

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN DAY SCHOOL
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C I R C U L A R

The founding of an Armenian Day School for the past two decades has been the dream of virtually each and every Armenian living in Toronto. Today, finally that vision has been realized, thanks to the efforts of handful of devoted Armenians. The school has been christened and will be known as HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN DAY SCHOOL. The school's starting date has been set as the 18th of September, 1978.

Our school accepts any offspring of Armenian parents, any descendant of Armenian origin, or even those who are distantly related to Armenian heritage and are Canadian residents. Initially, the school will have two Kindergarten classes and first grade, with provision for adding one grade every succeeding year, up to the sixth grade. Sectarian, factional, political or ideological differences cannot constitute an obstacle for a child to be accepted into our school.

Our school will implement the program as forwarded by the Ministry of Education of Ontario and constantly will be subject to the approval by its board. Our objective is to educate our youngsters teaching them various disciplines, English, French and also concurrently teaching the Armenian language, Armenian history, Armenian literature. In short, nurturing our youth in Armenian spirit, Armenian culture and Christian Faith. Particular attention will be devoted to avoid presenting Armenian history from the standpoint of any political, sectarian or ideological influences. As much as possible, an impartial, true, unbiased and accurate account of the facts will be given.

In addition to educating our children to become well mannered, knowledgeable Canadian citizen, every effort will be made to instill in them an awareness of their Armenian heritage, at least for the first and probably the most formative decade of their lives. He or she has to develop self-consciousness, love and respect towards their national origin. If you support as in building this important foundation in the initial years, thereafter each parent is free, of course, in accordance with their personal preferences, to continue educating their children in other Armenian schools under the sponsorship of various institutions, hopefully completed by then.

Hereby our school appeals to each and every one of you who calls himself an Armenian, or, to say the least, still remembers being breastfed by an Armenian mother, to support our school because it will prepare today and for the next succeeding years, the necessary grounds upon which others could build their monuments. This school will accordingly, belong to all the Armenians living in Toronto. The youth educated in our school will form the care of the future Armenian community. Thus, in addition to your moral support we rely upon

- your financial assistance; to the extent of its maximal capacity, within the frame of your own budget.

Nonetheless, along with sizeable donations by the wealthy, we will accept the few pennies of a widow with the same heartfelt emotions. Once we can help ourselves in this manner, we will be able to find other patrons, benefactors and supporters; you can be sure that we will do our utmost to achieve our goal so dear to our hearts. Soon, you will be contacted by our representatives. We appeal to all of you and urge you to contribute to the best of your abilities for this holy cause.

Long live the Armenian Nation.

On behalf of the Holy Cross
Armenian Day School Board of Trustees

Bedros Mouchian,
Secretary.

Dr. Nubar Akyanak,
Chairman.

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