



REPRESENTING:

Elementary Schools:

Blessed Trinity
416-393-5289
Epiphany of Our Lord
416-393-5378
Holy Redeemer
416-393-5353
Holy Spirit
416-393-5282
Our Lady of Wisdom
416-393-5273
Precious Blood
416-393-5258
St. Agnes
416-393-5345
St. Aidan
416-393-5350
St. Albert
416-393-5335
St. Henry
416-393-5395
St. Kevin
416-393-5300
St. Lawrence
416-393-5264
St. Sylvester
416-393-5373

Secondary Schools:

Brebeuf
416-393-5508
Jean Vanier
416-393-5554
Mary Ward
416-393-5544
St. Joseph Morrow Park
416-393-5516

Superintendents of

Education:
Kevin Malcolm
416-222-8282 ext. 2263
John Shain
416-22-8282 ext. 2267

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

Michael Del Grande

Trustee, Ward 7 and Chair of the Board

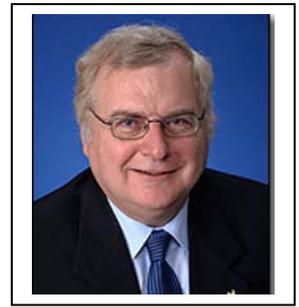
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A Message from Your Trustee

Spring has finally arrived, and with it comes the realization that the school year is quickly winding down. Our schools are already immersed in celebrations of First Communion, Confirmation and Graduation, as well as numerous other special events that mark the end of the school year.

I have had the privilege of participating in many school events throughout the year, and meeting with many dedicated staff and parents.

Although we continue to grapple with some difficult decisions regarding our budget, as well as negotiating collective agreements with all our employee groups, it is these celebrations of student success that remind us of the value of Catholic education.

I look forward to continuing to serve the Ward 7 community in the coming year, and I take this opportunity to thank all of you for the important role you play in our Catholic schools. I wish you all a safe, happy and restful summer.

*Mike Del Grande
Trustee Ward 7 and Chair of the TCDSB*

Multi-Language School

As you may recall, a large number of families expressed an interest in sending their children to a multi-language school. Due to a variety of urgent priorities over the past year, further discussions on the initiation of this unique programming

option have been placed on hold temporarily. The Board looks forward to revisiting the consultation around the creation of a multi-language school in the near future with the Ministry of Education and its union partners.

Budget Update

The Board of Trustees continues to work with staff to identify potential expenditure reductions and revenue generating opportunities in order to bring our fiscal house back to order.

We have been asked to make at least \$7.3 million in cuts that are being considered for 2016-2017 as outlined in the multi-year recovery plan. However this number is expected to grow due to the unexpected increase in costs related to occasional (supply) teachers (\$4-5 million). You may have seen reports in the media where our elementary teachers are averaging 16 days of sick leave per year.

The Board must also consider an increase in cuts to Student Transportation due to a \$4.4 million increase in contract costs to the Board.

We are assessing all the potential cuts and revenue generating ideas as we move to finalize a budget to submit to the Ministry of Education by June 2016, as required by law.

I want to thank all the parents, staff, students and stakeholders who have participated in the budget discussions to date. This is not an easy process and our choices are few.



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

Information about programs and services, Board policies and the latest news can also be found on TCDSB's web site at www.tcdsb.org

The Toronto Catholic District School Board educates close to 90,000 students from diverse cultures and language backgrounds in its 200 Catholic elementary and secondary schools and serves approximately 475,000 Catholic school supporters across the City of Toronto.

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Kindergarten Registration

Families with young children are reminded that **registration for kindergarten continues throughout the year**. Parents are invited to apply online at <https://soar.tcdsb.org> and to book an appointment with their local Catholic school to complete the registration process.

In order to attend a Catholic elementary school in September 2016, the child must be 4 years old by no later than December 31st, 2016. The school will ask the parent for the following documentation upon registration:

- The child's birth certificate
- The child's Catholic baptismal certificate (if child is not Catholic, the school will ask to see one parent's proof of Catholicity)
- The child's Ontario Health Card
- The child's immunization records
- Proof of address in the City of Toronto (i.e. Utility bill)



Parents who feel their child is not ready for full-day learning should discuss options with the classroom teacher and the school principal.

Information about the program and the registration process is available on the board's website at <https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/earlyyears/kindergartenregistration/pages/default.aspx>.

We want to ensure that all students who wish to attend one of our Catholic schools will be accommodated. Please contact me directly if you experience any problems.

School Bus Transportation



Regular home to school transportation for kindergarten programs is provided for all pupils who reside more than 1.5 km from the school to which transportation is normally provided. The Board may consider providing school bus transportation for any pupil residing less than 1.5 km from school where adequate parental supervision cannot be provided while on route to or from school or personal hardship, family circumstances or unusual hazards warrant. Parents should talk to the school office to apply for consideration.

Busing is also provided for elementary level pupils who are certified by a medical practitioner to be temporarily or permanently unable to walk to school due to ongoing medical issues and supported through Board approved documentation signed by a physician. A full description of regulations is on the Board website. www.tcdsb.org



Stay Up to Date on the Latest Issues

Watch Board and Committees live through our website <https://www.tcdsb.org/LiveAtTCDSB/Pages/Default.aspx>

Registration for summer school starts in May

For more information, please visit the Board's website: www.tcdsb.org/continuing/

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Parent Information for Ontario's revised Physical Health and Education Curriculum

Materials and resources have been produced by the Institute for Catholic Education (ICE) to support all Ontario Catholic schools, including the TCDSB in implementing the revised Health & Physical Education (HPE) curriculum.

The Catholic education community, under the guidance of the Catholic Bishops of Ontario, collaborated to develop resources for Catholic teachers. These resources will ensure that the revised Health & Physical Education curriculum, delivered as part of the Family Life program in Catholic classrooms, is consistent with Church teachings and our faith tradition.

The partnership between Home, School, and Parish is the foundation of a Catholic education.

- HPE resources for elementary schools can be accessed via the ICE website (www.iceont.ca)
- Parent resources are available at: <http://iceont.ca/resources/parent-resources/health-physical-education-resources/>
- ICE teacher resource documents for elementary grades (Gr. 1-8): <http://iceont.ca/resources/teacher-resources/resources-for-elementary-teachers/>

Community Service Hours

Students must complete a minimum of 40 hours of community service activities as part of the requirements for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma. The purpose of the student community service requirement is to foster an awareness and understanding of social

and civic responsibility and to grow in Christian calling to service and reflection.

Students can begin to accumulate volunteer hours during the summer break before they enter Grade 9. Once the student completes all or a significant part of the 40 hours, the completed Tracking form (available in Guidance) should be returned to the Guidance secretary.

Students who are in their graduating year are strongly encouraged to finish their hours by May 1st, 2016, to ensure that this information is available to both the University and College Application Centres. Any hours completed after the end of June are too late to be sent to the application centres and conditional acceptances could be revoked.

To get more information on graduation requirements, or other important news and program details for students, visit the student success section of the board's website <https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/StudentSuccess/Pages/Home.aspx> or check out the student portal <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENT/Pages/default.aspx>

2016-2017 is The Year of the Parish

This year, the focus of the Board's pastoral plan was on the Family. As we begin the second year of the three-year plan next year, our attention is focused on Parish, the second partner in the important triad of Family Parish and School on which our publicly funded Catholic school system was established.

All schools are encouraged to consider how they can become more



2016-2017 Calendar

First Instructional Day
September 6, 2016

Thanksgiving Day
October 10, 2016

Christmas Break
December 26, 2016–
January 6, 2017

Start of second
semester for
secondary schools
February 6, 2017

Family Day
February 20, 2017

Mid-Winter Break
March 13–17, 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

Visit the TCDSB website
for detailed calendar
including PA days:
<https://www.tcdsb.org/school/SchoolYearCalendar/Pages/Default.aspx>

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

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fully engaged in the life of their parish community, and also to begin discussions around ways to engage parish priests and other members of the church community in Catholic education and the life of the school community.

Stay tuned for more information coming soon.

Sacraments and our Schools

Preparing our students for First Communion and Confirmation is the responsibility of the Parish. Schools can of course still cooperate and assist. When in doubt, contact the pastor of your local parish. For more information, see the Archdiocese of Toronto website:

- First Holy Communion
[https://www.archtoronto.org/our-catholic-faith/sacraments-and-sacramentals/mass-\(eucharist\)](https://www.archtoronto.org/our-catholic-faith/sacraments-and-sacramentals/mass-(eucharist))
- Sacraments in General:
<https://www.archtoronto.org/our-catholic-faith/sacraments-and-sacramentals>
- Archdiocese website:
<https://www.archtoronto.org/>

Help for Parents

Thank you to the St. Henry's CSPP, who introduced me to Aisling Discoveries Child and Family Centre (416-321-5464) supported by the United Way. If your child is often unhappy or angry, has coping or learning problems in school or child care, is unmanageable, or you are worried about their speech and language development, or they have been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, they may be able to help. They are experienced child therapists, family therapists, speech and language specialists, behavior therapists, early childhood educators and family home

visitors. All services are provided free of charge. The earlier you can deal with any issues with your child, the better. Learn more on their website at www.aislingdiscoveries.ca.

New Beginnings

Our Lady of Wisdom Catholic School celebrated the official opening and blessing of the new school addition, which includes dedicated kindergarten classrooms and outdoor playspace, a learning commons, staff room and special education classroom, on May 4th. Father Jude Coyle from Annunciation Parish blessed the gathering, as well as all the new spaces in the school. The event concluded with a family barbecue complete with crafts and games.



More photos from the celebration here:
<https://www.tcdsb.org/schools/ourladyofwisdom/News/NewConstruction/Pages/Our-Lady-of-Wisdom-Blessing-of-Addition.aspx>