

**October  
2022  
Newsletter**

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T. Podobnik

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C. Allen

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**St. Edmund School Hours**

Supervision Begins 8:30 a.m.

School Begins 8:45 a.m.

Recess (a.m.) 10:51—11:06 a.m.

Lunch 11:46—12:46 p.m.

Recess (p.m.) 2:10—2:25 p.m.

Dismissal 3:15 p.m.

**St. Edmund Website**

<http://www.dpcdsb.org/EDMUN>

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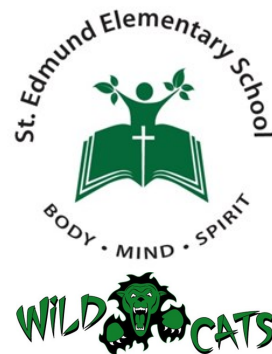
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***"Mind, Body, Spirit."***



## Thanksgiving Prayer

Father all powerful, Your gifts of love are countless and your goodness infinite. For Thanksgiving, we come before You with gratitude for Your kindness. Open our hearts to concern for our children, men and women, so that we may share your gifts in loving service. We ask this through our Lord Jesus, Your SON, who lives and reigns in the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.  
Amen!

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE**

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, let us give thanks to.....

Our first month together at St. Edmund. To friendships new and old, to new challenges, new learning and much success.

All the parents, students and staff for a wonderful Open House. We are blessed to have had such a wonderful turn out. As always, we will continue to encourage a cooperative partnership between home, school and parish, and will continue to work collaboratively in the best interest of the students entrusted to our care.

The students of St. Edmund School and community for support of our Terry Fox Walk.

Our volunteers, staff coaches/leaders and all other persons who give unselfishly of their time to children to enhance their learning experiences.

The staff, students and community of St. Edmund who assist in organizing our Thanksgiving Food Drive in order to reach out and help those in need during this time. We also thank all families for their donations. Please consider donating canned goods and toiletries .

On behalf of the entire school staff, we would like to wish our school community a joyous Thanksgiving. We hope you will have the opportunity to feast together as family and give thanks for the many blessings we have been bestowed. As we celebrate our blessings, let us always remember those in need and those who are suffering during these times.

*“Always be faithful in the little things, for in them our strength lies.”  
Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta No Greater Love*

Together in Christ,  
T. Podobnik  
Principal

### **First Communion & Confirmation 2022-2023**

If your child is in Gr. 2 & Gr. 7 this year and would like to receive their Sacrament of First Communion (Gr. 2) and Sacrament of Confirmation (Gr. 7), please contact the St. Patrick parish office via EMAIL: [stpatricksmi@archtoronto.org](mailto:stpatricksmi@archtoronto.org) with your child's name, school, grade and with the email address you use regularly. Communication will primarily be via email.

### **Important Dates**

#### **October**

- 3 Thanksgiving Food Drive Begins
- 3 After School Tutoring Begins
- 5 CSC Pizza Day #2
- 6 Catholic School Council Meeting at **6pm in the staffroom**
- 10 Thanksgiving Day –School is Closed
- 12 CSC Pizza Day #3
- 14 FDK Trip to Downey's Farm
- 14 Mississauga East Family of Schools Cross Country Meet at Centennial Park
- 18 Lunch Lady Begins
- 19 CSC Pizza Day #4
- 24 Municipal Election
- 24 PA Day –no school for students
- 25 Board Cross Country Meet at Centennial Park
- 26 CSC Pizza Day #5
- 31 CSC Dance A Thon Major School Fundraiser

#### **November**

- 2 CSC Pizza Day #6
- 3 Photo Retakes
- 8 Progress Reports sent home
- 9 CSC Pizza Day #7
- 10 Interview Evening
- 11 Remembrance Day (School Assembly at 10:30am)
- 16 CSC Pizza Day #8
- 17 Catholic School Council Meeting at 6pm
- 20 St. Edmund Feast Day
- 23 CSC Pizza Day #9
- 25 PA Day
- 30 CSC Pizza Day #10

#### **December**

- 2 After School Tutoring Ends
- 7 CSC Pizza Day #11
- 14 CSC Pizza Day #12
- 23 to Jan 8 (Christmas Break will begin on Friday, December 23 and school will reopen on Monday, January 9, 2023)

#### **January**

- 9 First Day Back from Christmas Break

## CATHOLIC VIRTUES

God wants us to care about everyone's feelings.

An *empathetic* person...

- listens when people speak
- notices when someone is upset and tries to help
- can understand and name her/his feelings
- can see a situation from another person's point of view
- accepts that others may feel differently about things than they do

There are days in our lives that we may see others come to school sad, afraid, frustrated, or even angry.

To live the virtue of EMPATHY is to walk in another's shoes, truly striving to understand their situation and seeking ways to help. We do not judge others because we never know what others are holding in their hearts. In your everyday life, try to remember that you may not always understand what others are feeling, but you can always be a good friend.

Let us now pray... for the grace and strength to be people of *empathy* – people who can really identify with and feel the concerns of those around us. Amen

## PEOPLE OF EMPATHY...

- CAN UNDERSTAND AND NAME THEIR FEELINGS
- CARE ABOUT OTHER'S FEELINGS
- LISTEN CAREFULLY TO OTHERS
- LISTEN FOR CLUES IN TONE OF VOICE
- WATCH EXPRESSIONS AND BODY GESTURES FOR MESSAGES
- NOTICE WHEN SOMEONE IS UPSET
- CAN SEE AND RESPECT HOW OTHERS LOOK AT THINGS
- KNOW THAT OTHERS MAY FEEL DIFFERENTLY ABOUT THINGS THAN THEY DO
- RESPOND GENEROUSLY TO HELP OTHERS

# EMPATHY



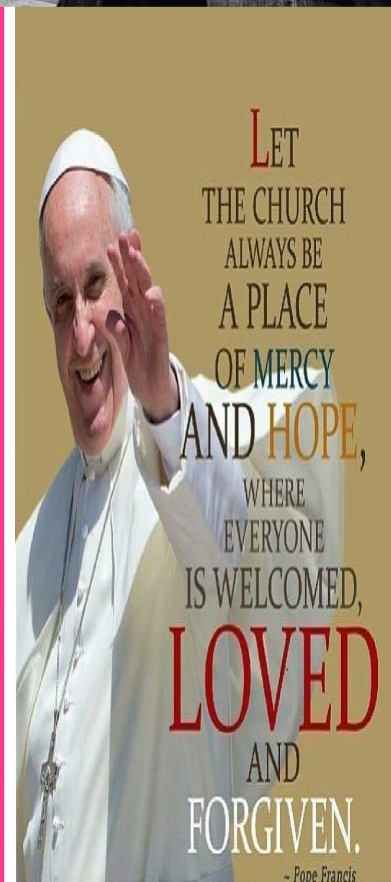
## The Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations

Catholic education views human life as an integration of body, mind, and spirit. Rooted in this vision, Catholic education fosters the search for knowledge as a lifelong spiritual and academic quest. The expectations of Catholic graduates, therefore, are described not only in terms of knowledge and skills, but in terms of values, attitudes and actions.

### Vision of the Learner

The Graduate is expected to be:

1. *A discerning believer* formed in the Catholic Faith community who celebrates the signs and sacred mystery of God's presence through word, sacrament, prayer, forgiveness, reflection and moral living.
2. *An effective communicator* who speaks, writes and listens honestly and sensitively, responding critically in light of gospel values
3. *A reflective, creative and holistic thinker* who solves problems and makes responsible decisions with an informed moral conscience for the common good.
4. *A self-directed, responsible, lifelong learner* who develops and demonstrates their God-given potential.
5. *A collaborative contributor* who finds meaning, dignity and vocation in work which respects the rights of all and contributes to the common good.
6. *A caring family member* who attends to family, school, parish, and the wider community
7. *A responsible citizen* who gives witness to Catholic social teaching by promoting peace, justice and the sacredness of human life.



## Catholic School Council

Communication between home and school is greatly enhanced by parental involvement with the Catholic School Council. Please note that our Council is comprised of parents, school staff as well as community and parish representatives. The aim of the Catholic School Council is to support school activities and students through involvement and fund raising. The School Council also provides a forum for parents to meet and share information and ideas concerning the school community.

Thank you for all of the contributions and dedication to our school by the Catholic School Council. These members are a reflection of the larger St. Edmund community, filled by passion and a genuine caring of their community school. We thank the parents, guardians, grand parents and members of our council for all that they have given to our school. We also thank the countless of parents / guardians who give so much of themselves to the betterment of our school. From the countless acts of kindness like creating our seasonal planters, to the putting up of our Christmas displays/trees in our front foyer, to the maintenance of our gardens throughout the year and watering our student gardens during the summer months. St. Edmund is truly the heartbeat of a vibrant Catholic Community in the heart of Mississauga.

### 2021/2022 St. Edmund Elementary Catholic School Council:

**Co-Chairs** - D. Giliberti and P. Bulley

**Secretary** – C. Kuliszewski

**Treasurer** – A. Long

**Parish Rep**-M. Chita

**Voting Members**-Patricia Bulley, Dominique Giliberti, Milena Chita, Audrey Long, Cathy Gonano, Julie Lofranco, Angie Macedo, Nina Zemko, Anna Leon, Nicole McKernan, Salpy Szasz, Christine Kuliszewski

**Teacher Reps:** Lorraine Spiteri,

**Non Teacher Reps:**

Council Meeting Dates for the **2021-2022 School Year:**

**October 7, 2021**

**December 2, 2021**

**February 24, 2022**

**April 28, 2022**

**June 9, 2022**

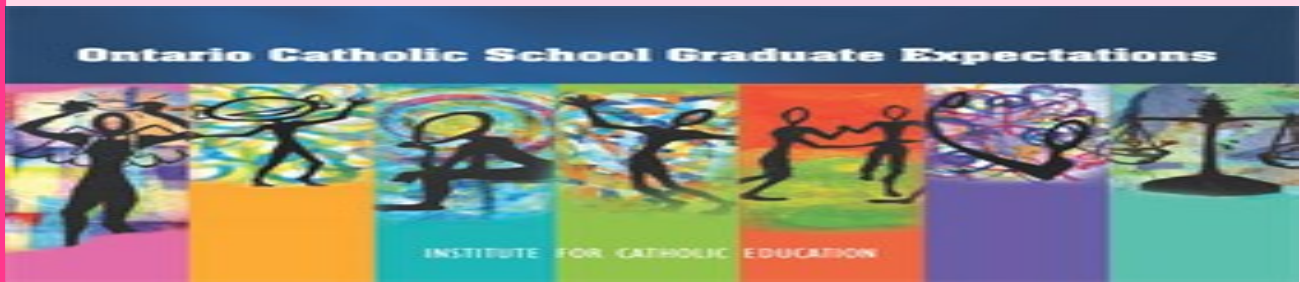
**September 26, 2022** Nomination Forms due in the office by 3:30pm

**October 6 at 6pm** Last Meeting of the Previous School Year and **First Meeting of the 2022/2023 Council**

All parents / guardians are always most welcome to attend.

# *We are Many, We are One!*

## THE ONTARIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATE EXPECTATIONS






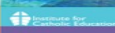











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 <p><b>#DiscerningBeliever</b></p> <p>In a digital world: I am committed to witnessing to my faith.</p> 	 <p><b>#EffectiveCommunicator</b></p> <p>In a digital world: I communicate with others as Jesus would want me to.</p> 	 <p><b>#ReflectiveCreativeHolisticThinker</b></p> <p>In a digital world: I use my ideas to solve problems and make decisions guided by a formed conscience.</p> 
 <p><b>#SelfDirectedResponsibleLifelongLearner</b></p> <p>In a digital world: I am committed to ongoing learning and becoming all God intends me to be.</p> 	 <p><b>#CollaborativeContributor</b></p> <p>In a digital world: I work with others online to contribute to the common good.</p> 	 <p><b>#CaringFamilyMember</b></p> <p>In a digital world: I relate to others online as brothers and sisters in Christ, neighbours on the World Wide Web.</p> 
 <p><b>#ResponsibleCitizen</b></p> <p>In a digital world: I work for peace and justice and the common good.</p> 	 <p><b>Institute for Catholic Education</b></p>	

## Custody of Children

On occasion we are faced with difficult situations in which non-custodial parents arrive at school asking to visit with their child or take their child out of school. In order to assist us in making correct decisions in order to serve and protect each child, we ask that you make the office aware of any legal custody arrangements, visitation rights and special instructions that have been agreed upon. Please note that we require legal documentation of these arrangements, not merely a note from a parent.

**Progress Reports** As per Ministry of Education guidelines, students in Kindergarten - Grade 8 will receive progress reports on **November 8th**. Interviews as necessary will take place on **Thursday November 10th**.

## World Teacher's Day

October 5th, is United Nations World Teachers' Day and we would like to take the opportunity today, to recognize and celebrate our teachers for their commitment and dedication to Catholic Education here at St Edmund School.

## St. Edmund is Allergen Aware

St. Edmund is an allergen aware school. We have a number of students in our school who have **severe allergic life threatening** reactions to peanuts, peanut butter, peanut oils, any peanut/nut by-products and dairy products. As in the past, we are asking you to not put any child at risk, therefore, are requesting that **PEANUTS, PEANUT BUTTER, PEANUT OILS, ANY PEANUT/NUT BY-PRODUCTS NOT BE BROUGHT INTO THE SCHOOL. WE ASK THAT YOU READ THE LABELS OF ALL FOOD ITEMS SENT TO SCHOOL.** A letter will be sent home which will address this issue for each particular class. We are asking parents not to send food items to school when celebrating your child's birthday since there are many alternatives such as pencils, stickers, etc. We thank you for your continued understanding.

## Storage/Administration of Medication

Parents are responsible for ensuring that all medication and forms are updated annually. If your child requires medication please have all pertinent forms completed and returned with the medication to the office as soon as possible. A reminder that children are not allowed to keep any medication in their desk, backpack or classroom (with the exception of an epi-pen if allergies are severe and puffers/inhalers). All dispensing of medication requires medical permission and must be stored in the office.

## Bikes, Scooters and Rollerblades: Safety First

A safety reminder to all students that bikes, scooters and roller blades **are to be walked both on and off the school**

**property**. Bikes are to be locked in the bike racks. We do not have facilities to store or secure roller blades or scooters, so there is an added risk of damage or theft and they are not encouraged to be brought to school. The school is not responsible for these items. Your cooperation is appreciated.

## Dogs on School Property

From 8:15 a.m.—3:30 p.m. **dogs are not allowed on school property**. This includes small dogs being carried. Please be respectful of the fact that some of our students have a fear of dogs. We thank you for your continued understanding and support.