



Monthly Update from the Board

Homework Help for Students

New semester begins in February. For students needing help with math homework, online support is available after school. Certified teachers are available to respond to specific questions or broad concepts in mathematics. Visit the Homework Help website for more information: <https://homeworkhelp.ilc.org/>

TCDSB Budget Consultation

Watch for information on the TCDSB budget consultation process. Parents, staff, students and other stakeholders will be invited to provide input into budget priorities for the 2013-2014 school year. Visit our website at www.tcdsb.org for details early in the spring.

Canadian Paralympic Schools Week February 18-22, 2012

TCDSB is proud to be a supporter of the Paralympics and to play a role in educating students about the Paralympic Movement. For more information: www.paralympic.ca/schoolsweek

February is African Canadian Heritage Month

TCDSB celebrates African Canadian Heritage Month during the month of February. A number of special events are planned, including a Mass and Cultural Expose scheduled for Tuesday, February 26th 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Blessed Mother Teresa Catholic Secondary School in Scarborough. For more events and information, please refer to our website at www.tcdsb.org.

Calling All Kids—Mascot Design Challenge

The challenge to create a mascot for the TORONTO 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games is on! It's a ONCE -IN -A-LIFE TIME opportunity! The Toronto 2015 Mascot Creation Challenge invites kids 16 and under from across Canada to design a mascot for the Toronto 2015 games. Deadline for submissions is March 8th.

Help tell the unique story of the TORONTO 2015 Pan Am and Parapan Am Games by creating the mascot and its story that will now and forever be associated with the "People's Games." The Games where everyone is welcome. Where everyone is part of the energy, from the world's best athletes to the kids and families cheering them on.

United We Play—joy, competition and fun. That's the the Pan Am 2015 spirit. The mascot will be an important personality both leading up to and during the Games, and will be used by TO2015 (the TORONTO 2015 Pan American and Parapan American Games Organizing Committee) to welcome visitors and spectators, visit schools and community events, and appear on signage, advertising and merchandise. The mascot will represent the best of us all, our Games and our nation. For inspiration, visit the TORONTO 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games website at www.toronto2015.org.

Parents Are Invited to Learn About Extended French

Registration at all elementary schools across the Toronto Catholic District School Board has begun for September 2013.

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is pleased to offer the **Extended French Program** to students beginning in grade 5 at several TCDSB schools. Information evenings are scheduled at each Extended French school location. Upcoming information meetings are listed below:

- Blessed Sacrament - 416-393-5226 24 Bedford Park Avenue, Toronto
February 21 – 6:30 P.M.
- D'Arcy McGee - 416-393-5318 20 Bantley Avenue, York
April 11 – 7:00 P.M.
- Our Lady of Grace - 416-393-5372 121 Brimwood Boulevard, Scarborough
February 21 – 7:00 P.M.
- St. Benedict - 416-393-5267 2202 Kipling Avenue, Etobicoke
February 21 – 7:00 P.M.
- St. Bonaventure - 416-393-5263 1340 Leslie Street, North York
February 20 – 7:00 P.M.
- St. Margaret - 416-393-5249 85 Carmichael Avenue, North York
March 7 – 7:00 P.M.
- St. Maria Goretti - 416-393-5260 21 Kenmark Boulevard, Scarborough
February 20 – 7:00 P.M.
- St. Richard - 416-393-5301 960 Bellamy Road North, Scarborough
February 6 – 7:00 P.M.
- St. Timothy - 416-393-5298 25 Rochelle Crescent, North York
March 21 – 7:00 P.M.
- St. Vincent de Paul - 416-393-5227 116 Fermanagh Avenue, Toronto
February 25 – 7:00 P.M.

The Board's website <http://www.tcdsb.org/curriculum/kindergarten.htm> provides more information about TCDSB's kindergarten program, French Immersion and Extended French programs. For information about the various French as a Second Language programs, please call 416-222-8282, ext. 2540.

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