



Blessed Sacrament Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we welcome the month of May—a time the Church sets aside to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary—we are reminded of her profound compassion. Mary’s tender care and empathy extended to everyone she encountered, from those dearest to her to complete strangers. We invite our students to reflect this same spirit of compassion in their daily lives through kind words and thoughtful actions.

This month, we highlight **compassion** as our virtue focus. Compassion is a quality that grows through practice—an intentional effort to understand and care for others with kindness and empathy. It allows us to ease burdens and contribute to the well-being of those around us in meaningful ways.

In a world of hardships, instilling compassion in our children has never been more vital. Whether they comfort a friend in distress or offer support to a family member in need, their compassionate actions can have a lasting impact.

Let us pray for the courage and perseverance to be sources of compassion in our homes, schools, and communities. In doing so, we help shape a kinder, more empathetic world.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

R. Agostino & R. Rego
School Administrative Team



A LOOK AHEAD ...

- May 2 Dress down - May the 4th be with you (Star Wars Theme)
- May 4-9 Catholic Education Week
- May 5 Track & Field Divisional Meet - York University
- May 5-7 Grade 7 Muskoka Woods Overnight Trip
- May 5-11 Mental Health Awareness Week
- May 7 Harbourfront Trip- Grades 1 & 2
- May 7 BSCS Volunteer Appreciation Day
- May 11 Mother's Day
- May 13 Art Gallery of Ontario Trip- Grade 4
- May 14 CSPC Meeting at 6:45 pm
- May 14 Track and Field Regional Meet at York University
- May 19 Victoria Day (No school)
- May 21 Confirmation Retreat
- May 21 T-Ball / Softball House League Starts
- May 22 First Reconciliation at Blessed Sacrament Parish at 9:45 a.m.
- May 22 Track & Field City Meet - Centennial Park
- May 24 Fun Fair
- May 25 First Communion at Blessed Sacrament Parish at 2:30 p.m.
- May 26 EQAO Testing for Grades 3 & 6 Starts
- May 28 Royal Ontario Museum- Grade 4
- May 29 Grade 7 Confirmation at Blessed Sacrament Parish at 7:00 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS

to all the children celebrating their **First Communion and Confirmation!**



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April Virtue Award Recipients: JUSTICE

ELP Zayn L. Kaielle S. Aiden M. Presley L. Leonor P. Declan U.	Grade 1 Juliette M. Caroline M.	Grade 1/2 Emily S.	Grade 2 Ryan K. Henry J. Charles M. Francesco F.	Grade 3 Eli C. Christian T. Avery L. Tyler K.
Grade 4 Leo B. Luke K. Nate G. Oliver C.M. JP S.	Grade 4/5 Jonah G. Jack H. Matthew G. Athena S-S.	Grade 5 Serena G. Mila M. Graham M.	Grade 6 Reese A. Nyla H. Oliver M. Juan G.F. Andrew M.	
Grade 7 Addison F. Alessandro M. Marcus L. Declan O. Leonardo M. Connor M. Stella P. Sephora S. Leia M. Stella B.	Grade 8 Liliana V. Aiden C. Myfanwy C.	ME Rosalie C.		

Picture coming soon!

SEPTEMBER: HOSPITALITY

OCTOBER: GRATITUDE

NOVEMBER: PEACE

DECEMBER: CHARITY

JANUARY: COURAGE

FEBRUARY: LOVE

MARCH: FORGIVENESS

APRIL: JUSTICE

MAY: COMPASSION

JUNE: FAITHFULNESS

MAY: CRITERIA FOR THE VIRTUE OF COMPASSION

- Students who think before speaking and about how their words make people feel.
- Students who reflect on how their actions make people feel. They follow the golden rule- "Do to others as you would have them do to you." (Matthew 7:12).
- Students who do not react to other people's moods and instead make an effort to try and understand.
- Students who are considerate to others, helping others to feel better.





CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK MAY 4–9, 2025 “PILGRIMS OF HOPE”

This year’s Catholic Education Week is guided by the theme “Pilgrims of Hope.” A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey marked by purposeful movement toward a meaningful goal, often undertaken in community with others—an apt reflection of the journey of Catholic education. At the heart of this theme is hope, one of the three theological virtues, deeply rooted in our Easter faith and the promise of Jesus’ resurrection and renewal. This hope empowers us to be builders, dreamers, and leaders in the name of Jesus.

Each day of Catholic Education Week will focus on one of five sub-themes that illuminate the ways in which we live out our faith:

- Day 1: By honouring human dignity
- Day 2: By caring for creation
- Day 3: By responding to the poverties in our world
- Day 4: By serving in solidarity
- Day 5: By living as peacemakers



Together, these themes invite us to reflect, act, and grow in our collective journey of faith and hope.

TCDSB MOURNS THE LOSS OF POPE FRANCIS

“The [Toronto Catholic District School Board \(TCDSB\)](#) joins Catholics around the world in mourning the loss of Pope Francis, a humble servant of God and faithful disciple who returned to the Father on Easter Monday—a sacred day of renewal and resurrection in our faith. His passing on such a holy day holds deep spiritual meaning and speaks to the lasting hope he brought to so many.



Pope Francis devoted his life to serving others with courage, compassion, and love—especially the poor and marginalized. As we journey through the Jubilee Year in our schools—a year he called “Hope for the World”—we are reminded of his call to build a more just, merciful, and united world. His 2022 visit to Canada, where he offered a heartfelt apology to Indigenous communities, remains a powerful moment of reconciliation and healing that touched hearts across the country.

Flags at all TCDSB schools will be lowered to half-mast. In the days ahead, students will have the opportunity to reflect on his life and legacy through prayer and classroom learning, grounded in our Catholic faith and the values Pope Francis so beautifully embodied: compassion, service, and justice.”

Dr. Brendan Browne
Director of Education

Markus de Domenico
Chair of the Toronto Catholic District School Board



CLASS PLACEMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

The process of class placement and staff planning for the 2025–2026 school year is currently underway. The initial staffing allocation for our school, including the number of homeroom classrooms from Kindergarten through Grade 8, is being developed in accordance with Ministry guidelines and contractual obligations. This preliminary staffing model, without specific teacher assignments, will be shared at the May CSPC (Catholic School Parent Council) meeting.

A finalized staffing model, including teacher assignments, will be shared in late June after the teacher transfer process is completed.

Using projected enrollment figures, the school board will generate a tentative class structure for September 2025. Please note that, within Ministry parameters, classes may be reorganized in September if enrollment changes.

Our aim is to create balanced, effective learning environments that support all students. In forming class lists, teachers will collaborate and take into account a variety of factors to best meet the needs of each child. These considerations include:

- Learning styles
- Social groupings
- English as a Second Language (ESL) needs
- Gender balance
- Academic abilities
- Special education needs
- Behavioural needs
- Siblings placed in the same classroom
- Previous experience in combined grade classes



This thoughtful approach ensures that every classroom is structured to promote student well-being and academic success.

APPLICATION TO REGISTER FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Applications for registration to schools in the Toronto Catholic District School Board can be made online on the [Student Online Application for Registration \(SOAR\)](#).

If you anticipate your child transferring to another school before the next academic year begins or if you are planning an extended summer vacation and your child will not return until after the first week of September 2025, kindly inform the school principal as soon as possible.

Accurate student enrollment information is crucial for staffing and classroom organization. Therefore, we need the most precise data available for the upcoming school year.





SCHOOL SAFETY REMINDERS FOR VISITORS

To ensure the safety and efficiency of our school environment, we kindly ask for your support in adhering to the following procedures:

Main Entrance Protocol: For entry to the school premises, we request all visitors to use the main front doors and proceed directly to the office for assistance. Please be aware that teachers may be busy with tasks such as preparing materials, planning, attending meetings, or working with students, and may not be available for unscheduled meetings without prior notice.

Recess Visitation Policy: To ensure a secure environment during recess, visitors should avoid communicating with students or others at the schoolyard fence and refrain from entering school grounds during instructional hours. Such activities can distract staff supervising students and cause discomfort or unease among students. Additionally, this behavior may inadvertently signal that similar actions are acceptable.

Authorized Entry Times to the School Yard: Parents and guardians are permitted to enter the schoolyard solely for the end-of-day dismissal time, starting at 3:00 p.m. During the hours of 8:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., only school staff members, including lunch supervisors and volunteers, are authorized to be present in the schoolyard.

Student Pickup Guidelines: If you need to pick up your child during school hours, we kindly request that you avoid doing so during recess periods (10:12 a.m. to 10:27 a.m., 11:35 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., and 1:40 p.m. to 1:55 p.m.), as it may be challenging to locate and retrieve your child during these times. In such instances, parents will be asked to exercise patience and wait until the end of the recess period to collect their child.

Your cooperation in adhering to these guidelines to help us maintain a safe and supportive learning environment is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office.



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK MAY 5-11, 2025

The Canadian Mental Health Association marks the first full week in May as Mental Health Awareness Week. We encourage parents and guardians to review the tips and resources in our [TCDSB Mental Health Newsletter](#) as you continue to support your child's mental health and well-being at home.

Please do not hesitate to contact our school principal with any questions about resources or to access support for your child.





2025 BSCS VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION CELEBRATION



We are excited to celebrate and show appreciation for our dedicated parent volunteers who generously give their time and effort to enrich the student experience at Blessed Sacrament. **Please join us on May 7, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. in the school library.**

To help us plan accordingly, kindly complete the [RSVP form](#) by May 2nd. Your response will ensure we can properly prepare to welcome and honour all who have given so generously of their time.

NAVY BLUE AND WHITE DRESS CODE

A reminder that students are to wear the navy blue and white dress code. The dress code is expected for excursions and during gym classes. Inappropriate dress may not be worn, including spaghetti straps, racer-back tops, midriff revealing tops, short shorts, and biking shorts. Logos, sayings and pictures that address or display sexual content, substance abuse, violence, profanity, inappropriate references to nationality, race or gender, or articles of clothing in serious disrepair are not permitted.



CITY OF TORONTO – CHILDREN’S SPRING POETRY CONTEST

The Children’s Spring Poetry Contest invites youth six to 14 years old to express their creativity and be inspired by the beauty of Toronto’s parks. Winners will receive a signed certificate from the City’s Poet Laureate, Lillian Allen. For full contest details, please visit the [City of Toronto website](#). Complete a [contest entry form](#) today! Poem submissions are due by May 5, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.





FREE ACADEMIC SUPPORTS FOR STUDENTS

Ontario Ministry of Education | Learn at Home (K-12)

- [E-learning Ontario](#) is a project led by the Ontario Ministry of Education to help students succeed in school. It gives students more choices to customize their education based on their strengths, needs and interests. Learn how to help your child better understand math, apply it to life at home and inspire a love of learning. This resource offers free, real-time math tutoring by Ontario certified teachers for grades 7-10. Log in with your TCDSB UserID and Password.

TVO Mathify

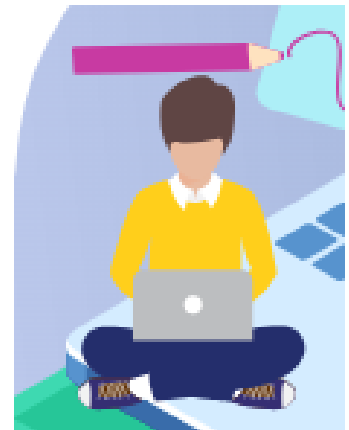
- [TVO Mathify](#) provides free math tutoring by Ontario certified teachers for grades 4-11.

TVO Learn

- [TVO Learn](#) is organized by grade level and subject area. It offers videos, explanations, and activities to help students improve their understanding and confidence in specific subjects.

Family Math Newsletters

- The purpose of the [TCDSB Mathematics Family Newsletter](#) is to keep families informed about mathematics education at the TCDSB. Access the newsletter to read and discover how you can help make math a positive and enriching experience at home.



EDUCATION QUALITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE (EQAO) DATES FOR 2025

Grade 3: Monday, May 26th to Friday, May 30th

Grade 6: Monday, June 2nd to Thursday, June 5th (June 6th is a PA Day), and Monday, June 9th

For information about EQAO testing, please visit the [TCDSB website](#).





BSCS Baseball league

VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED!

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**JK-
GRADE 6**

**T-BALL &
SOFTBALL**

MAY 21-JUNE 25

BANNOCKBURN FIELD

WEDNESDAY'S 6:30 PM

12 BANNOCKBURN AVE., NORTH YORK, ON M5M 2M8



BSCS FUN FAIR 2025



May 24, 2025 • 12:00 to 3:30 PM

Inflatables, food, games, pet room and
so much more!

We need volunteers! Go to Sign Up Genius and
pick your event!

Thank you to our sponsors!!



There is still plenty of time to support the Fun Fair sponsorship!
Contact sraviele@elecustom.com





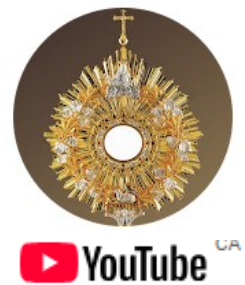
LEGACY 2026—100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Next year marks the 100th anniversary of Blessed Sacrament Parish!
Exciting plans are underway, so be sure to save the date.
Join us for the Blessed Sacrament 100th Anniversary Gala on
Saturday, April 25, 2026.

FRIENDLY REMINDER

For BSCS school masses, parents join to participate virtually via the Blessed Sacrament’s Church [YouTube channel](#).

Also, the 11:30 a.m. Solemn High Mass on Sunday morning is live streamed each week. Mass is posted to the Blessed Sacrament’s Church [YouTube channel](#) each weekend.



YOUTH MEETING DATES

If you are in Grades 5-12 and are looking to have a relationship with Jesus, consider attending the next Youth Meeting on Sundays, May 4, June 1, and June 22 after the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

There will be snacks, games, small groups and more!

Bring a friend and help grow the community!



SAVE THE DATE: A DAY WITH MARY

On Saturday, May 31, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a new archdiocesan event called “A Day with Mary” will be taking place at Villanova College in King City.

For more information, please visit the [Blessed Sacrament Parish newsletter](#).





VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We need your help! Volunteers are needed for the following:

Fun Fair (May 24, 2025 from 12:00–3:30 p.m.): Super exciting community day featuring inflatables, games and so much more! Mark your calendar for any of the three volunteer time slots that are available 12:00 – 1:15 p.m.; 1:15-2:30 p.m.; 2:30–3:30 p.m. Sign-up to help at [Fun Fair](#).

T-ball/Softball: Calling all T-ball/Softball coaches (no experience required). Games played every Wednesday from May 21- June 25 at 6:30 p.m. Please contact mark.bayko@rbc.com if you are interested.

Kiss ‘N’ Ride: The morning drop-off program that keeps our kids safe. Volunteers are needed for 20 minutes from 8:10 – 8:30 a.m. Program runs daily. Sign-up for a shift or two at [Kiss N Ride](#).

Pizza Lunch: Volunteers are needed to hand out pizza to a class for all grades, JK–Grade 8, usually Mondays from 11:10 – 11:30 a.m. Sign-up at [Pizza Lunch](#).

Lunch Box: Help distribute Lunch Box (hot lunch orders). Volunteers are needed Tuesday – Friday from 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Sign-up or learn more at [Lunch Box](#).



For questions or to participate, email [Heather Lannigan](#), BSCS Volunteer Coordinator.

Thank You

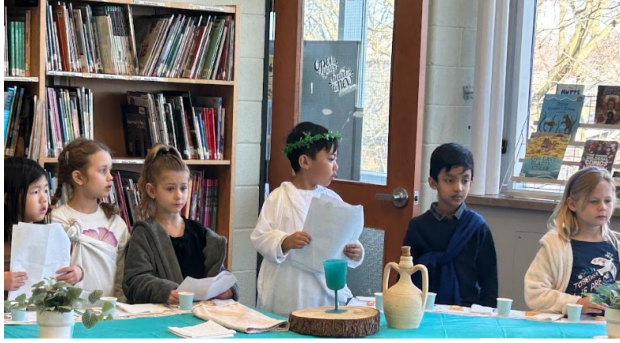
Thank you to ALL our volunteers! We hope you can join us for our Volunteer Appreciation Celebration on May 7 at 10:30 a.m. in the school library.

This month we thank and recognize our Program Coordinators and Parent Council for their leadership and support throughout the school year:

Program Coordinators: Wendy Abbott-Serroul (School Weekly Buzz Email and Christmas Wish Gift Drive); Mark Bayko (Softball/T-Ball League); Joanna Develiadis, Malina Giorgio, and Elena Pugliese (Grade 8 Graduation Reception, hosted by Grade 7 parents); Evelyne Di Donato and Daniela Saldias-Rocha (Walkathon); Shannon Doyle Raffoul (Carnaval); Shannon Doyle Raffoul and Kaitlyn Leeb (Spiritwear); Celia Figel, Jennie Lopes, and Daniela Saldias-Rocha (Newsletter); Celia Figel and Tarra Miller (School Website); Estelle Gorby (Pizza Lunch); Deb Hutton (Kiss n Ride); Heather Lannigan (Volunteer and Class Parent Coordination); and Alexandra Snell and Silvana Raviele (Fun Fair).

Parent Council: Wendy-Abbott-Serroul, Nadia Bucciarelli Mari, Evelyne Di Donato, Rebecca Gladdy, Ada Maxwell-Alleyne, Emily O'Halloran, Sara Santos-Tran, Alexandra Snell, and Adam Zukowski

Did we miss anybody? If you know of someone who is volunteering in the initiatives above but was not mentioned, please let [Heather](#) know!

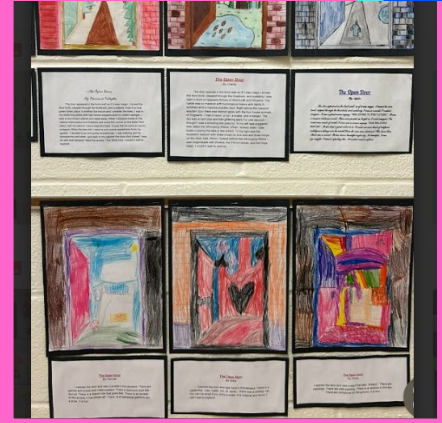


April AT A GLANCE





Student Art





TCDSB 2024 - 2025

REMAINING SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

The following chart lists school holidays, Professional Activity (PA) days, and other key dates for the remainder of the school year.



Victoria Day	May 19, 2025
PA Day: Assessment, Evaluation & Reporting	June 6, 2025
Last Day of School Year	June 27, 2025



More details can be found on the [TCDSB website](#).

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