Mr. B. Vanslack from the Math Department

Friday

Pizza Lunch

SAVE THE DATE

Book Fair Dates/Times:

November 13, 8:30-4:30PM

November 14, 8:30-4:30PM and 5:30-9:00PM

November 15, 8:30- 4:30PM and 5:30-9:00PM

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

The Interviews will take place on Wed. Oct. 14th and Thurs. Oct. 15th in the evening

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE INFORMATION MEETING

In preparation for the IL survey St. Vincent de Paul will be hosting an information meeting for parents regarding the IL program. Information night will be held on Monday, November 12 at 7:00. Looking forward to seeing you there.

STVDP FOOD DRIVE (WE SCARE HUNGER)

This year, STVdP is participating in WE SCARE HUNGER campaign to collect non-perishable food items for those in need. Each class has been given a box to fill to the BRUM because this year, we are SCARING HUNGER AWAY. Can, can, can you donate Cans, cans!!! Please and thank you.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Virtue of the month: **GRATITUDE**

Give Thanks to God for every day He gives us

Donna Kairys-Wojdylo

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CPIC (PARENT ENGAGEMENT - TCDSB)

www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto

OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS)

416-393-5227

9 AM – 3:30 PM

11:45 AM – 12:45 PM

ENROLLMENT

HOURS OF OPERATION

LUNCH HOUR



NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: soar.tcdsb.org

Call 416-393-Phone# 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.

**SENT ON BEHALF OF
Barbara Poplawski, Chair of the Board**

Dear Catholic Parent Council Chairs, Parents and Community Members

Last week, the Education Minister responded during question period at Queen's Park that Parent Reaching Out Grants (PRO Grants) was being paused as part of its review of many of the previous government's programs.

Many schools and parent organizations rely on this annual funding to support parent engagement initiatives locally and across school boards. TCDSB schools have benefitted immensely from these successful PRO Grants and their implementation by staff and parent partners continue to forge the important relationship between school and home.

This sudden restriction placed on critical program funding designed to support parent and community engagement, without consultation or notice, runs counter to the new Ontario government's pledge to being "For the People".

I encourage our TCDSB parent councils, parents and school community partners to voice their concerns and opposition to this arbitrary action by contacting their local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP), the Minister of Education and Premier Doug Ford. Contact information is provided below.

Along with over half-a-million Catholic ratepayers in the City of Toronto, your voice is needed now to protect parent engagement and the important role parents play as first educators of our children.

I will keep you informed through the Parent Engagement Department of any future Pro Grant information.

Regards,

Barbara Poplawski
Chair of the Board
Toronto Catholic District School Board

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CROSS COUNTRY 2018

This year's Cross-Country Team had an amazing season. On October 9th, 75 superb athletes represented St. Vincent de Paul at the Divisional meet at the Beaches-Boardwalk. We competed against 13 schools and at the end of the day, our school placed second overall, receiving the finalist pennant. That was a fantastic accomplishment. On October 16th, the regional meet was again held at the Beaches-Boardwalk and 56 of our outstanding athletes again strived to do their best against some extremely fierce competition. Our school placed 6th out of 39 schools in the regional meet and the grade 8 girls as a team won a pennant for coming in first place. The City Cross-Country was held on October 23rd at Earl Bales Park. Eighteen students competed among the very best with a lot of heart and determination. Our school placed 9th out of 128 schools. Our school community is proud of all our Cross-Country members. It takes a special student to join, train and compete in such a gruelling sport. Thank you to Mr. Couto, Ms. Follett, Ms. Goncalves, Ms. Kundakci, Ms. McInerney, Mr. Profitti, and Ms. Reis for their dedication to training the Cross-Country Team. Special thanks to Ms. Ulicki for helping train the students. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered as drivers and who came to the meets to cheer us on. Way to go St. V de P!

CROSS COUNTRY TEAM 2018-2019

Underlined names advanced to Regionals and **bolded** names advanced to the City Finals.

Grade 3

Boys – Alex T., **Bob M.**, Riley S., Cameron C., Noah C., **Artur B.**, Andrew M., Thomas G., Elliot S. (sub)
Girls – Grace S., Madeleine D., Mia C., Sophie S., Madeline S., Natalie S., Mathilda K., Charlotte M.

Grade 4

Boys – Matteo C., Tobi S., Jackson D., Joel G., Calvin F., **Alex S.**, Nathan N., Janusz J.
Girls – Katie Y., Violet H., Anya Z., Elizabeth M., **Lilah B.**, **Karina U.**,

Grade 5

Boys – Thomas F., Liam M., Noah W., Simon C., Stefan L., Oliver S.
Girls – **Cassie P.**, **Emily G.**, Niamh D., **Madison C.**, Bridget H., Ainsley K., Clelia V., Jessica Z.

Grade 6

Boys – Basil U., Gabriel L., Kaizen E., Amir K., **Jacob D.**, **Nate S.**
Girls – Gwen H., Rosemary O., Lucy M., Rowan H., Anais W., Nadia W.

Grade 7

Boys – Jack M.
Girls – **Norah F.**, Audrey H., Rosa Z., Adele E., Teresa O., **Sarah R.**

Grade 8

Boys – **Angus M.**, Julian W., Marcus M., Jonathan Z., Simun S.
Girls – **Elicia G.**, **Maia H.**, **Julia H.**, **Nora C.**, Rachel J., **Finnia O.**

INTERMEDIATE BOYS VOLLEYBALL TEAM 2018-2019

On October 25th, the Intermediate Boys Volleyball team went to an invitational tournament at Bishop Marrocco Thomas Merton High School. They defeated Holy Rosary, St. Mary and St. Cecilia. In the round robin, but were not victorious in beating St. Cecilia in the final game.
Congratulations to the Team and Coaches.

STVDP PARENT APPEAL CAMPAIGN IS UNDERWAY

St. V de P families, this year's Parent Appeal campaign is underway. This annual fundraiser is an important initiative that supports enriched learning at our school, and this year **we are aiming to meet funds raised last year - \$8,500!**

A Parent Appeal letter was sent home before Thanksgiving weekend, with information about fundraising at our school and what it goes towards, as well as a donation form. A copy of the letter is attached.

We ask that you please consider donating \$25 per child or \$50 per family to help us reach our goal by Friday, October 19.

Donations can be made online at: <https://tcdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

[SchoolCashOnline.com: Welcome](#)

School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees.
tcdsb.schoolcashionline.com

Or by sending in a cash or cheque with your child.

Funding from the Parent Appeal supports activities and programs that are not part of our school's operating budget, including:

- Scientists in the School (scientists lead our kids through enriching science projects)
- Art Enrichment programming
- Technology
- Athletic equipment and buses for sports meets
- Field trips and end of year trips for senior grades
- Little Red Theatre company productions <http://littleredtheatre.on.ca/home.html>
- Classroom materials
- School yard beautification projects
- Buses for sports meets

THANK YOU for your support!

THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING TO OUR SCHOOL AGAIN THIS YEAR

It will run from November 12 (Tuesday) - November 15 (Thursday).

This year the theme is- **Enchanted Forest – Let Your Imagination Grow**

We invite your entire family to participate by purchasing the latest and greatest in children's books. Your support of this vital literary event is a key part of helping us obtain new books and resources for our library and classrooms. You'll find hundreds of quality books at our Book Fair with a wide assortment for all reading levels.

Visit the Scholastic Book Fairs website at www.scholastic.ca/bookfairs to read reviews of the Featured Books. You can also watch book trailers and author videos with your child on the *BookTube* page.

Attached is a Book Fair flyer that provides a preview of only a FEW of the many books available for purchase at our Fair.

The flyer also contains a special Family Event Draw ballot that parents can deposit during our Family Event. You could win \$50 in books – \$25 for your family PLUS \$25 for your child's classroom!



Don't forget to mark the Book Fair dates on your calendar! We look forward to seeing you during our Scholastic Book Fair and thank you in advance for supporting this great literary event.

Thank you for believing in books and the impact of reading on your child's future.

Sincerely,

Bozena Grymek-Nowinowski
Librarian



Book Fair Dates/Times:

Tuesday, November 13, 8:30-4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 14, 8:30- 4:30 p.m. and 5:30- 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 15, 8:30- 4:30 p.m. and 5:30- 9:00 p.m.

Please note: we only accept cash / cheques made payable to St. Vincent de Paul CS

Monthly Update from the Board November 2018

Don't Forget to Turn Your Clocks Back

Weekend of November 3-4, 2018. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep!

November's Virtue is Peacemaking

Find all the monthly resources associated with our virtues of the month online

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

TCDSB TRUSTEE ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to the newly elected and re-elected Trustees for the Toronto Catholic District School Board:

- **Ward 1** - Joseph Martino
- **Ward 2** - Markus de Domenico
- **Ward 3** - Ida Li Preti
- **Ward 4** - Teresa Lubinski
- **Ward 5** - Maria Rizzo
- **Ward 6** - Frank D'Amico
- **Ward 7** - Mike Del Grande
- **Ward 8** - Garry Tanuan
- **Ward 9** - Norm Di Pasquale
- **Ward 10** - Daniel Di Giorgio
- **Ward 11** - Angela Kennedy
- **Ward 12** - Nancy Crawford

The new Board of Trustees will be sworn in at the Inaugural Meeting on Monday, December 3, 2018.

INFORMATION ABOUT CANNABIS

On Wednesday, October 17, 2018, cannabis became legal in Ontario and the rest of Canada.

The Toronto Catholic District School Board remains committed to maintaining safe school and work environments that are welcoming and support the Board's focus on excellence in education.

Although legislation permits the recreational use of cannabis, the vaping, smoking, or use of lighted tobacco, cannabis/marijuana, herbal material (or any other combustible material) and electronic smoking devices **is prohibited at all TCDSB schools and worksites.**

Current rules for ALL TCDSB and Ontario schools:

A positive school climate and a safe learning and teaching environment are critical for student success and central to our Board's goals as outlined in our Multi-Year Strategic Plan.

All current policies and regulations governing the use of cannabis remain in effect and include, but are not limited to:

- Possession of cannabis (except for medical purposes, if authorized by a health care practitioner such as a physician or a nurse practitioner) will not be permitted while in schools or at school-related activities, even after legalization of recreational cannabis.
- Suspension may be considered for a student under the influence or in possession of cannabis.
- Suspension will be required, and expulsion may be considered, if a student gives cannabis to a minor.

PLEASE NOTE:

Smoking or vaping cannabis is NOT permitted at schools and places where children gather

You are also not permitted to smoke or vape cannabis:

- At school, on school grounds, and all public areas within 20m of these grounds
- On children's playgrounds and public areas within 20m of playgrounds
- In child care centres, or where an early years program is provided
- In places where home child care is provided – even if children aren't present

Additional Resources about Cannabis

The following is the web page link to information from Toronto Public Health about Cannabis. <https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/health-wellness-care/health-programs-advice/cannabis/>

Other Resources

- [Government of Canada – Cannabis web page](#) (Portal - Information about health impacts, licensed producers, impaired driving, legalizing and regulating)
- [Ontario Government – Cannabis Legalization webpage](#) (what will be legal and won't be legal in Ontario)
- [Cannabis Talk Kit](#) – resource for parents, and can be helpful for all adult allies

Catholic Parent Involvement Committee

Congratulations to the new and returning CPIC committee members:

- Chair: John Del Grande, Ward 12
- Vice-Chair: Joe Fiorante, Ward 3
- Secretary: Geoffrey Feldman, Ward 2
- Treasurer: Gus Gikas, Ward 6
- Assistant Treasurer: Ruth Oliveros, Ward 8
- Communications Director: Desmond Alvares, Ward 11

Other Ward Reps:

- Ward 1: Alison Canning and Raul Tellez
- Ward 2: Natalia Marriott
- Ward 5: Melinda Hackett
- Ward 8: Wendell Labrador
- Ward 10: Annalisa Crudo-Perri
- Ward 11: Ben Xavier
- Ward 12: Anthony Antonucci

And the Parent and Community Representatives:

- Isabel Starck

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- Karla Coto
 - Patricia Buzzo, OAPCE Toronto
 - Mary LaFramboise, Faith in Your Child

To connect with CPIC or your local representative, see <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/ParentInvolvement/Pages/CPIC-Representatives.aspx>

To learn more about parent engagement and the work of CPIC, see <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/ParentInvolvement/Pages/default.aspx>

For Gifted Congregated Programs Information Night

The Toronto Catholic District School Board offers Full Time/Congregated Elementary Gifted Programs for students in Grades 6 to 8 who have an exceptionality of Giftedness. These programs are integrated into the regular school community. Important aspects of the program are curriculum extensions in depth, breadth and pace, daily continuity of programming, collaboration with like-minded peers and leadership opportunities.

A Parent Information evening will be held for parents/guardians interested in exploring a full time elementary Gifted Program for their child with the exceptionality of Giftedness.

The Parent Information evening will take place at **St. Edward School, 1 Botham Rd., on November 22, 2018 at 7:00 pm.**

Opportunities for Students

Prime Minister's Youth Council: New Members Needed

The Prime Minister's Youth Council is accepting applications for the next cohort of members. Applicants must be 16-24 years old. The application deadline is **November 30, 2018**. [Click here for more information and to apply.](#)

House of Commons Page Program

Every year, House of Commons Pages are selected from high schools and CEGEPs across Canada to work in the House of Commons. While pursuing their studies at a university in the National Capital Region, these students gain valuable work experience and make friendships and memories that will last a lifetime. This year's application deadline is December 3, 2018. [Click here for more information and to submit an application.](#)

The RBC Black History Month Student Essay Competition 2018

The Competition is only open to grade 12 students who are: legal residents of Canada; applying to a Canadian post-secondary school; and plan to attend in the 2019/2020 academic year. In 750 words or less tell us how you think young people can learn from the achievements and contributions of Black Canadians. Submission deadline is **Friday, December 7, 2018**. [Click here for details.](#)

The 2018-2019 TCDSB Awards Season Has Begun!

Nominations are now open for the following TCDSB Alumni Award, Award of Merit and Friends of Catholic Education Award which will be presented at Awards Night on May 6, 2019.

Deadline: third Friday in January (January 18).

- **TCDSB Alumni Award:** Open to TCDSB alumni who are still active in the Catholic community and who have distinguished themselves in their career or accomplishments.
- **TCDSB Award of Merit:** Open to former staff, parents and trustees who have made outstanding contributions to the TCDSB and to Catholic education (can only be considered for award after a three-year period has passed since departure from the TCDSB)
- **Friends of Catholic Education Award:** Open to members of the general public (individuals or organizations) who have accomplished extraordinary service to Catholic Education but who may not be Catholic.
- **NEW Award: Sister Evanne Hunter Young Women in Leadership Award**
In honour of International Women's Day, the Sister Evanne Hunter Young Women in Leadership Award is a new award that will be given annually to two exceptional TCDSB female students in their graduating year (one grade 8 student and one grade 12 student) in recognition of their leadership qualities and involvement in social justice efforts in their school and community. **Beginning November 1**, all schools will be invited to nominate one female student in their graduating year for the award. [Click here for more information.](#)

For nomination forms and information, visit: www.tcdsb.org/awardsnight

Province of Ontario Seeks Feedback on Education

The Province is consulting with parents across the province to address concerns and get feedback in several areas of the education system.

Feedback from these consultations will help shape decisions in the following areas:

1. Improving student performance in [Science, Technology, Engineering and Math \(STEM\)](#)
2. Preparing students with needed job skills, such as [skilled trades](#) and coding
3. Improving provincial [standardized testing](#)
4. Ensuring students graduate with important life skills, including [financial literacy](#)
5. Managing the use of technology in classrooms, such as cell phones
6. Building a new age-appropriate [Health and Physical Education curriculum](#) that includes subjects like mental health, sexual health education and the legalization of cannabis
7. Developing the first-ever [Parents' Bill of Rights](#)

How to participate

There are three ways to participate:

[Open submission](#)

Share your views on all or some of the 7 key consultation areas that are outlined above:

1. Use the private and confidential online [submission form](#), **or**
2. Email your written submission to fortheparents@ontario.ca and:
 - include your name or the name of your organization
 - add “provincial consultations” as the subject
 - attach your submission as a PDF or Word document

Deadline is December 15, 2018.

Metrolinx and Municipal Transit Agencies Host Accessibility Meetings

Metrolinx and municipal transit agencies are hosting Accessibility Public Meetings across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area, and extend a personal invitation for everyone to participate. They want to hear from members of the public and other organizations about the accessibility of GO Transit, PRESTO, UP Express, and our new and upcoming Rapid Transit services and projects.

- **East – Whitby: Wednesday November 7, 6:30-8:30 PM**
Abilities Centre
55 Gordon Street
Theatre / Multi-Purpose Room (second floor)
* Note: this is a joint meeting with Durham Region Transit
- **Central – Toronto: Wednesday November 14, 6:30-8:30 PM**
Metro Hall
55 John Street
Rooms 308 & 309 (third floor)
- **Teleconference: Wednesday November 21, 5:00-6:30 PM**
RSVP required; please submit questions and comments in advance of meeting
Teleconference details will be provided to registrants
- **West – Hamilton: Thursday November 29, 6:00-8:00 PM**
Hamilton Public Library, Central Branch
55 York Street
Hamilton Room (main floor)
* Note: this is a joint meeting with the City of Hamilton

American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation, real-time captioning and attendant services will be provided at the in-person meetings. Alternative formats and other accommodations will be made available upon request. Interested individuals should pre-register. Those who are interested but can not attend, have other options for providing feedback.

Detailed information: Accessibility Public Meetings webpage

(http://www.metrolinx.com/en/aboutus/accessibility/accessibility_meetings.aspx).

TCDSB Staff Arts Presents Shakespeare on the Green

November 2,3,9,10, 2018

At Brebeuf College School

211 Steeles Avenue East, North York

Tickets on sale \$20

www.tcdsb.org/staffarts for more information or to order tickets

Angel Foundation for Learning Evening to Feed the Soul Gala

November 9th at Riviera Parque

For details and ticket information: https://www.angelfoundationforlearning.org/?page_id=6185

Help feed hungry children, and support a variety of opportunities for students who need assistance.

November Meetings

- November 1—Student Achievement Committee
- November 5—Governance and Policy Committee
- November 13—Corporate Services Committee
- November 14—SEAC
- November 15—Regular Board
- November 19—CPIC
- November 29—Caucus

The Inaugural Meeting of the Board will be held on December 3rd.

Agendas generally posted the weekend prior to the meeting at www.tcdsb.org

Other Dates to Note:

- November 1—All Saints' Day <https://www.tcdsb.org/Pages/All-Saints-Day.aspx>
- November 1-7—Canadian Down Syndrome Week <https://cdss.ca/community/events-activities/down-syndrome-awareness-week/>
- November 2—All Souls' Day <https://www.tcdsb.org/Pages/All-Souls-Day.aspx>
- November 3-8--Holocaust Education Week
- November 5-9--Treaties Recognition Week <http://www.chiefs-of-ontario.org/event/treaty-recognition-week-2/>
- November 6--OAPCE Commissioning and Awards Presentation <https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/oapce-toronto/events/pages/oapce-toronto-commissioning-and-awards-presentation.aspx>
- November 7—A Catholic Call to Serve <https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/news/2018-2019/pages/catholic-call-to-serve.aspx>
- November 11--Remembrance Day (**Schools commemorate on November 9th**) <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/remembrance-day.aspx>
- November 14--Take Our Kids to Work Day <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/take-our-kids-to-work-day.aspx>
- November 19-23—Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week <https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/safeschools/bullyingawarenessandprevention/pages/bullying-awareness-and-prevention.aspx>
- November 20—Memorial Mass to honour students and staff who have passed away. 7PM at the Catholic Education Centre
- November 21—World Day of Poor <https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/news/2018-2019/pages/world-day-of-the-poor-.aspx>
- November 23—Holodomor Memorial Day <https://www.tcdsb.org/Pages/Holodomor-Memorial-Day.aspx>
- December 2—Advent Begins

Visit www.tcdsb.org to get more information about any of these events

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