



Monthly Update from the Board

December 2016

Kindergarten Registration for September 2017

The Toronto Catholic District School Board invites families with children born in 2013 to register for Kindergarten beginning **Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 10 a.m. EST.**

Registration options:

- **Online:** Parents will be able to complete their application online at: <https://soar.tcdsb.org/Login.aspx>. A follow up with visit to the school to present the required documents will be scheduled by the school following the online application.
- **In Person:** Parents can register at their local school with the required documents.

Information: 416-222-8282 ext. 5320 or 5314, www.tcdsb.org/kindergartenregistration

French Immersion and Extended French

The Toronto Catholic District School Board offers French Immersion and Extended French programs at several TCDSB sites. The French Immersion program is offered to students beginning in Junior Kindergarten. The Extended French Program is offered to students beginning in grade 5. Interested parents are encouraged to attend an information evening to learn more about the program. Please note dates, times and locations for sessions planned for December through to February available on the [French Immersion](#) and [Extended French](#) sites. Information: (416) 222-8282 ext. 2540 or <https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/EarlyYears/KindergartenRegistration/Pages/French-Immersion.aspx>.

LTAP and LTPP

The Toronto Catholic District School Board has launched a consultation on its proposed Long Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP) and Long Term Program Plan (LTPP).

All parents, staff, students and Catholic school stakeholders are invited to participate and provide input into the proposed actions outlined in the draft [Long Term Accommodation Plan \(LTAP\) and Long Term Program Plan \(LTPP\)](#).

Two separate consultation surveys (one for each plan) have been prepared to facilitate this consultation process. The links to the online surveys can be accessed by clicking on the links above.

The deadline for responding to the surveys is Monday, January 9, 2017 at Noon.

Feedback gathered through the consultation process will help inform the decisions of Trustees regarding final recommendations for the LTAP and LTPP at the Board meeting in February 2017.

For more information regarding the LTPP and the LTAP, please visit

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/PlanningandFacilities/ConsultationsLTAPLTPP/Pages/Default.aspx>

We thank you for your involvement in these important discussions.

Year of Parish—Promote Your Parish Project

As we continue to celebrate our Year of the Parish we want to know what makes your pastor and/or your parish unique. Students are invited to create a short video, 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.

“Promote Your Parish” and let’s celebrate the many ways that our parishes and our parish priests contribute to our schools and communities. **Submit the completed projects via email to parish.project@tcdsb.org.** We will be sharing the submissions via the board’s website as well as Twitter. In addition, plans are underway for a showcase of student submissions—videos, art and written pieces—during Catholic Education Week. Watch for more details about that event soon.

Deadline for submissions: April 7, 2017

Visit the website for criteria and other details.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/YearoftheParish/Pages/Parish-Family-Day-Celebration.aspx>

Toronto Police Service Seeks Crossing Guards

Interested individuals should drop in to their local police division to inquire about application.

Advent Has Begun

For prayers, liturgies & other resources: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Pages/Season-of-Advent.aspx>

Get Ready for High School

Everything you need to know can be found in the Transition Guides for parents and students:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/GuidanceCoopEd/Transition%20to%20High%20School/Pages/default.aspx>

https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/GuidanceCoopEd/Transition%20to%20High%20School/TransitionGuidesOct282016/TCDSB_STUDENT_GUIDE.pdf

Preparing for Post-Secondary Education?

University application deadline: January 11, 2017 <https://www.ouac.on.ca/deadlines/>

College application deadline: February 1, 2017 <http://www.ontariocolleges.ca/apply/important-dates>

OSAP information for students--Find more information about the Ontario Student Assistance Program:

- [New! Free tuition for eligible students](#)
- [OSAP Presentation](#)

Dates/Events to Note:

- **Staff Arts Christmas Concert, December 2nd** <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/staff-arts-christmas-concert-and-wine-and-cheese-social.aspx>
- **System-wide PA Day December 2nd**
- **International Day of Persons with Disabilities, December 3rd**
- **International Human Rights Day, December 10th**

Christmas Break

A reminder that schools are open through to December 23, 2016. Christmas holidays begin Saturday, December 24th and continue through to Sunday, January 8th. Classes resume, Monday, January 9th.

Our Eastern rite families will celebrate Christmas on January 7th.

We wish everyone a safe, happy and blessed Christmas.