



October 2015

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School News

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Hours of Operation:
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Lunch Hour:
11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Virtue of the Month Gratitude

Dear God, we thank you for our lives
We thank you for making each one of us a unique person
We thank you for each other
We thank you for the many gifts you have given us
Help us to see the gifts of other people
Help us to share our gifts with each other
Help us to care for each other the way you care for us

World Teacher's Day

As we mark World Teacher's Day on October 5th, the Toronto District School Board takes this opportunity to thank all educators for their valuable contribution and commitment to Catholic education.

We celebrate our school system, which is based on the strength of our Catholic faith and the rich tradition of our Catholic Church. We celebrate our teachers who are called to serve a diverse student population from a variety of backgrounds and each with unique needs and talents.

Parent Council

A big thank you to our outgoing council members for all your hard work during the previous year.

Congratulations to our 2015-2016 Catholic Parent Council and thank you so much to all of you for taking on the responsibilities associated with being a member. The council members are:

Co-Chairs:	Elisete Bettencourt Jenny Muciolli
Treasurer:	Judith Heffernan Simon Jennings
Secretary:	Cristina Evans Sonia Santarossa

Upcoming Masses and Confessions

Confessions:

October 5, 2015 @1:05 pm

December 7, 2015 @ 1:05 pm

Mass:

November 2, 2015 @1:05 pm

December 8, 2015 @9:15 am

Movie Night

October 30, 2015 @ 6 pm

Parent Involvement

This year as a board we will be celebrating and recognizing the important role that parents play at both the school and Board level. St. Vincent de Paul celebration will take place on Friday, October 30th in the staffroom 6:30 to 7:30 pm, during the time students are taking part in the Movie Night. Please stop in for some refreshments. Also, please note there will be material available with regard to this year's school goal(s).

Cross Country

Your child has expressed an interest in joining the Cross-Country Running Team (grades three through eight). Cross-Country is a very demanding sport, which requires both commitment and dedication. The practice schedule is as follows:

Monday and Wednesday during lunch from 11:45-12:20 p.m. at Sorauren Park

Thursdays after school from 3:40-4:30 p.m. High Park Run

There may be one additional practice scheduled at lunch- Tuesday or Friday. Students will be informed through our morning announcements.

Practices begin on Monday September 21 and continue through October.

The Divisional Meet will be on Wednesday, October 14 at The Beaches-Boardwalk. Your child may progress to the Regional Meet on Wednesday, October 21 also at The Beaches-Boardwalk, depending upon his or her results. The City Finals will be on Tuesday, October 27 at Earl Bales Park.

Appropriate Dress Code

Parents please be reminded that an appropriate dress code is in place. Students are to be dressed in solid white and navy, no writing, logos, strips or embellishments are permitted. Sweaters, sweatshirts or hoodies worn inside must also be either a solid white or navy. Your support is much appreciated.

Budget

Full Year Plan:
\$25,353.00

Year to Date Actual:
\$1,483.87 (Jump Math Resources and cartridges)

Year to Date Commitments:
\$15,461.95 (approximately \$3,600 for printing
(\$11,850.00 for the school visa card)

Total Year to Date Actual and Commitments:
\$16,945.82

Available Balance:
\$8,407.18

Civvies Day

Our September Civvies day yielded \$304.00. The funds were used to offset the cost of the shelves and the bins in the storage room, \$160.74. Student birthday treats \$29.36, and \$26.99 World Teacher Appreciation Day. The total of the expenses for the month added up to \$217.09. The

remaining balance of \$86.91 will be used to purchase Student of the Month Certificates.

Also please note that the October Civvies day funds will be used to offset the cost of a St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School Honour roll plaque. Students at time of graduation who have maintained an average of 80% or better over the two terms of Grade 8 will have their names inscribed on the plaque. We are awaiting a quote for the plaque.

The October civvies day will take place on Friday October 30th,

Celebration of Learning/ Monthly Assemblies

It is very important to celebrate the learning that takes place in the classroom and to acknowledge students for their work. This year we are introducing monthly assemblies, during which classes will have an opportunity to gather divisionally and present to the division a significant learning experience that took place during the month. These may be a sharing of an art activity, a poem, a project, a story, a song, an activity pertaining to the virtue of the month etc.

During the assembly students will also be recognized with certificates for their work. On a monthly basis each class will recognize a student for Academic Achievement, Academic Determination, and Virtue of the Month.

Names of the recipients will be posted on the bulletin board in the front hallway, and published in the school newsletter.

Honour Roll

Students who are in Gr. 7 and in Gr. 8 and attain an average of 80% or

better in a given term will be recognized with an Honour Roll Certificate. Students who are in Gr. 8 and maintain an average of 80% or better will also have their name inscribed on the School Honour Roll Plaque. Additionally, they will also be recognized with an honour roll medal during the graduation ceremony.

As with the Student of the Month certificate recipients, students on the honour roll will have their name published in the newsletter, as well as, have a group photo and their names displayed in the front display case.

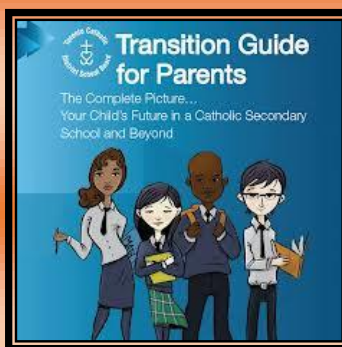
Halloween

Please review the safety rules with your children when they are out trick or treating. Candy should be carefully inspected by parents before children indulge.

Guidance Corner

A major component of the Ministry's document, *Creating Pathways to Success*, all intermediate students will

be required to complete an Individual Pathways Plan (IPP), which will encourage a process of self-exploration and planning for the future. We will be working with www.myblueprint.ca/tcdsb as we develop our IPPs. Most grade 8s will have already created their accounts last year and the grade 7s will have their accounts set-up within the next few weeks. Some may have already started their IPPs. Feel free to ask your children to share theirs with you.



October will be a busy month for the grade 8 students as they begin the high school application process. The After 8 transition guides for both students and parents will be delivered to the school soon, so you can expect to learn more about the process when

your child brings them home. Please note the following important dates:

- **Monday, October 26th, 2015** – The applications will be available for printing at the school. Expect the application to come home on or just after this date.
- **Monday, November 16th, 2015** – Applications are due back at the School Board. Therefore, they must be returned to the school well before to ensure early

arrival. Teachers will provide due dates to your child so please be sure to return the forms on time and completed correctly.

Don't forget to visit prospective Catholic Secondary Schools or you can access a list on line at the following link:

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

Open House dates have been posted in all schools, so you are encouraged to visit **your local secondary schools** to learn about the programs that they offer.

Mr. F. Amato
Guidance Counsellor

**Child Care Worker & Early
Childhood Educator
Appreciation Day
October 8, 2015**

**Message from the Chair of the
Board & the Director of
Education**

We are blessed to employ caring, compassionate and dedicated professionals within our TCDSB Family who embrace their roles as protector, teacher, mentor and caregiver to our young students. As in all families, it is up to the adult members to care for, nurture, protect and inspire the younger and more vulnerable, and we can certainly see this played out day after day in our schools. Children naturally bring with them a sense of endless wonder and curiosity, unbridled joy and enthusiasm, and infuse our classrooms and playgrounds with energy and laughter.

This year, **October 8th** has been set aside as **Childcare Worker and Early Childhood Appreciation Day**. We offer our thanks for the important work that our Child Care Workers and Early Childhood Educators do, in partnership with our teachers and other support staff, to engage these youngsters in the joy of learning. You help them to begin the journey of self-discovery, and play an integral role in nurturing a sense of caring Christian school community in our schools.

We appreciate the efforts of all our ECEs and CCWs and congratulate you on this special day set aside in your honour.

Thank you for being members of our TCDSB family and supporting the Board's mission and vision focused on student achievement and well-being.

Sincerely,

Angela Gauthier
Director of Education

Michael Del Grande
Chair of the Board

Parent Reps Needed

For Mental Health Advisory Council

TCDSB seeks 2 parent representatives to serve on the council (1 elementary and 1 secondary).

Application deadline is October 20th. Visit our website for detailed information:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Pages/Parents-Sought-for-Mental-Health-Advisory-Council.aspx>

Safe Schools Advisory Committee

2 parent reps needed to serve on the committee; 5 meetings per year

Application deadline October 2nd.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Pages/Parents-Sought-for-Safe-Schools-Committee.aspx>

Other Dates to Note:

- [Autism Awareness Month](#)
- [Child Abuse Prevention Month](#)
- [Learning Disabilities Awareness Month](#)
- [Walk to School Month](#)
- October 1—[International Day of Older Persons](#)
- October 5—[World Teachers' Day](#)
- October 7—[Rosary Day](#)
- October 8—[Early Childhood Educator and Childcare Worker Appreciation Day](#)
- October 11—[International Day of the Girl](#)
- October 17--[International Day for the Eradication of Poverty](#)
- October 19-23--[School Bus Safety Week](#) (Bus Driver Appreciation Day October 21)