



Your Trustee's Report

REPRESENTING:

Elementary Schools:

Annunciation	St. Joseph
Blessed John XXIII	Canadian Martyrs
Holy Cross	Holy Name
St. Anslem	St. Catherine
St. Brigid	St. Isaac Jogues
St. Denis	St. John

Secondary Schools:

Notre Dame Senator O'Connor St. Patrick

Superintendents: John Shain, John Shanahan

Parishes:

Annunciation	Blessed John XXIII	Canadian Martyrs
Corpus Christi	Holy Cross	Holy Name
St. Ann	St. Anslem	St. Brigid
St. Catherine	St. John	St. Joseph



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A Message from your Trustee

As another school year draws to an end and we welcome the warm weather of summer, I would like to thank all ward 11 parents, school staff and students for a wonderful year of learning, support and celebrating our faith. The year end always bring about a great sense of accomplishment. This year our students have many achievements to be proud of.

Thank you to all the parents for your input and effort in making this year a success. It is my hope that the ward 11 school community will continue to work collaboratively in faith for our students, our schools and our school board.

Thank you to all the school councils that invited me to attend their meetings and events, as this helped me to gauge the needs of our schools. I very much enjoyed celebrating all your milestones: the fun fairs, Christmas concerts, parent presentations, community fundraisers, and teas. Ward 11 Catholic schools are vibrant, compassionate, faith-filled centers of learning.

This year we organized a few events designed to bring us together to give back to the community, to learn and to share our views and opinions. As valued partners in our community, we encourage you to participate by joining us at future events.

- Ward 11 was pleased to support the St. Brigid's Out of the Cold program in aid of the homeless. Many of you supported this initiative and we raised over \$1000 and collected more than 15 large boxes of socks and underwear.
- In early March we welcomed the TCDSB Psychology Department who facilitated a discussion designed to help parents understand child and teen stress and the impact it can have on physical and mental health.
- In late March we were pleased to provide a mathematics presentation by Ms. Kathryn Kubota-Zarivnij where we explored mathematical literacy, and strategies to help children learn math.
- In late April we invited all CSACs to ward 11 CSAC meeting at the CEC where we had the opportunity to share information, network, discuss challenges and celebrate our accomplishments.

Have a wonderful restful and safe summer and thank you once again for the work you do on behalf of our students.

Sincerely,

News From the Board

Before and After-School -Extended Day Programs of Full Day Kindergarten * Opening Sept. 2014

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is pleased to announce the opening of 2 new Before and After-School/Extended Day Programs for Full Day Early Learning Kindergarten for September 2014 in ward 11. They are:

St. Anselm Catholic School – (6 to 12 yrs old) 182 Bessborough Drive, East York

Third Party Operator: Leaside Daycare Centre,
416-487-5862

Hours of Operation: 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and
3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m

St. John Catholic School –(6 to 12 yrs old) 780 Kingston Road, Toronto

Third Party Operator: Daycare Connection Kids
Club, 416-693-6596

Hours of Operation: 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 3:00
p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please visit: www.toronto.ca/children for more information or call 311 to apply for a fee subsidy.

Open Houses for the Fall

Each year, TCDSB secondary schools host open houses for intermediate students and their families to provide them with insight into the programs and services they offer, to help them with their decision on which school to attend in grade 9.

The open houses are held in October and November each year. For the dates, times and locations of the open houses, visit: www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses



Student Community Involvement

Community service for our TCDSB students is more than a diploma requirement. Our TCDSB community members are called to apply Catholic social teachings to all that we do; invited by our board vision to be people who “transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action”. The experience gained through community involvement allows students to grow in knowledge and appreciation of themselves and their God-given gifts, and to find meaning, dignity and vocation in work which respects the rights of all and contributes to the common good.

All students who earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma must complete 40 hours of community service. The booklet outlines the eligible community service activities and the process involved.



<http://www.getyourhours.org/>

Parent Engagement

TCDSB parents are an integral part of our Catholic school communities. We share the belief that parents are, and will always remain, the primary teacher of their child(ren). We appreciate their involvement and advice on so many activities within their local school communities, and acknowledge that without this invaluable support, many initiatives could not be successful.

Please consider becoming involved in your school's CSAC

Approved School Year Calendar 2014-2015

School Days	194
Professional Activity Days	6
Labour Day	Sept. 1, 2014
First Instructional Day	Sept. 2, 2014
Thanksgiving Day	Oct. 12, 2014
Christmas	Dec. 22, 2014 – Jan. 2, 2015
Secondary School 2nd Semester	Feb. 2, 2015
Family Day	Feb. 16, 2015
Mid-Winter Break	Mar. 16-20, 2015
Good Friday	April 3, 2015
Easter Monday	April 6, 2015
Victoria Day	May 18, 2015
Last day of classes (elem)	June 25, 2015

Six (6) Professional Activity (PA) Days for ELEMENTARY schools:

- **Nov. 14, 2014** Parent-Teacher Conferences
- **December 5, 2014** Provincial Education Priorities/Faith Development
- **Jan. 23, 2015** Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting
- **February 13, 2015** Parent-Teacher Conferences
- **June 5, 2015** Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting
- **June 26, 2015** Provincial Education Priorities

Six (6) Professional Activity (PA) Days for SECONDARY schools:

- **November 14, 2014**
- **December 5, 2014**
- **February 13, 2015**
- **June 24, 25, 26, 2015**

Welcome Back on Tuesday, September 2, 2014!



Ward 11 Congratulates.....

Skills Canada Results

Congratulations to the TCDSB **Gold Medal winners**, for TV and Video Production at the Skills Canada Ontario competition held in May:

Hannah White and Samantha Tenus from **Notre Dame SS.**

Schulich Leader Nominee for Engineering

Notre Dame High School is proud to announce that Betty Seifu was selected as the Schulich Leader Nominee for Engineering at York University out of 1,147 nominees! Betty has been offered \$80,000 for her post-secondary studies at York.

Students that were nominated had to display outstanding community, business or entrepreneurial leadership and academic excellence.

Congratulations Betty!



Annunciation School Gives Back

Congratulations to all the students at Annunciation who collected \$2025.25 in support of Free the Children's "We Create Change" initiative. These funds will go towards the building of a new school in Nicaragua.

In addition, the funds raised from the 3rd Annual Annunciation Free the Children 5K run, organized by Ms. Lewis and Mr. Mele, will be used to purchase more bricks towards the building of a school in Nicaragua.

Notre Dame Awarded Top Prize for the Royal Canadian Legion Annual Remembrance Day Poster Contest

Congratulations to grade 9 student **Christine Devine**, who created an exceptional graphite and india ink design which was consistently awarded first place at the Branch, Zone, District, Provincial and ultimately at the National, level making her submission the **best Intermediate Division Black & White poster in Canada for 2014!**



Congratulations as well to first place winners, **Angelica Castro** (Intermediate Division Colour), **Catherine Kerr Cresswell** (Senior Division Black & White), and **Ayesha Shahid** (Senior Division Colour) who went on to complete at the Zone level with Catherine and Ayesha taking top prizes.

This outstanding achievement is a first in the history of Notre Dame and certainly one the province of Ontario can be proud of as well.

St. Patrick's Mother/Daughter Tea Party

On May 3rd, St. Patrick welcomed its school community to a Mother/Daughter Tea Party.



Blessed John XXIII welcomes Bishop McGrattan

The soon to be St. John XXIII Catholic School celebrated the canonization of its namesake with a special Mass and school community celebration including the blessing of two church pews, a portrait of the new Saint, and student performances. Also on hand for the celebration were Trustee Angela Kennedy and Superintendent John Shanahan.

Track and Field

Congratulations to **St. John's** on their Championship win at the 2013-2014 City Track & Field Meet, and to all schools that participated.

Doors Open Toronto

Students of Senator O'Connor volunteered during the Doors Open Toronto event on Sunday May 25th.



Municipal Election: October 27, 2014

Ensuring you are registered as a separate school supporter is important for the protection and preservation of Catholic education in Ontario.

How to check if you are qualified to vote in the next Municipal Election.....

- Go to www.voterlookup.ca and verify that your name is on that list and that the information is correct. Contact the MPAC Help Desk at 1-866-296-6722 if you have any questions or call the Assessment Department at the Toronto Catholic District School Board at 416-222-8282 ext. 2666, email sandra.vitale@tcdsb.org

At the Polling Station.....

- Verify that you are registered as an English separate school supporter. If your support status is incorrect, ask for an **Application to Amend Voters List**. This form may be completed and submitted at the polling station.
- Ensure the ballot you are given is an **English separate school** ballot.

Protect and preserve Catholic education

Ensure you are registered to vote as an English separate school supporter

The future of Catholic Education in Ontario depends on all of us!

