



Celebrating International Women's Day by Honouring Sister Evanne Hunter Message from the Director of Education and Chair of the Board

"The feminine genius is needed in all expressions in the life of society..."
- Pope John Paul II

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is proud to celebrate March 8th as International Women's Day, joining in the global celebration focused on equity and social justice.

The TCDSB is proud of all the women that have been our teachers, support staff and our leaders, fostering rich heritage in our school community. Today is a day we get to celebrate all of the contributions and sacrifices made by women to support our students.

In honour of International Women's Day, TCDSB is proud to announce the first recipients of the Sister Evanne Hunter Award for Young Women in Leadership:

Grade 8 Award:

Emily Karagossian, St. Kateri Tekawitha Catholic Elementary School

Grade 12 Award:

Adaeze Mbalaja, Madonna Catholic Secondary School

This new annual award was created in honour of Sister Evanne Hunter, a Loretto Sister with the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a longtime educator with the MSSB and TCDSB. The award is given to two exceptional female students of the TCDSB in their graduating year (one grade 8 student and one grade 12 student) in recognition of their leadership qualities and involvement in social justice efforts in their school and community.

Emily and Adaeze will be formally presented with the Sister Evanne Hunter Award for Young Women in Leadership at TCDSB Awards Night on Monday, May 6th, 2019.

TCDSB will hold a special International Women's Day Celebration on **Thursday, March 21, 2019** at the Catholic Education Centre. The event will feature Women of Distinction guest speakers, as well as student performances, and a liturgy that honours women saints.

To everyone in our Toronto Catholic District School Board family, we hope you join us in taking the pledge to creating a more equal world. Happy Women's Day.

Rory McGuckin
Director of Education

Maria Rizzo
Chair of the Board