



# YOUR TRUSTEE'S REPORT



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## End of Year Update

As the end of another school year approaches, I thank all of the parents, students and staff in the Ward 8 community for another successful and eventful year.

So much has been accomplished, and so many celebrations have taken place. Confirmations, First Communion, cultural events, awards recognition for academics, the arts, athletics, community service and social justice. All of these have been supported by our staff and our parents, and for that involvement and leadership, we are very grateful.

I congratulate our graduating students and wish them continued success in secondary school, post-secondary studies or the world of work. May you find joy in the path you have chosen for yourself.

To staff who are leaving us this year, I wish you a long, happy and healthy retirement. To all who will be returning to us in the fall, I wish you a wonderful summer and look forward to the start of another exciting school year in September 2017.

My best wishes to each and every one of you for a safe, restful and enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,

Garry Tanuan  
Trustee - Ward 8



Presenting his Holiness Pope Francis with a gift from the TCDSB community at the Golden Jubilee Catholic Charismatic Renewal celebration in Rome.

## Golden Jubilee Catholic Charismatic Renewal

A couple of weeks back, it was a great blessing and honour to have met Pope Francis on the auspicious occasion of the Golden Jubilee Catholic Charismatic Renewal (Pentecost 2017) celebration along with ecumenical delegates from 120 countries. He asked us to pray for him and his intentions on the path of Christian unity and universal peace. The Holy Father exhorts all of us to unceasingly pray to the Holy Spirit for the outpouring of graces for our renewed hearts to receive God's call of unity in diversity through the various charisms, to effect healing of family relationships, supporting vocations, and pursuing fresh evangelization opportunities.

I sense that we need the renewed graces of the Holy Spirit to refresh our Faith in Our Children and strengthen our TCDSB One Voice: Harmonizing Our Faith Through Family, Parish and School Pastoral initiatives inclusive of everyone in our Catholic communities.

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ext. 2491/2556

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416-222-8282,  
ext. 2873

*Permits*  
416-222-8282,  
ext. 4370

*Security*  
416-229-5360

*Curriculum and Accountability*  
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ext. 2490

*Special Services*  
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ext. 2486

*Transportation*  
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### Online Learning and Homework Help

The TCDSB and Ontario's Ministry of Education offer a wealth of opportunities for online learning. From free on-line homework help for math students in Grades 7 to 10 to lesson plans and online courses, TCDSB students and teachers have access to more tools than ever to help them expand their minds and meet new challenges.

Through the online portal, [www.edu.gov.on.ca/elearning](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/elearning), students can enhance their knowledge and comfort with online tools, recover course credits and practice new skills or prepare for tests and exams. Parents can support their children's learning by accessing the tools and resources available in the Ontario Education Resource Bank.

For more information check out the website or contact your child's teacher, guidance counselor or school principal.



Visit [www.edu.gov.on.ca/elearning](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/elearning) to access homework help and other online learning tools

### St. Mother Teresa Students Win Big at Ontario Track Championships

Congratulations to Sydonie Merrick on winning OFSAA Gold in both the Junior Girls 100 and 200m races. Sydonie is the fastest athlete for her age category in the entire province of Ontario.

Congratulations to Petal Palmer who in her first year of high school won Bronze in the Midget Girls 800m and Silver in the Midget Girls 1500m races at OFSAA.

In all, St. Mother Teresa Catholic Academy won 4 medals out of 5 events at the Ontario Track Championship.

Congratulations athletes on a successful season!



(Above) Sydonie Merrick on the podium after her 1st place finish in the 100m and 200m.  
(Below) Petal Palmer receiving her medal



### OUR MISSION

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

### OUR VISION

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

### **TCDSB Student Special Olympics**

Athletes, volunteers and supporters united for the 20th Annual Secondary School Student Special Olympics Day to continue building awareness of the importance of inclusivity and acceptance of all, especially those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Hosted by St. Mary Catholic Academy, Loretto College, and Brebeuf College, this annual event, held this year on May 31st fosters a relationship between students with diverse needs and other children through games and sports. In an atmosphere of respect and acceptance, the athletes competed against one another with challenging games and activities that benefited them physically, mentally, and socially. It was an opportunity for our students with diverse needs to demonstrate their resilience, courage, and fortitude; and was a chance for the TCDSB community to share in their joy and laughter, and witness their strength, determination and spirit.

The organizers are grateful to the many volunteers and participants for their support of this year's Special Olympics Day.

### **Summer Camps and Programs**

As the school year nears its close, our students, staff and families are preparing for a well-deserved break to relax and recharge. However, the summer break doesn't mean that learning has to stop. The TCDSB and its partners offer a wealth of summer camps, programs and classes for all age groups. The different options allow students and parents to continue learning both inside and outside of the classroom during July and August.

Summer enrichment programs are a great opportunity for students in grades 6 to 8 to brush up and reinforce literacy and numeracy (math) skills. The programs begin on Tuesday July 4, 2017 and run until Tuesday July 25, 2017. The aim of these programs is to ensure that all students will have the ability to achieve success in the upcoming school year. Offered at 16 locations system wide, admission is guaranteed for all students recommended by their day school principal.

Summer school classes will be offered at a number of our high schools throughout the system. Courses are available for students in grades 9 to 12, both online and in-class. Several options will also appeal to grade 8 students looking to get a head start when high school starts in the fall. Whether students are looking to catch up, improve a mark or challenge themselves ahead of a new school year, tons of choices exist.

For those families looking for a more informal learning experience the TCDSB's Summer Playground is a great option. Our Summer Playground is a virtual world featuring a series of online resources for kindergarten to grade 12 students. Students and families can experience together, suggested activities for each week of the summer. The fun activities are designed to spur learning outside of the classroom and expose students to a wide range of activities in their neighbourhood. For more information on this program, and all other programs noted above, please visit [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org).

### **Retiring Staff**

Congratulations to Ward 8 teachers and support staff who will be retiring this June

- Edith Baguinho  
St. Mother Teresa
- Lynda Dever  
Mary Ward
- Shirley Drenko  
Sacred Heart
- Ronald Facciol  
Francis Libermann
- Beaudelaire Guerrier  
St. Florence
- Judy Khan  
St. Ignatius of Loyola
- Eptissam Morcos  
Sacred Heart
- Oreste Reda  
St. Mother Teresa
- Catherine Smith  
Francis Libermann
- Shirley Straub  
St. Barnabas
- Janet Watson-Geremia  
St. Mother Teresa
- Patricia Barber  
Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati
- Kimberley Flatley  
Sacred Heart
- Debra-Ann Scott  
Cardinal Leger
- Elaine Stewart  
Cardinal Leger

We wish them well as they begin the next phase in their journeys.



## SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2017-2018

First Day of School  
**September 5, 2017**

Thanksgiving Day  
**October 9, 2017**

Christmas Break  
**December 25, 2017 –  
January 5, 2018**

Start of second semester  
for secondary schools  
**February 5, 2018**

Family Day  
**February 19, 2018**

Mid-Winter Break  
**March 12–16, 2018**

Good Friday  
**March 30, 2018**

Easter Monday  
**April 2, 2018**

Victoria Day  
**May 21, 2018**

Last day of classes for  
elementary students  
**June 28, 2018**

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

**October 6, 2017,  
November 17, 2017,  
December 1, 2017,  
January 19, 2018,  
February 16, 2018,  
June 8, 2018,  
June 29, 2018**

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

**October 6, 2017  
November 17, 2017,  
December 1, 2017,  
February 16, 2018,  
June 27, 28, 29, 2018**

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

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### Multi Language School at St. Rene Goupil

Registration is now open for the TCDSB's first multi-language elementary school. Students eligible to start school in Full-Day Kindergarten (FDK) for September 2017 may register using the TCDSB's Student Online Academic Registration (SOAR) application tool.

This unique school program, the first of its kind in North America, is located at St. René Goupil Catholic School in Scarborough, and is modelled on the familiar French Immersion program featuring instruction in French. Specific subjects and other parts of the curriculum will also be taught in Spanish, Mandarin and English.

Registration is open to any student who meets the TCDSB elementary school requirements.

### Balanced Budget Passed

The Toronto Catholic District School Board, at the May 31st meeting of the Student Achievement and Well-Being Committee, approved a balanced budget estimated at \$1.113 billion for 2017-2018. The budget reflects an \$11.2 million surplus, eliminating the Board's accumulated deficit a full on year ahead of schedule.

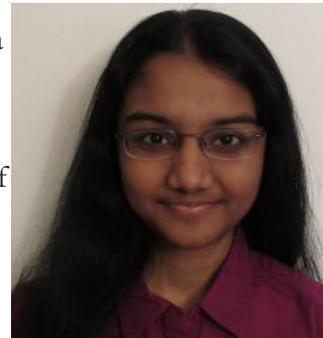


### PARENTS: STAY INFORMED AND INVOLVED:

Visit the Parent Portal for information specifically for our parent community  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Pages/default.aspx>

### Liberman Student Awarded Schulich Leadership Scholarship

Kezia Johnson, a grade 12 student at Francis Libermann CHS was awarded 1 of 50 Canada-wide Schulich Leader Scholarships!! The Schulich Leader



Scholarship program rewards our country's most promising young pioneers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

We extend our congratulations to Kezia!

### Golden Jubilee Catholic Charismatic Renewal

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For those who wish to participate in the Catholic Renewal celebration here in Toronto, I encourage you to attend our very own CCR Golden Jubilee celebration [here in Toronto on June 24-25, 2017](#). I pray that many of you, together with your families, and friends, will be able to praise, worship and network with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout our Catholic communities in the GTA