



**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  
416-393-5355  
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  
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

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Fall 2015

## A New Year: A New Beginning

This is my first communication to you since my election on October 21, 2014. I want to thank you for your trust in me to oversee your children's success in our Catholic schools.

Prior to my election, the Board discovered that it had miscalculated its budget and was now facing a serious deficit shortfall. It is with this backdrop that I was elected as Chair of the Board to oversee adjustments that would put us into a balanced budget for the 2015-2016 school year.

In addition to reducing our expenditures by \$29 million, the Board finds that with declining enrolment and the related reduction in funding, we must find an additional savings of \$26 million.

We are in the new normal. The Board has a history of overspending in certain categories and maintaining the overspending by reducing spending in other areas.

Our lower enrolment means that we need to consider consolidating schools that are significantly below capacity.

These are not exercises that we support, but by law we must have a balanced budget and demonstrate that our school space is in line with our pupil population.

These are difficult times with the hard choices that need to be made. The other alternative is to surrender our autonomy to a Provincial Supervisor.

We will do what we must, recognizing that some sacrifices will need to be made.

I am here to serve, and invite you to contact me with your questions and suggestions.

I wish all of you a successful, happy and fun-filled school year.

Sincerely,

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

## "Together with One Voice"

The Board has adopted a [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#), which outlines our priorities and guides our actions. One of those priorities focuses on the one thing that sets us apart from public schools—our commitment to *Living our Catholic Values*. With that as a priority, we are also guided by a three-year Pastoral Plan.

For the past three years, school communities have embraced our goal to nurture our Catholic community through faith, hope and charity. This year we begin our next three-year journey, focusing on the **family, parish and school**. We are confident that our students, staff, parents, parishes and partners will adopt this new plan with the same enthusiasm and help us to bring it to life in our schools and communities.

*"Together with One Voice—Harmonizing our faith through Family, Parish & School"* reminds us that a common vision, unity in purpose and goals, and collaboration are the keys to our success as a Catholic school board. Only together can we continue to provide an excellent education that reflects Catholic values and traditions, which inspire young men and women to achieve our Catholic Graduate Expectations and grow to be caring, compassionate and faithful members of our global community. Learn more about our plan online:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/TW1V>





## 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](http://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.*

# Trustee Report - Fall 2015

## Getting Involved in Catholic Education

TCDSB values the involvement of parents in the school community and in the education of their children. There are many ways for parents to stay informed and involved in Catholic education.

### Stay informed:

- Read your local school newsletter and school calendar
- Visit the board's website frequently [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org), and the parent portal <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Pages/default.aspx>
- Follow the Board on Twitter @TCDSB
- Subscribe to Enews and receive regular news and information to your email account <https://www.tcdsb.org/ENews>

### Participate:

- **Join your local Catholic School Parent Council.** Talk to your school principal to find out about the next meeting. A Catholic School Parent Council can be a powerful voice for parents and community members regarding the Catholic education of their children. They function in an advisory role to the school principal and, where appropriate, to the Board. *Remember if you don't get involved – you can't complain when you are not consulted!*
- **Consider serving on OAPCE Toronto** <http://www.oapcetoronto.ca/>. The Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education is **your** association, established to respond to and represent the interests and concerns of parents/guardians who have children enrolled in Toronto's publicly funded Catholic schools. The focus is on all aspects of a child's education: spiritual, academic, health and safety, as well as other issues which may arise from parent concerns brought to OAPCE's attention.
- **Or Toronto CPIC (Catholic Parent Involvement Committee)** [www.tcdsb.org/cpic](http://www.tcdsb.org/cpic) Members of CPIC

work at both the Ward and Board level. Members provide information and advice on parent engagement to the school board; create initiatives that promote and facilitate parent engagement; and educate parents to help them support their children's learning at home and/or at school.

All of these bodies encourage a strong partnership between the school and the family and help parents become actively involved in the education of their children.

## CPIC Elections This Fall

Elections for representatives on CPIC are scheduled for **October 5<sup>th</sup>**. For Ward 7 residents, the voting location is St. Timothy, 25 Rochelle Crescent (Sheppard and Don Valley). More election information is posted here <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/ParentInvolvement/CPICElections/Pages/Default.aspx>

## OAPCE and CPIC Parent Summit

**Saturday October 24, 2015**

**9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Catholic Education Centre**

*"Building Relationships With One Voice: Home, School and Parish".*

<https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/oapce-toronto/events/pages/oapce-and-cpic-parent-summit-sept24-2015.aspx>

## How to Address Concerns

Local school concerns should first be directed to the teacher then to the Principal or Vice-Principal. If a situation cannot be resolved at the local level, the issue should be brought to the attention of the area Superintendent. The local parent council is responsible for working with school administration to understand/address the concern/issue. Please bring to my attention issues that pertain to Board policies. More information: <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Documents/BrochureSupportingStudentAchievementAndWellBeingByAddressingParentConcerns.pdf>



## 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: night school, Saturday International Language Courses and e-Class

Continuing through to early October. For more information, please visit the Board's website: [www.tcdsb.org/continuing/](http://www.tcdsb.org/continuing/)

## Elementary International Languages Registration

Program runs from Saturday September 19, 2015 to Saturday June 11, 2015. Register online or in-person on Saturday September 19, 2015 at all locations. <https://www.tcdsb.org/IntLang>

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## Conflict Resolution Resources

TCDSB is a Catholic educational community committed to the creation of an environment which fosters mutual respect for the dignity and well-being of all. At the TCDSB, staff 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. Members of the TCDSB community are offered a variety of options to ensure their concerns are addressed appropriately. Visit the board website for details: <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Pages/Conflict-Resolution-Resources.aspx>

In addition, as of September 1, 2015, the Government of Ontario has granted new powers to the Ontario Ombudsman's Office to investigate complaints against school boards. For more information on the role of the Ontario Ombudsman go to: [www.ombudsman.on.ca](http://www.ombudsman.on.ca)

## New Health & Phys Ed Curriculum

Some parents have expressed concerns about the content in specific areas of the curriculum, and the Ministry of Education recognizes the right of parents to withdraw their children from any portion of the curriculum. Our Board of Trustees is awaiting to review teaching materials approved by the Institute for Catholic Education (ICE) expected by the end of the Fall, before consulting with parents and making a final decision. You are encouraged to discuss any specific concerns with the classroom teacher and the principal of your child's school.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/HealthOutdoorPhysEd/Pages/default.aspx>

## What's New in Ward 7

**Epiphany of Our Lord:** Technology infused learning will be enhanced through the donation of 60 computer tablets, thanks to the generosity of reBOOT Canada and Electronic Recycling Services.

**Holy Spirit, St. Agnes:** The small addition to accommodate the implementation of the Full Day Kindergarten program has been completed. This reflects the Board's commitment to investing in our schools and our students.

**Our Lady of Wisdom:** The addition and renovations have been completed. This includes the construction of three new Full Day Kindergarten rooms, a new library, staff room and vice-principal's office, a new kindergarten playground and a new fire route.

**St. Aidan, Brebeuf and Jean Vanier:** A warm welcome to new principals in Ward 7-- Salvatore Lofranco at St. Aidan, John Wujek at Brebeuf and Linda Maselli-Jackman at Jean Vanier.

**St. Kevin:** Congratulations to the entire community on the celebration of a milestone—the school celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in May.

**St. Joseph Morrow Park:** The Board has approved a recommendation to move forward with expropriating 17 townhouse units adjacent to the southern end of the school site in order to proceed with the construction of a new two-story secondary school at 500 Cummer Avenue. This was a compromise to taking all 30 units available.

We had no options left to us, as the school lease at Tyndale College ends in July 2018. The community did not want to work with us for a 3-storey school that would have left their homes intact. Instead, they fought us at the City's Committee of Adjustment for a height variance. After almost four decades without a permanent building, the students need and deserve a new school.

## Accommodation Review

In an effort to better serve students and their families, the Board has approved an Accommodation Review for the area including Holy Redeemer, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Matthias and St. Timothy Catholic School.

School Name	Capacity	Enrolment	% Utilization
Holy Redeemer	210	81	39%
OL Guadalupe	176	214	122%
St. Matthias	219	189	86%
St. Timothy	556	598	108%



## 2015-2016 Calendar

Thanksgiving- October 12  
Christmas Break  
December 21-January 1  
Family Day-February 15  
Mid-Winter Break-  
March 14-18  
Good Friday-March 25  
Easter Monday-March 28  
Victoria Day-May 23, 2015  
Last day of classes for  
elementary students  
June 29, 2015  
Visit the TCDSB website  
for detailed calendar  
including PA days:  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/School/SchoolYearCalendar/Pages/Default.aspx>

## Open Houses for Grade 8 Students

October 27<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.

Jean Vanier Catholic  
Secondary School,  
959 Midland Avenue  
416-393-5554

November 5<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m.

Brebeuf College  
School,  
211 Steeles Avenue East  
416-393-5508

Mary Ward Catholic  
Secondary School,  
3200 Kennedy Road  
416-393-5544

St. Joseph's Morrow  
Park, 3379 Bayview  
Avenue 416-393-5516

For a complete listing:  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/Default.aspx>

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The overall mandate of each ARC established is to lead the public review process. In playing an advisory role, the ARC reviews all relevant information, prepares and submits to the Director of Education, a report with recommendations that will inform the final decision made by the Board of Trustees. ARCs must include membership from the school community as well as the broader community, and will include Trustees, parents/guardians, students, educators, Board officials and community members.

ARCs will be provided with all relevant information on which to base discussion in order to carry out its mandate, including at least two accommodation options for consideration. ARCs have the flexibility to develop alternative options if necessary.

A review does not necessarily translate into the closure of any schools. The Board may find that the best way to accommodate students in the area is to maintain the status quo, or to look at new or enhanced programming to attract students to underutilized sites. In cases where the Board believes that students can be better served by consolidating schools, the community can benefit from the construction of a new school, expansion or renovation of facilities. More information can be found here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/PlanningandFacilities/SARC/Pages/default.aspx>

## Admission Criteria

**Who can register at a TCDSB elementary school?** Catholic children, or Non-Catholic children of Catholic parents - one custodial parent who is baptized Catholic, living in the city of Toronto and having the ability to direct tax support to the TCDSB. Children of parents enrolled in the R.C.I.A./R.C.I.A. program with a Catholic church.

### What documents do I need to register?

Child's birth certificate (or Passport/Immigration documents if child was not born in Canada)

Catholic Baptismal certificate (or other proof of Catholicity)

Immunization record

Proof of residency- lease, utility bill etc

### At what age can a child start school?

For Junior Kindergarten, children must be four (4) years old by December 31st. For Senior Kindergarten, children must be five (5) years old by December 31st.

### Is childcare offered in TCDSB schools?

Many do. Please call your neighbourhood school or contact Marilyn Rodrigues-Wright at (416) 222-8282 extension 2475.

### Does my child have to be Catholic to apply to a TCDSB secondary school?

No, you do not have to be baptized Catholic to apply to a TCDSB secondary school. All secondary school students are required to take a compulsory religion credit course each year.

### Are we able to apply to any secondary school across the City of Toronto?

Your chances of placement increase by applying to your neighbourhood high school.

### How do we apply to the International Baccalaureate Program?

Applications to this specialty program are handled directly through St. John Paul II, St. Mary and Michael Power/St. Joseph high schools. Please contact the respective schools for information regarding necessary criteria and deadlines for applying.

### Waitlist Application

Non-TCDSB students wanting to apply to a TCDSB secondary school may only apply to one (1) secondary school. Find your nearest Catholic secondary school online here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/AdmissionsandRegistration/Pages/CommunitySchoolLocator.aspx>

Get detailed admissions information here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/AdmissionsandRegistration/Pages/Default.aspx>