



A Message from the Director of Education & Chair of the Board

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

- Acts 20:35

Dear Staff, Parents, Trustees:

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is pleased to once again celebrate *Believe in Angels Week* across the board during the week of **February 9-13, 2015**.

During this week staff, students, parents and trustees are invited to focus on the invaluable work of The Angel Foundation for Learning – an official charity of the TCDSB - and the many ways it supports student achievement and well-being within our school communities. It is an opportunity for us to celebrate the partnership between TCDSB and the Angel Foundation for Learning as we continue work together to ensure that all our students can reach their full potential, enjoy academic success by removing any barriers to the learning process, providing our most vulnerable students with opportunities to engage fully in all educational experiences, and encouraging healthy and safe learning environments.

The Angel Foundation for Learning is the only outside agency whose mandate is to educate, inspire, support, and nurture the students of the Toronto Catholic District School Board. They provide assistance through four wings of support:

- Student Nutrition Programs that make it possible for over 37,000 students to receive a healthy breakfast, snack and/or morning meal daily.
- The School Allocation Fund ensures that no student is left behind when others participate in educational and leadership activities.
- Life altering and lifesaving support is provided via the Guardian Angel Funds, which enables all students who need them to acquire such necessities as epi-pens, hearing aids, food and warm clothing, and participate in summer and after-school camp and sports activities.
- The Bursaries administered by the Foundation help students to realize their post-secondary learning goals.

We invite schools and offices to join us in celebrating the work of The Angel Foundation for Learning by participating in a **Board-Wide Civvies Day** on **Thursday, February 12, 2015**. Funds raised directly benefit TCDSB students supported by The Angel Foundation for Learning's programs. Angel Ambassadors have received a prayer package that we invite you to use as part of your morning announcements.

To find out more about the Angel Foundation for Learning, visit their website at <http://www.angelfoundationforlearning.org>

Sincerely,

Angela Gauthier
Director of Education

Michael Del Grande
Chair of the Board



PROCLAMATION

February 9 to 13, 2015

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THE ANGEL FOUNDATION FOR LEARNING

Believe in Angels Week

WHEREAS the Toronto Catholic District School Board celebrates a student-focused equal opportunity school system rooted in Gospel Values, which proudly advocates a safe and welcoming learning environment, it recognizes the vital support The Angel Foundation for Learning provides to vulnerable TCDSB students.

WHEREAS the Foundation shares the same TCDSB values in fostering a community of faith, anchored in hope, with heart and charity, it provides financial assistance in four areas: 1) support for student nutrition, 2) support for educational experiences and student leadership, 3) support for poverty relief and emergency needs, and 4) by administering bursaries and awards. This work helps to ensure all TCDSB students are *equally* able to participate in life-altering learning opportunities.

WHEREAS an alarming 1 out of every 3 children in the City of Toronto lives in poverty, the Foundation works diligently to meet shared TCDSB goals - enabling students to: pursue academic excellence, display self-esteem and self-respect, demonstrate skills for personal and family wellness, and demonstrate a global perspective with community responsibility.

NOW THEREFORE, The Toronto Catholic District School Board, hereby proclaims February 9 to 13, 2015 as "The Angel Foundation for Learning - Believe in Angels Week" within the Toronto Catholic District School Board.

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