

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Welcome Back

It is our pleasure to welcome the students and staff of the Toronto Catholic District School Board community to the 2016-2017 school year. We hope that the summer afforded you some well-deserved time for rest, relaxation, exploration and a chance to reconnect with family and friends.

We extend a special welcome to our new students, families and staff, and congratulate the many newly appointed school administrators and members of our senior team. We look forward to working with all of you throughout the year.

As we prepare to greet our students for the new school year, we wish all of them a year filled with new possibilities, new friendships and engaging learning experiences that will support their development. We pray that our staff and administrators will be blessed with the patience, creativity and energy they need to inspire and support our young people on the path of lifelong learning.

This year will emphasize more than ever our commitment to social justice, and to the vital role of the Catholic Church in the lives of our schools, our students, our staff, and their families. As we enter the second year of our three-year pastoral plan: *Together with One Voice: Harmonizing our Faith through Family, Parish, School* our focus turns to the Year of the Parish, which invites us to strengthen our family of faith connections with our local parishes. We look forward to hearing from our school communities how they are collaborating with their parishes on initiatives throughout the school year that will lead to students and staff becoming more fully involved in the local parish, as well as helping our pastors and parishioners feel a stronger connection to the Catholic schools in their area.

We thank all of you for your continued support of publicly funded Catholic education and all that you do to ensure that our schools remain true faith communities where the students entrusted to us are inspired to live our Gospel values and strive for excellence in all that they do.

On behalf of the Senior Team and the Board of Trustees, we wish you a successful and rewarding year.

Sincerely,

Angela Gauthier
Director of Education

Angela Kennedy
Chair of the Board