



Monthly Update from the Board

November 2013

Today's Special: Education and Community Resources Fair A Special Day in Support of Your Child:

Advice, support for parents of special needs students

November 2, 2013

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Catholic Education Centre

<http://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SpecialEducation/Pages/Today's-Special--Education-and-Community-Resources-Fair--a-Special-Day-in-Support-of-Your-Child.aspx>

TCDSB Seeking Community Rep for Audit Committee

TCDSB is seeking a community volunteer to sit on the board's Audit Committee.

Deadline for applications is December 6th.

For details on applying: <http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TrusteesoftheBoard/Committees/Pages/Volunteer-Community-Member-for-Audit-Committee.aspx>.

For information about the Audit Committee see:

<http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TrusteesoftheBoard/Committees/Pages/Audit.aspx>

Calling all parents!

TCDSB Mental Health Advisory Council is looking for a parent representative. Deadline for applications is **November 8th, 2013**. Visit our website for detailed information and application form.

<http://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Pages/Current-Openings--Parent-Membership-on-Committees.aspx>

Humanitarian Aid for the Philippines

Archdiocese of Toronto Call for Support of Earthquake Relief Efforts

Many of you are likely aware of the earthquake that struck the Philippines on October 15th.

Our prayers go out to those who have died, those who have been devastated by the loss of loved ones, and those who have been displaced by this disaster. The Archdiocese of Toronto is asking for our support for fundraising efforts to provide emergency assistance to the affected areas. Schools and individuals wishing to reach out to our brothers and sisters in the Philippines are invited to make a donation through their local parish.

More information: <http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/News/2013-2014/Pages/Philippine-Earthquake-Relief-Efforts.aspx>

Introducing the Anchor of Hope

TCDSB is pleased to introduce a new project specifically designed to celebrate our Year of Hope, the second year of the Board's Pastoral Plan. Last year we saw the completion of the two-year journey of our Witness to Faith Cross. What an incredible journey it was for all of us—what a beautiful testament to our shared Faith. This year, TCDSB invites all schools to participate in the “Anchor of Hope”, a tangible way for us to share ideas about what hope looks like in our local schools and offices.

The physical anchor will be designed and built by students from our Catholic schools, and will be given a place of honour in the atrium at the Catholic Education Centre. The anchor will showcase the many ideas, messages and visual representations of hope throughout our school system. The Board looks forward to seeing the local interpretations of what hope looks like, and how many of these ideas will come to fruition next year as our Year of Hope transitions into our Year of Charity, which will invite us to put our Faith and Hope into action.

Student Video Contest—Faith in our Future

Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association is hosting “Faith in Our Future” short-video contest for students in grade 5 through to grade 12. Awards will be presented to the top three videos at both the elementary and secondary levels.

This video contest is an opportunity for students (or student media groups) to explain to the world how their experience in Ontario's Catholic schools has made a positive difference in their lives. Full details and production requirements are on the website à www.faithinourfuture.ca/students.

The deadline for submissions is November 17, 2013.

More info: <http://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2013/pages/ocsta-video-contest-2013.aspx>

Dates to Note:

- **November 1** All Saints Day
<http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/News/Pages/All-Saints-Day.aspx>
- **November 2** All Souls Day
<http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/News/Pages/All-Souls-Day.aspx>
- **November 11** Remembrance Day
- **November 6** Take Our Kids to Work Day
- **November 15** Board-wide PA day. No classes for students.
- **November 17-23** Bullying Awareness Week
- **November 22** Holodomor day-- dedicated to the loss of millions of Ukrainian lives at the hands of the Soviet Regime during the great famine of 1932-1933.
<http://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/Pages/Holodomor-Memorial-Day.aspx>
- **November 25** Memorial Mass (*in honour of the staff and students who have passed away recently*)

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