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 Christ the King  
 416-393-5257  
 Holy Angels  
 416-393-5329  
 Josyf Cardinal Slipyj  
 416-393-5413  
 Mother Cabrini  
 416-393-5340  
 Nativity of Our Lord  
 416-393-5288  
 Our Lady of Peace  
 416-393-5253  
 Our Lady of Sorrows  
 416-393-5246  
 St. Ambrose  
 416-393-5259  
 St. Clement  
 416-393-5307  
 St. Elizabeth  
 416-393-5278  
 St. Gregory  
 416-393-5262  
 St. Leo  
 416-393-5333  
 St. Louis  
 416-393-5331  
 St. Mark  
 416-393-5332  
 St. Teresa  
 416-393-5266

**Secondary Schools:**  
 Bishop Allen  
 416-393-5549  
 Father John Redmond &  
 Regional Arts Centre  
 416-393-5540  
 Michael Power/St. Joseph  
 416-393-5529

**Superintendents of Education:**  
 Colleen Tovey-Shackleton  
 Paul Crawford

**Parishes:**  
 Christ the King  
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# Your Trustee's Report



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## A Message from your Trustee

School is well underway and many wonderful things are taking place for our children.

They say you can't judge a book by its cover and that goes for our schools. Many people look at our facilities and assume that what we look like from the outside is an indication of what goes on inside. They should just take a moment to peak inside the front door and listen to the beehive of activity taking place.

I have had the pleasure of working with so many CSAC parents in all the Ward 2 schools. The energy they bring to our school communities and all the time they invest to enhance the education experience of our children is wonderful. Their efforts improve the quality of education provided in our schools and I am grateful for their enthusiasm and hard work.

The following is an excerpt from the address Benedict XVI delivered to the bishops of Ontario, on the occasion of their Ad Limina visit to Rome on September 8, 2006

"Catechesis and religious education is a taxing apostolate. I thank and encourage those many lay men and women, together with religious, who strive to ensure that your young people become daily more appreciative of the gift of faith which they have received.

More than ever this demands that witness, nourished by prayer, be the all-encompassing milieu of every Catholic school. Teachers, as witnesses, account for the hope that nourishes their own lives by living the truth they propose

to their pupils, always in reference to the one they have encountered and whose dependable goodness they have sampled with joy.

And so with St. Augustine they say: "We who speak and you who listen acknowledge ourselves as fellow disciples of a single teacher" (St. Augustine, Sermons, 23:2)."

As true partners in education we work together to instil Catholic values in all our children, our future. We are an education system with a difference.

It is my pleasure to serve you and I look forward to continuing to work closely with parents and staff. I invite you to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions at 416-512-3402 or via email at [ann.andrachuk@tcdsb.org](mailto:ann.andrachuk@tcdsb.org)

Sincerely,

*Ann*



At Queen's Park, the Hon. Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Education, myself, Trustee Mary Cicogna and TCDSB Chair Oliver Carroll at a recent meeting to discuss funding issues related to Catholic education.

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## General Information

Parents/ratepayers may find the following list of contact telephone numbers helpful:

### Admissions

416-222-8282, ext. 5320

### Communications

416-222-8282, ext. 5314

### Continuing Education

416-222-8282,

ext. 2491/2556

### 24-hour Information Line

416-222-8282, ext. 2873

### CSAC Access Line

416-222-8282, ext. 6634

### Permits

416-222-8282, ext. 4370

### Security

416-229-5360

### Curriculum and

### Accountability

416-222-8282, ext. 2490

### Special Services

416-222-8282, ext. 2486

### Transportation

416-229-5313

Information about programs and services, Board policies and the latest news can also be found on TCDSB's web site at [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org)

For information about registration in all of our Catholic elementary schools and Catholic secondary schools please contact 416-222-8282, ext 5314 or visit our website at [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org)



## Meetings in Ward 2

An invitation was extended to our local MPP, Laurel Broten, Minister of the Environment and MPP Donna Cansfield, Minister of Transportation to meet with CSAC representatives from schools in our Ward.

Parents had an opportunity to ask questions and to voice their concerns regarding funding, capital projects and bussing, with our MPP. This was a very productive meeting and I would like to thank all the parents who came out that evening to speak to the issue.

Because of the admission and space issues in many of our schools and the requirement for the 20 cap in elementary there is a real strain on our facilities. I am working hard and even more diligently with Board staff to address the inequity of the funding formula and to look at alternatives to assist us in securing Capital Funds for building projects. The Board is working on its "Toronto Solution"; a plan which would see collaboration between the TCDSB the Toronto Public Board and the City of Toronto on use of surplus school space.

Recently I met with representatives of Ward 2 CSACs at Fr. John Redmond Catholic Secondary School & Regional Arts Centre. It was a very informative and interactive meeting with discussion around the Boards budget deficit, upcoming consultation, individual school issues and ideas to improve parent involvement.

We concluded the meeting reluctantly since we were invited to attend a 'Cyber Bullying' presentation hosted by Fr. John Redmond. This session was held to provide information to parents about the need to be involved in our children's use of computers and the internet. There was a powerful presentation followed by a Q & A. Handouts were available with additional information to assist parents.

Meeting with the CSAC Chairs and attending CSAC meetings has taught me about the real time issues that parents are faced with in their schools and has allowed me to assist in resolving them as expeditiously as possible.

Not only have I met with parents, but I have also held meetings with both the Elementary and Secondary Principals. This was very helpful to learn what happens on the administrative side of school issues. Bringing these two groups together has been very positive and has also strengthened the relationships between them to have a more open dialogue about our schools.

## Recent School News

### TCDSB Awards Night



Wesley Kosiba from St. Teresa Catholic School, recipient of a Student Achievement Award for his accomplishments on the Toronto West U14 Volleyball Team.



Kira LeBlanc, a student at St. Louis Catholic School, received the Father Andrew Cuschieri Award.



Michelle McKinnon and Patricia Coburn, teachers at Michael Power/St. Joseph High School, received certificates from the Board for their role as convenors of the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association Girls' Volleyball Championship.

### Recipient of Literacy Award

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic School has been awarded the George Ermellini Literacy Award for 2005/06. The award will be used to fund the CWL Literacy Intervention Program, which links senior citizens from the school community with struggling readers from grades 1 to 4. During their weekly reading sessions, students have the opportunity to build both reading skills and self-confidence as they work with their senior reading buddies.

## Voter Registration

### Check Your School Support

With municipal elections happening this fall, it is important to verify your eligibility to vote for a Catholic school Trustee.

Only Roman Catholic parents, ratepayers and members of the Eastern Rite in union with the See of Rome, have that right.

To confirm your school support:

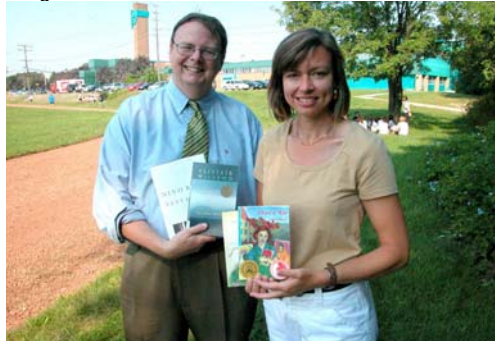
- Check your most recent Assessment Notice
- Check with your landlord or
- Call the Voter Registration Department at the Toronto Catholic District School Board 416-222-8282 ext 2666, 2446 or 2444 or
- email [sandra.vitale@tcdsb.org](mailto:sandra.vitale@tcdsb.org)

*The future of Catholic education in Ontario depends on all of us!*



### Exemplary Practice Award Winner

Congratulations to Bishop Allen Academy for being the Ward 2 recipient of the 2005-2006 TCDSB's Exemplary Practice Award in recognition of its Festival of the Word.



### Top fundraiser in Kids Walk to Cure Diabetes

The Toronto Catholic District School Board has been recognized by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation with the Top Fundraising School Board in Canada Award. Students, staff and parents in the TCDSB raised in excess of \$90,000 during Kids Walk to Cure Diabetes events across Toronto during the past school year.

Our Lady of Peace Catholic School students David and Elizabeth continued their diabetes advocacy when they joined other children with Juvenile Diabetes from across Canada in The Kids For a Cure Lobby Day on Parliament Hill. They met with Members of Parliament to raise public and government awareness of the seriousness of Juvenile Diabetes, how it differs from Adult Onset Diabetes and the urgent need to find a cure for Juvenile Diabetes.



David Dellio, myself, Board Chair Oliver Carroll, JDRF President Ron Forbes, Elizabeth Dellio, Trustee Angela Kennedy, Karen Dellio and Anthony Petitti, Coordinator of Health/Physical and Outdoor Education.

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### St. Leo students write 'Letters to God'

Vision TV has selected students at St. Leo to participate in "Letters to God", a series of 13 half-hour programs which will air on Vision TV in Canada, and on the Faith and Values channel in the U.S. early next year.



In each episode, children between the ages of 5 and 12 read a short letter that they have written to God, whoever or whatever they conceive their God to be. After they read the letters – usually a few paragraphs long – a friendly interviewer asked them a few questions about themselves and their letters.

### Father John Redmond, before and after



Staff, students and dignitaries gathered at the Lakeshore Grounds on November 3rd for the groundbreaking ceremony to mark the start of construction of a new facility for Father John Redmond Catholic Secondary School. On hand were TCDSB Chair Oliver Carroll, area trustee Ann Andrachuk, Chair of Administrative and Corporate Services Committee Sal Piccininni, Local MPP Laurel Broten and City Councillor Mark Grimes.



The building in September 2006.



## School Year Calendar 2006-2007

Number of PA Days  
6

Christmas Break  
December 25, 2006  
to January 5, 2007

Mid-Winter Break  
March 12-16, 2007

Good Friday  
April 6, 2007

Easter Monday  
April 9, 2007

Catholic Education  
Week  
April 29-May 4

Victoria Day  
May 21, 2007

Last Instructional  
Day  
June 27, 2007

PA Days

**Elementary Schools**  
Fall- determined locally  
November 27  
December 8  
February 16  
March 9  
June 28

**Secondary Schools**  
Fall-determined locally  
December 8  
February 16  
June 28  
Two dates determined  
locally

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### Summer Reading Contest Winner

Noah Halas-Laing, from Our Lady of Peace Catholic School was among the winners of a summer reading contest. The students received gift packages from Scholastic Canada and Toronto Community News

### Cookies for Kandahar

Staff, students and parents at St. Elizabeth Catholic School baked cookies for the brother of a staff member, who is currently serving in Afghanistan. Special arrangements were made to send 10 tins of chocolate chip; oatmeal raisin and chocolate raisin cookies to Kandahar. That equalled almost 500 cookies. All students in classes from JK-Grade 8 participated and cards and letters were sent to the troops as well. The school's Advisory Council paid for the baking supplies and postage.

### Invitation to Open Houses

Grade 8 students and their families are invited to explore their secondary school options for September 2007. Open houses are being held throughout the City of Toronto, including at the following schools within our own community.

- Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:15 p.m. at Bishop Allen Academy, also with French Immersion and Extended French open houses.
- Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:45 p.m. at Michael Power/St. Joseph Catholic Secondary School
- Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Father John Redmond Catholic Secondary School & Regional Arts Centre

For more information on TCDSB schools, please visit our website at [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org).

### TCDSB Students Show Tremendous Improvement in 2005-2006 Assessment

Students across the Toronto Catholic District School Board have made tremendous gains in literacy and numeracy in recent years, with the latest EQAO assessment results showing improvements of between 3 and 10 per cent over the previous year. Board gains are consistently above the provincial gains for the same time period. For details, please visit the board's website at [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org).

### Students Need 40 Hours of Community Service to Graduate

Don't wait until it's too late!

As stated in the Ontario Secondary Schools, Grade 9 to 12: Program and Diploma Requirements, 1999 (OSS) every student who begins secondary school during or after the 1999-2000 school year must complete a minimum of 40 hours of community involvement activities as part of the requirements for an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)

The student community involvement activities must total a minimum of 40 hours and must be completed by the time they are slated to graduate in order to be eligible for the OSSD. A student can begin to fulfill this requirement at any time after a student enters Grade 9.

The activities must not be part of a credit course. Student community involvement activity must be completed outside of scheduled class time. The activities must be unpaid. A single forty-hour activity or a series of shorter-term activities may be undertaken. Students must submit by May 30<sup>th</sup> of each school year, an updated record of his/her completed activities

### Preliminary Enrolment Data Presented to Board

According to a report received by the Board, when comparing enrolment data from September 11, 2006 to September 9, 2005, there is an overall increase of 332 pupils. Since last year, elementary enrolment declined by 533, while secondary school enrolment increased by 865.

### Election reminder

City of Toronto Municipal Elections will be held on Monday, November 13, 2006. Please ensure that you are registered appropriately for the purposes of municipal elections, and school board tax support.

School support data banks are one of the indicators the government can use to determine overall support for, and strength of, the publicly funded Catholic system in Ontario.

For more information, as well as the Application for Direction of School Support go to [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org).