



Office of the Director of Education

Office of the Chair of the Board

Wishing Our TCDSB Family Merry Christmas

During the Advent and Christmas season, we reflect on the past year and all that it has offered us. This year we were reminded of the many gifts from God in each of our lives. We are grateful for the life we've been given and the people who are part of it, and this year more than ever we pray for the health and safety of our TCDSB family.

As we continue to navigate the pandemic, we remember to pray for those who are experiencing difficult times – especially those suffering from illness, poverty, loss of a loved one or loneliness. This holiday, we encourage you to reach out by phone or text to those who might be isolated.

Beginning as your new Director of Education in August, I have witnessed the incredible dedication and support that our Toronto Catholic community shows each other every day. We started a new school year together under exceptional circumstances, and despite having classrooms, lessons, and protocol that looked a little different than previous years, students and staff rose to the occasion.

Together we also renewed our commitment to addressing anti-Black racism, in our schools and in our communities. As we begin 2021, we look forward to continuing the work that has been started by learning from and working with our broader TCDSB community. I continue to be impressed by all the work we are doing and am humbled to join these efforts as your Director.

While I know the holidays will be different this year, as we all look at ways to keep everyone safe, I encourage you to review the [Toronto Public Health COVID-19 Holiday Guide](#) for information about celebrating the holidays safely with those that you live with, while still making events memorable.

As we come to the end of the year, we would like share a special thank you to all TCDSB staff. We appreciate the incredible work you do every day, and know you have gone above and beyond under this year's circumstances. We are so grateful to have you as part of our TCDSB family. And to all students, families, parishes and supporters of Catholic education – thank you for your dedication to our school communities. We hope you take time to reflect and recharge as we prepare for the New Year.

We continue to be flexible as our provincial landscape continues to change in light of the pandemic. We are encouraging students and staff to please bring home any personal items this Christmas break that you may need in the event that we are required to shift to remote learning.

On behalf of everyone here at Toronto Catholic, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. To view our video Christmas message visit: <https://youtu.be/Dqjh6PHtbhs>

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Brendan Browne
Director of Education

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Martino".

Joseph Martino
Chair of the Board