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The Safe Schools Department believes in the adage that it takes a community to raise a child.

To this end, we have developed a close working relationship with other TCDSB departments/programs (e.g., Physical Education, Health and Safety, Student Success, Behaviour, Psychology, Social Work, Guidance, Religious Education, Communications, Curriculum Accountability, IT, Computer Services etc.).

This sometimes results in an overlap in the policies, procedures, and delivery of services. Our common aim is to amplify a safe, caring, and healthy Catholic community and as such, we would like to share the following dates and events and hope that you can take advantage of these projects/events throughout the 2007-8 school year:

September 29, 2007: OISE New Teacher candidates at OISE/UT one day conference

- **October 1, 2007:** Safe Schools Dept. workshop delivery at Strategy Institute re: lockdowns, bullying prevention, managing crisis in school
- **October 2, 2007:** TCDSB ESP kick off at CNIB
- **October 17, 2007:** Canadian Safe Schools Network, CSSN - Youth Gangs at Montecassino Hotel
- **October 18, 2007:** City of Toronto, Scarborough Safe Schools forum at McGregor Park Community Centre, 1-3:30
- **Week of October 22nd:** ESP Skills Camp for schools who are working to initiate/boost ESP programs
- **End of October:** Schools to finalize Safe Schools Action Plan as part of School Learning Plan
- **November:** In-services on Bill 212 for all TCDSB administrators
- **November 1, 2007:** ESP Divisional Officer Meeting - Safe Schools Administrator invited
- **November 5 & 6, 2007:** TCDSB Administrators' *Safe School Symposium: Inclusive Leadership* at the Novotel Hotel, Yonge and Sheppard. Details to follow
- **November 10, 2007:** Catholic Parent Involvement Conference (CPIC), All day at CEC



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IMPORTANT DATES (continued):

- **December 12, 2007:** Safe Schools Dept., Fr. Henry Carr's EsPeRe/Stepping Stone/PACT Parent information 2nd session
- **January 7-11, 2008:** Safe Schools Dept., Fr. Henry Carr's EsPeRe/Stepping Stone/PACT program for students who are at risk for being suspended
- **January 10, 2008:** ESP Divisional Officer Meeting - Safe Schools Administrator invited
- **February 6, 2008:** Safe Schools Dept., Fr. Henry Carr's EsPeRe/Stepping Stone/PACT Parent Information 3rd Session
- **February 21, 2008:** CSSN Annual Safe School Conference, Doubletree Hotel
- **March (dates pending) 2008:** Safe Schools Dept., Fr. Henry Carr's EsPeRe/Stepping Stone/PACT program for student trainers and students who are at risk for being suspended
- **March 6, 2008:** ESP Divisional Officer Meeting - Safe Schools Administrator invited
- **March 26, 2008:** ESP Mini-Olympics
- **April 16, 2008:** Safe Schools Dept., Fr. Henry Carr's EsPeRe/Stepping Stone/PACT Parent Information 4th Session
- **April 28 to May 2, 2008:** Safe Schools Dept., Fr. Henry Carr's EsPeRe/Stepping Stone/PACT program for at risk students
- **May 6, 2008:** ESP Showcase
- **Summer 2008:** Canadian Safe Schools Network (CSSN) certification at Nottawasaga Inn

Important Reminder

The Safe Schools Department has produced a Bullying Awareness and Prevention Template which supports the mandate of the Ministry of Education of Ontario that all schools prepare a Safe School Plan. This template is designed to assist schools in the creation of a local plan.

The **Bullying Awareness and Prevention Template** can be found under **TAB 2** of the **Safe Schools Action Team binder** that was distributed to each school. As well, the document can be found on the TCDSB website - Staff - Bullyproofing link.

Please contact your area Advisor if you require assistance.