

# Greetings From Your Trustee



**REPRESENTING:**

*Elementary Schools:*

Blessed Margherita of Citta di Castello  
St. Augustine                      St. Charles Garnier  
St. Conrad                         St. Jane Frances  
St. Jerome                         St. Martha  
St. Norbert                        St. Raphael  
St. Robert                         St. Wilfrid

*Secondary Schools:*

James Cardinal McGuigan                      Madonna

*Superintendents of Education,*

Doug Yack and Michael McMorrow

*Parishes:*

St. Augustine of Canterbury                      St. Jane Frances  
St. Norbert    St. Philip Neri  
St. Wilfrid



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### Welcome back

As we start a new school year, I extend a warm welcome to all staff, parents and students. To those of you who were with us last year, I hope you had a restful and relaxing summer with your family and friends. A special welcome to those who are new to our Board, or to Ward 4 schools and communities. I'm certain that you will quickly feel a sense of belonging within your Catholic school community.

We are fortunate in Ward 4 to have so many wonderful schools, with exceptional staff and students. In this newsletter you will find a few of the outstanding accomplishments realized during the latter part of the past school year. I am always pleased to hear about the exciting things happening in the schools.

Our schools also benefit from the contributions of many community partners. I would like to recognize the countless volunteers and businesses that donate time, share expertise and support our students in so many ways. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

I look forward to hearing from you and working with you toward ensuring the best possible learning environment for our students. I will continue to follow my commitment to visit as many school communities as possible during this coming school year. I wish you all a successful and rewarding school year.

*Mary Cicogna*

### TCDSB Special Awards Event



Father Massey Lombardi, Msgr. Dennis Murphy and Mary Rose Bacani (Salt & Light TV) were honoured for the Holy Cows--Uganda Project, in which several schools participated, including St. Wilfrid, St. Jerome, St. Simon and James Cardinal McGuigan.

Also recognized was Pino Galati of Galati Market for his generous donations to the St. Augustine Catholic School community and in particular for the pancake breakfasts on Shrove Tuesday.

Maria Luca and Angela Di Prospero, teachers at St. Jerome Catholic School received TCDSB Certificates of Appreciation in recognition of their fundraising efforts for the needy in Haiti and Uganda.

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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)*

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## Breaking new ground at McGuigan



Staff, students, parents and dignitaries celebrated the start of construction of a new facility for James Cardinal McGuigan Catholic Secondary School with a groundbreaking ceremony on May 31st. Among those in attendance were: Executive Superintendent of Planning and Facilities Angelo Sangiorgio, Superintendent Mary Anne O'Leary, Trustee Mary Cicogna, Fr. Massey Lombardi, Principal Marg Gardonio, CSAC Chair Ana Ramos, City Councillor Peter LiPreti, Director of Education Kevin Kobus and Deputy Director John Hrajnik

## TCDSB Students Win Community Police Bursaries



Gabriella Burgos-Cabrera and Graciela Herrera from Madonna, and Elisabeth Machado and Agassi Marshall from James Cardinal McGuigan were among the recipients of the 31 Division Community Police Liaison Committee's 2006 Bursary Awards. The presentation of the awards took place on July 11<sup>th</sup> at Msgr. Percy Johnson Catholic Secondary School. The 31 Division Community Police fundraising dinner will be held on October 20, 2006.

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## More Ward 4 highlights

St. Wilfrid Catholic School has recently acquired a new soccer field.

St. Raphael Catholic School is the 2005-2006 recipient of TCDSB's Exemplary Practice Award in recognition of its Building a Catholic Kindergarten Learning Community (CKLC) - Partners in Action.

At the annual *Reading for the love of it* conference, teachers are recognized through the Reading Teacher of the Year Award. The goal is to honour teachers who show leadership, innovation, and good practice in teaching literacy skills. This year, Awards were presented to Theresa Hanrahan from St. Norbert and Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Schools and Dolores Cascone, Board Project Lead Teacher.

## Schools benefit from Floor Tennis Program

Ward 4 schools are among the 40 TCDSB schools that benefit from the Floor Tennis Program initiated through \$25,000 in funding provided by the Mayor's Community Safety Program. The schools are located in areas that have been identified as lacking adequate community programs. The program includes a "coach to coach" clinic and a visit to each school by Tennis Canada and the Ontario Tennis Association to introduce the program. The program, which can be incorporated into existing school programs, or be provided as an after-school program, began earlier this year.

## Living in the school community

At Blessed Margherita's Spring Gala, I was the lucky winner of a Dinner/Limousine Package. I was chauffeured to Salto Restaurant on Davenport Road. My gracious hosts Sal & Dina Spataro welcomed me and gave the added touch of personal service. The meal was excellent as was the service. I highly recommend Salto for an exceptional dining experience.

## Election reminder

City of Toronto Municipal Elections including the election of Catholic School Trustees will be held on Monday, November 13, 2006.

Catholic school parents/electors/supporters are asked to ensure that they are registered appropriately for the purposes of municipal elections, and school board tax support. It remains important that all parents and community members eligible to be Catholic school supporters are registered with the Regional Assessment Office.

Since 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 school system in Ontario, the more supporters registered the better. As parents with children in Catholic schools we are asking that you take the time to check your most recent assessment form.

If you are not identified correctly as a Catholic school supporter/elector, more information, as well as the [Application for Direction of School Support](#) are available on the TCDSB website at [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org).