Message from your Trustee

I trust that everyone had a blessed and wonderful Thanksgiving Day spent with loved ones. Let us continue to give thanks to Our Lord for the many blessings and graces that He sends our way. It is no coincidence that the Board’s virtue of the month is Gratitude since October has traditionally been the month of harvest & abundance and thus Thanksgiving.

As we look forward to Halloween fun where the children “thank” the adults for “giving” candy and treats; let us keep in mind the origins of Halloween (All Hallows’ Eve) when we are called to prepare for the feast of All Saints’ Day, which falls on November 1st.

The three partners in nurturing Catholic values in our children are the Home, School, and the Church. Let us work together towards our common goal of fostering these values and relationships into our daily lives. Let us continue to lead by example and as parents, administrators and teachers; work together with our chaplains and priests to reinforce our Catholic ideals in education.

In my endeavours this year, I shall continue to emphasize on the Living Our Values and Student Achievement & Well Being theme – two of the Board’s top priority in the TCDSB Multi-Year Strategic Plan (2012-2015).

I will strive to increase enrolment in our schools, encouraging parents of Sunday school children and children of Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) candidates to register at a local Catholic school. I will encourage more parental engagement and increased motivation for students by creating opportunities to champion the voices of the various Catholic ethnic and multi-cultural communities on matters of faith, student success, and well being. Other areas include promoting school events; and initiating programs to encourage every TCDSB student to be part of a faith-based community that would support their personal spiritual growth.

If you require any assistance, please feel free to contact my Constituency Assistant: Susan.Llanera@tcdsb.org or myself at Garry.Tanuan@tcdsb.org [e-mail] and phone: 416.512.3408, ext. 2263.

Congratulations on a job well done!

New Director of Education

Angela Gauthier was appointed as the new Director of Education of the TCDSB by the Board of Trustees as of August 1, 2013.

A highly respected educator with an extensive record of achievement, she has served as the TCDSB’s Associate Director of Academic Affairs since 2008. Ms. Gauthier has focused on the Board’s 21st Century Learning Strategy and on improving access to technology for both staff and students.

Prince of Peace – 25th Anniversary

On September 21st, Trustee Tanuan attended the Prince of Peace Catholic School Silver Anniversary celebration. The event started with a special anniversary Mass followed by a reception commemorating 25 years of Excellence in Catholic Education. Superintendent of Education Nick D’Avella and Trustee Tanuan presented the School Principal Martha Fitzpatrick with a plaque of recognition for the school’s academic excellence in Catholic education. The contributions made by the dedicated staff, current and former students, parent group committee and volunteers led to the celebration’s tremendous success.

Congratulations on a job well done!

Principal Martha Fitzpatrick, Trustee Garry Tanuan and Superintendent Nick D’Avella
GRADE 8
STUDENTS
INVITATION TO
OPEN HOUSE

Blessed Mother Teresa
40 Sewells Rd.
416.393-5538
October 28

Open House begins at 7:00pm

Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC)

Parents: Your Parents Council NEEDS YOU!!!

Parents are vital partners with school administrators to build strong schools for your children.

Parent Councils provide vital input in many areas including:
- Review of school learning plan & school safety
- Dress code for students
- School budgets
- Facilities including addition, upgrades, concerns, etc.
- Community communications
- EQAO consultation
- Input to Board and Ministry policies
- Fundraising and School Events

Please contact our Constituency Asst. Theresa Pastore at theresa.pastore@tcdb.org for any questions or help in CSAC and parent engagement issues.

Elementary Cross Country Run – Elementary Schools across the TCDSB will compete at the City championship on October 29th at Earl Bales Park, North York. Divisional Meet took place on October 15th – October 18th and Regional Meet took place on October 22nd and October 23rd, 2013. Elementary Students competed in the Cross Country Run at the East Region – Divisional Meet on October 16, 17, 18 at Morningside Park, Scarborough ON.

Ward 8 – Playground Improvements:

1. Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati – JK/SK play structure, basketball hoop
2. Sacred Heart – JR basketball hoop, hopscotch lines, four square lines
3. St. Barnabas – hopscotch and four square lines
4. St. Bede – play lines, three-ball basketball pole
5. St. Bartholomew – basketball pole, game lines
6. St. Elizabeth Seton – repaint lines, replace two basketball hoops
7. St. Ignatius of Loyola – paint lines including basketball
8. St. Marguerite Bourgeoys – paint lines, install two basketball hoops
9. St. Rene Goupil – repaint play lines
10. The Divine Infant – paint play lines, install three-ball basketball pole
11. Francis Libermann – install bike rack and picnic table
12. St. Gabriel – repaint of running track lines

TORONTO ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION (TAPCE) – RECOGNIZES EXCEPTIONAL PRINCIPALS

Each year, TAPCE grants the Principal of Excellence Award to one Elementary and one Secondary Principal who has been nominated by the parent community for their outstanding performance at their schools.

These awards will be presented at the TAPCE Commissioning Ceremony on November 18th, 2013 at the Catholic Education Centre (CEC), 80 Sheppard Avenue East. For more information, please visit www.tapce.ca

CSAC AND PRINCIPAL WORKSHOP

On October 2nd, 2013, the TCDSB hosted the first CSAC and Principal Workshop at the Catholic Education Centre. This very successful event provided the opportunity for CSAC members and Principals to learn about the various roles of CSAC members and the importance of parent engagement in our schools.

I would like to thank all the Ward 8 CSAC Chairs, officers, members and Principals who attended and I look forward to working with all of you over the course of this school year.

TCDSB BOARD POLICIES

The Board will be reviewing a series of policy updates and amendments. I intend to look at three specific areas when considering any policy changes:

1. Written policies must be easy to read and easy to understand the language.
2. All policies must require transparency.
3. Each policy must demonstrate a high standard of effectiveness.

TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD MULTI-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

TO APPLY CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS TO ALL THAT WE DO

- FOSTERING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND WELL BEING
- PROVIDING STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES
- STRENGTHENING PUBLIC CONFIDENCE
- INSPIRING AND MOTIVATING EMPLOYEES

LIVING OUR VALUES
To apply Catholic Social Teachings to all that we do

- FOSTERING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND WELL BEING

- PROVIDING STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES

- INSPIRING AND MOTIVATING EMPLOYEES

ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNANCE
To lead and model best practices in Board governance

- LIVING OUR VALUES

- STRENGTHENING PUBLIC CONFIDENCE

- INSPIRING AND MOTIVATING EMPLOYEES
CDSB Holds Hiring Consultation Session with Internationally-Trained Educators – by Tony A. San Juan, OCT

In purposeful pursuit of placement and assignment as a Catholic teacher within a school board, 45 internationally-trained teachers with various ethnic backgrounds and nationalities had a productive consultation meeting with Superintendent of Human Resources, Gary Poole, OCT and Senior Manager of HR, Ms. Bessie Gruppuso. As part of his proactive community outreach initiative, Trustee Garry Tanuan arranged the event which was conducted at the Catholic Education Centre on June 25th.

The meaningful presentation was presided over by Mr. Poole and Ms. Bessie Gruppuso. The two Senior officers, through a question-and-answer approach, explained and clarified the Board’s hiring practices and placement procedures, the current teacher hiring situation, as well as the “processes and policies relating to employment” in accordance to the changes of “OEICTA memorandum of understanding, Bill 115 (Putting Students First Act) and Regulation 274-12” of the Ontario Ministry of Education. The successful town-hall-type meeting, for the first time in history, was proposed and organized by the Philippine Teachers Association of Canada (PTAC), spearheaded by its President, Tony A. San Juan, OCT, in consultation and coordination with Trustee Tanuan and Superintendent Poole.

In acknowledgement, Rohian Furtado, a teacher-applicant expressed the attendees’ appreciation describing the event: “Awesome! Hats off! The information threw light on many things and gave an insight into the realities.” San Juan in his closing remarks, thanked the TCDSB Senior officers especially Trustee Garry Tanuan and expressed the hope that “this kind of dialogue and forum between the Board and teacher-applicants be continued”, as necessary as possible. Ms. Furtado was recently hired by the TCDSB as a supply Educational Assistant (EA).

Monsignor Fraser College - Breaking New Ground Ceremony

A sod-turning ceremony was held at Monsignor Fraser College, Midland Campus on Sept. 24th.

On a beautiful sunny afternoon, our new TCDSB Director of Education, Angela Gauthier and Ward 8 Trustee Garry Tanuan, attended the ground breaking ceremony at the Monsignor Fraser College, Midland Campus.

The TCDSB announced earlier the start of construction of an addition to the College campus. In partnership with the Redemption Reintegration Services and United Way, the new project will be a joint use facility housing MSFC’s alternative education program for students 16-18 years old attending day program and also for the use of Redemption Reintegration Services after school hours program and during the weekends. Monsignor Fraser College Midland Campus is also a home to the MFC programs for ages 18-20 and over 21 program, as well.

A local youth has been given the opportunity to job shadow the General Contractor’s Site Superintendent, as part of the construction contract.

St. Brendan Catholic School – Thanksgiving “Food Brigade”

On October 10th, all 560 students and 40 staff members of St. Brendan School formed a human chain on the street sidewalks along the one kilometer stretch from the school at 186 Centennial Road to Toronto Fire Hall Station. The students passed 500 bags filled with non-perishable food items from hand-to-hand.

The Toronto Fire Station #215 collected the donated canned goods from the school community for the Daily Bread Food Bank.
TCDSB SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS & PLACEMENT TIMELINE AT A GLANCE

Secondary schools are open to all students residing in the City of Toronto. Students living outside of Toronto (but within Ontario) may apply to a secondary school without payment of a fee. Placement will be offered ONLY IF THERE IS SPACE AVAILABLE.

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<th>Oct/ Nov</th>
<th>Secondary schools host OPEN HOUSES for Grade 8 students. Please plan to attend the open house for your local Secondary School. These evenings provide important information regarding registration and offer a look at the activities, history and life of the school.</th>
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<td>Mid-Nov</td>
<td>TCDSB Grade 8 students begin the application process to secondary school. Students will receive all information and direction from their elementary school. The Secondary School Waiting List Application forms are available at all TCDSB Secondary Schools or from our website for all non-TCDSB students wishing to apply.</td>
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<td>KINDERGARTEN and EARLY FRENCH IMMERSION registration begins!</td>
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<td>Redirection process begins. If students are not able to be placed at their initial choice of secondary school, due to oversubscription from students in that school’s area, they will be offered an alternative placement at the closest secondary school that still has available space (please be advised that if you initially apply to a high school outside your area and are not accepted, it is not always possible to offer placement back in your local school).</td>
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<td>Mid-Feb</td>
<td>Secondary Schools begin offering placements to applicants.</td>
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<td>Late Mar</td>
<td>TCDSB students are able to, through their elementary school principal, submit Secondary School change requests.</td>
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<td>Secondary schools offer waitlist applicants placements as spaces become available</td>
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THANKSGIVING TURKEY LUNCH – ST. RENE GOUPIL

St. Rene Goupil held a successful and meaningful Thanksgiving turkey lunch on Thursday, October 10th. Trustee Garry Tanuan joined the students and school staff in celebrating Thanksgiving day with a sumptuous turkey lunch.

RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

The following links provide valuable information for parents and school councils:

- Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (TCDSB) (CPIC) [http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TrusteesoftheBoard/Committees/Pages/Catholic-Parent-Involvement-Committee.aspx](http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TrusteesoftheBoard/Committees/Pages/Catholic-Parent-Involvement-Committee.aspx)
- Toronto Association of Parents in Catholic Education (TAPCE) [http://www.tapce.ca](http://www.tapce.ca)
- Special Education Advisory Committee (TCDSB) [http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TrusteesoftheBoard/Committees/Pages/Special-Education-Advisory-Committee.aspx](http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TrusteesoftheBoard/Committees/Pages/Special-Education-Advisory-Committee.aspx)
- People for Education [http://www.peopleforeducation.ca](http://www.peopleforeducation.ca)

Why Your Child needs YOU involved in the school

- Higher academic achievement
- More positive attitude towards school
- Better behaviour in school
- Socialize more effectively with their peers
- Feel safer in school
- Participation in school councils give parents a valuable voice in their children’s education
- Higher graduation rates
- Increases possibility of children going on to post-secondary education

Student Trustees Induction

[Image of Student Trustees Induction]