



## Year End Message from Director of Education and Chair of the Board

The end of June 2016 brings to a close our Year of the Family and what a celebration it was! The response from our community was overwhelming. Without exception, our school communities and departments embraced the theme and really brought it to life in a tangible, meaningful way. We thank all the members of our TCDSB family—our staff, our students, our parents, our parishes and other partners—for their contribution to the celebration.

Recent challenges highlight how important it is for our family to continue to work together. We must draw strength from one another, united in our faith and our support of Catholic education. As with any family, our eyes must always remain focused on the future of our youngest members: our students, who continue to excel on so many levels and remind us that when we all work together, we can accomplish great things.

Initiatives such as the first ever Toronto Catholic Family Film Festival, Play it Forward, the Great Canadian Family Photo Contest provided opportunities for us to celebrate our families, and build closer connections with one another.

The talent that we celebrated at our annual Awards Night and Outstanding Exemplary Practice Awards event was a tribute to what can be accomplished with creativity, perseverance and commitment to excellence.

We invite you to reflect on many of the special moments from the past year in the following videos:

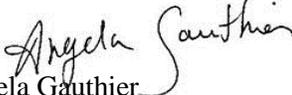
- [http://archive.isiglobal.ca/vod/tcdsb/Board/Director/archive\\_Directors-Voice-2016-June.mp4.html](http://archive.isiglobal.ca/vod/tcdsb/Board/Director/archive_Directors-Voice-2016-June.mp4.html)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y9RW1-lDnic&feature=youtube>

Next year, as we continue to celebrate our schools and families, we also turn our attention to our parishes, and look for ways to draw them more fully into the lives of our school communities. We also look for ways to engage our schools more fully in the lives of their parishes.

We wish all our retirees the very best in the future. We extend our sincere thanks for their commitment, dedication and contribution to the TCDSB.

As you depart for some much needed rest, some well-deserved time with family and friends, or to pursue other personal or professional interests, we wish you all a safe, happy and satisfying holiday.

Enjoy your summer!

  
Angela Gauthier  
Director of Education

  
Angela Kennedy  
Chair of the Board

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***“Let anyone who comes to you go away feeling better and happier. Everyone should see goodness in your face, in your eyes, in your smile. Joy shows from the eyes. It appears when we speak and walk. It cannot be kept closed inside us. It reacts outside. Joy is very infectious.” – Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta***