

Message from the Director of Education and Chair of the Board

During the joyful season of Advent, we prepare our minds, hearts and souls and get ready to celebrate the joy of Christmas, the birth of Jesus, the Son of God. It is a time to rejoice, reflect, and give thanks to our Lord for the many blessings in our lives.

Christmas is an opportunity to catch up with friends and family and to spend quality time with our loved ones. Whether we are sharing meals, exchanging gifts, decorating the tree, singing or praying together, this valuable gift of time is irreplaceable. Christmas can be an extremely difficult time for those less fortunate, and we especially remember in our prayers those feeling lonely and hopeless. As we reflect on the birth of Jesus, let us reach out to those who are struggling, including shut-ins, seniors, the grieving and the ill.

During this Year of the School, let us celebrate our school communities and all the wonderful accomplishments of our TCDSB staff and students. Together, we celebrate the partnerships among our families, parishes and schools. Catholic education is built on the foundation of these relationships demonstrating our commitment to our faith and its teachings.

The importance of our faith is most apparent during this special time of year. As a Catholic Community, we are called to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas, as Jesus offers the greatest of all gifts: His salvation. Let us use the days of Advent to prepare our hearts for the spirit of Christmas.



As this year comes to an end, we thank all the staff, students, families, parishes and supporters of Catholic education for your commitment and dedication to our school and parish communities. We look forward to welcoming 2018 with a continued focus on nurturing our Catholic community, improving student well-being and achievement and building our capacity to learn and grow.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Senior Team, we wish you and all a restful and safe Christmas Break.

Sincerely,

Rory McGuckin
Director of Education

Barbara Poplawski
Chair of the Board