



Monthly Update from the Board

February 2017



Toronto Catholic District School Board has declared **Friday, May 5, 2017 as Parish Family Day.**

A special *Parish Family Day Celebration* will be held at the Catholic Education Centre on **Friday, May 5th, 2017** to showcase student work focusing on the many ways that our parishes and our parish priests contribute to our schools and communities.

Students are invited to create a short video, original song or piece of original artwork, write a short story, poem or letter, or express themselves in any way artistically to highlight the relationship that the students have with the local parish and/or the priest/pastor at their church.

Completed projects should be submitted via email to parish.project@tcdsb.org.

Deadline for submissions Friday, April 7, 2017.

Let's continue to celebrate our parishes!

We Want to Hear Your Views

Watch for community consultations coming soon for:

- **Parent and Student Bill of Rights**
- **2017-2018 Budget Consultation**

Details coming soon. Visit www.tcdsb.org in February for details.

February is Psychology Month

The Psychology Department of TCDSB invites the community to explore and discover the many different ways psychology can help improve our everyday life and overall well-being, and balance the many roles and responsibilities we have. Psychology is for everyone!

HELP YOUR CHILD FLOURISH: HOW TO ACHIEVE MENTAL HEALTH

A presentation for parents and educators on **February 22, 2017, 4:30-6:30 p.m.**

Catholic Education Centre, 3rd Floor, 80 Sheppard Avenue East

Learn more about the programs and services provided by the Psychology Department, TCDSB

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SpecialEducation/psychology/Pages/default.aspx>

February is National Inclusive Education Month

Learn more about the TCDSB's Catholic Equity and Inclusive Education Policy:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/Policies/Pages/hm24.aspx>

February is African Canadian Heritage Month

Celebrating the rich history, tradition and contribution to Canadian culture, literature, science, medicine, technology and the arts.

February 10—Mass and Cultural Expose at St. Mother Teresa Catholic Academy, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/AfricanCanadianHeritage/Pages/default.aspx>

Director's Annual Report 2015-2016

Check out the latest edition of the Director's Annual Report and review some of the many highlights from the past school year:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BoardAdministration/DirectorofEducation/Pages/Director%E2%80%99s-Annual-Report-2015-2016.aspx>

Student Voice—Minister's Student Advisory Council Seeks Applicants

Students in grades 7 to 12 are eligible for consideration. Deadline is February 9th.

<http://edu.gov.on.ca/eng/students/speakup/msac.html>

- **Other Opportunities for Students**

- **Kayak Kids Illustrated History Challenge—deadline June 1**

- <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/Kayak-Kids-Illustrated-History-Challenge-.aspx>

- **Weston Youth Innovation Award** encourages & recognizes young Canadian innovators

- <http://www.ontariosciencecentre.ca/innovationaward>

- **Autism Ontario** offers three exciting scholarships

- <http://www.autismontario.com/client/aso/ao.nsf/web/Education+Scholarships>

- **Overseas Credit Courses:**

- <https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/continuingeducation/secondarycreditcourses/overseas/Pages/default.aspx>

- **Summer Job Opportunity with Toronto Police Service**

- TPS is accepting applications for the 2017 Summer YIPI (Youth in Policing) Program! Successful applicants can earn \$11.40/hr, 35hrs/week! Apply now: <http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/yipi/>

- **Summer Jobs with City of Toronto—Deadline for applications February 14th.**

- <http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=7ac14aced070a410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD>

TCDSB Awards Night May 1, 2017

Nominate a member of the TCDSB family for our annual awards

- [Sister Mary Hamilton Award for Exceptional Students](#) Deadline last Friday in February.
- [Ashif Jaffer Award for Excellence in Special Education Support](#) Deadline third Friday in February.

Calling All Alumni: Save the Date!

Father John Redmond CSS and RAC 30th Anniversary Reunion

Saturday, May 6, 2017 and Sunday, May 7, 2017. For more information & registration please visit:

<http://fjr30th.wixsite.com/fjr30>

Kindergarten Registration Continues

Apply online at soar.tcdsb.org

Imagine the Possibilities

Ready to Pick Your High School Courses?

The 2017-2018 Course Calendar is available online:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/GuidanceCoopEd/Documents/TCDSB-ProgramAndCourseCalendar-2017-2018.pdf>

Other Important Reminders:

- **Community College Application Deadline** is February 1, 2017
<http://www.ontariocolleges.ca/apply/important-dates>
- **Winter Walk Day**--February 1, 2017
- **Night School Registration Continues Until mid-February**
<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/continuingeducation/secondarycreditcourses/nightschool/pages/default.aspx>
- **EClass drop in support** is available daily between 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. on February 15th, 21st, 22nd, 27th and 28th at the Catholic Education Centre, 80 Sheppard Avenue East.
www.tcdsb.org/eClass
- **Family Day**—Monday, February 20, 2017
- **System-Wide PA Day** Friday, February 17, 2017
- **Lent Begins** on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017

Cold Alerts and Weather-Related Cancellations/Closures

Throughout the winter months, Twitter and the board website are the best sources of information relating to cold weather alerts, cancellations and closures. Get all the information here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/HealthandSafety/Pages/Cold-Weather-Alerts.aspx> and here

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/HealthandSafety/Pages/Weather-Related-Safety-Concerns.aspx>

And remember to check the Toronto Student Transportation Group website for any school bus delays throughout the year. <http://www.torontoschoolbus.org/>

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