



Important Information

Volunteer Appreciation Week: April 7-13, 2019

TCDSB is proud to celebrate Volunteers during the month of April – with a special week of Appreciation from **April 7-13, 2019**. We encourage you to take the time during this week to thank the parents, guardians, grandparents, neighbours, friends, and individuals from our parishes for their generosity in sharing their time and talent to support our schools. [Click here for more information.](#)

TCDSB Budget Consultation Survey 2019-2020

In preparation for the TCDSB's budget that will be finalized at the June Board meeting, we are launching a consultation process. We are seeking input from staff, parents, students and community members to help shape our 2019/2020 school year budget. We would like your participation to help shape how best to meet the needs of our students and we encourage you to have your say about programs offered at the TCDSB. [Click here for more information and to complete the survey.](#)

ShareLife Week: April 8-12

All are reminded that TCDSB has designated April 8-12 as ShareLife week across the Board. All are encouraged to learn more about the important work that Catholic Charities do, and to consider supporting ShareLife's fundraising efforts. A Board-wide civvies day has been scheduled for Friday, April 12th, and all are invited to participate and donate a loonie or a toonie to help the cause.

April's Virtue is Justice

[Click here to visit our website for the monthly resources connected to the virtue of the month.](#)

Events and Opportunities for Parents and Families

CPIC Ward 11 Parent Event: An Evening with Alyson Schafer

Your Toronto CPIC invites ALL WARD 11 SCHOOLS to attend a *special evening with Alyson Schafer*, parenting expert and family counsellor on **Thursday, May 9, 2019**. Alyson will be speaking on the topic of anxiety and providing everyone with solutions to cope and manage the most common mental health issue among Canadian children. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

Royal Ontario Museum--3rd Monday Nights Free

Starting Monday, April 15, 2019

5:30 - 8:30 pm

The ROM is pleased to announce 3rd Monday Nights Free, a new initiative that invites visitors to experience the Museum's permanent galleries free of charge, every third Monday evening each month. Access to feature exhibitions will be specially ticketed for visitors, and will remain free for ROM Members. <https://www.rom.on.ca/en/whats-on/3rd-monday-nights>

Post 21 Transition Fair

For families of children with special needs to help them make informed decisions about their options for a successful transition to adult life and independence.

May 8, 6-8 pm at Msgr Percy Johnson Catholic Secondary School
2170 Kipling Avenue, Etobicoke

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Toronto Youth Cabinet

The Toronto Youth Cabinet is looking for youth to join their leadership team. **Deadline to apply is Sunday, April 7, 2019.** [Click here for more details on how to apply.](#)

Work Connections Job Fair 2019

Do you know a TCDSB student that will be graduating this year with hopes to enter directly into the workforce? For the past ten years, TCDSB (in collaboration with TDSB and the City of Toronto) has held a Job Fair for students that will be graduating and NOT moving on to Post-Secondary Education. This year our job fair will be taking place on **May 1, 2019.** [Click here for more information.](#)

Connor Poetry Prize

The Leacock Museum National Historic Site in Orillia is excited to announce that the 3rd annual Connor Poetry Prize is now accepting submissions from all over Ontario. The Connor Prize awards cash prizes to successful entrants, judged by published Canadian Poets, at the Elementary, Secondary, and Adult level. There is no fee for entries at the Secondary and Elementary levels. Entries are being accepted now until **11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30, 2019.** [Click here for more information.](#)

The Hospitality & Tourism Job Fair

The Hospitality & Tourism Job Fair is hosted by the City of Toronto (Toronto Employment & Social Services in partnership with Economic Development & Culture – Tourism Services). The job fair will take place on **April 10, 2019** from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Metro Hall (55 John Street). [Click here for more information.](#)

Camp Olympia Catholic Leadership Camp 2019

In partnership with WE Charity, L'Arche & Development and Peace, running from **August 25-31, 2019** this summer at Olympia Sports Camp in Huntsville, ON. Highlights include 6 hours of leadership training per day, Catholic liturgy, canoeing, kayaking, co-operative games, sports, dance and campfires. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

Volunteer Opportunities with Black Creek Community Farm

There are several volunteer positions available throughout the month of April at BCCF. [Click here for a full listing of opportunities.](#)

Development and Peace Good Friday Walk

You are invited to participate in the annual Good Friday Walk For Justice, Friday, April 19th, starting at Holy Trinity Church, beside the Eaton Centre. The Toronto Youth Council station will be reached

around 3 PM.

[Please tap/click this link for the poster and more information.](#)

YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange

<http://my.ymcagta.org/netcommunity/page.aspx?pid=536>

The first deadline passed but...

The YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange is a unique national exchange program that brings together youth from various communities across the country. Participating youth, aged 16 and 17, have the opportunity to improve their second official language skills, and gain important employment experience through a work placement while on their exchange.

Within local participating communities, other community partners such as exchange hosts, employers, our summer staff and the community at large also both contribute to the program and benefit from participation.

In 6 short weeks over the summer, participants go on a journey that will forever impact their life.

Learning more about themselves, discovering another part of Canada and the people that make up our great nation, taking on new challenges, making new friends and, having so much fun, participants agree this experience is THE JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME!

Those who applied prior to March 15, 2019 will be contacted before May 1st.

After that date, the second priority deadline for remaining applications is May 15, 2019. Any applications received after that time will still be considered as long as there is space available in your community to participate.

TEAMS Math Olympics

This year's event will take place at Madonna Catholic Secondary School on **Saturday, April 13, 2019** from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Schools may register 2 or 4 students. Students in Gifted Programs must be registered by their home school. No walk-in registrations will be accepted. [Click here for more information.](#)

REMINDERS

SAVE THE DATE: 2019 TCDSB Secondary Special Olympics

Event happening on **Wednesday, May 29, 2019** at the Hangar (Downsview Park) from 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. [Click here for more information.](#)

Upcoming School Anniversaries: Save the Date!

- **Mother Cabrini Catholic School 50th Anniversary:** Saturday, May 4, 2019. [Click here for RSVP and more information.](#)
- **St. Alphonsus Catholic School 50th Anniversary:** Saturday, May 4, 2019. [Click here for more information.](#)
- **Our Lady of Victory Catholic School 75th Anniversary:** Sunday, May 5, 2019. [Click here for more information.](#)

Angel Foundation Announcements

- **Information You Need for The Angel Foundation for Learning's Awards and Bursaries:** Application deadlines for AFL awards is **April 12th** and bursaries is **May 10th**. [Click here for descriptions, applications and instructions.](#)
- **Golf Pro Confirmed for The Angel Foundation for Learning Golf Tournament:** Cody Stout from Charity Golf International will be attending the AFL golf tournament on **July 3rd** – get your chance to watch him hit the longest drive for charity (best hit so far is 346 yards!) Registration is now open! [Click here to register.](#)
- **TCDSB Student Launches "Monster Project" In Support of The Angel Foundation for Learning:** Nine-year-old Benjamin Howard of St. Joseph Elementary School, has used his artistic abilities to launch *The Monster Project* and is donating 25% of sales to The Angel Foundation for Learning. You can see and purchase these delightful monsters as t-shirts, prints, cards and toys on [The Monster Project website](#) or at the [Toronto Art Crawl](#) on **April 7th**.

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