



## SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2016-2017

Good Friday  
**April 14, 2017**

Easter Monday  
**April 17, 2017**

Victoria Day  
**May 22, 2017**

Last day of classes for  
elementary students  
**June 29, 2017**

\*Professional Activity (PA)  
Days for ELEMENTARY  
schools:  
**June 9, 2017,  
June 30, 2017**

\*Professional Activity (PA)  
Days for SECONDARY  
schools:  
**June 28, 29, 30, 2017**

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



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### Commissioner of Oaths

Do you need to swear an  
oath or have an affidavit  
signed? Contact me via  
phone or email to set up  
an appointment,

## YOUR TRUSTEE'S REPORT

### Important Information

To **apply for registration** to a TCDSB elementary school, please visit:

<https://soar.tcdsb.org>

For additional information about admission and registration, call 416-222-8282 ext. 5320.

Secondary school students who are new to the country are invited to make an appointment with the **Orientation Centre** by calling 416-393-5500.

For information about **adult education**, click here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/AdultEducationESL/Pages/Default.aspx>

**Transportation** Information, including safety tips and up to the minute reports on cancellations or delays can be found online: <https://www.torontoschoolbus.org/>

If you wish to rent a school or TCDSB facility for a community event, contact the **Permits department** at 416-222-8282 ext. 4370.

### Board and Committee Meetings:

Standing committees and Board meetings are generally held on Thursdays. All meetings take place at the Catholic Education Centre, and these public committee and Board meetings are webcast live via the website at <https://www.tcdsb.org/LiveAtTCDSB/Pages/Default.aspx>

If you wish to address the board as a delegation, please register online here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TrusteesoftheBoard/boardmeeting/information/Pages/Delegation-Information.aspx> Agendas and minutes, as well as archived video from past meetings, are also available via the board's website [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org).

### Anonymous Alerts

Starting in March, students in TCDSB secondary schools will be able to anonymously message their school principal about a range of issues including bullying and other safety concerns. [www.anonymousalerts.com/tcdsb](http://www.anonymousalerts.com/tcdsb)

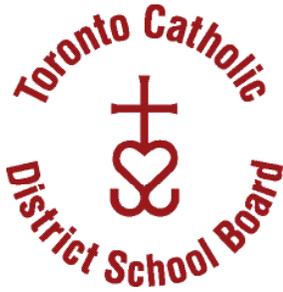


### Student Transportation

As you may be aware, the TCDSB has faced ongoing pressure on its transportation budget. Current Board policy states that bussing is to be provided to students who live further than 1.5 kilometers from their home school and within the catchment area. In many cases, students with special needs are also provided transportation to get them to specialized programs. In other cases, students who must cross a highway or busy road also qualify for bussing due to safety concerns.

The TCDSB also provides what is called an exceptional circumstances exemption. In this case, a family may apply for bussing to their school despite living inside the 1.5 km radius. In these cases, bussing can be provided only if there are empty seats on bus already on the way to and from the school.





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**SCHOOLS  
(by SUPERINTENDENT):**

Peter Aguiar (Area 4):  
416-222-8282 ext. 2267

- Blessed Trinity 416-393-5289
- Holy Redeemer 416-393-5353
- Our Lady of Wisdom 416-393-5273
- Precious Blood 416-393-5258
- St. Agnes 416-393-5345
- St. Kevin 416-393-5300
- Brebeuf 416-393-5508 (secondary)
- St. Joseph Morrow Park  
416-393-5516 (secondary)

Kevin Malcolm (Area 7):  
416-222-8282 ext. 2263

- Epiphany of Our Lord 416-393-5378
- Holy Spirit 416-393-5282
- St. Aidan 416-393-5350
- St. Albert 416-393-5335
- St. Henry 416-393-5395
- St. Lawrence 416-393-5264
- St. Sylvester 416-393-5373
- Jean Vanier 416-393-5554 (secondary)
- Mary Ward 416-393-5544 (secondary)

**PARISHES:**

- Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
416-445-1760
- Blessed Trinity 416-226-0262
- Epiphany of Our Lord 416-499-2196
- Holy Spirit 416-293-7974
- Precious Blood 416-751-2661
- St. Aidan's 416-494-2704
- St. Lawrence Martyr 416-759-9359
- St. Maria Goretti 416-261-0076

## Mid Year Update

Over the last several months, the TCDSB has been engaged in developing and refining a comprehensive long term plan designed to position the Board and the students it serves for long term success. Known as the Long Term Accommodation and Program Plan, or LTAPP, the process seeks to identify and implement the programming students and parents are looking for and accommodate growing communities by identifying where new and expanded facilities are needed. For more information on the LTAPP please visit <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/PlanningandFacilities/LTAPP/>.

An integral part of the LTAPP is the expansion of French Immersion programming across the Board. At its February 2nd meeting the Board approved the implementation of new French Immersion programming at five elementary schools and one high school. Locally, St. Gerald will see French Immersion begin for junior kindergarten students in September, 2017.



TCDSB Board of Trustees proclaiming the year of the parish with Cardinal Collins

On another note, the Board of Trustees recently approved an additional \$39 million dollars in school renewal funding. This money is slated for facility upgrades, high priority building renewal needs, including work related to local program and accommodations needs, energy upgrades and mandatory technical upgrades. Despite the age of many of our schools, the Board is committed to reinvesting into our facilities to ensure the best possible learning environments for our students.

Finally, as we move closer to the end of the year, the Board of Trustees is preparing to debate and decide on the budget for the 2017/2018 school. As you may be aware, the Board has had to make some tough changes over the last several years to move towards a balanced budget. As we begin these discussions again I look forward to your input. You can find more information on the budget online at <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BudgetandFinance>.

Sincerely,

**Mike Del Grande, Trustee Ward 7**

For further/general information visit [tcdsb.org](http://tcdsb.org) and follow @TCDSB on Twitter.



## 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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[tcdsb.org](http://tcdsb.org)

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## YOUR TRUSTEE'S REPORT

### How New Teachers are Hired

I have heard from many parents from my schools concerned about their child's academic achievement being adversely affected by the constant movement of different teachers in and out of classes throughout the year.

Unfortunately, all school boards, including TCDSB, must follow the law known as Regulation 274/12 in the Ontario Education Act passed in 2012 by the Ministry of Education for the hiring of all permanent and long-term occasional (LTO) teachers. The guiding principle behind Regulation 274 is that hiring is based on the "seniority" and "qualifications" of the teacher.

To comply with the legislation, all school boards must maintain two lists of teachers — a "roster" of occasional teachers (the newest to the board and who complete daily assignments) and a long-term occasional (LTO) teachers list (teachers who have been on the occasional roster for 10 months or more and are eligible to complete long term assignments).

When a permanent position or a LTO position comes available, principals can only interview the top five most senior teachers on the LTO list, provided they have the required qualifications for the job. The regulation stipulates that only occasional teachers on the LTO list who have completed a minimum of one LTO assignment at least four months long, and have both the required qualifications and highest seniority ranking, can be considered for permanent positions.

Teachers' unions believe that this principle of seniority ensures fairness and that Regulation 274 creates a fair and transparent hiring process. Many others argue that these rules have taken the power away from principals to hire the

right teacher with the right fit and skills for their school. Furthermore, the constant shuffling of teachers in and out of our schools is evidence that this is disrupting student learning.

School boards across Ontario have heard from concerned parents that the regulation has created a revolving door for some teachers assigned to classes. The TCDSB and our representatives at the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) have appealed to the Ministry of Education to review the negative impact Regulation 274/12 is having in our schools, but to no avail.

### St. Joseph's Morrow Park Update

Recently, Toronto City Council granted one of the final planning permissions for St. Joseph Morrow Park's new building at Bayview and Cummer. Board staff are hopeful that construction can begin this summer with a construction period of roughly 18 months. For more information and project updates visit: <https://www.tcdsb.org/schools/stjosephmorrowpark/New Construction/>



Architect's rendering of the new St. Joseph's Morrow Park building.

### OUR MISSION

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community rooted in the love of Christ. We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge and to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.

### OUR VISION

At Toronto Catholic we transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.

## Resolving Teacher-Parent Conflicts

It is natural that issues and conflicts may come up during a school year. Mutual respect for the dignity and wellbeing of students, staff, parents and volunteers to work towards acceptable solutions that are consistent with relevant Board policies is always our goal.

Please note that it is Board policy that a response acknowledging receipt of the concern is expected within two school days. Trustees, as elected officials are sometimes asked by parents to intervene on local school and system-wide issues. However, the Education Act requires trustees to entrust the day-to-day management of the Board to the Director of Education.

Parents are encouraged to first address concerns directly by meeting with the staff member and/or school principal. It is the practice to try to resolve issues at the source whenever possible. If the situation is not resolved, the parent should contact the School Superintendent to inform him/her of the concern for resolution. The School Superintendent will inform the Trustee of the resolution and provide any information which will assist in communicating with the affected parties.

I have been asked why teachers

sometimes attend these meetings with a union representative.

The Board's collective agreement with our elementary teachers (Article 40) states: "Where a teacher is required to attend a meeting which is disciplinary or may be deemed disciplinary in nature, the teacher shall be entitled to request the attendance of an Association representative."

At the TCDSB, we all work diligently to ensure concerns are addressed in a respectful and professional manner that is consistent with the Education Act and all other relevant legislation and Board policies including T.04 (Trustee Code of Conduct), H.M.14 (Harassment & Discrimination in the Workplace), H.M. 19 (Conflict Resolution) and H.M. 30 (Complaint Against a Staff Person).



## Consolidation of Holy Redeemer, St. Matthias and Our Lady of Guadalupe

On February 23, 2017 the Board of Trustees made the hard decision to consolidate St. Matthias, Holy Redeemer and Our Lady of Guadalupe. Holy Redeemer will close at the end of this school year with students moving to St. Matthias for September 2017. Students from Our Lady of Guadalupe will move to St. Matthias pending the approval and construction of a new, larger school building at St. Matthias.

Without question, this was not an easy decision. Unfortunately, the Ministry of Education has begun eliminating top up funding which has historically allowed small schools, and those with low enrollment, to remain viable. With current funding based on enrollment it is simply not feasible to operate these schools going forward.

The Holy Redeemer, St. Matthias and Our Lady of Guadalupe cluster is one of several examined this year. In coming years, schools across the City will be examined to address the 10,000 surplus pupil places in the system.

As part of this consolidation, the Board of Trustees resolved to explore increased programming options at St. Matthias, including French Immersion and enhanced science, technology, engineering and math programs. Additionally, the larger numbers of students provide increased opportunities for sports teams and other extra curricular activities.

### Board and Committee Meeting Dates

Board and committee meetings take place on the following dates at the Catholic Education Centre. Stay informed: you can attend in person or watch a live stream online at <https://www.tcdsb.org/LiveAtTCDSB/Pages/Default.aspx>



- APR, 6, 19, 26
- May 4, 11, 18, 30
- June 8, 15