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## Welcoming New Students to Toronto Catholic Schools

Each summer, the Toronto Catholic District School Board welcomes many new families to its 201 Catholic elementary and secondary schools.

Families with elementary school aged children are reminded that school offices are closed until Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. Registration is handled at the local school level. Families who wish to prepare for registration are welcome to contact the Board during the summer months:

### Admissions Department

Laura Tench, 416-222-8282 ext. 2383 or Clara Pereira, 416-222-8282 ext. 2531

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416-222-8282 ext. 5314

Registration information is also available on the board's website at

<http://www.tcdsb.org/admissions/default.htm>

Secondary school students who are new to the province are reminded that the TCDSB Orientation Centre located at 700 Markham Street will be open until July 15<sup>th</sup>, and re-open from August 9<sup>th</sup> to September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Office hours are between 8:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Students and their families should call ahead for an appointment at 416-393-5500. More information is also available on the website at [www.tcdsb.org/oc](http://www.tcdsb.org/oc).

“We look forward to the opportunity of welcoming many new students and their families to our school system for the coming academic year,” says Angela Kennedy, Chair of the Board. “Serving one of the most culturally and linguistically diverse cities in Canada is always a challenge, but also a wonderful opportunity for our Board.”

In recent months, the TCDSB Orientation Centre's Michel Bencini was recognized with a Newcomer Champion Award and Hanna Cabaj, Coordinator of Adult Education received the TESL (Teachers of English as a Second Language) Canada Honourary Life Membership Award. Staff from the Board's Community Relations Department, which does valuable outreach and support for various cultural communities, also have been recognized with various awards for their contribution to welcoming newcomers and supporting the learning experience for students from other countries.

“We take great pride in what we have been able to accomplish, and we recognize the important role that we play in teaching our students to embrace the diversity inherent in our Canadian community, and to promote respect, dignity and equality for all,” says Ann Perron, Director of Education. “

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*The Toronto Catholic District School Board educates more than 93,000 students from diverse cultures and language backgrounds in its 201 Catholic elementary and secondary schools and serves approximately 475,000 Catholic school supporters across the City of Toronto.*

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