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### MESSAGE FROM TERESA LUBINSKI

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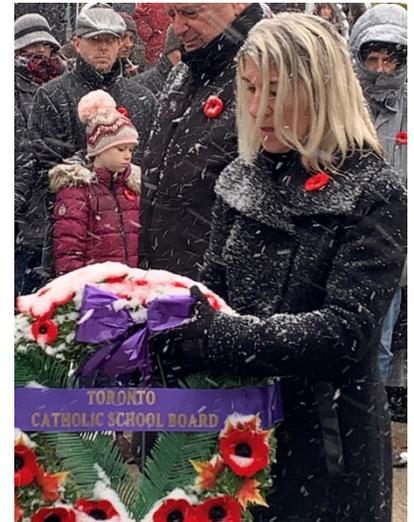


TRUSTEE WARD 4

November provides an opportunity for a peaceful pause of remembrance and throughout Ward 4, many of us participated in Remembrance Day Ceremonies in schools and public services held in Etobicoke and throughout the City of Toronto.

This year, I had the privilege of laying a wreath on behalf of the Toronto Catholic District School Board at the Etobicoke Civic Centre Cenotaph, where a touching ceremony was held to honour the brave Canadians who fought selflessly in defense of our democracy and freedom.

This year's Remembrance Day marked 101 years since the signing of the armistice that ended the First World War, as well as the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day amidst the Second World War.



#### SCHOOLS (by SUPERINTENDENT):

Maria Meehan (Area 2):  
416-222-8282 ext. 2732

Holy Angels

Holy Trinity

Our Lady of Sorrows

St. Ambrose

St. Elizabeth

St. Josaphat

St. Leo

St. Louis

St. Mark

Bishop Allen Academy  
(Secondary)

Father John Redmond  
(Secondary)

John Wujek (Area 7):  
416-222-8282 ext. 2592

Holy Family

James Culnan

St. Cecelia

St. James

St. Pius X

St. Vincent de Paul

Bishop Marrocco/Thomas  
Merton (Secondary)

To promote Remembrance, the Royal Canadian Legions have erected and maintained war memorials and cenotaphs across our great nation, including Canada's renowned Tombe of the Unknown Soldier. These memorials and cenotaphs are important symbols of our commitment to honouring and remembering the sacrifices of our Canadian Armed Forces, RCMP, peacekeepers, as well as their families and communities.

During this time, we must not forget the Legions whose local members work tirelessly to advocate for, fundraise and coordinate the building and maintenance of our memorials and cenotaphs. The importance of these structures is that they ensure that our community members have a place where they can gather to remember our Fallen heroes. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Veterans at our Ward 4 legions Branch 101 and the Colonel J E L Streight Branch. It was my honour to stand in silence to thank you and those who served with you for allowing our nation to live in "peace" which all TCDSB schools, is the "Virtue of the Month".

I would also like to thank the teachers and students at all Ward 4 schools for your remarkable efforts in helping our students learn about the significance of November 11<sup>th</sup>.



Students at Our Lady Of Sorrow – L'est We Forget

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**SCHOOL YEAR  
CALENDAR  
2019-2020**

First Day of School  
**September 3, 2019**

Thanksgiving Day  
**October 14, 2019**

Christmas Break  
**December 23, 2019 –  
January 3, 2020**

Start of second semester for  
secondary schools  
**February 3, 2020**

Family Day  
**February 17, 2020**

Mid-Winter Break  
**March 16–20, 2020**

Good Friday  
**April 10, 2020**

Easter Monday  
**April 13, 2020**

Victoria Day  
**May 18, 2020**

Last day of classes for  
elementary students  
**June 25, 2020**

\*Professional Activity (PA) Days  
for ELEMENTARY schools:

**October 11, 2019,  
November 15, 2019,  
December 6, 2019,  
January 17, 2020,  
February 14, 2020,  
June 5, 2020,  
June 26, 2020**

\*Professional Activity (PA) Days  
for SECONDARY schools:

**October 11, 2019  
November 15, 2019,  
December 6, 2019,  
February 14, 2020,  
June 24, 25, 26, 2020**

\*(Please confirm these dates  
with your local school)

**WARD 4 HIGHLIGHTS**

**ST. PIUS X LENDS A HELPING HAND:** I wish to thank Principal Tari and the students at St. Pius for donating 30 pairs of skates and helmets to our sister school, St. Jerome. When asked about the motivation behind their generosity, Principal Tari said: “This is a giving, engaged, empathetic community that is willing and ready to roll up their sleeves to help out our greater school community”. St. Pius is also taking up a collection of boots, coats, scarves and gloves to help the TCDSB families that were displaced by a fire that occurred on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 235 Gosford Blvd. You can drop items off at Principal Tari’s office until Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at which time he will drive the items over to St. Augustine. We thank you for your donations!

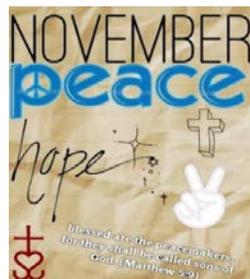


**we Believe – we Remember**

The grades 6, 7, and 8 classes of St. Josaphat’s Catholic School went to Parklawn Cemetery to honour the fallen soldiers who fought for our country. They placed flags on all of their graves to thank them for our freedom and to show their respect. Everyone was very moved by this kind act. This was a great and unique experience for St. Josaphat students in honour of Remembrance Day.

**ST. PIUS DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONS**

Congratulations to the St. Pius Intermediate Girl’s Volleyball team whose hard work and perseverance paid off as they won the South Region TCSAA Divisional Championships. We are so proud of you.



**VIRTUE OF THE MONTH – PEACE**

*Peace I Leave You, My Peace I give to you”. John 14:27*

“Peace” is our Virtue of the Month. It is a gift that Jesus gives to us. When he appeared to his friends the disciples, he would say, “Peace be with you.” This is a greeting that puts everyone at ease. During Mass, we offer each other the sign of peace. This means that we wish those

amongst us will share in the peace of Christ. At the end of every Mass, our priest directs us to “Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.” We are called to live in peace with our brothers and sisters and to love our neighbours. Too often in our world today, people try to solve their problems with fighting. We must remember that we are all members of the family of God, and that God wants us, his children, to live in peace and harmony.

**HOLODOMOR MEMORIAL DAY** takes place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of November, this year being November 22, 2019. The word **Holodomor** literally means death by starvation. This tragedy is well known in the Ukrainian community and has just recently gained recognition as a Genocide by 19 countries including the Canadian Federal Government with Bill C-459 and in the province of Ontario with Bill 147.

## TCDSB RETIREMENT MASS

On November 6<sup>th</sup>, I had the pleasure of attending the TCDSB Retirement Mass and Celebration in honour of recent TCDSB retirees. It was an enchanted evening and I would like to congratulate the following Ward 4 Retirees:

Sandra Caravaggio	– Bishop Allen Academy
Josephine Di Fiore	– Bishop Allen Academy
Silvana Giovannetti	– Bishop Marrocco/TM
Bernice Peacock	– Bishop Marrocco/TM
Josephine De Bonis	– St Cecilia

I would also like to acknowledge a very special colleague and valued member of our TCDSB family, **Sarah Camilleri** who was awarded special recognition for her **50 Years of Service!**

Sarah proudly told the audience her story of being one of five siblings born to immigrant parents who worked hard and valued education.

“Since I was knee high to a grasshopper, I always knew that I wanted to be a teacher,” she reminisced. At the age of 6, she started to teach her younger sister and never looked back since. At the age of 18, she attended Lakeshore Teacher’s College and recalls teaching students her own age during her practicum. She described her first teaching experience as “cozy” at St. Roch where she taught 38 grade 2 students in a very tiny portable. As she gained teaching experience, she continued to teach higher grades at Holy Angels, St. John Evangelist, St. Benedict, St. Angela, James Culnan and St. John Vianney while expanding her work experience by teaching children with learning disabilities and those identified as gifted. A career highlight for Ms. Camilleri was the time when Superintendent George Ernellini invited her to start up a Special Education class at St. Angela. “I told him I would do it but I would appreciate having a Commodor 64 in my classroom” she said laughingly!

Well the rest was history. After her stay at St. Angela, she became an Assessment & Programming teacher for a period of eight years at Our Lady of Victory, St. Matthew, James Culnan and St. James. It was at James Culnan where she landed her first job as Vice Principal and a year later, she was appointed Principal at Our Lady of the Assumption and then at St. Margaret. Shortly after, she was asked to serve as the TCDSB Coordinator of Special Education Services for the Northern Area. It was after this assignment that Ms. Camilleri retired but “I couldn’t sit still,” she said. “Once you have teaching in your veins and you become somewhat of an education junkie and it becomes very difficult to give up the art of teaching”. So what did she do? “I continued to work as a supply Principal and to date, I have had over 40 assignments all through the City!” she told the audience.

When asked what fuels your fire for teaching? Her response was “the love I have for children”. “The more problematic the child is the more I love them! My rush is seeing a child who has unique needs and makes tiny steps of progress daily. There is nothing better than that.”

The 2018/19 school year marked Ms. Camilleri’s **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** with TCDSB. A career with such longevity is truly a blessing. I asked if she had any words of wisdom to potential educators and she said:

***“There is no better profession than teaching. This is the most valued and respected vocation because it brings so much personal satisfaction and touches the lives of many children in a way that is impossible in any other profession”.***

On behalf of Ward 4, I wish Sarah Camilleri continued success on her ever-lasting educational journey!





## GENERAL INFORMATION

Parents/ratepayers may find the following list of contact telephone numbers helpful:

### Admissions

416-222-8282,  
ext. 5320

### Communications

416-222-8282,  
ext. 5314

### Continuing Education

416-222-8282,  
ext. 2491/2556

### 24-hour Information Line

416-222-8282,  
ext. 2873

### Permits

416-222-8282,  
ext. 4370

### Security

416-229-5360

### Curriculum and Accountability

416-222-8282,  
ext. 2490

### Special Services

416-222-8282,  
ext. 2486

### Transportation

416-229-5313

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### Gifted Program Information Evening

**November 28, 2019 at 7:00 pm.**  
**St. Edward School, 1 Botham Rd.**

A Parent Information evening will be held for parents and guardians interested in exploring a full time elementary Gifted Program for children with the exceptionality of Giftedness. Learn about the Full Time/Congregated Elementary Gifted Programs for students in Grades 6 to 8 who have an exceptionality of Giftedness. These programs are integrated into the regular school community.

## INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

### OCSTA 2019 Short-Video Contest

Students in grades 4 to 12 are invited to prepare a 2-min. video that shows how Catholic schools are places where young people ignite hope through the love of Christ.

**Deadline: Dec. 10, 2019**

### TTC PRESTO Cards & Student Fares

Based on recent communication with the Toronto Transit Commission, collector booths at subway stations will no longer be selling tokens as of November 30, 2019. However, we have learned that the TTC will continue to sell tickets and tokens to bulk sale customers such as school boards.

Unfortunately, there currently is no date set as to when the TTC will stop accepting tickets and tokens. Please call the TTC Information Line at 416-393-4636 for further details.

## NOVEMBER BOARD MEETINGS

- 18<sup>th</sup>** - Catholic Education and Living Our Catholic Values Sub-Committee
- 20<sup>th</sup>** - Special Education Advisory Committee
- 21<sup>th</sup>** - Regular Board
- 28<sup>th</sup>** - Caucus

## EVENTS & OBSERVANCES

- November 17-23** Bullying Prevention and Awareness Week
- November 26** Memorial Mass at 7 p.m. at the CEC

### AUTISM PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

## Preparing for Life After High School: Transition Workshop for Parents of Adolescents in ME/DD Programs



*Supporting Students to Grow and Learn in New Environments*

**Date: November 23, 2019**

**Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon**

**Location: 80 Sheppard Avenue East, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor**

*Presented by:*

Autism Programs and Services – Transition Team

&

School Support Program, Surrey Place Centre

&

Developmental Services Ontario (DSO)

**\*\*On-site registration for DSO available! Bring a photocopy of the applicant's Health Card and most recent Psychological Assessment and IEP. \*\***

Please RSVP to Franca Dellorso, [franca.dellorso@tcdsb.org](mailto:franca.dellorso@tcdsb.org) or (416) 222-8282 ext. 2799  
Underground parking available. Access is at the rear of the building.

