

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Rachel Thomas

Secondary School Teacher



St. John Paul II

Rachel Thomas is a dedicated and compassionate educator whose commitment to students and the TCDSB community goes far beyond the classroom. She creates engaging, meaningful lessons while ensuring every student feels welcomed, valued, and supported. Rachel advocates for students' academic and personal needs. Her faith-driven approach and service embody the values of Catholic education, inspiring colleagues and strengthening the school community.



Carlo Cassano

Child and Youth Worker



St. Oscar Romero

Carlo is a true people-person who collaborates with students and staff to create a positive school community. He leads student volunteers in the morning snack program, organizes basketball games connecting staff and alumni, and consistently advocates for TCDSB and St. Oscar Romero. His enthusiasm and dedication leave a lasting impression; former students still remember his energy and commitment years after leaving the school. Carlo's presence brings people together and strengthens the spirit of the entire school community.



Angela Minnella

School Secretary



Stella Maris

Angela Minnella is a valued member of the Stella Maris school community, truly doing it all. From handling secretary duties to staying late to support school activities, she cares for students like a nurse and a grandma, and is someone everyone can rely on. She is professional, respects student privacy, and always greets everyone with a smile, ready to help in any way she can. Her presence, dedication, and warmth will be deeply missed when she retires next year.



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Alison Da Silva

Early Childhood Educator



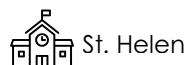
James Culnan

Alison Da Silva has had a remarkable impact on the James Culhan community through her dedication to student well-being, early learning, and French Immersion education. She even learned French to better support her Kindergarten students, showing her initiative and passion for the program. Alison fosters inclusive, faith-filled classrooms, strengthens family partnerships, and contributes to schoolwide events, athletics, and community initiatives. Her compassion and commitment enrich not only her students but the broader James Culnan and TCDSB community.



Flora Amaral

Educational Assistant



St. Helen

Flora Amaral is a cornerstone of St. Helen Catholic School, always ensuring that students feel supported, encouraged, and valued. She works closely with families to nurture each student's growth while actively supporting teachers in the classroom and beyond. From organizing excursions and sports events to coordinating grade eight graduation and the Christmas concert, Flora's energy and dedication touch every part of school life. She also leads fundraising initiatives that create meaningful opportunities for students, and she's always ready to step in wherever help is needed.



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