



Monthly Update from the Board March 2014

Reminder to send in your MYSP Report Card

A Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) Report Card was included in your child's report card with a return envelope. Please take the time to complete and return it in the envelope provided. Your input is valued and very important to the school board, as we work together to ensure the best Catholic education for all our students.

By participating in the MYSP report card, you will help us understand what areas are important to you as a parent or guardian. This will be critical as we continue to implement the MYSP. You are invited to take a few moments to complete our system Report Card this February, and assist us in assessing our efforts on all elements in the plan.



The MYSP Report Card is available in multiple languages: in paper version and electronically. If you have misplaced the paper version we sent home, a copy is available from the school office. We would ask that you please complete the survey by **the deadline of February 28th, 2014.**

Municipal Elections Coming October 27, 2014

For those interested in running for position as a Catholic School Trustee, visit OCSTA's website to view the OCSTA booklet: Becoming a Catholic School Trustee – A Call to Service and Stewardship in Christ. <http://www.ocsta.on.ca/ocsta/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Revised-final-booklet-2-new-pictures-pink-2010.pdf>.

The Ministry of Education has also published an updated 2014 version of the publication [Making a Difference for Kids – Running for Election as a School Board Trustee](#). This elections guide is specifically for trustees and contains input from all trustee associations.

[Municipal Elections 2014 Guide](#) is published by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Key Dates

- January 2, 2014--Nomination and Campaign Period Begins
- September 12, 2014 (9 am to 2 pm)--Nomination Day (Last Day to be Nominated)
- September 12, 2014 (before 2pm)--Final Day for Withdrawal of Candidacy
- October 27, 2014--Voting Day
- December 1, 2014--School Board Term Begins

The Toronto Catholic District School Board has partnered with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) to launch a new website in support of this year's Municipal and School Board elections. Potential electors can visit voterlookup.ca and confirm and update their information in a few easy steps. Updating this information will help to ensure Voters' Lists are accurate in preparation for municipal and school board elections occurring this Fall. Visit www.voterlookup.ca today.

Students invited to *Change the View*

For the 5th year in a row, Children's Mental Health Ontario MHO is hosting its YouTube **video contest** called *Change the View*. Ontario youth are invited to make a short video that shows how we can all take the **stigma** out of kids' mental health issues like stress, depression, ADHD and psychosis - for a chance to **WIN \$1500!**. Over the past several years, *Change the View* has become CMHO's **vehicle for connecting with teachers and students** across the province. Video messages from youth helped inform our Youth Action Committee's [report](#) about mental health in schools. A number of teachers have incorporated the contest into their curriculum as a way of promoting mental health awareness and reducing stigma in the classroom. *Change the View* has also received international recognition from like-minded organizations that would like to launch a similar event.

The contest opened on **February 20th** and the deadline is **April 10th, 2014**.

<http://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/Pages/Change-the-View.aspx>

New Website Just for Students

Check out the new section of our website specifically for students. Check out:

<http://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/Pages/default.aspx> for the latest news and information about job opportunities, scholarships, contests, as well as programs and services. Student input is always welcome.

Coming Up in March

- March is Celtic Canadian Heritage Month across the board
- "Lift Jesus Higher" Rally March 1
- Ordinandi Luncheon and Dinner—Celebrating newly ordained priests March 4
- Lent Begins March 5
- *Details and any related resources for these events on the Nurturing our Catholic Community website* <http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Default.aspx>
- National Social Work Week (March 4-10)
- CYW and EA Appreciation Day (March 7)
- International Women's Day (March 8)
- March Break (March 10-14)
- World Down Syndrome Day (March 21)
- International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination (March 21)
- The Scarborough Seedy Saturday and Green Fair (March 22)
- <http://www.tcdsb.org/schools/stagatha/News/20132014/ScarboroughSeedySaturdayAndGreenFair/Pages/Default.aspx>
- TCDSB Earth Hour--March 28 at 11 a.m. (Earth Hour is on the 29th)
- <http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/environment/EarthHour/Pages/default.aspx>

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