



*Office of the Director of Education
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TCDSB Welcomes You to the 2017-2018 School Year

It is a pleasure to welcome everyone to a new and exciting school year. To the many new students, families and staff that will be joining our board this year, welcome! We are happy to have you join our Toronto Catholic District School Board family. To those returning to the TCDSB this year, welcome back!

The 2017-18 school year begins with a change in leadership at our board. This new chapter gives us the opportunity to continue to build on past successes while also looking ahead to see how we can best meet new challenges and better support student achievement and well-being in the twenty-first century.

This year we celebrate the Year of the School, the culmination of our three-year pastoral plan focusing on Family, Parish and School--Together With One Voice. Our pastoral plan has helped us to maintain and strengthen the connections between these three integral communities of faith that are the roots and foundations of Catholic education.

Our celebrations for the Year of the Family and Year of the Parish demonstrated the commitment of our Catholic families and parishes that is so important to TCDSB's success. In the Year of the School, we look forward to shining a spotlight on our schools as communities of understanding and wisdom where faith is nurtured, where the good of others is paramount, and where our dedicated staff and volunteers contribute to the success of our students. To find out how you can shine the light on all the best that your school has to offer and the people who make it special, visit <https://www.tcdsb.org/Spotlightonyourschool>.

Together, these three pillars of our community inspire and nurture our students and support the learning that takes place both inside and outside the classroom. We are so grateful for the support from each one, enabling us to continue our mission of educating all students so that they are willing and able to transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.

To all students, we hope that this year brings you exciting learning opportunities, as you navigate new classrooms and develop new friendships. We encourage each of you to become fully engaged in your learning, challenge yourself and seize the opportunities that come your way.

We thank everyone in our TCDSB community for the part that you continue to play in shaping our Catholic school communities and for the positive learning environment you provide our students - we wish all of you a wonderful school year!

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Rory McGuckin
Director of Education

Handwritten signature of Angela Kennedy in black ink.

Angela Kennedy
Chair of the Board

*“Jesus, help me to simplify my life by learning what You want me to be – and becoming that person.”
- St. Therese of Lisieux*