



Monthly Update from the Board

Participate in TCDSB Budget Consultation

Watch for more information regarding the consultation process for the 2013-2014 TCDSB Budget. All stakeholders (parents, students, staff and Catholic school supporters) are invited to attend a special board meeting to hear delegations regarding the budget. This will take place on May 7th at 6:30 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre, 80 Sheppard Avenue East. In addition, everyone will be able to access a video presentation on the board's budget, and to provide input via an online survey which will be available online this spring. Visit the board's website at www.tcdsb.org for information as it becomes available.

TCDSB Adopts Mental Health Strategy

Toronto Catholic District School Board's commitment to student well-being and achievement is integral to the Board's Multi-Year Strategic Plan. The Mental Health Strategy is part of a larger board vision to craft safe, healthy, engaging and inclusive schools, and aims to support the overall TCDSB Board Learning Improvement Plan. Student engagement is contingent to a large degree upon student mental health and well-being.

"On behalf of the TCDSB Mental Health Steering Committee we recognize that student mental health is inextricably tied to student engagement and achievement," says Patricia Marra-Stapleton, TCDSB Mental Health Leader. "TCDSB's Mental Health Strategy recognizes that mental health is critical to student success, and will endeavour to address this fundamental area in an effort to assist our students reach their fullest potential."

Since the Canadian Psychological Association first declared February as Psychology Month in 2005, the Board has also focused on psychology and mental health at this time each year. Appropriately, the approval of the strategy took place at the February meeting of the Student Achievement and Well-Being, Catholic Education and Human Resources Committee.

"We envision TCDSB as a school board where there is an understanding that the mental health of children and youth is integral to student achievement and well-being," says Director of Education Bruce Rodrigues. "Our goal is for all of our schools to be mentally healthy schools which support success and well-being for the entire community including students and staff."

"By making mental health a priority, we hope to raise awareness among our leaders of the impact of mental health upon achievement, and to focus our resources on prevention programs and the development of mental health literacy across the board," says Chair of the Board Ann Andrachuk.

The Strategy, as well as the school guidelines and the suicide intervention guidelines are available on the Board's website at www.tcdsb.org.

Year 4 and 5 Sites for Full Day Kindergarten Are Approved

TCDSB is pleased to confirm that the Ministry of Education has approved our Full Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program sites for 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 academic years.

Year 4 (September 2013):

Blessed Margherita, Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, D'Arcy McGee, Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Grace, Pope Paul VI, Senhor Santo Cristo, St. Alphonsus, St. Bede, St. Benedict, St. Brigid, St. Columba, St. Conrad, St. Demetrius, St. Edmund Campion, St. Francis de Sales, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Gabriel Lalemant, St. James, St. Jane Frances, St. Jean de Brebeuf, St. Jerome, St. Josaphat, St.

Lawrence, St. Louis, St. Luigi, St. Mary of the Angels, St. Matthias, St. Monica, St. Nicholas of Bari, St. Raphael, St. Raymond, St. Rene Goupil, St. Richard, St. Roch, St. Sebastian, St. Sylvester, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Timothy, St. Vincent de Paul, The Divine Infant, Venerable John Merlini.

Year 5 (September 2014):

All Saints, Annunciation, Blessed Sacrament, Blessed Trinity, Holy Angels, Holy Spirit., Mother Cabrini, Our Lady of Peace, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Our Lady of Sorrows, Our Lady of the Assumption, Our Lady of Victory, Our Lady of Wisdom, Regina Mundi, St. Agnes, St. Anselm, St. Augustine of Canterbury, St. Bonaventure, St. Boniface, St. Brendan, St. Cecilia, St. Clare, St. Clement, St. Cyril, St. Denis, St. Elizabeth, St. Eugene, St. Fidelis, St. Gregory, St. John, St. Kevin, St. Malachy, St. Margaret, St. Maria Goretti, St. Matthew, St. Paschal Baylon, St. Robert, St. Rose of Lima, St. Simon, St. Ursula, St. Victor, Transfiguration.

Information about the Full-Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program is available on our website at <http://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/Kindergarten/Pages/FullDayEarlyLearningKindergarten.aspx>.

Volunteer Appreciation Week

April 21-27, 2013 is Volunteer Appreciation Week.

This is a wonderful time to acknowledge the contribution that our volunteers make to our school communities, and to the city we live in. Our congratulations and thanks to all our volunteers, and to all those students, staff and parents who help out in their communities.

Other April Events

April 2nd Autism Awareness Day

April 8th Blessed Pope John Paul II Day

April 8-12 Angel Foundation for Learning Shape Up Week

April 23 TCDSB Exemplary Practice Awards

April 24 Administrative Assistants' Day (Secretary's Day)

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