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Toronto Catholic District School Board Orientation Centre Welcomes Newcomers

The Toronto Catholic District School Board's Orientation Centre located at 700 Markham Street will be open this summer from July 5th to 15th and from August 9th to September 3rd. Office hours are between 8:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The Centre welcomes newly arrived secondary school students and their families to Toronto Catholic schools from outside of Ontario.

"The Orientation Centre is a welcoming environment and also offers newcomer families a range of settlement services in order that students adjust more effectively to a new country, system and society," says Michel Bencini, TCDSB Teacher and member of the Orientation Centre team. "We look forward to serve students and families in ensuring a proper and comfortable transition to Catholic education within TCDSB."

The centre is conveniently located at 700 Markham Street. Students and their families should call ahead for an appointment at 416-393-5500.

Mr. Bencini recommends that families contact the Centre as soon as they arrive, rather than waiting until September to find an appropriate placement.

More information is also available on the website at www.tcdsb.org/oc.

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